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### NSQG Newsletter - June 2013

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#### June 2013

Sat 1 Longarm SIG  
Wed 5 Comfort Quilts  
Sat 8 Landscape SIG  
Tue 11 Board Meeting  
Wed 12 Comfort Quilts  
Tue 18 Guild Meeting: Salad Supper  
Wed 19 Comfort Quilts  
Sat 22 The Sticklers SIG  
Wed 26 Comfort Quilts

#### July 2013

Wed 3 Comfort Quilts  
Sat 6 Longarm SIG  
Sat 6 Landscape SIG  
Wed 10 Comfort Quilts  
Sat 13 The Sticklers SIG  
Wed 17 Comfort Quilts  
Wed 24 Comfort Quilts  
Wed 31 Comfort Quilts

#### August 2013

Sat 3 Longarm SIG  
Sat 3 Landscape SIG  
Wed 7 Comfort Quilts  
Wed 14 Comfort Quilts  
Wed 21 Comfort Quilts  
Sat 24 The Sticklers SIG

#### September 2013

Sat 7 Longarm SIG  
Sat 7 Landscape SIG  
Tue 10 Board Meeting  
Tue 17 Guild Meeting: Carol A. Waugh  
Wed 18 Workshop: Carol A. Waugh  
Sat 21 The Sticklers SIG

## President's Message

It is hard to believe that our 2013 quilt show was already a month ago. Once again the momentum continued forward, building on the successes of so many previous great shows. A special thank you to **Diane Linker** and **Carol Sterk** and to each committee member, volunteer, and all of our members who in some way helped make our 2013 show yet another wonderfully successful show.



Deborah Bein, *Generation Gap*

We are now accepting new memberships and renewals for the 2013-14 Guild year. [Click here](#) to access the form. The form is available on our website (in the Membership section). (To make things easier, there's also a link on our home page.)

Please be sure to fill it out completely. Please select the areas in which you're interested in volunteering. What makes our Guild so wonderful is the many niches that make our large guild feel small. Building friendships within the Guild starts by becoming active in even the smallest way.

I know many quilters have that special tool or item that they wouldn't think of being without. This past fall **Peggy Morgan** introduced me to [Clover's Fork Pins](#). (Art No. 240, fine diameter 0.56) I love how they create perfect points and seam joints just by finger pressing a bit and pinning. I no longer shy away from  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{4}$  square triangles. They are truly magical and I think you'll be amazed. I also would like to congratulate our newly elected 2013-14 Board Members. Each will bring a new and greater dimension to our Guild. Please welcome them at our Salad Supper meeting





Claire Victor, *A Walk around the Block*

on June 18.

All the best,

**Patti Calautti, President**

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## Quilt Show

### Thank You!

We want to thank each and every one of you who contributed to making A World of Quilts XXXIV a successful show. You stepped up, registered your beautiful quilts and worked hard to finish before drop-off. You signed up for volunteer slots and then volunteered for even more hours. Our wonderful show committee could not have worked harder or been more supportive. They put in untold hours of work to ensure that the show ran smoothly, and as the plans for the show evolved, they were cheerful, flexible and unified. It was an amazing experience to watch the energy of the entire guild mobilized for achievement of a common goal.



Patricia Waill, *Thank you, Dear Jane*

The results of all this effort were also pretty amazing: we saw a significant increase in the number of paying guests, we



had nine buses on Saturday, the Silent Auction made even more money than last year, our show pins sold out, expenses came in significantly under budget and the show's net income was in excess of \$17,000. While that is a great number to see, the most important aspect of the show's success is that so many contributed in so many ways and, hopefully, we all enjoyed producing a really wonderful show.



Fern Nadel, *Cotton Club*

Of course, the main star of the quilt show was the display of quilts, enhanced by our brand new drapes produced in record time by **Mary Cannizzaro** and yet another group of volunteers. Our registered quilts included over 70 bed quilts, over 30 traditional wall quilts, over 90 art quilts and, last but not least, 5 Young Quilter quilts. Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners, including **Debbie Bein** and **Claire Victor**, who won the small and large "Best of Show" awards, respectively, and **Mary Cannizzaro**, who won "Viewer's Choice" and to our other blue ribbon winners: **Renée Fleuranges-Valdes**, **Don Gough**, **Fern Nadel**, **Norma Schlager**, **Diana Sharkey**, **Joyce Sullivan**, **Angela Vertucci** and **Pat Wail**.

Our Guild Challenge, SIG displays and Comfort Quilts display added more than another 100 quilts. Could there have been a more stunning display of quilts offering a greater diversity of styles? Our guild is living proof that inclusiveness makes a group stronger, more creative and more open to possibility. We applaud our special interest groups for mounting such beautiful displays showcasing their areas of interest, our Comfort Quilters for reminding us that "it's not just about us" and our Guild Challenge participants for proving, yet again, that out of difference comes unity.



Joyce Sullivan, *Deco Doodles*

We collected approximately 150 surveys from non-members who attended the show





Mary Cannizzaro. Log Cabin Spiral

in an effort to find out which of our publicity efforts are most effective. The survey results show that NSQG and its members were by far the best advertisers for the show. Our website and email blasts, our postcards and posters, and the efforts of members in spreading the word in person, by mail and electronically scored the highest number of points. We also have to thank our show vendors, local quilt shops, SAQA, the Katonah Museum of Art, the New England Quilt Museum and Meg

Cox for including news about the show in their online newsletters. This year so many ideas for new ways to publicize the show came from members. Please contact **Andrea Winter** with any suggestions for 2014.

**Diane Linker and Carol Sterk**

Vice Presidents, Quilt Show

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## Programs

At May's Guild meeting we enjoyed a slide lecture and fashion show from Lacey J. Hill. Lacey brought many jackets in different fabrics and styles and some of our guild members got to model them. Lacey also gave us many tips and tricks on how to choose the right style and get just the right fit.

### **Sign up now for Fall Classes!**

Sign-ups have started for September and October! Register for these classes, as well as November's workshop, at June's Salad Supper.



In September, Carol Ann Waugh will lead a workshop called "Stupendous Stitching." Based on Carol's new book (she's donated a copy to the Guild), the workshop will show you how machine and hand stitching, couching and the fancy stitches on your sewing machine will give you fabulous surface embellishment. Class suitable for all levels. [www.carolannwaugh.com](http://www.carolannwaugh.com)



Carol Ann Waugh. *Fireworks*



Laura Wasilowski

October brings Laura Wasilowski, an expert from the Chicago School of Fusing, with her wonderful hand-dyed fabrics and threads. Laura's class, "Zen Doodle Quilts" will show you how to transform your doodles into a fabulous fused quilt. A kit of drawing paper, hand-dyed fabric and thread (\$25) is required and can be purchased at the class. This class is suitable for all levels. [www.artfabrik.com](http://www.artfabrik.com)

Deb Karasik, author of "Quilt Mavens" and our November speaker, will offer a paper-piecing class. [www.quiltmavens.com](http://www.quiltmavens.com)

Please join your fellow guild members in enjoying one of the fun classes that are coming your way. Meet new people and have a great day! You can check out a teacher on their website, and take a look at their work and classes. If you cannot make the June Salad Supper, contact Barbara to add your name to the workshop list.



Deb Kerasik. *Aaron's Quilt*

**Barbara Sferra, VP Programs**  
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## Membership

We had a wonderful meeting in May with 126 members in attendance and four guests. Three of our four guests decided to join -- so we gained three new members.

The [2013-14 Membership Form](#) is available and has been posted online. Simply print and complete the form (including areas in which you'd like to volunteer) and bring it (and your \$35 check) to June's Salad Supper. (We'll also have forms at the Membership Table.)

In the event you cannot attend June's meeting, please send your registration to the following address:

**Northern Star Quilters' Guild**  
PO Box 232  
Somers, NY 10589-0232  
Attn: VP Membership

As in past years, if your paid membership is received prior to September's meeting date, you will be entered into a raffle. We'll have five \$25 gift certificates to local quilt shops, so renew your registration now to ensure you're eligible!

Hope to see you all at the Membership Table when we meet for our Salad Supper.

[Christine Ruggieri](#), VP Membership

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## Hospitality

A huge thank you to all those who helped with the Hospitality Table this year and especially to **Joan Citron**, who has been so faithful in helping with set-up and clean-up!





Joyce Sullivan, *Lily*

Now that June is upon us, we are looking forward to our Annual Salad Supper.

For this event, we ask each member to bring a salad to share (to serve 5-8 people) - - so break out your favorite recipes! Please remember to bring a serving spoon and a card with a list of ingredients. The Guild will provide beverages and dessert.

Please plan to arrive with your dish at 6 pm, in order to provide ample time for set-up. The meeting (and dinner) will commence at 6:30 pm.

[Helen Boland, Hospitality](#)

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## Guild Challenge 2014

### **Critters: Pest or Pet?**

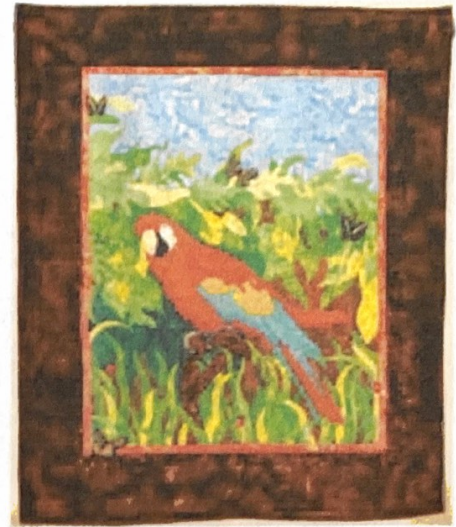
Choose a critter from the animal kingdom - feathered, furry, insect, reptile, amphibian... it's up to you.

Make a quilt using the following guidelines and choose a category that best describes your critter - Pest or Pet.

The Committee will award first, second, third and honorable mention ribbons in each of the two categories.

Guidelines:

- A minimum circumference is 48" and the maximum is 72"
- Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging
- Label the back with your name and email address or phone number
- The quilts will be collected at January's meeting and
- Displayed for voting at February's meeting



Renée Fleuranges-Valdes, *Jungle Island*

**Meg Moorar and Jane Eyes**, 2014 Challenge Co-Chairs

**Kelly Lockwood**, Special Events

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## Library

I would like to start by saying "thank you" to all the guild members who donated their books and magazines to the Library for the sale that we held during our Quilt Show. Thanks to you, we not only recycled those publications, but made nearly \$800 for the Guild! I also want to thank **Cathy Jankus, Laura Goldstein, Joan Weth, Judy Jones** and **Stephanie Santangelo** for their wonderful help throughout the sale.





Angela Vertucci, *Shooting Star*

There will be another sale of books, magazines and other quilt-related items during June's Salad Supper so it's not too late to continue sorting through your collections; you may bring your items for donation to the June meeting!

Last but not least, please remember to return any borrowed book, magazine or DVD to the Library in June. We will be conducting a full inventory over the summer and it is important that we have all items returned prior to that.

**Chris Roche** is a guild member who has volunteered at the Library table for many years and I would like to thank her for all of her assistance, especially throughout the two years that I have been Library Chair. Volunteers are what make our Guild work --so please consider becoming a volunteer on one of our many committees -- not just in May for the Quilt Show -- but throughout the year!

**Jackie Fowler**, Library Chair

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## Education

### News from our Special Interest Groups

The Landscape, Longarm, and Sticklers SIGs will continue to meet over the summer. The meeting dates are provided below, as well as on the "Special Interest

Group" page on our website.

### **Art Quilters** – Christine Wilhelm

In May Christine demonstrated her results from a natural dyeing session and several members signed up to do a postcard exchange. A Quilted Deck With Found Objects is moving forward - members who have not picked up their cards should contact [Deirdre Abbotts](#). The Art Quilters will not meet in June.



Donald Gough, *Solitude*

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

The Landscape Quilters will continue to meet over the summer: In addition to our meeting on June 8, we'll meet on July 6 from 1-3 pm, Aug 3 from 10-12 noon, and Sep 7 from 1-3 pm. Please contact [Don Gough](#) for further details or to be added to the distribution list.

### **Hand Appliqué Group** – Kathy Kaplan and Denise Isherwood

The Hand Appliqué group will not meet in June so that members can enjoy the Salad Supper.

### **Anything Goes** – Linda Ostrander

In May, Cheryl Kosarek showed the Anything Goes SIG how to cage a cabochon. We won't meet in June, but look forward to our Salad Supper instead.

### **Longarm Group** – Diane Linker

The Longarm quilters next meet at **Karen Carlson's** home on July 6. Next meeting dates are Aug 3 and Sep 7. Please contact [Diane Linker](#) for more details.

### **The Sticklers** - Carolyn Finn

Many, many thanks to **Nancy Cianflone**, whose installation of our Sticklers' Showcase was spectacular! Nancy prepared a soft charcoal drape, which set off our works beautifully, and engineered a way to hang everything using the classroom's resources. And did you see the signs she created? It was a wonderful exhibition of our work. Our Showcase next moves to the Briarcliff Manor Public Library, where it will be on view to the general public from June 19



through July 30.

Our next meeting is June 22 from 10-12 noon. We'll do show-and-tell of our Row A. We'll also consider options for another small exhibit at next year's show. Newcomers are always welcome...there's no fixed "sequence" and everyone works at her own pace. Please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) for more information.

**Meg Mooar**, VP Education

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## Charitable Activities

At May's meeting, we voted to support [Ability beyond Disability](#), nominated by **Mary Cannizzaro**, as the recipient of the proceeds from our 2014 Raffle Quilt.

At June's meeting, we'll present our check for the proceeds from 2013's quilt to the Pound Ridge Volunteer Fire Department. You'll also have an opportunity to see the completed our 2014 Raffle Quilt's completed top.



Norma Schlager and Kathy Loomis, *Brown Planet: A Collaboration*

The Comfort Quilters have moved to their summer location at Temple B'nai Yisrael in Armonk. (Click [here](#) for directions.) During the summer, they meet weekly on Wednesdays, from about 9:30 to 3:30. Just bring your sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, and lunch. Please contact [Karen Carlson](#) or [Carol Auer](#) for more information.

**Maureen Schulman**, Charitable Activities

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## Communications

As our Guild year draws to a close, I'm about to hand the reins over to **Helen Boland**, our incoming VP of Communications. Helen has been preparing and sending our monthly meeting reminders for the past several months. I know Helen will continue to do a wonderful job as she assumes the role and puts her own stamp on our Guild's communications.

One of my favorite parts of the role has been the opportunity to feature our members' work and share our successes with one another. Please continue to send your news items (and caption info) to Helen at [News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com). The Friday following our Guild meeting is the deadline for the following month's issue.

Best wishes to all for a restful and productive summer!

**Carolyn Finn**, VP Communications

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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 Sunshinel



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, April

**April Russell**, Secretary



## Members' Marketplace

### Call for Entries!

The New England Air Museum will host another special quilt exhibition in September. Quilts of any theme may be submitted. (This isn't a juried show, though there is a Viewers' Choice award.) Alternately, smaller quilts (max 144" perimeter) are welcome for the "Flights and Fantasies" challenge. Entries due August 17. Click [here](#) for details.

NSQG Contacts: **Don and Eunice Gough**



### Another Call for Entries!

Grand Central Terminal Centennial Quilt Challenge organized by *American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine* and The City Quilter in association with the NY Transit Museum and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority.

Create a small quilt (no larger than 36 x 36") to commemorate the centennial of this important historic landmark. 25% of the quilt's surface must include one of the City Quilter's exclusive Grand Central-themed fabrics (shown at right). Submissions due August 21. Click [here](#) for details.



NSQG Contact: **Carolyn Finn**



### A Quilter's Legacy

An upcoming exhibition and sale, "Stitching a Heritage and Legacy of Quilts," features quilts begun by the late Nancy Murphy. Ossining, NY: Mariandale Retreat Center. June 8-15.

Opening reception:	June 8	3 – 5 pm
Show exhibition and sale:	June 8	1 – 5 pm
	June 9	1 – 5 pm
	June 12	7 – 9 pm

NSQG Contacts: **Donna Brunell** and **Carole Burton**

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## Find us Here

The work of **Mayann Weinberg** is featured in a one-woman show in Greenwich. "Mayann Weinberg: Point of View" is on view at the Greenwich Art Society Gallery (on the second floor of Town Hall) from June 8 through July 3.

In addition, Tamar Drucker's "Letters from my Grandfather" was on view in Valdhoven, The Netherlands on May 4-5 as part of the Israel Art Association's traveling "Memories" exhibition.



Mayann Weinberg





Tamar Drucker,  
*Tamara, Today you are in the  
Laundromat*



Tamar Drucker, *Letters from my Grandfather*

Another of Tamar's works, "Tamara, Today you are in the Laundromat," was exhibited in April in Alsace, France in a Patchwork-Europe show.

## Congratulations!

*Please send your news items, including caption info and exhibition details,  
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## Area Shows and Events

"Local Color" - A traveling juried exhibition of fiber art celebrating the beauty and diversity of Connecticut. Danbury, CT: Ruth Haas Library at the Western Connecticut State University Campus. May 4 - June 13. Opening reception: May 4. [NSQG]

"Stitching a Heritage and Legacy of Quilts," features quilts begun by the late Nancy Murphy. Ossining, NY: Mariandale Retreat Center. June 8-15. [NSQG]

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

"Great American Quilts 1987 - 2004." Material Girls Quilt Guild. Leominster, MA: St. Leo's School Auditorium. June 28 - 29.

Vermont Quilt Festival. Essex Junction, VT: Champlain Valley Exposition. June 28-30.

"Silk! Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Quilts." Exhibition curated by Pam Weeks. Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. Through July 7.

"Mayann Weinberg: Point of View." Greenwich, CT: Greenwich Art Society Gallery (2nd Floor of Town Hall). Through July 13. [NSQG]

"Sticklers' Showcase." Quilts by the Sticklers SIG, a group from the Northern Star Quilters' Guild. Briarcliff, NY: Briarcliff Manor Public Library. June 19 - July 30.  
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"A Slice of Cheddar: A Selection of Antique Pennsylvania Quilts." Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. July 11 – October 6, 2013.

"Quilt Odyssey 2013." Hershey, PA: Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. July 25 - 28, 2013.

"My Escape." Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod: 32nd Annual Quilt Show. Harwich, MA: Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. August 1-3, 2013.

AQS Quilt Week. Grand Rapids, MI: DeVos Place Convention Center. August 14-17, 2013.

The World Quilt Show: New England XI. Manchester, NH: Radisson Center of New Hampshire. August 15-18, 2013.

"150th Anniversary of the Jane Stickle Quilt." Bennington, VT: Bennington Museum. August 31 - October 15, 2013.

"Flights and Fantasies." An Exhibition of Quilts at the New England Air Museum. Windsor Locks, CT: New England Air Museum. September 16 - 22, 2013. [NSQG]

"Workt by Hand: Hidden Labor and Historical Quilts." Brooklyn, NY: The Brooklyn



Museum. Through October 15.

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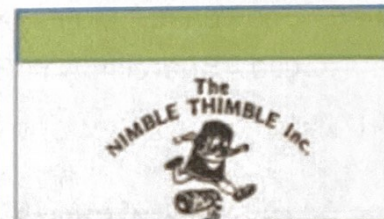
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