

NSQG Newsletter - March 2015

March 2015		April 2015	
Wed 4	Comfort Quilts	Wed 1	Comfort Quilts
Sat 7	Long Arm SIG; Landscape SIG	Sat 4	Landscape SIG
Tue 10	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Sat 11	Long Arm SIG
Fri-Sat 13-14	Lancaster Trip	Tue 14	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Michelle Scott	Tue 21	Guild Meeting: Nora McMeeking
Wed 18	Workshop: "Machine Quilting"	Wed 22	Workshop: "Oslo Star"
Wed 18	Comfort Quilts	Wed 22	Comfort Quilts
Fri 20	Newsletter submissions due	Fri 24	Newsletter submissions due
		Sat 25	Quilt Drop Off for Show

President's Message

Winter is almost on the way out. We made it without any cancellations of meetings, which enabled us to enjoy both Education Programs this year. It is good to see what our members have been doing and now are teaching. Many thanks to all who demonstrated! And to those who lead the Super Saturday classes!

March is the last month in which to register your quilt(s)! We want this year to be the best Quilt Show ever held at Kennedy Catholic High School. Please consider entering more than one quilt. You may choose whether or not you want your quilt(s) judged. We just want to hang a full display of beautiful quilts on May 2nd and May 3rd; our Quilt Registrar is eagerly awaiting your on-line registration form.

A full bus will be driving to the Lancaster Quilt Show again this year with our members doing their best to improve the economy by stopping at quilt shops along the way. Thank you, Kelly Lockwood and Jen Cannizzaro for making the trip such a fun annual event.

Two months to A World of Quilts XXXVI! Exciting!

Caryl Castellion, President
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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.

*****March 18th Workshop – Note this is a change from the previously scheduled workshop*****



Workshop: March 18

Machine Quilting 1.5 – A Little of This, A Little of That

Level: Beginner (6 hour class)

Machine Quilting 1.5 is the perfect fusion of a basic and advanced machine quilting class! If you have a little experience with free motion quilting, but would like to enhance your skills with some decorative threads such as rayon and metallics, this is the class for you. Take your machine quilting to the next level as you create your own interesting patterns without templates - learn those fabulous free motion "doodle" designs that you do not need to mark!! During this incredibly fun and creative class, we will experiment with a wide variety of beautiful decorative threads – even those tough ones that keep breaking in your machine! You will learn how easy it is to stitch exquisite threads from the bobbin of your sewing machine. We'll even machine couch designs with funky yarns!



APRIL:

Lecture: April 21 - Norah McMeeking

"Bella Bella Patchwork"

Norah 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 Oslo Star

Originally we were scheduled to have Norah teach Cosmati Rings, however, this has been discontinued so her workshop will instead be Oslo Star.

May 4th Workshop:
Becky Goldsmith



Tile Tango - This is from Becky's newest book "The Quilter's Practical Guide to Color" available Spring 2015

Needleturn hand applique is both fun and relaxing once you know to do it! You will learn how to sew an invisible stitch in this class for all skill levels. Other skill-building techniques include curves, outer points, and much more.

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Education

Thank You!

Many thanks to our Presenters at the January & February Special Programs and Demos! You can [click here](#) for a link to the hand-outs. The programs that have hand-outs will be highlighted in blue.

Mayann Weinberg - January Meet and Greet Program
Carolyn Salon - Magic Square Demo
Donna Chambers - Texture Magic
Linda Long - Thread Painting Leaves
Don Gough - ScanNcut Machine
Rosemary De Paola - Juice Pack Pouch
Mary Waterman - Freeform feathers with no marking
Patricia Loquet - Tea Bag Wallet

News from our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Please Note: At the March meeting, we will have a sign-up sheet where you can let us know what Special Interest Groups you are interested in for the Fall.

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

Art Quilters - Christine Wilhelm

The group meets at 5:45 p.m. before the Guild meetings in the Library. Be prepared to commit to doing our challenge "Under the Microscope", as we need an accurate account of participants. Please let Christine know if you are doing the challenge but will not be at the meeting. New members are always welcome.

Landscape Quilters - Don Gough

The next Landscape SIG meeting is March 7th from 1pm to 3pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the second floor. The April meeting will be April 4th.

Long Arm Group - Diane Linker

The next meeting of the Longarm SIG will be on March 7th at Angie Vertucci's home. The meeting on April 11th will be at Angie Contadino's home. There is no meeting in May because we will all be at the quilt show.

Domestic Machine Quilting

The Domestic Machine Quilting SIG will meet at 5:45 in the back of the cafeteria before the March Guild meeting. We will start the meeting by discussing quilting designs for any quilt that you bring. We will try

something new this meeting: a quilt round. I will explain this in an email to those who have signed up for the SIG. If anyone else wishes to be on the list, please email Helen.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education
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Quilt Show

Quilt Show Update

We are all tired of the snow, but I hope that you have taken advantage of the many days while stuck inside to work on your quilts. The Quilt Show Committee members have been hard at work getting ready for our final show at Kennedy Catholic High School – let's make it a show to remember!

Call for Quilts

The quilt registration form is up on the website; the process is easier than you might think. Please note the deadline for registering your quilts is March 31, 2015. If you are having difficulty with quilt registration, please contact the quilt registrar, Annette Nash-Govan.

Volunteers

A key element to the success of our show is the volunteers. The help provided by our members is what makes it all run smoothly. Please be sure to sign up to volunteer for at least three hours for one or more aspects of the show. If you won't have a chance to sign up in person, contact the Volunteer Chair,Carolynn Young to let her know when you can help.

Publicity

The best source of publicity for our show is you, a NSQG member. Here's a 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" near the bottom of the page. There will be show postcards available at the admissions table at the March guild meeting and early next month we'll again be sending members the show invitation e-mail that you can forward to your family and friends.

Don't forget you can also send personalized quilt show invitations to your friends. [Download the free app called Postagram](#) to your iPhone or Android phone. With this app, you'll be able to turn a photo of one of your quilts into a real snail-mail postcard with postage already included. Just take the picture with your phone, enter a message that includes the show information, select the recipient(s) and you're done.

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 and are only about halfway there. Please consider helping us reach our goal.

Guidelines:

25" x 25" maximum

Please include a label and a sleeve.

Deliver your finished quilt Carolyn Langevin or Kay Marcarello as soon as it is ready.

Photos have been taken and posted on the web – [see what's been submitted so far](#).

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
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Hospitality

Thank you to all the **M, N, & O's** for providing snacks in February.

Members with last names beginning with **P, Q, & R**, are encouraged to bring snacks to our next meeting. We will have hot water for tea during the winter months so bring your travel cup for a refill. Also, remember to pick up a free raffle ticket when you drop off your snack.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Membership

What a wonderful evening we shared on February 17. The Challenge quilts were so impressive and the tutorials given by our own members proved to be inspiring. We have such talented membership. Our attendance was 85 with 3 visiting guests. Thank you to Pat Julian for her assistance at the Membership Table.

NSQG offers outstanding classes and opportunities to enhance your skills and the chance to share your work at our annual quilt show. Please be sure to take advantage of all these benefits.

Patti Calautti, VP Membership
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Library

We had another busy month at the Library, over 50 books and magazines borrowed. Please remember to return your books at the March meeting. If you are unable to attend, have a friend return them for you.

Book Reviews

- "Quilting with a Modern Slant" by Rachel May
Now it all makes sense! This is an inspirational book that brings clarity to understanding the evolution of the Modern Quilt movement and the influence of blogs and social media on the aesthetic. In addition to inspiring designs and dazzling color combinations, introductions to more than 70 modern quilters helps one understand more about the origins of modern quilting and its continuing evolution. An engaging look into the minds and work of a new generation of quilters.

Thank you for this wonderful review. Please take a minute and write a review on the card provided in any new book you borrow.

New Books

- "A Quilting Life" by Sherri Mc Connell
- "Red, White and Quilted" by Linda Baxter Lasco
- "Lovely Landscape Quilts" by Cathy Geier

New DVD

- "Modern Machine Quilting" by Catherine Redford

New Magazines

- Where Women Create Feb/ Mar/ April 2015
- Modern Quilts Unlimited Winter
- American Quilter Mar. 2015

Remember to donate your gently used books and magazines for our Library Book sale in May. See you at the meeting.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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Sunshine

Gifts for Our President

As we approach a NSQG President's final term of office, it is traditional for the Guild Membership to contribute towards a gift in thanksgiving for service. Caryl Castellion's favorite color scheme is Autumn(in batik fabrics): olive greens, rusty browns, dusty yellows and all tones of peach. Members are asked to bring fat quarter batik fabrics to the March-May meetings ; a labeled gift basket will be available at the Membership table for your convenience. Thank you for celebrating the gift of Caryl's dedication to our Guild!

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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Charitable Activities

2016 Shot Thru 'N Thru Raffle Quilt

Donations of **6 yards of #8 Perle Cotton Solid Only thread** is needed to complete quilting the 2016 raffle quilt. Any color is fine but not variegated. If you can contribute, Althea Nolan will be collecting the thread at our next Guild meeting.



Community Cares

The guild is counting on each member to help raise money for this year's charity recipient. We urge you to support **Community Cares** by returning your 2015 Raffle stubs and money to Althea Nolan or mail to the guild. Additional raffle tickets are available if you are able to give further support to this worthwhile charity.

2016 Raffle Quilt Charity

The last day for submitting nominations for the 2016 charity is March 17, 2015. Guidelines and forms to register your nomination are just a link away - [Registration forms](#)

Comfort Quilts

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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Special Activities

Lancaster Trip

March 13-14, 2015

The bus is full and NSQG members are heading to Lancaster!

Can't wait to hear how the AQS show, hotel, and dinner were! (Oh, and of course the shopping!)

Thank you Jennifer and Mary Cannizzaro for planning and coordinating another fun quilty weekend!

Super Saturday

What a great "Super Saturday"! Seventy members took advantage of the wonderful classes offered.

Many Thanks:

- To Mother Nature- for allowing us to get together safely and enjoy the beautiful sunshine glittering off the snow.
- To Nancy Cianflone- for once again providing an amazing day of hospitality. From start to finish everyone's needs were met.
- To Sr. Barbara and the Kennedy Catholic Staff- for helping throughout the day with all the logistics.
- To All our teachers- Margaret Phillips, Patricia Loquet, Susie Anderson, Peggy Morgan, and Mary Cannizzaro- your time and talents are a gift.
- To the Participants- your interest, support, comradery, willingness to share and flexibility throughout the scheduling, sign-up process and throughout the day was contagious.
- Please bring your projects to our next show and tell, we look forward to sharing them with you and the guild.

If anyone is interested in teaching, has an idea for a class or technique, or an interest in helping to organize Super Saturday 2016, please contact Kelly Lockwood.

Challenge

What amazing participation we had for our 2015 NSQG challenge!!

Many members participated in the challenge which invited participants to create a quilt using only solids. Both the traditional and art quilt entries were amazing and creative in every aspect.

Congratulations to all the winners and thank you to all the participants.

Thank you so much to all of the guild members that participated in the 2015 Challenge "Simply Solids". The display of over 30 quilts showed off the exceptional creativity that this guild has. The variety of quilts was amazing, which made choosing only one to vote for in each category a difficult task.

Winners in the Traditional Category:

1st place--Joyce Sullivan "Amish Influence"
2nd place--Nancy Mirman untitled
3rd place--Barbara Powers untitled
Honorable Mention--Kelly Lockwood "Sea Glass Star"



Winners in the Contemporary Category:

1st place--Tamar Drucker "The Boat"
2nd place--Laurie Quadagno "Stary, Stary Night"
3rd place--Joyce Sullivan--"Not so Simple Solids"
Honorable Mention--Barb Tatera "Totally Texture"

Thank you also to **Barb Tatera and Patricia Loquet** for coordinating the event this year and hanging the great display.

2016 Guild Challenge

I hope you were inspired to keep the momentum of the Guild Challenge flowing. If so, please consider submitting an idea for the **2016 NSQG Challenge**. Any guild member can submit a proposal, which should include:

- Your idea
- Challenge Name
- Challenge Rules
- Categories for which ribbons will be awarded.

Please submit your ideas to Kelly Lockwood- either electronically or on paper before April 30, 2015.

Kelly will present all Challenge proposals (anonymously) to the Board for a vote, the author of the winning idea becomes the 2016 Challenge Coordinator, the Coordinator gathers a committee to collect the challenge entries, display the quilts at the February 2016 meeting, count ballots, award ribbons, and hang quilts Friday evening before the NSQG show in May 2016.

Please contact me if you have any questions. Proposals will be presented at the May NSQG Board Meeting, so submit your idea (or ideas) before April 30.

The Challenge will be announced no later than the June meeting so that quilters can begin their designing and stitching over our summer break.

NSQG Boutique

The annual Quilt Show Boutique is scheduled for May 2 and May 3 during our annual NSQG Quilt 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.

Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator
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Communications

The Gallery at the Mahopac Library will be the site of an exhibit and sale by **Mirman and Mirman** – Nancy Mirman's art quilts and Ken Mirman's photographs. There will be an opening reception on March 1 from 2 to 4, and the works will be on display for the month of March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hudson River Valley Art Workshop is featuring several art-quilt teachers in the next few months. Some of the teachers are Natalya Aikens, Susan Coates Perez, Ruth Powers – to mention a few. [Click here](#) for more information.

Flights and Fantasies Quilt Show "Ticket to Ride" will take place once again this year at The New England Air Museum on September 21-27, 2015 from 10 am – 5 pm. The exhibit features over 150 quilts as well as a special exhibit of Mary Wilson Kerr's "Quilt As Desired". On Saturday, Marie Bostwick, author of several quilt related fiction books, will give a lecture. For more information, contact Jackie Kunkell, Jackie@cvquiltworks.com. Or visit the Museum's website www.neam.org.

Rene Flouranges-Valdez was featured in a solo exhibit at Etui Fiber Arts. Rene would like to thank all of the NSQG members who were there to support her during the show.



Donna Chambers, who was featured in our members showcase in January, debuts in "Images in Fabric" which opens in April at [Etui Fiber Arts](#). Her work "Yemaya Goddess of the Sea" won Northern Star Quilters' 2014 Best in Show ribbon from the National Quilt Association. A special toast to the artist is planned for April 11th. Etui is located at 2106 Boston Post Road, Larchmont, NY 10538. 914-341-1426



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.

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Area Shows & Events

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

"Under A New Star," March 28, 2015 (10-5); March 29, 2015 (10-4); Empire Quilters' Guild; Fashion Institute of Technology, 7th Ave and 28th Street, New York, NY. <http://www.empirequilters.net/shows.php?ID=67>
Discount tickets for groups of 5 or more! Contact EQgroupsales@gmail.com no later than March 18 to arrange group entry to the show.

"A Garden of Quilts", Smithtown Quilters; April 11- 12, 2015, Dawnwood Middle School, Centereach, NY
<http://www.northernstarquilters.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/poster.pdf>

"Country Quilter Spring Getaway"; Interlocken Inn, Lakeville, CT; April 17-19, 2015; Call Nancy Mirman for information.

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

"Genesee Valley Quilt Fest", June 5 – 7, 2015; Gordon Field House, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY. Over 600 quilts on display. <http://www.geneseevalleyquiltfest.com/>

"Super Quilt Seminar" featuring Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson; Newark, DE; April 16-18, 2015.
<http://thequiltshow.com/daily-blog/101-ricky/23209-super-seminar-newark-delaware>

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