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## NSQG Newsletter - May 2015

May 2015		June 2015	
Sat 2-Sun 3	Quilt Show "A World of Quilts XXXVI"	Wed 3	Comfort Quilts
Mon 4	Workshop: "Tile Tango"	Sat 6	Long Arm SIG
Wed 6	Comfort Quilts	Tues 9	Board Meeting
Sat 9	Landscape SIG	Wed 10	Comfort Quilts
Tue 12	Board Meeting	Tue 16	<b>Guild Meeting: Salad Supper</b>
Tue 19	<b>Guild Meeting: Mary Cannizzaro</b>	Wed 17	Comfort Quilts
Wed 20	Comfort Quilts	Sat 20	Landscape SIG
Fri 22	Newsletter submissions due	Wed 24	Comfort Quilts

## President's Message

What a wonderful show the World of Quilts XXXVI turned out to be ... our last quilt show at Kennedy Catholic. Thanks and congratulations to all who volunteered many hours and put forth a great deal of effort in making it such a success! The quilts (and the design in their hanging), the friendly faces at each entrance, the halls filled with fabric and quilting goodies, special exhibits, and very interesting lectures all worked to make this a fantastic show! You all deserve a standing ovation, most especially our NSQG VP – Quilt Show: Susan Fasnacht!

After the April guild meeting, I was asked how the cost of renting Kennedy Catholic and WestConn compare. We did not use the rental cost as our deciding factor, but rather the cost of running the show in each of these venues. For instance, at Kennedy Catholic we have additional costs of shuttle buses, parking attendants, janitorial services. WestConn either provides these services or the services aren't needed. In order for us to have the funds we need for our annual programs (\$6,000) we must show revenues in excess of our costs to continue on a self-sustaining basis. We consider our reserves to be just that, reserves, not to be used in "business as usual." Given our projections, we were not going to meet that goal and determined that a \$10 increase in dues to \$45 would be necessary. We haven't raised our dues in over 17 years although the other guilds around us have. If we look at the \$10 increase as \$1 per operational month (September through June) it seems do-able.

At our May Annual Meeting, we will elect our officers, vote on the next charitable organization to receive proceeds from the beautiful 2016 Raffle Quilt "Shot Through & Through," search for the coordinator(s) of the

2017 Raffle Quilt, hear a preliminary report on the success of this Quilt Show, and learn of our next Guild Challenge. Come on out and enjoy the memories as we move forward into a new and exciting planning year.

Caryl Castellion, President  
[President@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:President@Northernstarquilters.com)

## Notice of Annual Meeting

### Official Notice of the NSQG Annual Meeting

The NSQG General Meeting will be held:  
May 19, 2015 at 7pm in the Kennedy Catholic HS cafeteria,  
Route 138, Somers, NY 10589.

## Board Nominees

The Election of the NSQG Officers for the year 2015-2016 will be held during the Annual Meeting.

### NSQG 2015-16 Ballot

President – Joyce Sullivan  
Secretary – Rosemary DePaola  
Treasurer – Mary Mahedy  
VP Membership – Christine Wilhelm  
VP Communications – Maria Catalano  
VP Programs – Judy Gignesi  
VP Quilt Show – Susan Fasnacht  
VP Education – Jennifer Kramer

#### **President – Joyce Sullivan**

Over the years I have written bios for many positions on the Board and now I find myself ready to take on the Presidency again. Twice before, I have been guild President, for 2-year terms each time.

I learned to sew as a young child, made most of my own clothes by high school and when I married and had a family I did the same for them. Home decor items were included and for a number of years when my 3 girls were dancers I designed and made costumes for their dance school. But quilting was not on my list. One of my grandmothers quilted a lot after her nine children left home and she had time on her hands, but she lived far away and I never picked that up from her.

My husband died in 1986 just as we were moving to Heritage Hills. Neighbors in my new community invited me to take quilting classes with Claire Oehler (before The Country Quilter) and I decided to do that as a way to make friends. It was a great decision. I was immediately hooked. I joined NSQG to continue my interest in quilting and made even more friends who are an extremely important part of my life. It is a challenging field

and I love learning everything I can. I have been rewarded with quite a few ribbons for my endeavors. Each one is a wonderful surprise. Moving into the art phase of quilting and joining Fiberart North East has made me stretch my mind along with my ability. I discovered an artistic side I never knew I had.

To pay back for what I receive from NSQG I have always been a willing worker in any area that needs me. Once again I am called upon to serve as your President and I promise to do my best. I am excited about the changes we have ahead of us and I am thrilled that we can remain at Kennedy Catholic for our meetings. I was part of the guild when it outgrew the Intermediate school and made the move to JFK. In these changing times the school even changed their name, but it is "home" to us, whatever the name. Let's move forward together.

#### **Secretary – Rosemary DePaola**

I started sewing when I was 10. My mother had gotten a new Singer sewing machine and with it came 8 free lessons. She knew how to sew, so I was given the lessons. My mom drove me to the Singer store in Nyack every Saturday for that summer. When I was in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and all the other girls were making A-line skirts with elastic waists I was making a plaid, pleated skirt with a waist band and zipper. I made so many of my own clothes through high school and beyond.

I started quilting the winter of 1997. I have made quilts for each of my 7 children and also for my 16 grandchildren. I started with machine piecing and hand quilting but as the hand quilting takes so long I have been tackling machine quilting. My dream is to be able to do quality free motion quilting on my domestic machine.

After having a daycare program in my home for 26 years I worked as the secretary to the Middle School Principal in Yorktown for over 10 years. I came to Northern Star Quilt Guild in September 2013 through an invitation of my cousin's wife, Barb Sferra. I immediately felt like I had come home and signed up to be a member. While walking around the room before the meeting started I noticed some old friends and was welcomed into the fold. I joined Comfort Quilts shortly after as it encouraged me to become more involved in the guild and I also liked the fact of making quilts for children in hospitals. It was a win/win in my book.

#### **Treasurer – Mary Mahedy**

When I joined the guild in 2013, I was new to quilting. Both my sister and mother have been quilters for years. While I did enjoy the finished products they shared with me, I never took the opportunity to attempt to tackle the process of making a quilt myself. After attending many shows over the years with my mother and sister, we decided to take a mini vacation to the Lancaster Show. Taking a chance I signed up for a class with them. All I can say is that I was hooked. My sister and I joined the NSQG to further our quilting education and meet other quilters and "fabricaholics".

I have a Bachelors Degree in Business Administration with a concentration in accounting and have been working in the accounting field for close to 35 year. I have worked in the non-profit sector for over 20 years and enjoy the work I do. Currently I manage budgets and contracts for an agency that provides services to homeless population in NYC. It is rewarding to see the firm I work for providing assistance to the less fortunate.

I have been a member of my co-op board for the past 15 years. While I have held various positions on the board throughout the years, I currently hold the position of President. I enjoy being a participant in the decision making process of the co-op.

I look forward to making a positive contribution to the NSQG board as treasurer. I believe I have the qualities that make me an ideal candidate for this position. I am willing to work hard to help NSQG continue to be a successful guild for many more years.

**Vice President Membership – Christine Wilhelm**

I have been an NSQG member for four years during which time I have served as Art Quilt SIG leader for three years. I am honored and excited to join the Board for the first time in the role of VP Membership. The amazing people that make up our guild are the heartbeat that drives us onward and upward! I look forward to greeting you at the beginning of our meetings and attracting new members that share our same passion for fabric and stitching.

I have been sewing in some format for as long as I remember. I started making clothes for myself using my grandmother's sewing machine and the rest is history. I still can't pass a stack of fabric (really fiber of any kind) without reaching out to feel it. I am also finishing my MBA in Executive Management and look forward to using what I have learned to benefit the guild.

**Vice President Communications – Maria Catalano**

I joined the guild in September 2007. I have learned most of what I know about quilting from the wonderful teachers at Country Quilter as well as the many friends I have made through the guild.

In recent years, I have served on the Quilt Show Committee first in Publications/Publicity and then for the last two years in Quilt Display.

I am honored to be chosen as VP of Communications and look forward to serving the guild in this capacity.

**Vice President Programs – Judy Gignesi**

My mother taught me how to use her old singer as soon as my legs were long enough to reach the treadle. It's been a long and happy relationship with sewing machines ever since: clothing for me as a young girl; as a housewife, curtains and pillows, slipcovers and bedspreads. I enjoyed making clothes for my girls when they were little, costumes and prom dresses as they got older.

In 1997 we moved to Somers and I was introduced to the wonderful world of quilting and the Country Quilter. I joined the guild shortly thereafter and a whole new world opened up. Meeting many new friends, taking classes with so many wonderful teachers, and being part of some of our special programs has been a great experience. Like so many of us, I have enjoyed the opportunities that the guild, the members, and the volunteers have provided.

I look forward to being a part of the board in the position of VP Programs and inviting wonderful speakers to enliven and enrich our tradition of offering the best to all our guild members.

**Vice President Education – Jennifer Kramer**

I will always be grateful to my mother for signing me up for a 6 week Singer sewing class when I was 12, and buying me my first machine, an industrial model used Singer. What followed has been a lifetime of pleasure, first in making clothes and starting in 1997, quilting.

Classes at the Country Quilter got me started, and I joined the guild in 2009. The appliqué SIG, special classes and Super Saturdays have enriched my quilting. I love working on Comfort Quilts and I have enjoyed learning appliqué, landscape, and portrait quilting. I am currently using "applipiecing" on a Tree of Life design. I am so grateful to guild members for their generous help as I try new things.

I look forward to working on the January and February programs as Education VP for 2015/2016 and leading the Special Interest Groups.

**Vice President Quilt Show – Susan Fasnacht**

This will be my third year serving on the NSQG Board and my second as VP, Quilt Show. The organization of this year's quilt show went smoothly, largely due to the established committees and history of what has been

done in past years, as well as the wonderful guild members who so generously volunteer their time to head those committees. While I still had plenty of work to do and decisions to make to manage the show, due to the wealth of information on past shows, the entire process almost ran itself.

The challenge this year has been determining what we will do in 2016 and beyond. As Chair of this year's quilt show, I became actively involved in the search, evaluation, and selection of the venue for the 2016, "A World of Quilts XXXVII". I have already started working with the management at our new quilt show home, Western Connecticut State University, to negotiate our contract and to do some initial planning. My experience as Chair of this year's show will help me as we start the more in-depth planning of the event. Although some of the task will change little due to the move, others will require total revamping and evaluation. I am ready to take on that task.

I am excited about the move to West Conn and believe that it will be great for the Guild. I am looking forward to working over the next year with Guild members to help organize the event and make it run smoothly. Start thinking now for your quilt entry in "A World of Quilts XXXVII"!

## Programs

### Lecture: May 19 – Mary Cannizzaro:

*"I'm not Competitive, I just sew **really** fast!"*

Our own Mary Cannizzaro will provide us with a look at her process and how she creates her prize winning quilts! This promises to be a real treat! In addition to her power point presentation, Mary will treat us to a trunk show featuring many of her quilts.

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs  
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## Quilt Show



"A World of Quilts XXXVI" is over and it was a wonderful show! It was great how our members pulled together to make our final year at Kennedy Catholic High School such a success. The quilts were beautiful, the lecture inspiring, great shopping, and a fun time to connect with friends. I have heard nothing but rave reviews.

Thank you to all the committee chairs that worked so hard and gave a tremendous amount of their time to make sure the show was terrific. Thank you also to all the guild members and their family and friends who volunteered their time to help with the show. We could not have done it without every one of you.

Congratulations to our guild members who won ribbons at the show! And a big thank you to everyone who entered a quilt in the show. If you won a ribbon, please bring your quilt and ribbon to Sew & Tell at the May meeting. [Photos of all of the quilts on display](#) at the show are on the website. The list of NSQG 2015 Winners for "A World of Quilts XXXVI" can be found on our website by [clicking here](#). Thank you to Suzanna Cohen, our photographer, for getting us the final photos so quickly. Quilt to the left is "Marvelous

Martha by Donna Chambers, Best of Show, Small.

We are very excited about our move to West Conn for next year's show. Some of the work will be the same, but many parts of it will change. If you want to help plan how the quilt show will be organized, please let me know so that you can be included in our planning. The more volunteers we have the more we can spread the work around. It will be a year of fun, hard work, good times with friends and a satisfying sense of accomplishment. Our move will allow the show to become more spectacular and attract more visitors – you can help us achieve this.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show  
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## Education

### POTENTIAL NEW SIGs

Sign-up sheets will again be available for members to suggest a new SIG they would like to join. We already have an idea for a Crazy-Quilt SIG! Please sign up or email me if you are interested.

### News from our Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

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. New Members always welcome.

#### Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The Landscape SIG meetings for the next 5 months are: Saturdays May 9th, June 20<sup>th</sup>, July 11<sup>th</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup>, and Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>. All meetings are from 1pm to 3pm at the Astoria bank in Somers on the Second floor.

#### Long Arm Group – Diane Linker

The next meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>.

#### Domestic Machine Quilting – Helen Boland

The Domestic Machine Quilting SIG will meet at 5:45 **in the back of the cafeteria** before the May Guild meeting. We start the meeting with a brief sharing.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education  
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## Library

Your donation of books and magazines for our Quilt Show Book Sale was overwhelming! Thanks to all.

### Book Reviews

- **"The Quilter's Color Club"** by Christine E. Barnes. Christine prompts us to experiment with color, temperature and value as she walks us through several exercises and projects designed to challenge the experienced quilt maker. We are tasked with organizing a "color club" to learn through the explorations of our friends as well as our own work. The many examples and projects support the lessons. However, the author relies too heavily on the use of fabric collections in her examples as she challenges us to advance our personal color theory.

- “Quick and Easy Hexie Quilts” by Dr. Peggy G. Rhodes & Julia Woods. This quick and easy technique uses no paper or plastic templates, just a fabric circle. A few folds and stitches and you have a hexie. The book has 12 patterns from beginner to advanced.

### New Books

- “Bella Bella Sampler Quilts” by Norah Mc Meeking. Thanks to our April speaker for donating her book.
- “Double Wedding Ring Quilts” by Victoria Findlay Wolfe
- “Art Quilt Maps” by Valeria S. Goodwin
- “Modern Blocks” compiled by Susanne Woods
- “Intuitive Color and Design” by Jean Wells

### New Magazines

- American Quilter May 2015
- Quilting Arts April/ May 2015

Only two meetings left, all borrowed books and magazines must be returned by the June 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

**Melanie Darensod, Secretary**  
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## Hospitality

Thank you to all the S’s for providing snacks in April.

Members with last names beginning with T-Z, are encouraged to bring snacks to our next meeting. We will have hot water for tea, 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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## Charitable Activities

### Winners of the Quilt Raffle

Winners of the 2015 Raffle are:

Carol Sterk	Japanese Jigsaw Quilt
Patricia Vertucci	Janome Sewing Machine
Gail Chambers	Apple iPad Mini

All the winners are Guild members or family of a guild member. We had an in-house sweep!

### Quilt Coordinator

We are currently looking for a 2017 Raffle Quilt Coordinator. If you or a group of friends are interested in overseeing the construction of the raffle quilt for the 2017 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 meetings

Wednesday May 20 is the last day that Comfort Quilts will be meeting in North Salem. Starting June 3rd through August, CQ will be following its **Summer Schedule** of meeting every Wednesday at Bnai Yisrael Temple located at 2 Banksville Road, Armonk, NY. Come and join the fun but **always verify the date with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson because dates are subject to change.**

### Charity for 2017 Quilt Show

This year we have two nominations for the 2017 Quilt Show Charity: **Ann's Place** and **The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry**. At the May Guild meeting, we will be voting for one of these charities to receive the proceeds of the raffle quilt.

#### Ann's Place

Ann's Place is the region's leader for cancer support services, serving individual and families throughout the Greater Danbury area and into NY. There is no limit to the geographical area of their clients - all are welcome. Their mission is to provide comfort and support to people living with cancer and to their loved ones. They attend to the many personal and psychological implications of cancer and inspire people to create solutions which will strengthen and sustain them.

They have grown from serving 50 active clients to over 950 today. Besides the individual and family counseling led by professional and licensed clinical social workers, they have approximately 15 support groups focusing on specific areas of cancer. In addition, they offer an extensive range of wellness activities, such as yoga, reiki, art and horticulture therapy. The full resource library and speakers address issues of client concern, advances in diagnosis and treatment, and wellness education.

Ann's Place is unique in addressing the many personal and psychological implications of cancer. All of their services are provided free of charge and have been for the past 24 years of their existence.

#### The Mount Kisco Interfaith Food Pantry



The Pantry is an affiliation of thirteen local, faith-based congregations dedicated to providing supplemental food to persons in need in the greater Mound Kisco area. Founded in 1919, the Pantry provides a crucial safety net for anyone who does not have enough nutritious food for themselves or their family. Twice a week, their "choice" pantry (which is run by volunteers) offers a broad selection of free grocery staples- enough for more than three days of complete meals. For those who cannot visit the Pantry, including people with disabilities and senior shut-ins, they make regular, weekly home deliveries of groceries. Every \$1.00 contributed purchases \$4.00 worth of food from the Westchester County Food Bank.

Other related support services include assisting clients to register for the federal food aid program and to promote client wellness by offering regular on-site training in nutrition, meal planning, food budgeting and food safety using specialists from Cornell University Cooperative Extension and the Food Bank for Westchester.

They are the only weekly pantry that provides food to anyone in need who lives in a Northern Westchester town that is not already served by a weekly pantry. In 2014 they provided food to 18,276 adults, 10,078 children and 2,062 seniors.

**Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities**  
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## Membership

So many NSQG members filled the cafeteria at our April 21 meeting. We had 131 in attendance and 5 guests. Many thanks to my membership greeters, Nina Primer and Pat Julian.

Membership renewal for the 2015-2016 guild year will begin at our May meeting. The new membership fee is \$45.00 and our new guild year begins July 1.

As I close my second term as Membership Chair, I would like to extend a special thank you to Sheila Gargano. Each year she quietly behind the scenes provides each new member a NSQG name pin. She also creates the NSQG Star paper pieced name kits that are available at the membership table. Sheila joined the guild in the early 2000's and enjoys making traditional quilts. Please join me and extend your appreciation to Sheila the next time you see her.

**Patti Calautti, VP Membership**  
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## Communications

**Fiber Art Northeast (FANE)** has an exhibit in the Gallery space at Mahopac Library - "We've Been Framed." It will be there through June 1st. An artist's reception takes place on Sunday May 17th from 2:00 to 4:00. Everyone is invited.

If you will be on vacation this summer, check out the Area Shows and Events section of this newsletter. There are several quilt shows to attend this year.

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](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com).

Helen Boland, VP Communications  
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## Area Shows & Events

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

"Quilters' Connection, 38<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show"; May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> 10am to 5 pm, May 31<sup>st</sup> 11 am to 3 pm; Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St, Watertown, MA; admission \$8; Boutique and Sale; Silent Auction by QC members. [www.quiltersconnection.org](http://www.quiltersconnection.org).

"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/>

"Vermont Quilt Festival"; June 26 – 28; Champlain Valley Expo, 105 Pearl St, Essex Junction, VT. For classes and more information on the show: [www.vqf.org](http://www.vqf.org) or [www.facebook.com/VQF1977](https://www.facebook.com/VQF1977)

"36<sup>th</sup> Annual Chickadees Quilt Show", Sat – Sun July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>; 10am – 4 pm; Stevens Brook Elementary School, Rte 302, 4 Frances Bell Drive, Bridgton ME 04009. \$5 donation, Free parking, Handicapped accessible, 100s of quilts on display, raffles, Chinese auction, vendors, yard sale items, free demonstrations and café. [chickadeequilters@gmail.com](mailto:chickadeequilters@gmail.com)

"Maine Quilts"; July 24-26, 2015 Friday & Saturday 9-5, Sunday 10-4; Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. 600+ Quilts – antique to contemporary; Special Exhibits: AQSG 2012 Study of Colonial Revival Quilts; 2014 Hoffman Challenge – Indigo Collection; Selections from Maine State Museum; Workshops with 8 national teachers, Merchants Mall, Demonstrations, Lectures, Friday night event. Daily admission \$10; multi-day \$15; groups \$8 with advance registration. [www.mainequilts.org](http://www.mainequilts.org), [info@mainequilts.org](mailto:info@mainequilts.org)

"Let Freedom Ring – 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show"; Bayberry Quilters; July 30, 31, Aug 1; Thursday & Friday 9:30-4, Saturday 9:30 – 3; Admission - \$7, multi-day, \$11; Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Rt 124, Harwich, MA; Over 300 quilts, raffle and more. [www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com](http://www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com)

"Piecemakers of Cairo Quilt Show", sponsored by the Piecemakers Guild; Cairo Public Library, 15 Railroad Ave., Cairo, NY 12413; Saturday, August 8, 2015; 10 am to 4 pm. For more information call Debra at 518-622-2270.

"Silver City Quilt Show", September 19 & 20, 2015 10am – 4pm; Silver City Quilt Guild; September 19 & 20, 2015 10am – 4pm; Friedman Middle School, 500 Norton Ave, Taunton, MA 02780; [http://www.silvercityquiltguild.org/quilt\\_show](http://www.silvercityquiltguild.org/quilt_show)

"22nd Annual Bennington Quiltfest"; September 19 - 20, 2015 Sat:9-5, Sun:9-4; Mount Anthony Union Middle School; 747 East Road, Bennington, Vermont; <http://www.benningtonquiltfest.com/>

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