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President's Message

Spring is well underway and a beautiful one at that ... easing us between a really cold and unrelenting winter and the coming summer.

I am looking forward to our Quilt Show! So much work has already taken place in collecting 208 quilts on Quilt Drop-Off day, Judging Day, and then transforming Kennedy Catholic High School into an exhibit space for NSQG's A World of Quilts XXXV!! Am I worried? Not one bit! By show of hands in the April Guild Meeting, all members appear to have volunteered to help and I know we'll breeze through the activities in high spirits to bring another gorgeous, creative, and awe-inspiring show to the public. So THANK YOU for the many heads and hands that put in so much time and for your friendliness in enjoying the event with so many visitors!



Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

Notice of Annual Meeting

Official Notice of the NSQG Annual Meeting

The NSQG General Meeting will be held May 20, 2014 at 7pm in the Kennedy Catholic HS cafeteria, Route 138, Somers, NY 10589.

The Election of NSQG Officers for the year 2014-2015 will be held during the Annual Meeting. The slate of officers is:

President	Caryl Castellion
Secretary	Melanie Darensod
Treasurer	Linda Ostrander
VP Membership	Patti Calautti
VP Communications	Helen Boland
VP Programs	JoAnne Finnigan
VP Education	Jennifer Kramer
VP Quilt Show	Susan Fasnacht

Official Notice of the Proposed Amendment to NSQG By-Laws

The ballot vote will be held May 20, 2014 at the NSQG Annual Meeting.

Article V: Board of Directors

Section 4: Members of the Board of Directors may serve for no more than six (6) consecutive years, and in no case shall they serve on the Board for more than six (6) years within an eight (8) year period.

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 "up close and personal" 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 will have approximately 200 registered quilts by 114 different quilt makers, the SIG Landscape exhibit,

and an Invitational Exhibit of Modern Quilts by Cherri House. On Saturday and Sunday we will have the opportunity to hear from two nationally known quilters, Sue Nickels and Mark Lipinski.

Be sure to visit the cafeteria to see the Guild Challenge, quilts by Young Quilters, Comfort Quilts, Silent Auction, Build a Block and a memorial exhibit of Ellen Purdy's quilts.

Be sure to wander past the vendors to see the ever-amazing FANE exhibit in Room 114.

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 pitch in.

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

At the close of the show on Sunday, please go to the cafeteria to get a number for quilt pick-up and to get your judge's comments. The distribution of the quilts in the gym will begin no earlier than 4:30. As soon as the quilts have been taken down, the numbers will be called and groups will be sent from the cafeteria to the gym. If you don't have a number, you will be able to pick up your quilt after all the numbers have been called.

See the schedule for the Quilt Show weekend following this page. [Click here](#) for a printable version.

You can preview the Silent Auction by [clicking here](#). Some quilts from the Silent Auction:



by Diane Linker



by Kay Marcarello

Diane Linker and Jane Eyes, VPs Quilt Show
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Quilt Show Schedule

Northern Star Quilters' Guild World of Quilts XXXV May 3-4, 2014

Saturday, May 3th

- 9:00 am Early admission for NSQG members only
- 10:00 am Doors open to all
- 10:25am Demo in Room 125 by Susan Fasnacht, "Easy Half Square Triangles"
- 11:00 am [Sue Nickels](#) lecture in Auditorium, "Machine Quilting Today's Quilts"
- 1:00 pm Demo in Room 125 by Peggy Kerr-Meyering "Scrappy 4-Patch"
- 2:00 pm [Mark Lipinski](#) lecture in Auditorium, "Bull in a China Shop"
- 3:30 pm Demo in Room 125 by Linda Ostrander, "Green Paper Piecing"
- 3:45 pm Silent Auction closes for the day
- 4:00 pm Viewers' Choice voting closes
- 5:00 pm Show closes

Sunday, May 4th

- 10:00 am Doors open to all
- 10:20am Demo in Room 125 by Pat Baker, "Use Your Tools Ergonomically"
- 11:00 am [Mark Lipinski](#) lecture in Auditorium, "The Slow Stitching Movement"
- 1:00 pm [Sue Nickels](#) lecture in Auditorium, "The Quilt Collaboration of Sue Nickels and Pat Holly"
- 3:15 pm Raffle Drawing in Auditorium
- 3:45 pm Silent Auction closes
- 4:00 pm Show closes; quilt exhibitors should report to the Cafeteria to reclaim their quilts

Programs



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

Note this class will take place on a Monday as it follows the quilt show and will be held at the North Salem Ambulance Corp.



May: Sarah Ann Smith, Hope, Maine

Lecture: Tuesday, May 20, 2014
"Journal Quilts and Journals"



Journal quilts are for everyone, not just art quilters! So what IS a journal quilt? It is a small thing, often the size of a piece of copy paper, that gives you a chance to learn a new technique or try out a new idea without using a lot of time or materials. Sarah will share her journals, what she learned from them and how she developed as an artist using, then she'll share inspiring journal quilts by others. Finally, learn how to make your own journal quilts and use a sketch journal to record quilt ideas and practice new techniques—you don't need to be an artist, just willing to see!

<http://www.sarahannsmith.com/>



Coming this Fall....

It's not too early to think about what we have lined up for the Fall – Here are a few of the coming attractions:

September- Lecture and Workshop with **Mary Sorensen – Traditional Hand Applique Artist**

October – Lecture and Workshop with **Chris Barnes – Modern Quilt Colorist**

November – Lecture and Workshop with **Lyric Kinard – Surface Design Art Quilter**

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Education

Everyone, get ready to date! The "Speed Dating" will commence prior to our June Salad Supper (beginning at 6 PM)!!!!!! More reminders next month.

SIG Updates:

The **Landscape SIG** meetings are as follows:

- May 10th from 1pm to 3pm Regular meeting.
- May 17th from 1pm to 3pm Beginner meeting.
- June 7th from 10am to noon Regular meeting.
- June 14th from 10am to noon Beginner meeting.

The group meets at the Astoria Savings Bank in Somers. The next meeting (May 10th) will feature a demo by Linda Long on Thread Painting. This demo will not be duplicated for the beginner meeting so anyone wanting to check it out should come to this meeting.

The **Longarm Quilters SIG** at Angie Vertucci's on May 10th. The next meeting will be on June 7th.

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.

The **Sticklers SIG's** next meeting will be Saturday, June 14 — Flag Day!

The next meeting will be in late August. Homework for the June meeting will be blocks I-10, L-10, plus another block of your choosing. Everyone is always welcome at all Sticklers' meetings.....so please come even if you haven't made as much progress as you'd like.

The **Art Quilters SIG** will be meeting, as usual, in the Library at 5:45 pm before the full Guild Meeting. New members are always welcome!

The **NEW Domestic Machine Quilting (DMQ) SIG** had its first planning meeting before the April Guild meeting and there were even more sign-ups during the meeting! Helen Boland volunteered to coordinate for the group and the next meeting is scheduled for May 20th, before the guild meeting, in the Teacher's Lounge. Please email Helen at News@Northernstarquilters.com if you have any questions.

Modern Quilters

As of the April meeting, eleven guild members have expressed an interest in forming a new SIG for modern quilts! Looks like we have the beginning of another SIG!!!!!!!

Jean Degl, VP Education
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Hospitality

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

In June, we will have our annual Salad Supper. Dessert will be provided. If you are available to help with set-up, serving & clean-up, please let me know.

"Many hands make light work!" If you can lend a hand, we'd really appreciate it.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
Hospitality@Northernstarquilters.com

Charitable Activities

2016 Raffle Quilt

We are currently 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 for details. Past experience has shown that using the summer months to get started on contemplating the design and the procedure works well.



Comfort Quilts

If you can make a donation of rulers, rotary cutters or templates to Comfort Quilts, please contact Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.

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.

Picture of Comfort Quilt bindings made from 2 ¼ strips.

ConKerr Cancer

The Westchester County Chapter asks for your support making pillowcases for pediatric oncology patients at the Maria Fareri Children's hospital. Directions for making these pillows can be found at <http://www.conkerrcancer.org/volunteer/sew-pillowcases>

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities
Charitable@Northernstarquilters.com

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

Library

THANKS TO EVERYONE who donated their gently used books and magazines to our Quilt Show Book Sale....We expect this will be another complete success!

New Books

“Fast, Fun and Easy Scrapbook Quilts” by Sue Astroth

“Picture this—Applique’ Pictorial Quilts-from Photo to Fabric” by Marcia Stein

“The Art of Whimsical Lettering” by Joanne Sharpe

New DVD

Quilting Arts Workshop—“Stitch Imagery-From Photo to Fabric Fun” with Kelli Nina Perkins

New Magazines

American Quilter May 2014

Quilting Arts April/ May 2014

Only two meetings left—**all books must be returned by the June meeting**, or you will be asked to pay full price of the overdue books.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair

Library@Northernstarquilters.com

Membership

Directories will be available at the April meeting for those of you who have not picked one up yet. Also, if you joined NSQG this year, we have a name badge for you. If you have not picked yours up yet, make sure to ask about it at the membership desk.

Member Showcase – Cathie Billings and Patricia Loquet

The Member Showcase this month will exhibit the work of Cathie Billings and Patricia Loquet. You are invited to enjoy their exhibit at the May meeting. Here is a little about their quilting adventure.

Cathie Billings

Cathie’s grandmother was a quilter and as a child there were quilts on all the beds – they even used them for bedrolls going to summer camp. Her quilting journey began in 1976 with an adult education class. Cathie was instantly hooked. She started out doing all hand sewing, using cardboard templates and scissors, often taking up to two years to complete a bed quilt. After her retirement in 1998, Cathie joined the NSQG’s Comfort Quilt group and bought a sewing machine. She is happy to have made many friends through the Guild who willingly share their quilting knowledge. Cathie still likes to hand quilt and the traditional quilts are what she likes best. Cathie feels privileged to display her quilts in the May Member Showcase and hopes you will enjoy viewing her work.



Patricia Loquet

Patricia has always loved quilts, but didn't start quilting until 1998 (has it been that long already). Many quilters started with sewing and moved on to quilting. However, Patricia can't really claim that as her path since she proclaims herself a terrible seamstress. (It wasn't until this year that she learned how to properly



sew on a button – bless you-tube). Once she jumped into quilting, Patricia has never wanted to look back. Although Patricia tends to make traditional quilts, she loves all types of quilting, from applique to art quilts to the new modern quilt movement.

Quilting brings so much into her life. Visual and tactile pleasures abound, but to her the best thing about quilting is other quilters. NSQG is full of sharing and caring women and Patricia feels lucky to be a part of this very special culture.

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.

Denise Isherwood's quilt, "*I Never Met A Fabric By Judie That I Didn't Love!*" has been accepted into the exhibit "In The American Tradition at the International Quilt Festival" in Houston from October 30 - Nov 2. Congratulations Denise!

The Art Quilt Gallery announced the opening of Michael Cummings' quilts in the "*African Inspiations*" exhibition. You are invited to the opening on Monday, May 5th from 6 to 7:30 pm. The exhibit will run from May 6 through June 14th at the Art Quilt Gallery, 133 West 25th Street, New York NY, 212-807-9451.

Helen Boland, VP Communications
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Members' Marketplace

Class on Fabric Embellishing:

Did the Fabric Embellishing display at the April meeting spark your interest? I will be teaching these techniques one Wednesday and/or Saturday a month starting in the Fall. If you would like more information, contact Nancy. Her information is in the directory or email News@Northernstarquilters.com and it will be forwarded to Nancy.

Nancy Mirman

Area Shows & Events

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

[NSQG] = NSQG Member(s) represented

"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>

"Chelmsford Quilters Guild Quilt Show", May 9 - 10 am to 8 pm and May 10 - 9 am to 4 pm, Grace Community Church, 275 Billerica Rd, Chelmsford, MA. <http://chelmsfordquiltguild.com/>

"Stars of the Valley Quilt Show", Warwick Valley Quilters' Guild, May 17 -18 at Sanfordville Elementary School, 144 Sanfordville Rd., Warwick, NY. <http://www.wvqg.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

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

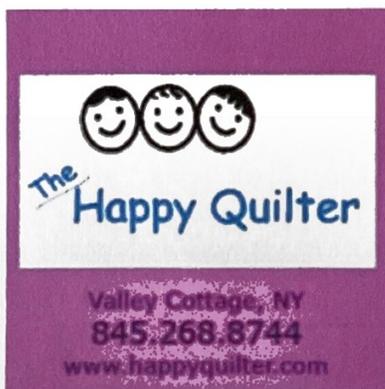
*The Patchworkers Show, Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 10am to 4pm and Sunday, August 10, 2014 from 10am to 2pm at the Windham-Ashland-Jewett Central School, 5411 State Route 23, Windham, NY 12496. Admission \$3.

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 Eckmeir lectures, 150+ quilts, Vendors, demos, etc.

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