

NSQG Newsletter - March 2014

Quilt Show - Quilt Registration ends on March 31. Why wait? Register your quilts today!

March 2014

Sat 1	Longarm SIG ; Landscape SIG
Wed 5	Comfort Quilts
Sat 8	Sticklers SIG
Tue 11	Quilt Show Meeting; Board Meeting
Fri 14-Sat 15	Lancaster Trip
Tue 18	Guild Meeting: Natalya Aikens
Wed 19	Workshop: <i>Computer+Stitch=Art Quilt</i>
Wed 19	Comfort Quilts
Fri 21	Newsletter submissions due
Sat 22	Beginner Landscape SIG
Mon 31	Quilt Registration closes

April 2014

Wed 2	Comfort Quilts
Sat 5	Landscape SIG; Longarm SIG
Tue 8	Quilt Show Meeting; Board Meeting
Sat 12	Sticklers SIG; Beginner Landscape SIG
Wed 16	Comfort Quilts
Tue 22	Guild Meeting: Kathy Dunigan
Wed 23	Workshop: <i>Bloom Where You Are Planted</i>
Fri 25	Newsletter submissions due
Sat 26	Quilt drop-off: Kennedy Cath HS 12-4
Wed 30	Quilt Judging
Sat	May 3-4 Quilt Show

President's Message

"Whoever is praying for snow, please stop!" posted by the Ascension Lutheran Church in North Hills near Pittsburgh, PA stated my thoughts perfectly! We'll find a way to do it all (over time).

The snow was still covering the Kennedy Catholic High School property, driveways, parking lot, and ramp to the school at 1:15 p.m. on Tuesday. Our website deadline for the decision was 2:00 p.m. The NSQG Board decided not to risk the wellbeing of our members and their vehicles just to avoid cancelling another meeting. At 6:00 p.m. I was out on dry roads witnessing a beautiful sunset and thinking, "Oh, Nuts!" We will exhibit the Guild Challenge Quilts in the March meeting. The speed dating is being rescheduled and some of the demos will be carried over to another opportunity.

But, NOW WE NEED YOU to pick up your raffle tickets, sign up for workshops, sign up for volunteer Quilt Show hours, pick up your Member Directory, deliver non-perishable food items to the vans at the end of the ramp ... come on out on March 18th with your checkbook in hand to cover any costs incurred above. We hope that many of you will have taken advantage of the Super Saturday events and even taken care of these administrative details while at Kennedy Catholic on Super Saturday February 22nd. And, now: Here comes Spring!! Whew!

Congratulations and many thanks to Kelly Lockwood, Carol Mayefsky, Nancy Cianflone, the teachers, and many backstage workers on the very successful Super Saturday! Well done!!

Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

Programs



March: Natalya Aikens

Lecture: Tuesday, March 18
"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 19

\$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



April: Kathy Dunigan

Lecture: Tuesday, April 22
"Bloom Where You Are Planted"

Kathy (an Elly Sienkiewicz Academy instructor) explores her love of appliqué, especially Baltimore Album quilts, and the ever-changing journey of her years of quilting. The interactive and playful chat is punctuated by door prizes and freebies and lots of goodies to drool over.

Workshop: Wednesday, April 23

We are in for a treat with Baltimore Applique Artist Kathy Dunigan. Kathy has taught at Elly Sienkiewicz's Applique Academy. Please sign up for her Workshop Baltimore Basket which will take place on Wednesday April 22 at the Lake Lincolndale Club House.

Thank you to Joyce Sullivan and Maggie Kolvenbach who have volunteered to monitor the March and April programs!



JoAnne will have sign-up sheets available for the Monday, May 5th Workshop with Sue Nickels at the March meeting.



May 5 - Sue Nickels, Ann Arbor, MI - Machine Appliqué - Flower Basket \$50

Intermediate- 1 day

In this workshop learn how to appliqué using a quick raw edge fusible machine technique. Ashley's Flower Basket, the first pattern in a series of flower basket designs Sue created for JWD Publishing will be used in this workshop. Learn the fine points of machine appliqué including perfect points, neat curves and creative surface embellishments. This technique is the focus of the AQS book "Stitched Raw Edge Appliqué" co-authored by Sue and her sister, Pat Holly. Quality workmanship is the priority in this workshop!
Please note: for the one day version of this workshop students will be working on a small practice piece to learn how to do the techniques featured in this appliqué project. Students receive all the information needed to complete their Flower Basket Quilt, but we will only work on the practice piece in class. There will be a pattern fee of \$8.00 www.sue-nickels.com

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Education

Education News

Although Mother Nature sure seems to want to disrupt our Tuesday meetings, we will not be deterred! Speed Dating will be rescheduled for our June meeting/salad supper nights. So keep working on your scripts, and take the extra time to create your business cards or art samples to help introduce yourself to some new/old Guild members.

Some of the demonstrations we had planned will be given during the Quilt Show this year. Others may come back for next year's winter programs, we'll just have to wait and see. Sincere thanks to Pat Baker, Linda Ostrander, Kim Hyde, Peg Morgan, Susie Andersen, Susan Fasnacht, and Don Gough for volunteering to share their skills with us and for being so accommodating regarding all the rescheduling we have had to do.

Some Updates for Special Interest Groups:

The Sticklers:

The Sticklers will be meeting on the following dates: Sat, Mar 8; Sat, Apr 12; Sat, May 17; Sat, Jun 14. Please contact Carolyn Finn for more information or to be included on the e-mail list for future Sticklers meetings.

Art Quilt SIG:

The Art Quilters will be meeting, as usual, in the Library at 5:45 pm before the full Guild Meeting. The topic and demo for the next meeting will be Surface Design with Paint – feel free to bring examples of projects you've made or painting materials you love. Don't forget to bring your Sew and Tell and new members are always welcome!

Landscape SIG:

The Landscape SIG meeting dates will be: Feb 22nd beginners meeting 10am to noon; Mar 1st regular meeting 1pm to 3pm; Mar 22nd beginner meeting 1pm to 3pm; Apr 5th regular meeting 10am to noon; Apr 12th beginner meeting 10am to noon

Don will bring his scrap boxes to the next few meetings so everyone gets to pick up scraps for the scrap challenge that is making a small quilt of any design using only the scraps from my boxes except for foundation fabric or borders if wanted.

Longarm SIG:

The Longarm SIG meetings for the rest of the year are: March 1; April 5; May 10; June 7; July 5; August 2; September 6; October 4; November 1; December 6. Please contact Diane Linker if you have any questions.

POTENTIAL NEW SIGs

The following SIGs have been recommended by the guild members during this year's membership registration. If you are at all interested in joining any (or all) of these possible new groups, please e-mail Education@northernstarquilter.com, and I will put together an e-mail to those of you with similar interests. Hopefully we could put together at least one fact-finding/organizational meeting before the end of the Guild's year in June.

Domestic Machine Quilting

For Quilters who use, or want to learn how to use, their domestic sewing machines to quilt.

Technology in Quilting

For Quilters who use their computers to assist their quilt making. Blogging, Pinterest, Design Software, running an online business, etc.

Block of the Month

Would you like a new challenge each month? A BoM SIG could encourage members to try a new technique by sharing skills with each other.

Embroidery, Screen or Block Printing

These areas were suggested for SIGs, and although there is some overlap with the Art Quilters SIG, this could be an opportunity for guild members to focus on several specific art techniques in more depth.

Modern Quilts

Although we may not be sure of how to define a "Modern" quilt, all you have to do is look at the many periodicals on quilts to see one. A new SIG could let members discover together what it takes to interpret old patterns to a modern era.

Jean Degl, VP Education

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Quilt Show Update

With all the snow days and cancellations in February, we trust that everyone has had lots of time to finish quilts in progress and to design and get started on new ones. We can't wait to see what you have been up to.

The Quilt Show Committee members have been hard at work, Diane and I would like to acknowledge their work toward making the show on May 3-4 a pleasure for all members, show volunteers, vendors and guests.

Call for Quilts

The quilt registration form is up on the website; the process is easier than you might think. Please note that the deadline for registering your quilts is March 31, 2014. If you are having difficulty with quilt registration, please contact the quilt registrar, Carolyn Finn.

Volunteers – We Want You!

Of course, the other essential element for a successful show is you, the volunteers who make it all run smoothly. Please be sure to sign up to volunteer for at least three hours to help with one or more aspects of the show. If you haven't had a chance to sign up in person, contact Volunteer Chair, Carolyn Young to let her know when you can help.

Publicity

According to last year's survey, NSQG members were the best source of publicity for our show. Here's another way you can help this year – print copies of the show **poster** and display them anywhere you can: in your car and around your town (library, supermarket, post office, etc). The poster showcases our beautiful raffle quilt so it's sure to attract attention wherever it's displayed.

Here is the link: [print the quilt poster](#)

You can also print the poster from the NSQG website. Just click on "Quilt Show" and then "Print Show Poster". There will be show **postcards** available at the admissions table at the March guild meeting (we live in hope that the snow will be gone by then!), and early next month we'll again be sending members the show invitation e-mail that you can forward to your family and friends.

Thanks for all your help.

Andrea Winter – Publicity Chair

Silent Auction

Thank you to those who have generously donated quilts for the Silent Auction. We are hoping for about 30 quilts for each day of the Show. Please consider helping us reach our goal.

Guidelines:

25" x 25" maximum

Please include a label and a sleeve

Deliver your finished quilt to Carol Auer or Carolyn Langevin as soon as it is ready

Photos will be taken and posted on the web

Carolyn Langevin, Silent Auction Chair

Build a Block

The Build a Block Committee has enough supplies for this year's Build a Block quilts. The Build a Block booth provides an opportunity for guests to try their hand at sewing a simple block that will become part of a charity quilt.

Cathy Hopkins and Mary O'Mara Build-a-Block Committee

Diane Linker and Jane Eyes, VPs Quilt Show
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Hospitality

We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. It's been a long winter!!

Members providing refreshments for the meeting in March will be **P, Q, and R**.

Hopefully, the fourth time's a charm and we will be holding the "Holiday Food Drive" this month.

Please remember to bring non-perishables and gift cards to the meeting for donation.

Cars will be at the entrance ramp ready to accept your generous donations.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Charitable Activities

2014 Raffle Tickets

Support "Ability Beyond Disability" by picking up your raffle tickets and returning your stubs and money to Althea Nolan at our Guild meeting.

2015 Raffle Quilt - Charity Partner



We are pleased to announce that the proceeds from the 2015 raffle quilt will be donated to the sole nominee, **Community Cares**. This volunteer grass roots operation helps families struggling with cancer and other major illnesses in Northern Westchester and Putnam Counties. Their main goal is to support families in medical crises, specifically families with school-aged children.

Amy Sayegh started Community Cares in 2005. The outpouring of help she received when she was diagnosed with breast cancer inspired her to form an organization that likewise would help others. Community Care's mission is to help families manage normal daily routines while they are working on getting healthy again. They offer free household cleaning services, laundry wash-and-fold services, and family meals donated by local restaurants. This community-wide volunteer outreach program has only one part-time employee who answers phones and coordinates clients' services. This is done with one computer and a printer in a small office outfitted with donated desks and chairs.

Community Cares is there to help neighbors. They determine the needs of the family and reassess as their needs change. They have assisted families where the primary wage earner was so sick they needed to quit their jobs, and single moms who had to undergo chemo treatments. They have even obtained some pre-school scholarships to help with child care. They offer families peace of mind and some real grass-roots help.

All services are provided free of charge. Community Cares relies on the generosity of community donations, fundraisers, and the generosity of local businesses. Kathy Keane tells us that being the nominee for the 2015 Raffle Quilts means a great deal to this organization and will be of great financial help.

Amy is quite excited that a quilt is the grand prize for our raffle. "Auctioning off a beautiful quilt, made with loving hands for the benefit of others, is such a powerful gesture and meaningful to me and those we serve. Community Cares is like a warm quilt wrapped around you just knowing others care and are there to help in your darkest hour."

Comfort Quilts

Contact Carol Auer or Karen Carlson if you have fabric you would like to donate for making lap quilts.

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

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Library

Just a reminder- Please donate your used books and magazines for the Library Book Sale in May.

Book Reviews

"Happy Hour- Relax and Enjoy" by Atkinsons Designs

Quilt patterns using fat quarters for a few quilts in different sizes. The book includes a pattern for a tote and pillow. The book is less exciting than it seemed at first glance.

"Dyeing to Stitch" a DVD by Candy Glendening.

This is a great video. Candy is very organized and provides details while showing you how she dyes cotton fabric. Anyone who wants a simple process (low immersion dyeing) and a reliable way to dye fabric specific colors, will enjoy this video. She starts at the beginning- you don't have to know anything. She demonstrates many techniques for dyeing interesting fabric designs. She uses simple equipment. I felt Candy was so clear and informative, I have signed up for her online classes!

Thanks again for these Book Reviews. Please remember to jot a few notes and return the card provided in the book you borrow.

New Books

"The Ancient Art of Applique"- Patterns from the Tentmakers of Cairo

"Add-a-Line" Extreme Quilting Patterns by Janie Donaldson

"The Quilters Veggie Garden" by Bea Oglesby

"Quick and Easy Hexie Quilts" by Peggy G Rhoades & Julia C Wood

Please remember to return your overdue Library books.



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Membership

Once again, Membership Directories will be available at this month's meeting. Make sure you pick one up when you sign in for the meeting.

Membership Showcases will start again in April. The April showcase will feature work by Joyce Sullivan and Claire Oehler, who are working on a special exhibit. In May, Patricia Loquet and Cathie Billings will exhibit some of their fine quilts. Look for more details in upcoming newsletters.

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

Renee Fleuranges-Valdes along with other NSQG members - **Mary Anne Ciccotelli, Donna Chambers and Sandra Parrott** will be featured in a gallery exhibit, "The Art of Quilt Making, featuring quilts from the Pelham Quilters", at the DMA Art Gallery (www.dmagallery.com) in Pelham, NY. The exhibit will take place from March 6 through April 6, 2014. There will be an opening reception March 6th from 6-8 pm. The DMA Art Gallery is located at 153 Fifth Ave., Pelham, NY. The gallery is open Tuesday – Saturday from 12 PM to 7 PM and a New Authors Book Signing at the gallery on Saturday, March 8th from 2-6pm. There is a municipal parking lot on the corner.



Renee Fleuranges-Valdes quilt, "Paisley Visions", has been juried into two upcoming shows: AQS Lancaster and MQX East (April 9-12, 2014 in Manchester, New Hampshire).
Congratulations, Renee!!

The Grand Central Challenge winners have been published. You can see the winning quilts, including **Cheryl Kosarek's** honorable mention quilt "The Jewel of New York", on the [All People Quilt website](http://AllPeopleQuilt.com). The quilts will be exhibited from March 15 through July 6, in Grand Central with these hours: Monday – Friday, 8 am to 8 pm; Saturday & Sunday, 10 am to 6 pm. [Click Here](#) to find out more about A Quilter's Visit to NYC which includes places and events (including the Grand Central Exhibit) that celebrate quilts, quilting arts and fashion.

The Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association will hold their Touching Stars Quilt Show on April 26, 2014 from 10-5 and April 27, 2014 from 10-4 at North Kingstown High School; 150 Fairway Drive; North Kingstown, Rhode Island. There will be an auction of small quilts to benefit the New England Quilt Museum on Sunday, April 27th at 2 pm. You can find out more at www.nbqa.org.

The Long Island Quilters' Society plans a quilt show entitled "LIQS Around the World" which will take place at the Garden City Field House on Saturday, March 22, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday March 23, 2014 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. More information can be found at: http://www.liqs.org/quilt_shows.htm or emailing Info@LIQS.org.



Pinwheels and Friends of Mt. Kisco will be holding their second annual Greater New York One Stop Shop Hop on March 28 and 29, 2014 at the Holiday Inn in Mt. Kisco. [Click here](#) for more information and to download their poster.



The Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild will hold their quilt show on March 8-9, 2014, Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Blackstone Valley Technical School; 65 Pleasant Street (off Rt. 140); Upton, MA. Over 200 quilts will be on display along with a raffle quilt, silent auction, basket raffle, and vendors. Go to <http://www.thimblepleasures.org/> for more information.



Colonial Quilters Guild of Bethlehem, PA will hold their bi-annual quilt show "QuiltFest 2014" on Saturday, May 3, 2014 (10am-5pm) and Sunday, May 4, 2014 (10am-4pm) at the Charles Chrin Community Center, 4100 Green Pond Rd, Palmer Township, PA 18045. [Click here](#) for their poster with more information.



A new challenge from Quilters' Newsletter: Celebrate 45 Years of Quilting. The rules are posted on the Quilters' Newsletter website. [Click here](#) to find out more about this challenge. Deadline is June 30, 2014.

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2014 Guild Challenge

Critters: Pest or Pet?

Thanks to all who have entered a quilt in the NSQG Challenge, Critters: Pest or Pet. Because of your ingenuity and imagination we will have a wonderful display for viewing and voting at the March meeting.

We are still accepting quilts for the challenge. Either mail it to one of us or drop it off by 6:00 at the March meeting.

Meg Mooar and Jane Eyes, Challenge Coordinators

Special Activities

Super Saturday

Many Thanks!

To **Carol Mayefsky** for organizing another "SUPER" Saturday. The teachers, the food and snacks, the information and support throughout the day - as always you go above and beyond!

To Nancy Cianflone for keeping us fed and decorating the cafeteria so beautifully. Those button vases were too cute! Another great idea for our button collections.

To all our teachers- for your time and talents- what more can we say!

To the participants- for your interest, support and flexibility during the scheduling/sign-up process and throughout the day. The excitement was contagious.

If anyone is interested in teaching (or has a recommendation for a class or specific teacher) or would like to assist in any way next year, please contact Kelly Lockwood.

A note from Carol: *I would just like to thank everyone who participated in making Super Saturday an exceptionally fun and productive event. **Please remember to bring your works of art to the March meeting so we can share them with each other and the entire Guild at Show and Tell. Thanks so much!** -Carol Mayefsky*

Trips

We are looking forward to hearing about the AQS Lancaster Show trip at our March meeting (and the slightly new itinerary) and how many yards were bought and how many dollars were spent.

Thank you to Jennifer and Mary Cannizzaro for making this one of our favorite activities each year. Happy Tripping!!

Boutique

The annual quilt show boutique is scheduled for May 3 and May 4 in the JFK Library during show hours. The Boutique provides opportunity to purchase unique handmade items from fellow quilt guild members. Would you like to participate by selling some of your handmade items? If you are a NSQG member and have made all items you plan to sell, we welcome your participation. There is a \$25 dollar fee per table for vendors. You can share or have your own table. For more information and to sign-up please contact Stephanie Santangelo.

2015 Challenge

A big thank-you to Meg Mooar and Jane Eyes for being patient with Mother Nature and continuing to collect quilts for our 2014 challenge which will be hung and voted on at the March meeting. Thank you to all the participants. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's interpretation of the theme.

I hope you will be inspired to keep the momentum of the NSQG challenge going. If so, please consider submitting an idea for the 2015 challenge. Any guild member can submit a proposal, which should include: Idea, Challenge Name, Challenge rules, Categories for which ribbons will be awarded. Please submit your written or electronic proposals to Kelly Lockwood by April 30, 2014.

Next Steps:

Kelly will anonymously submit all challenge proposals to the board at the May Board meeting for vote. The author of the winning vote becomes the 2015 challenge coordinator. The coordinator gathers a committee to collect the challenge entries, display the quilts at the February guild meeting, count ballots, award ribbons, and hang the quilts the Friday night before the 2015 quilt show.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Proposals will be presented at the May board meeting, so please submit your idea (or ideas) prior to April 30.

The challenge will be presented to the membership no later than the June meeting so that quilters can begin designing and stitching over our summer break.

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

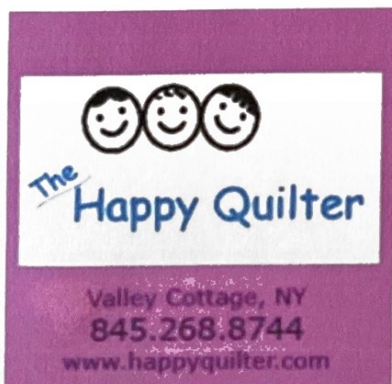
Area Shows & Events

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

[NSQG] = NSQG Member(s) represented

- *30 Quilts for 30 Years, now through March 11, 2014, National Quilt Museum, Paducah, KY; 270-442-8856; <http://www.quiltmuseum.org>.
- *"LIQS Around the World" Quilt Show, Long Island Quilters' Society, March 22, 2014 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and March 23, 2014 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Garden City Field House, 295 Stewart Ave, Garden City, NY. www.liqs.org/quilt_shows.htm or email Info@LIQS.org
- *"And Still We Rise," now through March 2014, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, OH; 513-333-7500; <http://freedomcenter.org>.
- *"Folk Couture: Fashion and Folk Art," now through April 23, 2014, American Folk Art Museum, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.
- *Quilts of Southwest Virginia, now through April 26, 2014, Virginia Quilt Museum; 540-433-3818; <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>.
- *"Janet Sikirica: Work in Wool and Silk," now through February 23, 2014, The Donald Gallery, Dobbs Ferry, NY; 914-693-0473; <http://www.southpres.org/thedonaldgallery.shtml>.
- *Hooked rugs by Marilyn Botjer, now through February 26, 2014, Croton Free Library, Croton-on-Hudson, NY; 914-271-6612; <http://www.crotonfreelibrary.org>.
- *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.

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