

NSQG Newsletter - January 2013

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President's Message

Welcome 2013!

Here it is again, the beginning of a New Year and time to set out on the journey of resolutions.

I recently received a Christmas letter from a dear cousin, mother of four boys and a farmer's wife, stating that her resolution is to "MAINTAIN." There are days that "maintaining" seems to be an hourly goal. But, she is not a quilter.

I believe quilters have the ability to be highly efficient, multi-tasking wonders. We definitely have both sides of the brain engaged. Still, this leaves us with the infamous UFOs. (Yes, it's plural, admit it!) Some of these are years old, with outdated fabric and colors from the '80s.

Since the world didn't end on December 21 and our UFOs still remain, I propose the following:

Divide them into two piles:

- 1) Give or throw away
- 2) Finish in 2013

Choose your top 12 projects and number them from one through twelve. Now comes the hard part. Each month, finish the corresponding project: January = 1, etc. I would like for everyone to bring his/her completed UFO to Show and Tell. (I find accountability to be my biggest motivator!)

So are you in? You have only a few days to get one done by January 15, but it is the perfect time to get that binding onto a quilt waiting to be loved on a cold winter's night.

Before I close I want to say "thank you." Thank you to each of you. It is wonderful to see the new faces, to see so many people involved in guild activities, and most of all to hear your feedback – which makes our guild even better.

Cheers!

Patti Calautti, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

In Remembrance

Earlier this month, we lost **Ellen Purdy** -- a dear friend and gifted quilter -- to lung cancer.

Ellen was a member of the Guild for many years and is probably remembered most for her unbelievable award-winning crazy quilts, several of which won blue ribbons at our show, Lancaster and other national shows. Ellen was as creative as she was meticulous with her stitching on those gems and always willing to share her ideas and talents with other Guild members on Super Saturday or at meetings.

Ellen also will be remembered for selling raffle tickets for the St. James Episcopal Church quilt every year at guild meetings. Ellen single-handedly developed this fundraiser for special projects at her church, where she taught the women in her church to piece blocks and complete red-work squares for the many beautiful quilts they created.

Ellen always provided all of the fabric, organized the project, put the blocks together, sewed on the binding and sold the majority of the tickets. This was but one example of Ellen's willingness to do things that needed to be done for her church, NSQG or the Community Center of Northern Westchester (where she served on the Board for many years).



Ellen Purdy, Lancaster 2009

Several Guild members also participated in a Friday quilting group with Ellen for many years. We were fortunate to have shared some wonderful lunches up at the Culinary Institute, complete with fabric and yarn field trips on the way.

Ellen was a good and loyal friend to me and many others in the Guild. We had dinner together before every NSQG meeting when she wasn't in South Carolina, worked together at the Community Center, shared many Lancaster and Fort Washington quilt show trips and spent many wonderful hours together.

I will miss Ellen, as will many others in the Guild.

Suzanne Sunday



Ellen Purdy, *My Petite Victorian Image*

Programs

Register Now for Spring Workshops!

In December we heard an excellent lecture by Sue Reich, who showed us many fine examples of traditional red and green quilts. We now know that red and green doesn't just mean Christmas, but beautiful quilts!

Sign-ups for Spring Workshops will continue through April. Spaces are going fast, however -- so be sure to register soon!

March: Karen Eckmeier

Lecture: Tue, Mar 19

"Oops! My Edges are Showing"

In "Oops! My Edges Are Showing," Karen Eckmeier will provide an overview of appliqué. From early hand appliqué pieces, up to her current straight-stitch appliqué series, Karen's presentation will provide inspiration as she shows you how to deal with those edges!

Workshop: Wed, Mar 20

"Accidental Landscapes: Mountain Views" *

Karen has perfected a landscape technique that anyone can do. Combining her signature top-stitch piecing with free-form rotary cutting, you will create a landscape of mountains, hills and sky. There is no pattern for this design; Karen will show you how the use of color and value, combined with an easy cutting method, to create your own peaceful vista or dynamic mountain scene. Endless variations will have you making more than one! Karen's book, *Accidental Landscapes* could prove very helpful but is not required. This class is suitable for confident beginners and beyond! (Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse) www.quilted-lizard.com

* The workshop's title and theme have changed. "Accidental Landscapes" is being offered instead of "Let's Make Waves," as communicated previously.

*We are most grateful to Karen for giving her lecture and workshop to the Guild at no charge!
As a former member, she is giving back to us. Thank you!*



April: Maxine Rosenthal

Lecture: Tue, Apr 16

Trunk Show of Maxine Rosenthal's many One Block Wonder quilts

Workshop: Wed, Apr 17

"One Block Wonders: Hexagons"

Choose one special fabric, layer, cut and stitch triangles into a hexagon block. This one block, when joined to other hexagons, creates a stunning quilt or wall hanging. Maxine Rosenthal has perfected a technique using just one fabric to create a quilt that looks complicated, but isn't! Special cutting and piecing creates kaleidoscopic effects. Following Maxine's easy steps, you soon will have your own One Block Wonder. This workshop is suitable for confident beginners and beyond! (Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse)

Mark your calendars now and sign up for one (or both!) of these inspiring workshops.



Please note that Supply lists and directions to the workshop space will be available about a month before the workshop. Or you can go to the quilter's website and look at the supply list there. Please contact Barbara Sferra with questions and to sign up for a workshop.

Barbara Sferra, VP Programs

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Super Saturday 2013

Join the Fun!

This year, Super Saturday will be February 23 at JFK High School from 9:30 – 4 pm. Doors will open at 9 am so we'll be ready to begin promptly at 9:30. The price remains \$20, including lunch and snacks. (Is ours a great guild or what?) Some classes may charge a small materials fee. You'll be able to see samples of each project/technique at the next few meetings.

Our amazing line-up of teachers and classes includes:

Margaret Phillips

Machine Appliqué without Fusing or Adhesives

Learn an easy technique to machine appliqué without using fusibles or adhesives. Appliqués will be softer and more dimensional. Sewing machine required.

Tamar Drucker

Traditional Hand Appliqué and Reverse Hand Appliqué

A great portable project for the quilter on the go. Learn to hand appliqué around curvy shapes, points, reverse appliqué and other tricks. Check our website for the supply list.

Carolyn Salon

Snap Bags

Create these attractive and practical bags for makeup, quilting projects or purses. This is a perfect way to use up "orphan" quilt blocks. Bags may be solid or see-thru. Sewing machine required. There is a \$3 fee for metal closures and clear plastic for "window" snap bags. Check our website for the supply list.

Patricia Loquet

"Dogwood Stars"

A traditional scrap quilt using lots of 2.5" pieces or strips. Jelly rolls would be terrific too. Sewing machine required.

Note: This class is full, but we are taking names for the wait list.

Mayann Weinberg

"All Dolled Up" (Free-form Felted Wool Dolls)

Create a whimsical doll from felted wool and embellishments. Learn how to embellish-sculpt a face, add hair and adorn your doll with a variety of fibers and beads. This technique can be applied to any stitched project to make it your own. Check our website for the supply list.

Debbie Bein

"Come Play in my Sandbox"

Improvisational Piecing + Intuitive Quilting + Paint = Mixed Media Art. Explore the principles of design and pick up Debbie's "intuitive quilting" tips as you complete a work of art to adorn your door, table or narrow wall in your home. Free-motion quilting experience is recommended, but straight-stitch quilting can be used as well. While there is a lot of preparation before coming to this course, the result will be so worth it! Sewing machine with zig-zag capability and \$10 materials fee required. Check our website for a detailed course description, supply list, and pre-work instructions. *Note: This class is full, but we are taking names for the wait list*



Debbie Bein, *Bubbles*

Note: Due to unforeseen circumstances, Maria Weinstein's class, "Wax Paper Isn't Just for Sandwiches Anymore," has been canceled. Students who have registered for that session are encouraged to select another class from the roster.

Sit and Sew

For anyone who would like to work on his/her own project while enjoying the camaraderie of others doing the same.

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday Coordinator

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

Membership

We had a wonderful meeting in December with 116 members attending, 3 guests and 4 new memberships.

I do want to mention that we have a number of membership buttons that haven't yet been picked up. If you're one of the following people, please stop by the Membership Table to pick up your badge:

Bahret, Mary Jean	May, Helen
Bindler, Barbara	Melendez, Pura
Chambers, Donna	Mooney, Kathleen
De Jong, Ellen	Reddy, Patricia
De Maio, Kathy	Sahm, June
Dineen, Tricia	Sharkey, Diana
Durr, Diane	Sovern, Elizabeth
Finney, Lisa	Toth, Eveline
Gray, Kathleen	Westerville, Marge
Isaacs, Bebe	Wilt, Nancy
Langehennig, Nancy	Yellen, Penny

I am very excited about the One-Woman show we'll have the pleasure to see in January. A newer member, **Sandra Parrott**, will show her beautiful Art Quilts. I know that everyone will enjoy seeing Sandra's body of work.

Finally, there are a few changes for the membership book which was distributed last month. We'll provide Guild members with the corrected information.

Julie Long – email address

Janice Nastasi - cell phone number

If there are any other errors, please bring them to my attention as soon as possible. Thank you. See you all soon!

Chris Ruggieri, VP Membership

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Hospitality

Thank You!

Many thanks to everyone for bringing so many delicious snacks to the December meeting. Members with last names beginning with J, K and L are asked to bring the snacks for our January meeting.

Our Holiday Food Drive was quite successful. We are overwhelmed at our guild members' generosity. Meg Moar delivered half of the donations to the Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County, where they weighed it in at 214 lbs. Kathleen Keane delivered the other half to St. John's Food Pantry in Mahopac. Both food banks were delighted to receive our donations. Thank you so much for making our Second Annual Food Drive such a success!

Helen Boland, Hospitality

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Trips

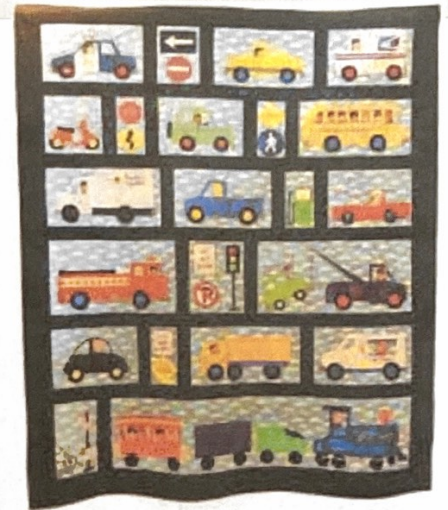
Let's Hit the Road!

The Lancaster Quilt Show will be here before you know it!

Our trip to the AQS Lancaster Quilt show will take place from March 15-16, 2013. This trip never disappoints, so bring your checkbook to the guild meeting to secure your spot on the bus.

Please contact me with any questions -- I look forward to seeing you there!

Jen Cannizzaro, Trips Coordinator
Kelly Lockwood, Special Events



Diane Linker, *Jack's Trucks*

Education

January's Education Program features demos by several talented Guild members, who will show us how to alter quilting fabric and make it our own.

Here's the lineup:

Gail Ellspermann - Tsukineko inks

Lynda Long - painted fusible

Maxine Oliver - Shiva paint sticks

Sonia Rieber - painting on fabric

Kendell Storm - photo transfers

Don't miss this program and be sure to bring a notebook!



This month, we introduce a new SIG and invite you to join us. The focus of this group will be stitching of all sorts, including beading, embroidery, knitting and friendship. **Linda Ostrander** has offered to get us started. Look for us at the rear of the cafeteria at 6 o'clock – bring your latest project!



And now a word from our current SIGS:

Landscape - Don Gough

The next meeting will take place Saturday, Jan. 5 from 1 to 3 at the Astoria Bank at the crossroads of Routes 100 and 202. Please bring "in progress" or finished quilts for discussion. We will discuss a new plan to help beginner landscapers by pairing them with more experienced quilters. We'll also discuss plans for the Silent Auction.

Art Quilters - Chris Wilhelm

Thank you all for a festive and inspiring meeting! We have an exciting demo planned for January and look forward to seeing your Sew and Tell! Also this will be your last chance to pick your card for this year's art quilt "Deck of Cards" challenge; there are lots of great numbers and suits left. See you there!

Long Arm Quilters - Diane Linker

February's meeting will be held February 2. Check with Diane for the location.

Hand Appliqué - Kathy Kaplan and Denise Isherwood

Join us at 5:45 in the faculty lounge where Denise will show us how to weave a fabric basket.

The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

After a January break, we'll regroup in February, refreshed and raring to tackle some more "special" blocks. Bring your "Sticklet" to share with the group. All are welcome! Please contact Carolyn for details.

Meg Mooar, VP Education

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Quilt Show

The New Year has arrived, and it wouldn't be January if the quilt show chairs weren't sending out a call for quilts and volunteers! WE WANT YOU! Diane and I invite you to join in the camaraderie that comes from working together to create a show that makes us all proud.

Quilt Registration began on January 1, 2013. The 2013 registration form is now available on the NSQG website, and we strongly encourage you to register your quilts online. Please see the website for more detailed information. For those of you who might find it helpful, **Luann Bruce**, Assistant Registrar, will offer help with online quilt registration at the end of the lunch period on Super Saturday.

Patricia Loquet, Chair of Volunteers, will have volunteer sign-up sheets available at the January meeting. Sign up early in order to secure your favorite volunteer spot! Sometimes, the jobs that take more than the minimum of two hours are a lot more fun and give you a much better opportunity to get to know your fellow guild members.

Fern Nadel will be on hand this month with quilt appraisal sign-up sheets should you wish to have one or more of your quilts appraised by Eugenia Barnes. Eugenia is a highly experienced and well respected quilt authority and appraises both art quilts and traditional quilts. An appraisal takes about 20 minutes, and the fee of \$35 for the first quilt includes a written document for your insurance records. There will be a discounted fee for the appraisal of additional quilts.

It's not too early to hand in your small quilt for the Silent Auction. **Carolyn Langevin** will be on hand to collect these quilts at the January meeting. Check December's newsletter for details.

The Build-a-Block committee continues to collect fabric and batting. Please help them out by donating strips, squares or pieces of fabric and batting. Please see December's newsletter for specific details about the width and length of strips required.

Breaking News

Diane and I, the Quilt Show Committee, and the NSQG Board would like to express our deepest gratitude to **Mary Cannizzaro**, who has volunteered to take on responsibility for overseeing the construction of new drapes for the show frames. This is a major undertaking which will require that Mary and her group of volunteers spend untold hours cutting and sewing the many yards of fabric it will take to complete the project. The new drapes will replace the muslins the guild has been using for many years, which now have become quite dingy.

Diane and I would like to inform you that the price of admission for this year's show will be raised to \$10. Admission for children under 12 will remain free. The cost of everything, from insurance to lecturers' fees, is going up, and the guild needs to make this change in order to ensure that income from the show will cover our expenses and provide us with the money we need to offer quality programs throughout the year. This increase is in line with the increase in admission fees at other area shows. You will not be affected by this change as long as you volunteer for a minimum of two hours on each day that you plan to attend the show.

Diane and I join in wishing each of you a "pieceful" and happy new year!

Carol Sterk and Diane Linker, VPs Quilt Show
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Communications

Have you Completed an NSQG Class or Workshop Project?

If so, please send a photo of your work to News@Northernstarquilters.com. (Please be sure to indicate the class and when it was offered.) We'll use these photos to "illustrate" future editions of our monthly newsletter.

This request was inspired by November's fabulous display of quilts from our recent classes with Bonnie Hunter and Pat Pauly. Just one more incentive to tackle some of those pesky UFOs!

As always, please send us news (and photos) about any recent or upcoming shows, awards, or publications for the "Find us Here" section of our newsletter.

Carolyn Finn, VP Communications
News@Northernstarquilters.com (news items and photos)

Members' Marketplace

*Have something quilt-related to sell? Looking for an out-of-print fabric?
Send your information to News@Northernstarquilters.com for inclusion in our monthly newsletter!*

FOR SALE: Bernina 830 Record \$600

Vintage Bernina 830 Record in EXCELLENT shape. This machine looks and RUNS GREAT! No yellowing on motor. Very slight scratches from normal usage. Accessory case has separated in rear corner and could be glued. The outside case has scuff marks, Styrofoam inserts intact. Manual has sewn samples. Digital user manual and digital service manual also available. The power cord and foot control are in great shape. Included items: Extension table, Knee Lift, 000 Zigzag foot, 030 Embroidery foot, 470 Overlock foot, 016 Blind Stitch foot, 452 Buttonhole foot, 285 Small Darning Foot, 007 Zipper foot, 419 Tailor Tacking foot, 174 Lap Hemmer, 028 Pintuck Foot, 168 Rolled Hem foot, Low Shank adapter, Darning hoop, Buttonhole guide. Contact Deirdre Abbotts. Photos available at <http://www.deirdreabbotts.com/for-sale/>

Carolyn Finn, VP Communications
News@Northernstarquilters.com (news items and photos)

Area Shows

"Masters 2." Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. January 17 – April 15, 2013.

Arkell Museum's 2012 Annual Juried Art Show. Canajoharie, NY: Community Art Galleries. Through January 25.

Connecticut Piecemakers Guild: Workshop with Jane Davilà: "Surface Design Sampler." Trumbull, CT: February 12, 2013.

"I'm Not Crazy." SAQA Special Exhibition at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIV. Hampton, VA: Hampton Roads Convention Center. February 21-24.

"Beyond the Bed: The American Quilt Evolution." (includes sale of works by NSQG Members), February 24 - June 16, 2013. Katonah, NY: Katonah Museum of Art. February 24 – June 16. [NSQG]

The Quiltfest of New Jersey IX. Somerset, NJ: Garden State Exhibition Center. February 28 – March 3, 2013.

"Resistance and Splendor in Javanese Textiles." New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art. Through March 3.

Lancaster Quilt Show. Lancaster, PA: The Continental Inn. March 13-16.

AQS Lancaster Quilt Show. Lancaster, PA: Lancaster County Exhibition Center. March 13 – 16.

"Quilt Expo 2013." Towson, MD: Goucher College Sports and Recreation Center. March 16-27.

Quilt Celebration XII. Exhibition of the Village Squares. Scarsdale, NY: JCC of Mid-Westchester. April 6-7. [NSQG]

"A Sense of Scale." Cincinnati, OH: Duke Energy Convention Center. April 11-13.

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