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President's Message

It's Show Time!

Hello Everyone,

I am so excited about our show! It's only days away and the weather looks to be mild and sunny. I have been thrilled with your participation throughout the past year. Your participation has resulted in a wonderful showcase of talent for our guests to see.

Also, remember to mark your calendar to visit Katonah Museum of Art on May 18. This is the final "Free to NSQG Members" day. Thank you for sharing your talents with the Katonah Museum and providing many beautiful Small Works, now officially known as "Tiny Quilts."

I missed seeing everyone at April's meeting but look forward to catching up at our Annual Meeting on May 21. Please take a moment to read the bios of the nominees for our 2013-14 Board.

We look forward to our Salad Supper on June 18. Please plan to join us as we welcome summer, meet our newly elected Board, and present our Raffle Quilt proceeds to the Pound Ridge Volunteer Fire Department.

It's Show Time!

Patti Calautti, President

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Quilt Show

It's hard to believe that the show is only a few days away. All of you have contributed so much to the effort behind the show and, seeing all the work that has been done and the careful planning by so many members of the Show Committee and their volunteers, we're feeling sure that this show will join the long line of successful NSQG shows.

After seeing all the quilts “in the flesh” at Drop-off on Saturday, we know that the quilt display will do justice to the varied talents of all of our members. In the gym, we have approximately 200 registered quilts by 120 different quiltmakers. We have great speakers lined up and their quilts will be on display in the gym as well.

As you all know by now, we had a bumper crop of quilts and we have had to move a few of our most special quilts to other spots in the building because the gym was overflowing. Please be sure to visit the cafeteria to see the Guild Challenge, quilts by our five Young Quilters, Comfort Quilts, the Silent Auction and Build-a-Block.



Teresa Barkley, *Corn Belt*

Be sure not to miss Rooms 113 and 114 where you will find our fabulous SIG displays and the ever-amazing FANE exhibit. The Challenge, as we all know, produced a multitude of lovely quilts. Silent Auction has garnered beautiful pieces from so many, thanks to your generous spirits and the diligence of the people running the Silent Auction. The SIG displays will knock your socks off!

The show has been publicized widely and we have nine buses coming! All of the behind-the-scenes preparations are being finished as we write this article. We are so grateful to all of you for your help, your advice and your willingness to step up and chip in.

So, now, all that remains is to show up for your volunteer slots on show weekend and enjoy the show!

Diane Linker and Carol Sterk

Vice Presidents, Quilt Show

QuiltShowChairs@Northernstarquilters.com

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Quilt Show Schedule

Saturday, May 4

- 9 am Early admission for NSQG members only
- 10 am Doors open to All
- 10:25 am Demo by Jan Douglas, of Jan Douglas Design, "Simple Machine Appliqué Curves for Heirloom Quilts"
- 11 am Teresa Barkley lecture in Auditorium
- 1 pm Teresa Barkley gallery talk in Gymnasium
- 2 pm Joe Cunningham presentation in Auditorium
- 3:15 pm Demo by Maria Tamaoka, of Pinwheels, "Vilene: The Wonder Fusible"
- 3:45 pm Silent Auction closes for the day
- 4 pm Viewers' Choice voting closes
- 5 pm Show Closes

Sunday, May 5

- 10 am Doors open to All
- 10:20 am Demo by Wilma Cogliantry, of CLQuilters, "Working together with Longarm Quilters: Borders and Backings"
- 11 am Joe Cunningham presentation in Auditorium
- 1:15 pm Demo by Rick Sutton, of Color Design 1, "Color Design for the iPad and iPhone"
- 3:15 pm Raffle Drawing in Auditorium
- 3:45 pm Silent Auction closes
- 4 pm Show closes; Quilt exhibitors should report to the Cafeteria to reclaim their quilts

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Notice of Annual Meeting

Official Notice of the NSQG Annual Meeting:

The NSQG General Meeting will be held May 21, 2013 at 7 pm
JFK High School Cafeteria. Route 138, Somers, NY 10589

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Board Nominees

The Guild Membership will elect the 2013-14 Board of Directors at our Annual Meeting on May 21. The Nominees' statements follow:

Caryl Castellion - President

After joining NSQG in 2000, I was taken in by the Comfort Quilters where I learned much while beginning deep friendships. An off-shoot of CQ was formed with eleven other quilters and inspiration came from these women as we shared our work and our walks through life. Many of these years have been spent on the Quilt Show Committee which has been a huge source of fun mixed with challenges, the most rewarding as NSQG VP - Quilt Show of 2011 and 2012. Heading the raffle quilt "Gloriosa" effort of 2010 was exciting as the quilt was made by the members and won by a member.

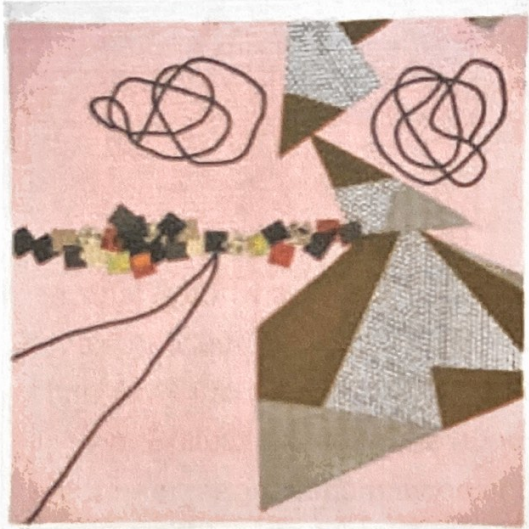
I look forward to serving as NSQG President following Patti Calautti's amazing leadership. There has been such growth in the offerings of SIGs, the association with the Katonah Art Museum, as well as the housekeeping chores of replacing the leaking storage unit and gaining new fabric drapes to hold the many quilts exhibited each year. It will be fun to see what the future has in store for Northern Star Quilters' Guild and its many members willing to reach out to assist in the excitement and growth of the Guild.

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Melanie Burns Darensod – Secretary

A local country girl with grandsons who are my family's fifth generation in Somers, I was born into a loving, creative family involved in the NYC garment industry. Design sketches, a factory Singer with a fancy trestle, scissors of every size, and tall closets filled with fabric stash were all part of Grandma's basement wonderland.

Grandma patiently taught me handwork as a young child and later dressmaking skills. I never owned store-bought clothes until I became the teen who wanted to be more like others. My favorite memory is when Mom and I continued the family tradition of creating wedding gowns for both my daughters.



Joe Cunningham, *My Vanishing Point*

When I retired after 30 years of teaching, volunteer work and helping with the grandchildren was enjoyable but did not satisfy my creative needs. Then my neighbor brought me to the January 2000 NSQG meeting and my world has never been the same since. I have explored fancy handwork and art quilts, but my heart always draws me back to traditional designs. I piece with my older Bernina and do all my free motion quilting with variegated thread on my heavy duty Janome.

So many quilters have generously shared their time, talents and treasure with me and my philosophy has always been to “pay it forward.” Over the years I have served in various ways: greeting new members and giving tours of the meeting room, Board Secretary, Show Committee, Nominating Committee, demonstrations, Kids Can Quilt and stepping in when extra hands are needed. And so it was very natural to answer yes to a quilter friend when asked to serve the Northern Star Quilters’ Guild which has enriched my life in so many ways.

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Peggy Morgan - Treasurer

I joined the Guild in late 2009 knowing only the basics of the quilting process. Since then I have taken classes that have greatly improved my abilities and knowledge. Through the guild offerings I have tried areas of quilting that I never thought I would or could do and have found them all enjoyable and enriching, opening up new prospects for my quilting future.

Serving as your Treasurer over the past year, I have learnt so much about how our Guild functions. Learning some of its history, how, over the years so many wonderful members have contributed their time and talent to bring us to where we are today, and its goals for a strong, well organized, viable future that will benefit all members no matter what their individual quilting preferences are. I would like to continue to contribute to these goals from a financial aspect and am honored to be nominated to serve a second term as Treasurer.

Some of my goals for this coming year are to update Quick Books with membership data, coordinating with the membership records; completing an inventory of Guild assets (and maintaining it in Quick Books) and writing up a business procedure handbook for future treasurers to follow. I will continue to maintain financially accurate records and follow sound accounting practices. Building on the foundations established by my predecessors I will strive to improve the accounting process wherever needed.

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Susan Fasnacht – Membership

My sewing “career” started when I was around 9, hand-sewing clothes for my Barbie doll. I then progressed, from initially sewing simple skirts on a Singer Featherweight all the way through making tailored suits for work. My mom, who was a member of NSQG in the 1980’s, not only taught me how to sew, but also got me interested in quilting. The first bed quilt she ever made was for me. Although I had made a few quilts over the past 30 years, I really didn’t become serious until a few years ago when I retired. Naturally, when I was looking for a guild to join, NSQG was the one.

Since joining the Guild in 2010, I have enjoyed taking classes, listening to the lectures, and picking up tips from fellow Guild members. I have been a member of the Appliqué SIG the past two years and joined Comfort Quilts just over a year ago. This past year I coordinated the sewing of the 2013 Raffle Quilt. Along with **Kay Marcarello**, I am heading up the committee that will set up and take down the frames for the 2013 Quilt show.

I look forward to serving as VP of Membership as an opportunity to become more involved in the Guild and to meet more members. My organizational skills and computer knowledge will be put to good use in this position.

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Helen Boland – Communications

I am honored to be nominated as VP of Communications and look forward to serving the Guild in this capacity. I hope to involve more members in the process so that all of us will be informed of the many exciting activities that our guild provides. Technology provides us with so many ways to communicate with each other and I

hope to continue the excellent work of my predecessors in this area.

A little about me: I began sewing at age 8 making dolls' clothes and graduated to making my own clothes at age 10. My mother taught me the basics and I taught myself the rest. In high school, I won first prize for a suit I made. My interests ranged from machine sewing to all sorts of handwork – cross stitch, needlepoint and crewel work.

I didn't begin quilting until around 1975 when I put together what I would now call a comforter for my daughter with a very large Sun Bonnet Sue on it. I stumbled upon a quilt show on vacation one year and was pretty much hooked after that. Mostly, I taught myself to quilt and took a class or two at the Country Quilter.

I joined the Guild in 2009 and have enjoyed being a part of such an inspiring group. I served as photographer for the newsletter the following year and this year as Hospitality Chair. I have also given time to make Comfort Quilts. Last year, I was thrilled to be a part of piecing the raffle quilt with other members. Helping to make the new drapes for the Quilt Show was another way I felt I supported to the Guild for all the wonderful opportunities it has given me.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the Guild as VP of Communications.

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Julie Parrish - VP, Programs

I have moved back to the Northeast after serving twelve long years in Florida, where I was a member of Gold Coast Quilters' Guild in Boca Raton. I have knitted for years and my son had fifty Kaffe Fassett sweaters before he was born.

In 2003, I kept passing a quilt store on my way to Pilates class and finally signed up for a beginner's class. While in the shop, my eyes landed on a bolt of fabric that was filled with whimsy and color and found out that Kaffe Fassett was designing textiles. That sealed the deal and I have been obsessed with quilting ever since.

I do not own a sewing machine and all of my quilts are pieced by hand. Many say that I am a throwback to simpler times, but I feel that Luddite quilting is the way to go. I have worked on projects while in trains, planes, automobiles, and movie theaters.

I look forward to serving Northern Star Quilters' Guild as VP, Programs and look forward to hearing from our membership regarding your preferences for lectures and workshops.

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Jean Degl - Vice President, Education

I got interested in sewing in the mid 1970's, specifically to make children's clothing with the "new" Stretch n' Sew patterns that were available. I had small children then, and wanted to make their play clothes.

My interest in quilting began on a business trip to Minneapolis. Needing something to read in off-work hours, I browsed in a bookstore and was drawn to *Polly Prindle's Book of American Patchwork Quilts* by Alice Gammell. This paperback version had about 8 pages of color pictures of completed quilts and 50 different quilt blocks in black and white. For each block there was a diagram of the block, a bit of description of what it symbolized and some suggestions of the colors that could be used. There were also template outlines to copy and piecing directions. I made my first 3 or 4 quilts from this book, and then began the predictable round of classes, buying fabrics, books and magazines.

I knew about the Guild back in the 1980's, but full-time work and youngsters kept me occupied. I finally joined the Guild several years ago. While I knew a lot of faces from retreats and classes, it wasn't until I joined Comfort Quilts and some of the Special Interest Groups that I got to know, appreciate and learn from our wonderfully talented members we have.

As VP, Education I want to continue the work of my predecessors, encouraging participation in Special Interest Groups and intra-guild classes as a way to form closer connections and friendships within the quilting community.

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Jane Eyes – Co-Vice President, Quilt Show

I have been quilting since the days of cardboard templates and the new-found popularity of quilting generated by the Bicentennial in 1976. Currently, I enjoy designing contemporary wall quilts and the occasional baby quilt. I have been a

member of Northern Star since 2005 and have served on the Board as Secretary and Vice President, Education.

I am continually amazed and delighted by the incredible work on display at the Northern Star Quilt Show each spring and eager to work with the ever competent members of the Quilt Show team.

When not in my quilt studio, I am an active member of the Westport Garden Club, and tutor under-educated women at the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport.

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Diane Linker – Co-Vice President, Quilt Show

I joined the Guild in September 2007. I have learned most of what I know about quilting from Guild programs. Participating in the Special Interest Groups and spending time at Comfort Quilts has added greatly to my enjoyment of the Guild and has taught me much about the generosity of spirit of so many of our members.

In recent years, I have served as the Guild's Vice President - Membership and Vice President - Education, as well Quilt Registrar for the NSQG Quilt Show. This year, I share the position of Vice President - Quilt Show with **Carol Sterk**.

I am honored to be nominated to be the Vice President – Quilt Show for a second year and consider myself very fortunate to be sharing the position with **Jane Eyes**. Each year the Quilt Show changes and evolves, but it is always the sum total of all the efforts put forth not just in the prior year, but for many years running. It is a privilege to continue in that tradition and to be given the opportunity of working with Jane and the rest of the Quilt Show Committee to make the Quilt Show, once again, a highlight of the Guild year.

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Programs

April was One Block Wonder month and we had a wonderful lecture from Maxine Rosenthal, full of funny stories and her beautiful quilts. Maxine also led a wonderful workshop where amazing hexagons appeared on everyone's design wall!

Get ready for exceptional lectures at the Quilt Show! On Saturday at 11, Teresa Barkley will give a special talk - explaining how she combines her work as a pattern cutter, her family and her quilting into one cohesive life. And Teresa's Gallery Talk at 1 pm in the gym with her Special Exhibit quilts is sure to be special.

We're in for a musical treat at 2 pm on Saturday when Joe Cunningham performs his original show, "Joe the Quilter." On Sunday at 11 am, Joe will show and tell how and why he has made some of his new, original quilts in his presentation, "How to Have Fun." Both sessions will include a trunk show of Joe's special, contemporary quilts.



Joe Cunningham, *Straw into Gold*

Joe's workshop (Mon, May 6) still has a few openings. "Rock the Block: Album Style" will give you a whole new approach to quilting – learn how to design your own blocks. It's easy and fun -- not to mention creative! This workshop is suitable for all levels. <http://www.joethequilter.com>

I'll be at both of Joe's lectures, and if he inspires you to take the workshop, sign up right there after the presentation! I'll even have the simple supply list available.

May's Guild Meeting - Tue, May 21

Our last speaker of the year will present a fashion show of beautiful jackets. Lacey J. Hill's specialty is art to wear. She will emphasize how cut and drape makes a jacket special and wearable. An array of more than 25 jackets is sure to inspire you to make one! <http://www.goldenthymedesigns.com>

Looking Ahead...

Sign-ups for the Fall workshops will commence at the May Guild meeting.

September: [Carol Ann Waugh](#)

October: [Laura Wasilowski](#)

Barbara Sferra, VP Programs

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Membership

Well, we certainly had an active meeting in April! We had 162 of our members in attendance and welcomed seven guests. Wow, what an evening!

I do have a number of badges that have not been claimed. Please find your badge on the quilt at the Membership Table: Diane Durr, Kim Gimblette, Pura Melendez, Marietta Douglas, Donna Chambers, Ellen de Jong, Nancy Picco, Tish Phillips Gavan, Kathy de Maio, Patricia Reddy, Tricia Dineen, June Sahm, Laura Lustbader, Lisa Finney, Loure Shaw, Beth Sovern, Evelyn Kipp, Claire Hibbard, Kathleen Gray, Donna Brunell, Kathleen Keane, Patricia Waill, Penny Yellen.

Many thanks to **Sheila Gargano** for working overtime this past month and catching up on the backup of badges that needed to be made.

Christine Ruggieri, VP Membership

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Hospitality

Thank you to all who brought snacks last month. For the May meeting, those with last names **U through Z** will bring the snacks.

In June, we will have our annual Salad Supper. Dessert will be provided. Please be prepared to sign up at the May meeting to help with set-up, serving and clean-up. "Many hands make light work!" If you can lend a hand, we'd really appreciate it.

Here's this month's report from **Kendell Storm**, who acquired the items for April's raffle:

We have a great assortment of items and "suprizes" from The Quilt Shop in Danbury. Ginnie threw in a few goodies to add to the pile. So, save a few buckaroos to play in May!

Helen Boland, Hospitality

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Education

We're coming to the end of the Guild's calendar and again I want to thank all who have helped me with the Education program - the indispensable SIG leaders and those who provided demonstrations for the "Surface Design" and "Got Scraps?" programs. You made my work fun and easy!

For Show and Tell this month we are featuring the ribbon winners from the Quilt Show. We would love to see these prize-winning quilts again and match them to their makers.

And now a word from our SIGS:

Art Quilters – Christine Wilhelm

We had a great time with Fabric Postcards! If you were inspired to create a postcard, be sure to bring it to share. The topic for May's meeting will be Natural Dyes -- we look forward to seeing examples of projects you've made or hearing about techniques you'd like to share. Bring your Sew and Tell and see you then!

Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The Landscape quilters SIG continues to grow. More than 20 members attended our last meeting. Having finished our group-constructed quilts for the Silent Auction, we have started a new series of meetings with a "How To" theme. We started with how to make a tree. We will continue with the tree-making for another meeting before moving on to how to simulate water, then roads, rocks, walls, etc. Our next meeting is 1-3 pm on Saturday, May 11 at the Astoria Bank in Somers.

Hand Appliqué Group – Kathy Kaplan and Denise Isherwood

For our last meeting of the year we are asking everyone to bring in their favorite applique items. Please bring in any quilts, books and/or notions you would like to share with the group. Show and tell is always welcome. We meet at 5:45 in the Faculty Lounge.

Anything Goes – Linda Ostrander

For May, Anything Goes is “caging a cabochon with beads”; a cabochon is a showy bead without a hole for attaching. Cheryl Kosarek will show you how to make a bead cage used to attach the cabochon to your work. You will learn to make this attractive embellishment in less than 45 minutes using just basic skills. Cheryl will provide kits for each so all you need bring is a sharp pair of scissors. Contact Linda Ostrander to sign up.

Longarm Group – Diane Linker

The next meeting of the Longarm quilters will meet May 11 at the home of **Diane Linker**.

The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

Nancy Cianflone led our April meeting, in which we looked at **Ellen Belson's** blocks on a design wall. This quilt will be amazing!

At May's meeting (5/18), we'll show our progress to date on the quilt's first row -- Blocks A1 through A13 -- really! -- and also demonstrate various methods and tools used to create bindings. As always, new and occasional members are always welcome!

Meg Mooar, VP Education

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Charitable Activities

At our May meeting we will vote on the recipient of the proceeds from our 2014 Raffle Quilt. Our Board has approved the following two charities:

[Putnam Community Cares](#) nominated by **Kathy Keane**
[Ability Beyond Disability](#) nominated by **Mary Cannizzaro**

Please take a few moments to check these charities' websites to learn more about the organizations prior to May's vote.

Maureen Schulman, 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, April

April Russell, Secretary

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Members' Marketplace

SAQA Exhibit in Danbury - Opens May 4

Several NSQG Members also belong to the CT chapter of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates). An important juried exhibition is about to launch and has its opening reception on the Saturday afternoon of our quilt show. The Show Committee and SAQA are collaborating to cross-publicize both events. It's our hope that visitors to

one of our venues will take a short hop on I-84 to see the other. Both promise to be a real treat!



Studio Art Quilt Associates

LOCAL COLOR: A traveling exhibition of fiber art celebrating the beauty and diversity of Connecticut.

Premieres May 4 – June 13, 2013 at the Ruth Haas Library
Western CT State University Campus
181 White Street, Danbury CT 06810

Opening Reception Saturday May 4, 2013, 3:30 – 5:30 pm

Local Color's next stops include:

- Legislative Building in Hartford CT, Summer 2013
- Slater Memorial Museum in Norwich CT, Fall 2013
- Guilford Art Center in Guilford CT, Spring 2013

For more information about exhibition locations, dates and related events, go to: www.saqact.blogspot.com.

Exhibition catalog is available for purchase at www.saga.com.

NSQG Contacts: **Margaret Phillips** and **Barbara Jay**



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.

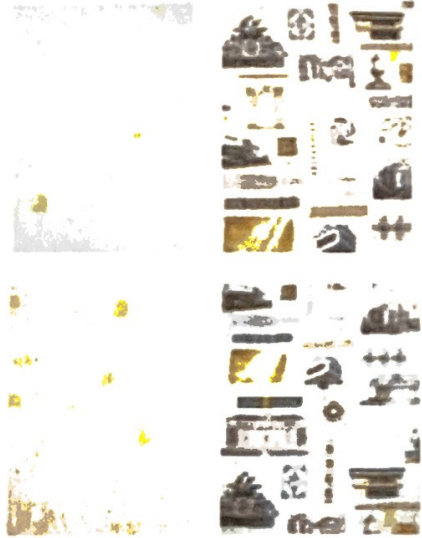
NSQG Contacts: **Don and Eunice Gough**



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

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Carolyn Finn, VP Communications

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Area Shows and Events

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

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

"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.

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

"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. [NSQG]

A Slice of Cheddar: A Selection of Antique Pennsylvania Quilts. Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. July 11 – October 6, 2013.

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

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