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## NSQGG Newsletter - January 2015

January 2015		February 2015	
Sat 3	Long Arm SIG; Landscape SIG	Wed 4	Comfort Quilts
Wed 7	Comfort Quilts	Sat 7	Long Arm SIG; Landscape SIG
Tue 13	Board Meeting	Tue 10	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Thu 15	Quilt Registration Begins	Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Education Program
Tue 20	Guild Meeting: Education Program	Wed 18	Comfort Quilts
Wed 21	Comfort Quilts	Fri 20	Newsletter submissions due
Fri 23	Newsletter submissions due	Sat 28	Super Saturday

## President's Message

Greetings in the Year 2015! May this be a year of good health, great friendships, creative endeavors, and beautiful quilts. Are you ready to register one or more of your quilts for the World of Quilts XXXVI? Registration opens on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

Many thanks to Tamar Drucker who led us through her quilting journey and showed us some of her beautiful creations. Now we just have to wait for her next amazing quilt.

The Nominating Committee, preparing the slate of officers for election this spring, will begin its work on January 6th. Please send your recommendations for the offices of President, Secretary, Treasurer, VP Programs, VP Membership, and VP Communications to Judy Gignesi, Barbara Sferra, Patricia Loquet, Yvonne Clayton, or Caryl Castellion.

You will be receiving a "Letter from the President" regarding the 2016 Quilt Show venue shortly. We look forward to presenting the figures at the January guild meeting, once again in the auditorium, so that all may see and hear the presentation.

In the meantime, have fun working on your Challenge Quilts (due at the January meeting) and your lovely creations for the Quilt Show!

**Caryl Castellion, President**  
[President@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:President@Northernstarquilters.com)

# Programs

## Spring Programs:

### MARCH:

Lecture: March 17 - Michelle Scott

#### "Every Quilt Tells a Story"

With her trademark humor, high energy and "done is better than perfect" attitude, Michelle takes you on a journey through her 20 years of quilting. From her very first project to the latest award winning and book quilts, she shares the hilarious mishaps and missteps that shaped her into the quilt professional she is now. This lecture is a crowd pleaser for all, as a multitude of topics is covered while she passes around (yes, you can touch them!) over 70 quilts. From machine and bobbin quilting to designing for magazines to getting your work published, this lecture is the ultimate compilation of her three lectures.

Workshop: March 18

#### Usin' Fusin' (and other cool stuff) to Express Yourself! \$50

Using fusing, seamless piecing and decorator threads and yarns, you will create a small art quilt designed by you. Raw edge applique with fusible web, machine quilting and embellishment will express something important to you: a feeling, a person, a garden, the beach. The doors of creativity will open in this fast and fun class as we investigate free form cutting to build collage-type artworks that express YOU! Additional focus will be placed on color and line that can translate your feeling.



### APRIL:

Lecture: April 21 - Nora McMeeking

#### "Bella Bella Patchwork"

Nora is the author of "Bella Bella Quilts" and "More Bella Bella Quilts". She will walk us through her process in recreating the fabulous marble floors of Italy.



Workshop: April 22

#### Cosmati Rings 1

\$50

This workshop introduces ring foundation piecing using two easy "blocks". The center roundel can be a compass, plain fabric or an applique design (those variations are available for the class) making this a very versatile pattern. Easy methods for making multiple foundations for the pieced border are included. Construction for the curved corner sections is readily accomplished using a few clever tricks and the large curves are easily machine pieced. Beginners can make this quilt!

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs  
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# Education

## January Program: Getting to Know You

### Getting to Know You

This is a chance to get to know other members of the guild.....think of it as speed dating to find new quilting friends!

You may bring business or post cards with your information & or pictures of your work to share with your new friends at each table. (Vistaprint.com is a great source)

Make a list of things you would like to share about yourself such as:

- What type of quilting do you like to do?
- Do you create any other type of art?
- Where do you create?
- Do you quilt with others or alone?
- How long have you been quilting?
- How did you discover you liked quilting?
- What do you like to do when you are not quilting?
- Do you have any other hobbies or jobs?
- Where do you live or work?

## February Program: Learn Something New

Guild members will explain new techniques learned in the last year, hopefully something for everyone's interests.

The following members have volunteered to do a demo:

- Don Gough – ScanNcut Machine
- Carolyn Salon – Magic Square
- Patricia Loquet – Hemming Napkins
- Mary Waterman – Freeform Feathers with no Marking
- Donna Chambers – Texturing Technique with Texture Matic
- Rosemary DePaola – Juice Pack Pouch Bags
- Linda Long – Thread Painting

## News from our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

The meeting dates are provided below, as well as on the "Special Interest Group" page on our website.

### Art Quilters – Christine Wilhelm

We will continue to explore the creative process with a discussion about "The Many Ways to Finish Your Quilt Edges." The group meets at 5:45 p.m. before the Guild meetings in the Library. New Members always welcome.

### **Landscape Quilters – Don Gough**

The Landscape SIG meeting days are Saturday, January 3rd and Saturday, February 7th. All meetings are from 1pm to 3pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the second floor.

### **Long Arm Group – Diane Linker**

The next meeting of the Long Arm SIG will be on Jan 3<sup>rd</sup> at Karen Carlson's house. The February meeting will take place on February 7th.

### **Domestic Machine Quilting**

Since everyone found the discussion of "What to Quilt on My Quilt" useful, we will continue the discussion in January. Please bring a quilt that you would like to have some ideas for quilting or one that you have quilted and would like to explain why you chose the quilting lines. Any questions, please contact Helen Boland at [News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com)

### **Modern Quilters**

Please contact Kim Hyde for information.

**Jennifer Kramer, VP Education**  
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## Quilt Show

Quilt Registration will begin on January 15, 2015. Registration Rules and Instructions are now available on the NSQG website and the registration form will be there on the 15th. We strongly encourage you to register your quilts online. Just click on "Show Your Quilt in 2015" under the Quilt Show tab on our website to read this information. Remember, if your quilt is wider than 92" it will need to be hung on the bleacher wall to lie flat. Additionally, since bleacher space is limited, we can only guarantee this space to the first 6 wide quilts that are registered.

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 or Kay Marcarello will be on hand to collect them at the January meeting. Check the website under "Quilt Show" for details and a few pictures of this year's submissions.

**Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show**  
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## Membership

**Donna Chambers will present a Member Showcase at January the meeting.**

Please join me in welcoming Donna Chambers this month at the member showcase. Donna joined the guild three years ago after beginning to quilt in 2008. She brings to her quilting her creative talent as a goldsmith by trade.

Donna gravitates toward Art Quilting where she showcases her love of color and texture. Her very first quilt was a Log Cabin and she also enjoys the piecing process. Pinterest provides Donna with plenty of inspiration. For those of you who don't know, Pinterest hosts an array of art, color, quilts, fabrics, photographs, texture, and fashion, all of which grabs her attention.

When I asked Donna what quilting has brought to her life, she said, "It has brought a new type of creativity, the type of intensity I like, and a new community of sharing and like-minded friends."

In the short time she has been quilting, Donna has had that amazing-moment-in-my-life feeling when her works won three ribbons, which included Best of Show in Wall Quilts at the NSQG 2014 quilt show.

I am so pleased to share her talents with all of you and hope to see you all at the January Meeting!

Please welcome your newest member Brenna R. There were 74 members who attended the December meeting.

**Patti Calautti, VP Membership**  
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## Library

Just a reminder –please donate your gently used books, magazines and patterns for our annual book sale in May.

### Book Reviews

- "The Art of Whimsical Lettering" by Joanne Sharpe. Terrific book giving ideas for quilt labels plus starting points for new quilt designs.
- "Quilting Wide Open Spaces" by Judi Madsen. Great tips for long arm quilting plus six patterns for quilts.

### New Books

- "Pixel Play" by Emily Cier
- "Radiant Landscapes" by Gloria Longhman

### New DVD

Quilting Arts TV Series 1400

### New Magazines

- Quilting Arts Dec. 2014, Jan. 2015
- American Quilter Jan. 2015

Don't forget to return your overdue books at the January meeting—see you then.

**Dee Plouffé, Library Chair**  
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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 Darensod, Secretary  
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## Charitable Activities

### 2016 Raffle Quilt Charity

It is time to nominate your favorite charity to partner with the guild and be the **recipient of our 2016 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 under Charitable Activities - 2016 Raffle Quilt <http://www.northernstarquilters.com/2016-raffle-quilt>. Just fill out the form and email to Althea Nolan.

### 2015 Raffle Quilt

Stop by the membership table and pick up your raffle tickets for the Jigsaw Puzzle Quilt at the January Meeting. You can support **Community Cares** [www.CommunityCares.org](http://www.CommunityCares.org) by returning your stubs and money to Althea Nolan or mail to the guild.

For detailed information on these outstanding raffle prizes go to <http://www.northernstarquilters.com/2015-raffle-quilt-2>



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### Comfort Quilts

Thanks to all who supported the guild by shopping at the Comfort Quilt table during the boutique.

During the Winter season, Comfort Quilts meets on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Meetings are held at the North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp at 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. Come and join the fun but always **verify the date with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson because Dates are subject to change.**

**Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities**  
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## Hospitality

Thank you to everyone who brought a snack to our holiday table. We had a wonderful variety of everyone's favorites.

In January we ask members with the last names beginning with **J, K, & L** to bring in a snack to share.

**Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality**  
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## Special Activities

### **Lancaster Trip – Hold the Date** **March 13-14, 2015**

We are mixing it up again this year! After speaking with a group of our Lancaster trip veterans and visiting Lancaster to scout out the shops back in October, we have decided to change our Friday shopping itinerary.

This year, our first stop will be Burkholder's Fabrics. Burkholder's is a favorite for most of the ladies from past trips. Our next stop will be Weaver's Dry Goods. The Lancaster trip may have included Weaver's in the past - the store has been renovated and now includes a bargain basement with good quality fabrics ranging from \$1.99 - \$3.99 a yard.

The town of Intercourse will be our third stop on Friday. We plan to arrive in Intercourse around 4 PM to give everyone the opportunity to visit some of the shops that close at 5 PM. The Country Store has reopened under new management and looks better than ever! For those missing Sauders, Zooks Dry Goods is their sister store located across the street from the Country Store and carries almost all of the same fabrics as Sauders.

This year, the trip will be March 13-14. Don't forget to sign up at the January meeting. A check for \$160 will reserve your place. We hope you will join us!

**Jen Cannizzaro, Trips Coordinator**

### **Super Saturday** **February 28, 2015**

Mark your calendars for our annual Super Saturday event. This year's event will be February 28, 2015 from 9:30am-4pm.

Samples and Sign-ups will be available again at the January Guild Meeting. Register for a class for just \$25.00.

Enjoy a day of learning new ideas, techniques, and approaches from fellow guild members while having a day filled with fun and laughter. Lunch will be provided.

If you prefer, bring an existing project with you or volunteer to help with a guild project while you socialize. Whatever you choose, it will be a fun day to share.

The available classes for this year include:

- "Stuck Day"- Nancy Mirman. Bring any project you are struggling with and receive expert guidance and encouragement to help you finish.
- "English Paper Piecing"- Diane Linker. Learn the latest hand work trend.
- "Crazy Scrapping"- Susie Anderson. (Class also known as "Organized Fabric Hoarding".)
- "Trendsetter Bag"- Peggy Morgan. Pattern purchase required
- "Scrappy Quilt"- Patricia Loquet.
- "Ties or Silks in Quilts"- Mary Cannizzaro. Learn the preparation needed and a simple design and possibilities for a more complex design.
- "Machine Applique without Fusible"- Margaret Phillips
- "Double Diamond Ruler"- Carolyn Salon.
- "Landscape Fabric Collage"- Tamar Drucker

If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, please contact Kelly.

**Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator**  
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## Communications

### Remembering a former Guild Member

Sondra Shapiro died December 11 following complications from back surgery that she had in late October. Sondra was an early member of the Guild and belonged for about 20 years, until her health problems prevented her from attending meetings. She always had a wisecrack or joke on her lips and a smile on her face and a determination to make everyone else laugh. She struggled with illnesses most of her life and, in the last few years constant pain, but none of this curbed her sense of humor nor her genuine concern for others. She was a true friend. Her quilts were beautiful and she continued working on them until her hands shook too much; she said that she refused to make quilts that weren't up to her standards, that she would rather look at the ones that she had made before, the ones that filled her with pride. Until the end, she was a devoted and loving friend who will be missed by those of us who had the great luck to have known her.

Pinwheels and Friends is kicking off the new year with the new dates for their annual One Stop Shop Hop - the 3rd year; Friday and Saturday of Super Bowl Weekend: **January 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>** - the dates were carefully planned so that you can still watch the Game on Sunday. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in Mount Kisco so mark your calendars! For more details and class schedules go to their website: <http://www.pinwheelsandfriends.com/>

**Mark your Calendars—March 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> 2015**

Empire Quilters will host a members quilt show -"Under A New Star"

Dates: March 28<sup>th</sup> Sat. 10-5 and Sun. March 29<sup>th</sup> 10-4

Place: Fashion Institute of Technology, 7 Ave. & 28<sup>th</sup> St., NYC

Over 250 quilts exhibited  
Speakers—Raffle—Vendors—Boutique

Groups are welcome.

For more info: Go to [EmpireQuilters.net](http://EmpireQuilters.net) -under "Guild Shows"



Smithtown Quilters are having a show QE 16 on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 2015. The show "A Garden of Quilts" will take place at the Dawnwood Middle School, Centereach, NY. [Click here for the poster](#) with more information.



We would love to feature your current work on exhibit at a gallery or show or your latest accomplishment. Our newsletter is a great way to share your accomplishments. Please send any photos and information to [news@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com).

**Helen Boland, VP Communications**  
[News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com)

## Guild Challenge

**NSQG Challenge 2015: Simply Solids!**

Challenge quilts will be collected at the January meeting and displayed for voting at the February meeting.

**Barb Tatera, Challenge Coordinator**

## Area Shows & Events

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

"Kimono: A Modern History," now through January 24, 2015, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; City, <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

"Masterpieces and Curiosities: A Russian-American Quilt," now through February 1, 2015; The Jewish Museum, New York City; <http://thejewishmuseum.org>.

"Under A New Star," March 28, 2015 (10-5); March 29, 2015 (10-4); Empire Quilters' Guild; Fashion Institute of Technology, 7<sup>th</sup> Ave and 28<sup>th</sup> Street, New York, NY. <http://www.empirequilters.net/shows.php?ID=67>

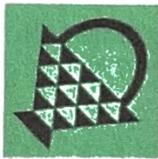
Quilt National 2013, now through January 31, 2015, Fredericksburg Area Museum and Cultural Center, Fredericksburg, VA; 540-371-3037; <http://www.famcc.org>.

"Flight Patterns," now through April 30, 2015, T-North Gallery, Hartfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport, Atlanta, GA; 404-377-2116; <http://www.atlanta-airport.com>.

"Fibrations!," now through Spring 2015, The Great Hall, Springfield, VT; 802-885-3061; <https://www.facebook.com/GreatHallSpringfield?filter=1>.

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