

NSQG Newsletter – November 2014

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Wed 5	Comfort Quilts	Sat 6	Long Arm SIG
Sat 8	Long Arm SIG	Tue 9	Board Meeting
Tue 11	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Sat 13	Landscape SIG
Sat 15	The Stickers SIG	Tue 16	<i>Guild Meeting: Tamara Drucker</i>
Tue 18	<i>Guild Meeting: Lyric Kinard</i>	Wed 17	Comfort Quilts
Wed 19	Workshop: "Abstract a licious"	Fri 20	Newsletter submissions due
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President's Message

Congratulations to the Village Squares Quilters on their biennial quilt show this weekend! It is a little gem in this busy world around us. Many NSQG members are also members of VSQ and we welcome news of their events and Raffle Quilt ticket sales, as we do with First Dutchess that holds their exhibit on the alternate years. It is always a delight to see what fellow quilt makers are doing and take in a bit of shopping, too. It is good to have many venues where artists can enjoy the work of others so close by. NSQG is very fortunate in having the skills of Nancy Hantman to remind us of "Area Shows and Events" as found in *OnPoint!* each month. It brings thoughts of our own quilt show to mind along with renewed enthusiasm to put needle and thread to a new creation.

Have you opened the NSQG Membership Survey through the invitation sent to you on October 31st? If not, your voice is very important to the Guild and the future of the Guild depends on you.

See you at the November 18th Guild Meeting where lecturer Lyric Kinard will "kick start" our creativity. Happy quilting!

Caryl Castellion, President
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Programs

NEW WORKSHOP LOCATION!

We are pleased to advise that all of our workshops for the 2014-15 year will be held at the Vista Fire Department. This is a modern facility with plenty of parking, handicapped ramp for sewing machine access. Clean restrooms, internet service (not wireless) and access to restaurants and deli's for lunch. [Directions are on the website.](#)



Art Quilter – Lyric Kinard



November 18th Lecture - “The Elements of Art for Quilters”

Kick-start your creativity and learn about the basic elements and principles of good design. Learn why some colors fizz while others explode, why some quilts calm and some excite. A few simple tools from the artist's kit will help you take your work, whether traditional or contemporary, to the next level.

November 19th Workshop – “Abstract-A-Licious”

If you've looked with hidden longing over an imaginary wall to the world of art quilts but don't know where to start, this is the class for you. Lyric will gently guide you through simple and concrete design exercises planned to help you create ideas for original abstract quilts. Doodles will be scribbled, eyes and minds will be opened, fun will be had.



December Program – Tamar Drucker

December 16th Lecture

We look forward to having one of our own members speak about her work as a quilter. Tamar Drucker will share with us the techniques she uses when making her art quilts. Her recent work, “Is It Digital?” (pictured here) won Viewer's Choice at the Quilt Show at the New England Air Museum in September 2014.



JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Quilt Show

2015 Show Update

Work on the Quilt Show is moving along. Our main speaker, giving lectures on Saturday and Sunday, will be Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake Designs (www.pieceocake.com). We are also pleased to announce that Paula Nadelstern will provide a second lecture on Saturday, as well as, displaying her work as our Invitational Quilter.

The 2015 Raffle Quilt, Japanese Jigsaw, was organized by Carolyn Salon and quilted by Angie Vertucci. We thank them all for their dedication to the project. Raffle tickets will be available in the near future.

Quilt Registration Changes

There are a couple of changes to the [Quilt Registration Rules](#) (click for a printable copy) for this year's show. First, registration will begin on January 15, 2015, however it will still close on March 31 (or until we meet our limit of 200 quilts).

Another change relates to the hanging of wide quilts. Quilts over 92" wide will not fit on the regular frames and still hang flat – they need to be hung along the bleacher wall. Since space is limited, only the first 6 quilts over 92" will be guaranteed a spot along the bleachers. So, if you have a quilt wider than 92", register it early. There are also special instructions for size and positioning of the sleeves for quilts between 80" and 92". Specifics will be sent to these registrants after their registration is complete.

Remember, the quilts we display are what make our show so great. We need you, the members, to make a commitment to contribute your quilts to make the show the best it can be. Everyone's work is important and valued. The creativity, workmanship and diversity of quilt styles in the NSQG shows are truly amazing. We know that this year's display will be spectacular, too.

Special Handling for Fragile Quilts

Once again, Don Gough has volunteered to be our Special Handler for quilts that cannot be folded, have fragile elements, or elements that might shed or endanger other quilts. At Quilt Drop-off a determination will be made as to whether a quilt is eligible for special handling. Those quilts will receive special handling through the judging, hanging, and take down process.

Silent Auction

Don't forget we are looking for small quilts for next year's Silent Auction. Traditional or art-quilts, hand or machine quilted, all are offered for sale at the Quilt Show to help raise money for Guild expenses. It's not too early to get started. For more information, contact Carolyn Langevin or Kay Marcarello.

Special Exhibits

The guidelines for Special Exhibits remain the same as last year and are available on the [website](#). Please study them carefully as your SIG or other group moves forward with planning its display for the show. If you plan to mount a special exhibit, please contact Patti Calautti, Quilt Hanging Chair, with your space requirements by January 1, 2015.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
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Membership

November is upon us and this month NSQG will host the Boutique for members and guests to do a little holiday shopping. The \$5.00 guest fee is waived this month so that members can invite friends and family along with them to the Boutique, meeting and lecture.

Our meeting attendance was 124 members plus 3 new members and 3 guests. Our total membership is 217.

Our new members are:

Kitty A., Sarah A., Lauren C., Anne C., Candiss C., Josephine C., Amanda C., Sue D., Susan D., Pat E., Eileen F., Joanne H., Karan M., Harlan S., Carol W., Terry W.

The membership book information is being formatted and printed and I hope to have it available at the November meeting.

Patti Calautti, VP Membership
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Hospitality

Our **Holiday Food Drive** will take place this month. Please remember to bring NON-perishable food items to November's meeting. Supermarket gift cards are also greatly appreciated. We will have cars parked outside the school to collect your donations. Please be as generous as possible. The food drive will benefit the Lower Fairfield County food Bank as well as St. John's Food Bank in Mahopac, NY.

Thank you to all the D, E, & F's for providing snacks in October.

Members with last names beginning with **G, H, & I**, are encouraged to bring snacks to our next meeting. We will have hot water for tea during the winter months starting in November.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Library

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

Thank you for returning the Book Review Cards. Each month I will feature a few reviews from members who have liked or disliked the book they borrowed. These reviews reinforce that our Library books are a good resource for our new quilters as well as our experienced ones.

Book Reviews

For our Art Quilters.... "Visual Guide to Working in a Series" by Elizabeth Barton

This is a very useful book for someone who wants to develop his/ her thinking about art practices. It is well organized with great information and exercises to help the reader put these ideas into practice. A great resource book!

DVD – "The Quilt Show Season 13" hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims

Thirteen episodes, each about ½ hour and split between instructions and chatting with different designers. Wonderful for ideas and techniques. Suggest that the Guild purchase other seasons too.

New Books

- "Pieced Hexies" by Mickey Depre
- "Denyse Schmidt Modern Quilts Traditional Inspiration" by Denyse Schmidt
- "Mastering the Art of Long Arm Quilting" by Gina Perkes

New Magazines

American Quilter Nov. 2014

Donation of books, magazines and patterns are always welcome. See you at the meeting.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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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

There will be no meeting in November; enjoy the boutique. See you in December.

Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The landscape SIG meetings will be November 1st and December 13th. Both meetings will be from 1pm to 3pm at the Astoria Bank in Somers on the second floor. All meetings will be combined (beginners and regulars). I will have to wait for the bank to start a new calendar for next year before I can schedule meetings into next year.

Longarm Group – Diane Linker

The next meeting of the Longarm SIG will be on Nov 8th at Angie Vertucci's house.

The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 15, 2014. The remaining meetings for 2015 are on January 17, March 21, and May 16. Hopefully the every-other-month format will give us a chance to catch up and reach our shorter-term goals.

Domestic Machine Quilting

Thank you to Susan Fasnacht for taking over the Machine Quilting SIG for October. Hopefully, the videos and the discussion following were helpful. If anyone has a topic they would like to present to the group for discussion in December or in future months, please contact Helen Boland at news@northernstarquilters.com.

Modern Quilters

The Modern Quilt SIG will not be meeting this month due to the Boutique. For inclusion in the mailing list, please contact Kim Hyde.

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Sunshine

Since Goodwill is part of our fellowship,
Let's make sure we share it amongst ourselves.
Please let me know when a Guild Member
Is in need of a little Sunshine!



Whether it is an illness, condolence, marriage,
Baby or just a little pick-me-up for TLC,
Make sure to let me know.
Thank you, Melanie

Melanie Darensod, Secretary
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Charitable Activities

Holiday Boutique

Support the Guild and stop by the Comfort Quilt Boutique, where all profits go the Guild. There will be a collection of fabrics, tools and notions, as well as the popular quilting kits for your own personal use.



White Lightening Quilts

Comfort Quilts hope you enjoyed the display of the **White Lightening Quilts** and thank you for your support. The two winners of this **Winner's Choice Raffle** were Linda Stern and Dee Ploufee, who selected quilts made by Barb Tatera and Ann Fitzell respectively.



Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts is following their Winter Schedule at the North Salem Ambulance Corp, 14 Daniel Road. The usual meeting dates are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday between 9:30 and 3:30. The complete schedule can be found in the Special Edition of the Newsletter. **Dates are subject to change so please verify with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.**

Raffle 2015

Stitch In Time donated a **Janome Jem Platinum 760 Sewing Machine** as first raffle prize. If you are in the area of 19 Sugar Hollow Rd (the former Fabric Tree) in Danbury, stop by and introduce yourself. They are a Janome dealership, sharpen scissors, and repair all makes and models of machines, including Feather Weights, <http://www.saves9.com> for more information.



Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities
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Special Activities

Boutique, November 18, 2014

The Holiday Boutique will be held at 6 pm in the main entrance of JFK prior to the start of our general meeting on November 18. The boutique is your chance to purchase lovely items hand-made by your fellow guild members. Come early and start your holiday shopping. Bring family and friends as there will be no admission charge for this one meeting.

Stephanie Santangelo and Judy Jones, Boutique Coordinators

Lancaster Trip – Hold the Date March 13-14, 2015

Mark your calendars for our annual trip to Lancaster, PA for the American Quilter's Society Show at the Lancaster County Convention Center.

We will leave early Friday morning, to allow plenty of time for our favorite shopping destinations and Miller's smorgasbord dinner. We will all get a good night's sleep at the Fairfield Inn, rise early for breakfast and then spend the day at the show.

Sign-ups will begin in November. A check for \$160.00 will confirm your place.

Jen Cannizzaro, Trips Coordinator

Super Saturday February 28, 2015

Mark your calendars for our annual Super Saturday event. This year's event will be February 28, 2015 from 9:30am-4pm.

Samples and Sign-ups will be available at our November Guild Meeting. Register for a class for just \$25.00.

Enjoy a day of learning new ideas, techniques, and approaches from fellow guild members while having a day filled with fun and laughter. Lunch will be provided.

If you prefer, bring an existing project with you or volunteer to help with a guild project while you socialize. Whatever you choose, it will be a fun day to share.

Some of the available classes for this year include:

- "Stuck Day"- Nancy Mirman. Bring any project you are struggling with and receive expert guidance and encouragement to help you finish.
- "English Paper Piecing"- Diane Linker. Learn the latest hand work trend.
- "Crazy Scrapping"- Susie Anderson. (Class also known as "Organized Fabric Hoarding".)
- "Trendsetter Bag"- Peggy Morgan. Pattern purchase required
- "Scrappy Quilt"- Patricia Loquet.
- "Ties or Silks in Quilts"- Mary Cannizzaro. Learn the preparation needed and a simple design and possibilities for a more complex design.
- "Machine Applique without Fusible"- Margaret Phillips
- "Double Diamond Ruler"- Carolyn Salon.
- "Landscape Fabric Collage"- Tamar Drucker

If you would like to teach or have another class recommendation, please let Kelly know as soon as possible. If you are interested in helping to coordinate this event, please contact Kelly.

Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator
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Communications

Margaret Phillips has won Third Place in the Art Miniature Category sponsored by Quilting Arts at the International Quilt Festival in Houston for her work "Pink Annie". Congratulations Margaret!



Has your work been accepted for display at a gallery or a show? Have you been featured in an exhibit or publication? Our newsletter is a great way to share your accomplishments. Please send any photos and information to news@northernstarquilters.com. The deadline is generally the Friday after the Guild meeting.

Helen Boland, VP Communications
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Find Us Here

[The New Britain Museum of Art](#) currently has an exhibit entitled "Let Me Quilt One More Day" which runs through January 4, 2015.

The exhibition contains works from the Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Mattatuck Museum, New Haven Museum and Historical Society, Fenimore Art Museum, Webb-Deane-Stevens Museum, and Connecticut Historical Society. In addition we are fortunate to have works by contemporary quilters: Barbara Barrick McKie, Richard Killeaney, Todd Knopke, **Norma Schlager**, Denyse Schmidt, Marlene Shea, Kate Themel, Anna Tufankjian, and Victoria Findlay Wolfe along with works from the collections of others.

Guild Challenge

NSQG Challenge 2015: Simply Solids!

Theme:

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild has an abundance of creativity! Put that creativity to work by making a quilt for the 2015 guild challenge. The challenge comes in the limited materials you can use—only solid fabrics and solid threads.

Guidelines:

1. Quilts must be made using only solid fabrics and solid thread. You may use as many or as few colors as you like and any fiber content, for example cottons, silks and polyesters are acceptable as long as they are solid in color. No tone on tone, marbles, batiks or fabrics that "read as a solid".
2. Keeping in line with the "Simply" idea, any beads, paint or other embellishments are not acceptable but if you want to fashion a 3D embellishment from solid fabrics, go for it.
3. The minimum perimeter is 48" and the maximum is 72".
4. You can choose to enter your quilt in one of two categories: **Traditional**—including traditionally pieced or appliquéd quilts. **Contemporary**—including improvisational piecing, Art or Landscape quilts and modern quilts.
5. Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging.
6. Label the back with your name and email address or phone number and the **category** in which you are entering the quilt.
7. You may make one quilt for each category for a total of two quilts.

Deadline:

The quilts will be collected at the January meeting and displayed for voting at the February meeting.

Voting:

Voting will take place at the February 2015 meeting. Each member will cast one vote for his/her favorite quilt in each category. First, Second, Third and Honorable Mention ribbons will be awarded in each category.

Barb Tatera, Challenge Coordinator

Area Shows & Events

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

"Let Me Quilt One More Day," October 4, 2014 – January 4, 2015; New Britain Museum of American Art, 56 Lexington St., New Britain, CT; <http://www.nbmaa.org/> [NSQG]

"Transformation," October 10 – November 7, 2014; presented by Western CT fiber arts group *FiberWorks*; at the Cyrenius H Booth Library, 25 Main Street, Newtown, CT. <http://chboothlibrary.org/exhibits.php>

"Harvest of Quilts," November 8-9, 2014, Mineola Community Center, Mineola, NY; <http://www.eveningstarquilters.org>.

"New Directions 14," now through November 8, 2014, Barrett Art Center, Poughkeepsie, NY; 613-596-5783; <http://www.barrettartcenter.org>.

"Finding a Common Thread," now through November 9, 2014, The Chandler Gallery, Randolph, VT; 802-431-0204; <http://chandlerygallery.blogspot.com>.

"Tell Me a Story," now through November 15, 2014 (reception, October 17, 5-7 p.m.), Cunningham Gallery, Jaffrey, NH; 603-532-6527; <http://www.jaffreyciviccenter.com/exhibits.php>.

"Unraveled: Contemporary New England Fiber Art," now through December 6, 2014, Remick Gallery, York, Maine; 207-363-1756; <http://www.oldyork.org>.

"Men Who Quilt," now through December 20, 2014, Virginia Quilt Museum, Harrisonburg, VA; 540-433-3818; <http://www.vaquiltmuseum.org>.

"Keeping Us in Stitches" and "World War I Quilts" (gallery talk, November 1), now through December 27, 2014, New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207; <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>.

"Kimono: A Modern History," now through January 24, 2015, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

"Masterpieces and Curiosities: A Russian-American Quilt," now through February 1, 2015; The Jewish Museum, New York City; <http://thejewishmuseum.org>.

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