

## NSQG Newsletter - June 2014

### June 2014

Sat 7	Landscape SIG; Long Arm SIG
Tue 10	Board Meeting
Wed 11	Comfort Quilts
Sat 14	Sticklers SIG
Sat 14	Beginner Landscape SIG
Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Salad Supper
Wed 18	Comfort Quilts
Wed 25	Comfort Quilts

### August 2014

Sat 2	Long Arm SIG
Wed 6	Comfort Quilts
Sat 9	Both Landscape SIGs
Wed 13	Comfort Quilts
Wed 20	Comfort Quilts
Wed 27	Comfort Quilts

### July 2014

Wed 2	Comfort Quilts
Sat 5	Long Arm SIG
Wed 9	Comfort Quilts
Sat 12	Both Landscape SIGs
Wed 16	Comfort Quilts
Wed 23	Comfort Quilts
Wed 30	Comfort Quilts

### September 2014

Sat 6	Long Arm SIG
Tue 9	Board Meeting
Sat 13	Both Landscape SIGs
Tue 16	Guild Meeting: Mary Sorensen
Wed 17	Workshop: Dramatic Darks

## President's Message

What a beautiful Quilt Show the NSQG members presented this year!! Well done, everyone! You will read more about this in the Quilt Show section, but I needed to add my hurrah to all the others in acknowledging your efforts to achieve this success. We have done it again!

As we approach a long-anticipated summer and time-off from meetings, I hope you will sit down to contemplate your Quilt Challenge 2015 contribution. Isn't it fun to have so much time before the deadline? Have a great summer filled with quilting fun!!



Best of Show Large: Denise Isherwood

**Caryl Castellion, President**  
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# Quilt Show



Viewer's Choice: Mary Cannizzaro

We want to thank each one of you who contributed to making A World of Quilts XXXV a successful show. You registered your amazing quilts and worked hard to finish them before drop off. You signed up for volunteer slots and then volunteered for even more hours. The Show Committee couldn't have worked harder or been more supportive. So many of our Board members went above and beyond to help the show in so many ways, including Peggy Morgan (Treasurer), JoAnne Finnigan (Programs), Nancy Cianflone (Hospitality) and Helen Boland (Communications). It was wonderful to watch the whole guild come together to achieve our common goal.

The financial results this year were very good. Although we are still waiting for all of the expenses to come in, it is clear that we made a very healthy profit which is significantly more than the amount of profit targeted by this year's budget.

We had just over 200 registered quilts this year, including approximately 80 bed quilts, approximately 30 traditional wall quilts, over 90 art quilts and 5 quilts by Young Quilters.

Congratulations to all of our ribbon winners, including Donna Chambers (Best of Show Small), Denise Isherwood (Best of Show Large), Mary Cannizzaro (Viewer's Choice) and our other blue ribbon winners, Elizabeth O'Sullivan, Mary Waterman, Vivian Lewis, Claire Victor, Don Gough, Renee Fleuranges-Valdes, Joyce Sullivan, Genevieve Tracey and Karen Carlson.



by Don Gough



Our Guild Challenge, the Landscape SIG exhibit, the Comfort Quilts exhibit, the Ellen Purdy Memorial exhibit, the FANE exhibit and the Silent Auction display added more than 175 quilts. There couldn't have been a more amazing display of quilts representing a greater diversity of styles. The Northern Star show celebrates the artistry in quilts of all styles and proves that inclusiveness makes a group stronger, more creative and more open to possibility.

**Diane Linker and Jane Eyes, VPs Quilt Show**  
[QuiltShowChairs@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:QuiltShowChairs@Northernstarquilters.com)

# Programs

## **Looking forward to the Fall:**

### *Traditional Hand Applique Artist Mary Sorensen*

#### **September 16<sup>th</sup> – Lecture: “What Makes a Quilt Great!”**

This is Mary’s newest Lecture and was given for the first time in Paducah in April 2014

#### **September 17<sup>th</sup> – Workshop: Dramatic Darks**



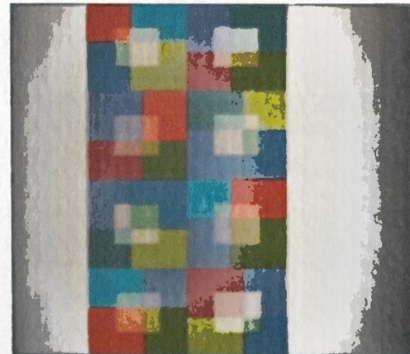
Nothing is more striking than hand appliqué done on a dark background. However, there are pitfalls and special considerations in planning and selecting fabrics for this unique look. Learn special techniques for transferring patterns to a dark background. We will work with color and fabric selection to achieve dramatic shading on darks. Advanced needleturn hand appliqué techniques will be demonstrated.

### *Modern Quilt Colorist – Christine Barnes*

#### **October 21<sup>st</sup> Lecture: “Magic Fabrics/Special Effects”**

#### **October 22<sup>nd</sup> Workshop: Transparent Squares**

Successful transparencies depend on value (the lightness or darkness of color) and intensity (the brightness or dullness). Shot cottons—fabrics that have different-colored warp and weft threads—have a shimmering quality that enhances the illusion of see-through color. Pattern fee \$8. Please disregard the reference on her website to a kit being available for this class as Christine no longer offers it. A supply list will be available at the June meeting.



**JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs**  
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# Education

## **SIG Updates:**

### **Landscape SIG**

The Landscape SIG will have a regular meeting on June 7th and a beginner meeting on June 14th. Both meetings will be from 10AM to Noon at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the second floor. They will continue meeting through the summer months (July 12 and August 9). Any questions, please contact Don Gough at [DGFLTS@aol.com](mailto:DGFLTS@aol.com).

### **Long Arm SIG**

The Long Arm Quilters will meet Jun 7, Jul 5, Aug 2, Sep 6, Oct 4, Nov 1, and Dec 6. The June 7th meeting will be at Marquita Rich's house. Please contact Diane Linker for more details. The group has planned to complete a summer project that will involve each person making the same quilt top, but quilting it differently. Hopefully these quilts will be shown by the group at the 2015 Quilt show.

### **Stickler's SIG**

The next meeting will be Saturday, June 14 — Flag Day! After that the next meeting will be in late August...probably 8/16, 8/23, or 8/30. Please contact Carolyn Fin at [carolyn\\_finn@yahoo.com](mailto:carolyn_finn@yahoo.com) if you want to be included in the notifications of future meetings.

### **Art Quilters SIG**

The Art Quilters do not meet in the summer, but will be working on their next SIG challenge "Under the Microscope!" See you all in September.

### **Domestic Machine Quilting (DMQ) SIG**

A big Thank You to Mary Cannizzaro who came to our May meeting and discussed free motion quilting with us. At the meeting, it was decided that we will make some quilt sandwiches and try out free motion quilting over the summer. Mary suggested using "830 easy pattern" which can be bought at JoAnn's. Pattern trace can be written on and then the design can be followed with the free motion on the sewing machine. Contact Helen Boland with any questions you may have.

There will not be a meeting in June so we can all enjoy the Salad Supper. Meetings will begin again in September before the Guild Meeting. Have a great summer exploring free motion quilting!!

Please contact Helen Boland ([news@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com)) if you would like to join our email list.

### **Modern Quilters**

This new group held their first planning meeting before the May meeting, and will likely continue to meet monthly before the guild meetings beginning in September. For inclusion in the mailing list, please contact Kim Hyde at [deadparrots@optonline.net](mailto:deadparrots@optonline.net).

**Jean Degl, VP Education**  
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# Hospitality

Thank you to all the members T - Z who brought treats last month.

Now that June has arrived, it's time for our Annual Salad Supper.

We ask each member to bring a salad which will serve 6-8 people.

So break out your favorite summer salad recipes!

Please bring a serving spoon and a card with the list of ingredients.

The Guild will provide beverages and dessert.

Please plan to arrive with your dish at 6 pm, to provide us ample time for setup. The meeting and dinner will begin at 6:30 pm.

**Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality**

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# Special Activities

## NSQG Challenge 2015

### Simply Solids!

#### Guidelines:

Quilts must be made using only solid fabrics and solid thread. You may use as many or as few colors as you like and any fiber content, for example cottons, silks and polyesters are acceptable as long as they are solid in color. No tone on tone, marbles, batiks or fabrics that "read as a solid".

Keeping in line with the "Simply" idea, any beads, paint or other embellishments are not acceptable but if you want to fashion a 3D embellishment from solid fabrics, go for it.

The minimum perimeter is 48" and the maximum is 72".

You can choose to enter your quilt in one of two categories:

**Traditional**—including traditionally pieced or appliquéd quilts.

**Contemporary**—including improvisational piecing, Art or Landscape quilts and modern quilts

Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging.

Label the back with your name and email address or phone number and the **category** in which you are entering the quilt.

You may make one quilt for each category for a total of two quilts.

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

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

Thank you to Barbara Tatera for coordinating this!

**Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities**

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# Charitable Activities

## Raffle Quilt Funds Recipient

**Ability Beyond Disability** thanks all the members who supported their organization by returning their raffle money and those who even sold extra tickets. They are enthusiastically looking forward to introducing new programs and reaching more folks.



Winner of Quilt:

Basket of Batik  
*from Happy Quilter*  
Basket of Notions  
*from Quilt Basket*

Bobbi Stanton

Cindy Powers

Donna Ubertalli  
(member)

## Comfort Quilts

During the summer months, starting on Wed. June 11th, Comfort Quilts meets every Wednesday at Bnai Yisrael Temple located at 2 Banksville Road, Armonk, NY. Contact Carol or Karen for details.

If you can make a donation of rulers, rotary cutters, used blades or mats to Comfort Quilt, please contact Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.



## 2016 Raffle Quilt

We are looking for a 2016 Raffle Quilt Coordinator. If you or a group of friends are interested in overseeing the construction of the raffle quilt for the 2016 charity, please contact Althea Nolan.

## ConKerr Cancer

The Westchester County Chapter asks for your support making pillowcases for patients at the Maria Fareri Children's hospital. Directions for making these pillows can be found on <http://www.conkerrcancer.org/volunteer/sew-pillowcases>. You can give completed pillowcases to Althea Nolan. Drop-off is also at Fabric Mart in Yorktown and Hartsdale Fabric in Hartsdale.

**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 Darensod, Secretary**  
[Sunshine@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:Sunshine@Northernstarquilters.com)

## Library

Well, here we are at the end of the Guild Year. This means, among other things, that all Library books and magazines are due at this month's meeting.

It also means that the annual Library sale is days away, and we can anticipate all the books and magazines and "etceteras" that will be for sale, at bargain prices. I will be at JFK from 5:00pm on the day of the meeting, so feel free to drop off any last minute donations any time after that. Carrying them in will give you added appetite for the Salad Supper.

My special thanks to those people who helped me at the Library table this year: Micki Tedeschi, Kathy Kaplan, Dee Rizzo and Joan Doggett.

See you at the SALE!!

**Dee Plouffé, Library Chair**  
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## Membership

Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships or joined NSQG this past year! We have 269 members, an increase of more than 20 members over last year!

It's not too early to think about registering for next year. The 2014-2015 Membership Registration form is now available on our website. [Click here](#) for a link to the form. Simply print and complete the form, and bring it with a \$35 check (or cash) to June's Salad Supper. We'll also have forms at the Membership Table.

Please take the time to fill out the form completely. Each year, we like to make sure that we have the correct contact information for you. Also, indicate areas where you would be interested in volunteering or

participating, so it can be passed on to the Committee Chairs. The Guild's strength comes from its amazing members and their willingness to help. We don't expect people to volunteer to help at each meeting, but if at least once during the year you can serve food at the hospitality table, hold up quilts during Sew & Tell, greet members when they come to a meeting, check out library books, or whatever, it will make the work easier for everyone

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 \$25 gift certificates to local quilt shops, so renew your registration now to ensure you're eligible!

**Susan Fasnacht, VP Membership**  
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## 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](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com).

**Benedicte Caneill's**, "Units 31: Rhythm in Lights" appears on p. 31 of the June/July 2014 issue of Quilters Newsletter. The photo is part of an article on "Material Witnesses," a traveling exhibit by the Manhattan Quilters Guild of New York.

**Call for Entries:** The Hammond Museum is currently seeking submissions for its Art Competition 2014. Entries must be received by June 20, 2014. Please [click here](#) for more information.

Vermont Quilt Festival: June 27-29, 2014. More information at [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org)

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# Area Shows & Events

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

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"Vermont Quilt Festival"; June 27-29, 2014; Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction, Vermont; [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org)

Peconic Quilt Show, June 7-8, 2014, Suffolk Community College, Riverhead, NY; <http://www.eliqg.com>.

"African Inspirations," now through June 14, 2014, ArtQuilt Gallery NYC, New York City; 212-807-9451; <http://www.artquiltgallerynyc.com>.

Classes at QBL (Dorothy Caldwell, "The Expressive Stitch," July 21-25, 2014; Karen Eckmeier, "Scrappy Log Cabin," July 14-15, and "Let's Make Waves," July 16-18, 2014), Syracuse, NY; 315-255-1553; [qbl@schweinfurthartcenter.org](mailto:qbl@schweinfurthartcenter.org); <http://www.quiltingbythelake.com>.

"Quilts and Color" The Pilgrim/Roy Collection; Boston Museum of Fine Arts; April 4-July 27, 2014 <http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions/quilts-and-color>

"Homefront & Battlefield: Quilts & Context in the Civil War"; New-York Historical Society; April 4-August 24, 2014 <http://www.nyhistory.org/exhibitions/homefront-battlefield-quilts-context-civil-war>

"William Morris: Textiles and Wallpaper," now through July 20, 2014, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

"Charles James: Beyond Fashion," now through August 10, 2014, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City, <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

"Blue Ridge Quilt Festival"; Blacksburg, VA from July 9 – 12, 2014 at Blacksburg Middle School, 3109 Prices Fork Road, Blacksburg, VA 24060. [www.brqfestival.com](http://www.brqfestival.com)

Greene County Quilts presents two shows:

\*The Piecemakers of Cairo Quilt Show, Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 10am to 4 pm at the Cairo Public Library, 15 Railroad Ave, Cairo, NY 12413. Admission is \$2.

[http://events.timesunion.com/cairo\\_ny/events/show/370007540-greene-county-quilts-the-piecemakers-of-cairo-quilt-guild-quilt-show](http://events.timesunion.com/cairo_ny/events/show/370007540-greene-county-quilts-the-piecemakers-of-cairo-quilt-guild-quilt-show)


\*The Patchworkers Show, Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 10am to 4pm and Sunday, August 10, 2014 from 10am to 2pm at the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, 5411 State Route 23, Windham, NY 12496. Admission \$3.

City Quilter's Grand Central Centennial Quilt Challenge Winners (includes work by **guild member**), now through July 7, 2014, Transit Museum gallery, New York City; 212-878-0106; <http://www.mta.info/museum>; <http://www.cityquilter.com>. [NSQG]

City Quilter: A Quilter's Visit to New York City, outlines various quilting events and places in the city to visit in the city. [Click here](#) to access the pdf file about this event.

New England Air Museum will be having the 3rd annual Quilt Show on September 22nd thru 28th. It will feature Sue Reich and Karen Eckmeier lectures, 150+ quilts, Vendors, demos, etc.

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