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NSQG Newsletter - January 2014

January 2014

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Sat 11	Landscape Beginner SIG, Stickers SIG
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February 2014

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President's Message

Welcome to NSQG 2014!

A snowstorm robbed us of our December Guild meeting unfortunately including Mary Cannizzaro's lecture and trunk show, and our participation in the Food drive. Thanks to Mary for having agreed to participate as a lecturer.

As there is such a continuous need for food every day, we will take up our collection of non-perishable food at our next Guild meeting.

The January Guild meeting will provide a great way to meet and greet members. We are creatures of habit who look for dear friends to join comfortably. Now instead of seeing a sea of friendly faces, I look forward to making new acquaintances. Please join in with a "personal card" to pass out to others at each table to help us remember each other. Also please remember to wear your name tag.

The Nominating Committee will begin its work on January 7th. The open positions are Treasurer, Quilt Show (Co-)Chairs, and Education. If you know of an individual with the interest and skills to fill any of these positions, please bring them to the attention of a Nominating Committee member: Melanie Darensod, Maggie Kolvenbach, Carolyn Langevin, Judy Gignesi, and Caryl Castellion. We welcome your thoughts.

Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

Programs



March: Natalya Aikens

Lecture: Tuesday, March 19
"From Russia With Love"

Natalya's artistic journey stretches from St. Petersburg, Russia to the melting pot of America. *Architecturally inspired, delicately stitched:* that is the motto for her art. In her talk, Natalya will show and discuss how she uses free hand machine embroidery and intensive hand stitching, while she incorporates vintage textiles and recyclables in her unique art.

Workshop: Wednesday, March 20

\$50.

Do you love photography? Do you wish you could meld your favorite photographs and your love of art quilting and mixed media? In this workshop, Natalya shows you how to go from a snapshot to a finished art quilt or mixed media piece. She will take you through the steps, giving you options for creating your own art quilt. Suitable for all levels.
www.artbynatalya.com

Please let JoAnne (Programs@Northernstarquilters.com) know if you would like to be a monitor for this workshop.



Coming in April...

Lecture and Workshop with applique artist, **Kathy Dunigan**. Information about Kathy's workshop will be available at our January meeting

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Education

January's Guild Meeting Program....."Meet and Greet via Speed Dating"

Speed dating can be defined as an activity that involves people, a timed encounter, and a willingness to meet new people, or learn more about people we may have met, but do not really know. A good sense of adventure and humor are nice additives.

At the Guild Meeting in January, Mayann Weinberg will host a Speed Dating session for Northern Star Quilters in the Cafeteria. New members as well as returning members are encouraged to learn more about some members they do not know. Click [here](#) for complete details and information.

Sign up for new Special Interest Groups

A number of recommendations for new SIGs were offered in this year's membership renewals. In January, a sign up list will be available to see if there are enough interested parties to start up new SIGs.

February Education Meeting

The following demonstrations will take place in the cafeteria after the business meeting and presentation of the awards for the Challenge Quilts. Each demo will take between 10 and 15 minutes, so everyone should be able to see several of them.

Susan Fasnacht – **Half-Square Triangles**

Do you need to make multiple half-square triangles and are looking for ways to make it easier? Susan will demonstrate a couple of techniques for creating from 2 to 16 or more half-square triangles from layered rectangles of material. Simply sew one continuous seam, cut and trim, and you will have all your squares done.

Pat Baker – **How to use your tools correctly**

Pat will demonstrate rotary cutting without risking carpal tunnel damage (as taught years ago by Nancy Johnson-Srebo), cutting with minimum effort and maximum effect.

Plus, a few assorted tips, as many as 15 minutes will allow!

Carrie Vollrath - **10-Minute Table Runner**

The 10-Minute Tablerunner can be made so quickly and easily!

Perfect gift to give to friends and family...or even make a few for yourself!

With no batting or quilting needed, this table runner will come together in no time at all!

Requires 1/2 yard and 1/3 yard of fabric and perhaps a decorative stitch on your sewing machine.

Susie Andersen - **Sorting Scraps for Improvisational quilts**

Susie will show us her method of sorting scraps collected from her many sources, into cohesive, interesting and wonderful collections for her quilts.

Susie has honed her method over years of teaching, collecting and designing. She will be bringing examples of her finished projects as well as scraps to demonstrate her method.

Linda Ostrander - **Green Paper Piecing**

Does your quilt design have multiple units of the same design to paper piece? With green paper piecing, I can show you how to reduce the number of patterns you will need. This technique is useful when, for example, you need 16 units of the pattern; I will show you how to use only one pattern to make all 16 units.

Peggy Morgan – **Sewing Machine Apron Pattern**

At home, or at a class it is nice to have the tools you need right at your fingertips. Peggy will share with us her own pattern for a take along "apron" for your sewing machine.

Kim Hyde – **Thread Painting**

With her domestic sewing machine Kim will demonstrate how she uses thread painting to enhance her designs.

Peggy Kerr-Meyering – **Scrappy 4-Patch squares**

These squares are put together with a tube method, and they are a great way to quickly generate lots of 4 patches.

Don Gough – **Scan and Cut**

On a recent trip to Florida Don bought a "Scan n Cut" machine made by Brother Company. This machine is super great. It can cut fabric to any shape that you can draw or copy up to 12" x 24". It can resize up or down, make single or multiple copies and best of all No Computer Needed. It would be great for art quilters, landscape quilters and applique quilters. Traditional and modern quilters could use it because it can make accurate star points and traditional rectangles, squares etc. with or without seam allowance. I thought it would be good to demo it at the February meeting.

Some Updates for Special Interest Groups:

The Sticklers:

The December meeting was cancelled due to weather. Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 11 with "Applique Transfer Techniques" as our discussion topic. Assignment blocks L-10 and L-11 (and/or any others you wish). Please contact Carolyn Finn for more information or to be included on the e-mail list for future Sticklers meetings.

Art Quilt SIG:

The topic and demo for January's meeting will be Surface Design with Paint – feel free to bring examples of projects you've made or painting materials you love. We meet at 5:45 p.m. in the Library. Don't forget to bring your Sew and Tell! New members are always welcome!

Landscape SIG:

The next regular meeting for the Landscape SIG is Saturday, January 4th from 1 pm to 3 pm. The next beginners meeting will be Saturday, January 11th from 1 pm to 3 pm. Both meetings will be at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the second floor.

The theme for the Landscape SIG's show panels for next spring's Quilt Show will be "Hudson River Valley, Then and Now".

Longarm SIG:

The January meeting is on the 4th, and Feb. meeting is the 1st. Please contact Diane Linker if you have any questions.

Jean Degl, VP Education

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The New Year has arrived along with a shout out for quilts and volunteers for the show. The hard working members of the Show Committee need your help. We 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, 2014. The 2014 registration form is now available on the NSQG website. 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, there will be someone available to help with online registration at the end of the lunch period on Super Saturday.

Carolynn Young, 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 required three volunteer hours are a lot more fun and give you a much better opportunity to get to know fellow guild members.

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

We wish each of you a "pieceful" and happy new year! Let us sew, let us sew, let us sew!

Diane Linker and Jane Eyes, VPs Quilt Show
QuiltShowChairs@Northernstarquilters.com

Hospitality

Members with last names beginning with **J, K, & L**, will be providing the snacks for January's meeting. Holiday treats are still welcome!

NOTE: The **food drive** will be held this month. Please remember to bring **NON-perishable** food items to the meeting. Supermarket gift cards are also greatly appreciated.

We will have cars parked outside the school to collect your donations. Please be as generous as possible during these hard economic times.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
Hospitality@Northernstarquilters.com

Charitable Activities

2014 Raffle Quilt

Raffle tickets for A Tisket, A Tasket, the 2014 Raffle Quilt, will be available in January. Stop by the Membership table to pick up your tickets to give support to the charity, "Ability Beyond Disability," which is the recipient of the raffle this year.

2015 Raffle Quilt Charity

It is time to nominate your favorite charity to be the recipient of our 2015 Raffle Quilt fundraiser. The Guidelines and forms for nominating a non-profit organization serving the tri-state area can be found on our web site by clicking [here](#).

Comfort Quilts

During the holiday season of December, Comfort Quilts made a donation of 64 Quilts to the Behavioral Health Center - Children's Units, 19 quilts to the Ossining Children's Center, and many quilts to individuals, including the Elesis Family whose home recently burnt down. Thanks to the many members who made it possible to give some hope and cheer to others during this festive time.



Barbara Powers, Coordinator of Quilts for Behavioral Center, Carolyn Salon, Nancy Pruyne, Diane Rizzo, Pat Baker, Judy Gignesi, Joyce Sullivan, Althea Nolan with Behavioral Center quilts.

Comfort Quilt Kits are always available at our guild meetings for members who cannot attend our Wednesday meetings, but would like to contribute. Kits can be picked up at the Comfort Quilt table. Work at your own pace—return the quilt when completed.

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities
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Sunshine

Since Goodwill is part of our fellowship,
Let's make sure we share it amongst ourselves.
Please let me know when a Guild Member
Is in need of a little Sunshine!



Whether it is an illness, condolence, marriage,
Baby or just a little pick-me-up for TLC,
Make sure to let me know.
Thank you, Melanie

Melanie Darendod, Secretary
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Library

Just a reminder...

Please donate your gently used books and magazines for our book sale in May.

Book reviews:

"Stupendous Stitching" by Carol Ann Waugh

A great book. Great intro to "Playing" with all the stitches on your sewing machine. If you want to do something different this book will encourage you to use different fibers and embellishments.

"Freestyle Machine Embroidery" by Carol Shinn

An encyclopedia of application inspiration and detailed methods of experiment. Distortion of thread and fabric is a valuable lesson thoroughly discussed. There are many fascinating artists works, see Myth Riders p 114- nine panels of silk, stiffened first and then stitched free hand. Light Bulbs- stitching on film p-150.

Our members love these reviews. Remember to fill out the Review Card and return it with your book.

New Books:

"Block Party- The Modern Quilting Bee" by Alissa Haight Carlton & Kristen Lejnieks.

"Modern Minimal- 20 Bold and Graphic Quilts" by Alissa Haight Carlton.

Don't forget to return your overdue December books at the January meeting

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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Membership

Membership Directories will be available in January. Make sure you pick one up when you sign in for the meeting. Guild membership has increased by about 30 people over last year. We have 261 members this year, of which 35 are new.

I am scheduling Membership Showcases for the months of March, April, and May. If you are interested in doing a one- or two-person show to display your work, please let me know. This is a great way to show your creativity and talent to Guild members.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Membership
Membership@Northernstarquilters.com

Super Saturday

Super Saturday 2014 Update

Thank you all for your amazing enthusiasm and support at the November meeting. Sign-ups are moving along at an extremely brisk pace. If you could not attend the November meeting, please feel free to e-mail Carol Mayefsky to reserve a place. We will start waiting lists as the classes fill up. The \$20 fee, which is non-refundable, includes lunch and snacks in addition to the class. If a class has a materials fee, that fee is payable to the teacher the day of the class itself.

Super Saturday will take place this coming **February 22, 2014** at JFK High School in Somers from 9:30 AM-3:30PM. Doors will open at 9AM so we can be ready to begin promptly at 9:30. Tea and fresh brewed coffee will be available for free. Posters will direct you to the appropriate classroom. We will break for lunch at 12:30 and resume classes around 1PM. At 3:30, we will gather up all our belongings for a Show and Tell in the Cafeteria.

Please click on the links below to see supply lists and more detailed descriptions of the classes:

- [Margaret Phillips](#) will be teaching machine applique without using fusible.
- [Patricia Loquet](#) will be offering a traditional quilt. Supply list and instructions will be available at the meetings.
- [Ann-Louise Lyman](#) will be offering fabric dyeing and painting on silk scarves.
- [Tamar Drucker](#) will be doing fabric collage with an emphasis on landscapes.
- [Mary Cannizzaro](#) will be offering a mini bargello quilt in two sizes.
- [Debbie Bein](#) will lead a modern quilt workshop with no sewing machine required.
- [Sit 'n' Sew](#) will be available for catching up on your own quilting in the company of friends.

Samples or photos of the projects will be available at each of our meetings through February. We look forward to seeing you all at Super Saturday!

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday Coordinator

Communications

Many thanks to those who sent news and pictures about their quilt related accomplishments. Please send any pictures or information about upcoming shows or events that you are featured in to News@Northernstarquilters.com

Mariandale Quilters & Crafters invite you to an OPEN HOUSE during their annual January retreat. Saturday, January 18, 1:00-3:00 pm

- * Observe a retreat in progress.
- * Tour the spacious, well-lit, and accessible facility.
- * Learn about Getaway Days, UFO Days, and opportunities for small group retreats when time & space is yours to design & create.
- * Go home with a 25% off coupon on selected programs in 2014.

Ample parking, accessible ramp on left side of main building (labeled "Baggage Drop-Off")

Mariandale Retreat & Conference Center
299 N Highland Ave
Ossining NY 10562

(Located one mile south of Croton-Harmon Station) For directions go to www.mariandale.org or call 914-941-4455.

Challenge Opportunity: NASA Astronaut Karen Nyberg Invites Quilters to Contribute a Star Block
International Space Station Expedition 37 Flight Engineer Karen Nyberg of NASA, a lifelong lover of sewing, is inviting fellow crafters to join her in stitching together a global community space quilt.

The deadline for submitting a block for the quilt is **Aug. 1, 2014**. For more information about where to send your block, visit: <http://www.quilts.com>

Nyberg and The International Quilt Festival will collaborate on having the squares stitched together for display at the 40th annual International Quilt Festival in 2014 in Houston and at other public displays.

For more about the 39th annual International Quilt Festival, visit: <http://www.quilts.com>

Helen Boland, VP Communications
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2014 Guild Challenge

Critter: Pests or Pet?

Jane Eyes and I will be collecting your challenge entries at the January meeting.

Since the quilts remain anonymous until voting at the February meeting, make sure your piece is stored in a bag. Or mail your quilt to either of us if you can't make the meeting.

Please check the guild's website for the challenge guidelines as well as for the printable entry form ([Click here](#) to print the entry form). We'll also have entry forms available at the meeting.

We plan to keep the quilts to exhibit at the Quilt Show. Let us know if this poses a problem.

Meg Moorar and Jane Eyes, Challenge Coordinators

Special Activities

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 14-15, 2014. We leave early Friday morning from 3 convenient locations, spend the day shopping at our favorite local Lancaster, PA quilt shops, have our dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord and then spend the night at the Fairfield Inn. After breakfast at the hotel the next morning, we spend the day at the quilt show and then find our seats on the bus for the ride home.

Sign-ups have begun, so bring your checkbook to the January guild meeting to secure your spot on the bus. The cost will remain \$160. Please contact Jennifer Cannizzaro with any questions.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events
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Area Shows & Events

Many Thanks to Nancy Hantman for Researching and Compiling this List!

[NSQG] = NSQG Member(s) represented

*"An 'Industrial Museum': John Forbes Watson's Indian Textile Collection," now through January 20, 2014, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

*Suzanne Clawson Solo Exhibition, December 7, 2013-January 12, 2014, Delaplaine Visual Arts Education Center, Frederick, MD; 301-698-0656; <http://www.delaplaine.org>.

*Cross Pollination, now through January 15, 2014, New York Institute of Technology, New York City; 212-261-1562; http://www.njit.edu/gallery_61.

*"A Love Affair with Quilts," now through January 19, 2014, Visions Art Museum, San Diego, CA; 619-546-4872; <http://www.visionsartmuseum.org>.

*30 Quilts for 30 Years, December 6, 2013-March 11, 2014, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY; 270-442-8856; <http://www.quiltmuseum.org>.

*"And Still We Rise," now through March 2014, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH; 513-333-7500; <http://freedomcenter.org>.

*"Local Color," now through January 14, 2014, Slater Museum, Norwich, CT; 860-887-2505; <http://www.slatermuseum.org>.

*Holiday Small Works Exhibition, now through January 24, 2014, Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY; 845-471-2550; <http://barrettartcenter.org>.

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