

NSQG Newsletter - October 2013

October 2013

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November 2013

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Wed 20 Workshop: Batik Wheels
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President's Message

What a great start to our NSQG year after a long summer break! A special thanks to Debbie Bein for bringing in the SAQA exhibit ... and what a serendipitous event given that our speaker, Carol Ann Waugh, is also a SAQA rep! It was fun to hear Carol Ann's journey into quilting.

The workshop at the Lincolndale Clubhouse was a perfect day, sunny and bright. Carol Ann brought with her a considerable part of her extensive stash for us to use and gave us great tips on how to create "Stupendous Stitching Quilts" - all of them of a like size but none that looked like another. You'll get to see them in Show & Tell at the next meeting ... the same month when Comfort Quilts displays their summer project called "Black Magic".

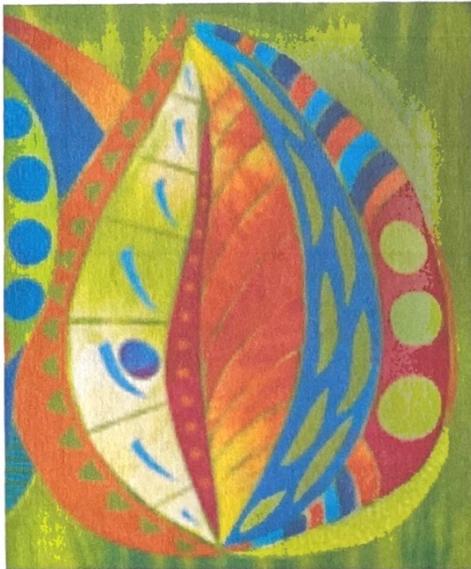
A walk by the Library before the meeting showed every seat taken by the Art SIG group! Check the calendar in this newsletter to see where and when all the SIGs are meeting. Dee reported the Library was so busy they ran out of cards with which to check out your choices! Well done also to all who provided the delicious snacks and Nancy Cianflone and helpers for making the tables so attractive. Membership showed a good increase in first-time members and we welcome all. Charitable Activities will bring your attention to the 2015 Raffle Quilt in our October meeting, while Carolyn Langevin will hunt for Silent Auction quilts to be sold at the Show, and Meg Mooar and Jane Eyes continue to encourage you to create a Challenge Quilt based on Pets or Pests due in January. The Quilt Show Committee, we know, never stops working and plans are well underway for another beautiful Show.

What a great beginning ...

Caryl Castellion, President
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Programs

Sign-up for Fall Workshops...



October: LAURA WASILOWSKI

Lecture: Tuesday, October 15

“Art Quilts: The Musical”

Join Laura in celebrating the life of a quilt artist and listen to her adventures in quilt making. It’s a quirky documentary featuring a display of her small quilts and many songs from the “Chicago School of Fusing Bond Fire Songbook”.

Workshop: Wednesday, October 16

ZEN DOODLE QUILTS Fee: \$50

Explore the mesmerizing world of Zen Doodling and design an original art quilt at the same time. Discover how easy it is to doodle like a Zen master and learn how to convert that drawing into a pattern for your quilt.

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your drawing quickly becomes a fused art quilt. New fusing tips and tricks are presented to enhance your Zen doodle design. Required Kit fee \$25.

November: DEB KARASIK

Lecture: Tuesday, November 19

“If I Can Do It, Anyone Can”

Workshop: Tuesday, November 19 ** note the Tues. date

½ DAY BINDING CLASS Fee: \$20

Take Deb’s ½ day binding class and learn all her secrets to a finely finished quilt.

Workshop: Wednesday, November 20

BATIK WHEELS Fee: \$50

Curious about how paper piecing really works? Wonder how those really sharp points are made? Deb Karasik has developed a method that makes paper piecing easy, accurate, and beautiful. Foundation pattern fee \$15.



Checks for the workshop fees may be made out to NSQG. Please remember that there are no refunds on workshops, so be sure to check your calendar carefully!

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs

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Membership

Thank you to all of you who registered before the September meeting – it makes managing the membership database much easier. We had 147 members renew over the summer, an increase over past years. This includes 22 new members and several who are returning to the Guild after a year or two hiatus. Presently there are 270 members including those who have not registered for this year. If you have not renewed your membership, please print out the registration form and mail it in with your check or bring it to the October meeting.

In October, we will start working on the Membership Journal. There will be a list at the registration table with your contact information. Please take the time to look at it and make sure your listing is accurate. The Journal will be printed after the November meeting and any members who have not given us their registration by then will not be included.

We will be hosting the first of our Member Showcases this month (see article below) and will have several more in coming months. This activity allows members to show their creativity and talent to Guild members. If you have a suggestion for a showcase theme or are willing to showcase your own quilts or a collection of quilts you own, please let me know.

October Member Showcase

At the October meeting, Cheryl Kosarek will be displaying some of her quilts. Cheryl has been quilting for years but became more serious about it after she retired from teaching Family and Consumer Sciences in 2005. She enjoys the more playful side of quilting and is drawn to bright colored fabric, threads, beads, and other embellishments.



She attended the 3-day Superior Threads Certified Threadologist course in St. George, Utah, to learn more about specialty threads and their uses. She returned to Utah again a year later to attend the High Desert Silk Experience at Superior Threads.

Her awards include first place at the Vermont Quilt Festival, Best of Show-Innovative Award at the Wiltwyck Quilt Show in 2010, and a Judge's Choice Award at the 2013 Somers show. A recent piece was accepted into the international juried quilt show entitled "Deep Spaces" which traveled on the west coast for a year.

A strong believer in community service, she helps run a Project Linus group that has completed over 300 quilts in the past few years, sews for The Cure, and serves as a judge for 4-H. Along with her husband, she helps run the local rural cemetery. When not attached to her sewing machine or beading table, you might find her cooking, baking, gardening, ballroom dancing, or stone wall building.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Membership
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Hospitality

Thank you to the **A, B,** and **C's** who brought snacks in September.

A special thank you to all who helped with set up, take down, and the raffle table.

Members whose last names begin with **D, E,** and **F** are asked to bring snacks in October.
Don't forget to pick up a free raffle ticket when you drop off your snack.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Library

Many thanks to Kathy Kaplan and Dee Rizzo for their help at the library table last month.
We had a very busy September with over fifty books borrowed. Enjoy the books ladies, and please remember to jot a little note on our new Book Review Card and return it with your book at the October meeting.

New books to spark everyone's interest this month—

- "Dual Image Appliqué" by Dilys Fronks.

For our Art Quilters-

- "Inspired to Design" Seven Steps to Successful Art Quilts by Elizabeth Barton.
- Quilting Arts Magazine Oct/Nov Issue.

For our Modern Quilters—

- "Block Party" The Modern Quilting Bee by Alissa Haight Carlton and Kristen Lejniaks
- Machine Quilting Unlimited Magazine

Also on our Library table are some Modern Quilt books you might have overlooked. Check them out too.

Thanks to Carol Ann Waugh for donating her September Workshop book, "Stupendous Stitching" - borrow it at the October meeting.

See you at the meeting...

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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Education

Some Updates for Special Interest Groups:

The Sticklers regular meetings for the remainder of the 2013 year are October 19, November 16, and December 14. In addition, they have set the date for their pilgrimage to see the **REAL QUILT** in Bennington, Vermont: Thursday, October 3rd. This will be one-day trip and involve stops at some local shops as well as the Bennington visit. If you'd like to add your name please let Carolyn Finn know.

At September's meeting, **Carol Sterk** demonstrated various techniques for working with stripes and plaids to wonderful effect. This month, **Diane Linker** will demonstrate the Dear Jane software. Please bring your questions!

Looking ahead, they welcome **Patricia Wail**, creator of the gorgeous blue-ribbon quilt at last year's show, at November's meeting on November 16. Pat will bring her quilt, describe her creative process, and answer our questions. 2013 Meeting Dates: October 19, November 16, December 14. As always, all are welcome!

Art Quilt SIG:

At the next meeting (before the October Guild meeting), the **Art Quilters** SIG hopes to narrow down the choices for next year's display during the Quilt Show. So, it's not too late for new members to join in the fun!

Landscape SIG:

In addition to the regular Landscape group meeting on October 5th, there will be a "Beginners" meeting on Oct 12th.

Update on the Applique and Anything Goes SIGs:

As no one has come forward to lead the Applique and Anything Goes SIGs, they will no longer be listed as active SIGs.

Education Plans for the February Guild Meeting:

Volunteers are still needed to give demonstrations of any new (or old) techniques/skills to the rest of the guild. Each "demo" should only take about 15 minutes, so that members can choose at 4 or 5 demos to participate in. Please contact Education@Northernstarquilters.com if you can help.

Jean Degl, VP Education

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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

Winner's Choice Raffle

At our October Guild meeting join the Comfort Quilters in celebrating their 10th Anniversary of hosting a Summer Challenge. Take a chance on the **Winner's Choice Raffle** and you may be the lucky member who gets to select one of these beautiful and unique Summer Challenge **Black Magic Quilts**, while also helping to defray guild expenses. Look for the display of the Black Magic Quilts on the Cafeteria wall.



Raffle Quilt 2014

I hope you've had a chance to see the beautiful 2014 Raffle Quilt graciously coordinated by Judy Mayer, Mary Waterman and Regina Benvie that was on display at our September Guild Meeting. Tickets for this wonderful quilt, "A Tisket a Tasket," featuring flowers, baskets and flying geese will be on sale in the coming months.

Raffle Quilt 2015



We are pleased to announce that Carolyn Salon has agreed to be our 2015 Raffle Coordinator. Her pattern Japanese Jigsaw (a small model seen here) was approved at the September Board meeting. If you would like to participate in the making of the quilt, Carolyn will be handing out pieces of her puzzle at the October meeting.

Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 14 Daniel Road in North Salem. Dates are subject to change. If you have a question, please verify the date with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson. Future Dates:

October	2 and 16
November	6 and 20
December	4
January	15
February	5 and 19
March	5 and 19
April	2 and 16
May	7 and 21

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities
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Quilt Show

2014 Show Update

The Quilt Show Committee has been hard at work. We would like to thank all of the committee members who have already put many hours into planning the 2014 Show.

Creation and construction of the 2014 Raffle Quilt top was organized by Mary Waterman, Judy Mayer and Regina Benvie and finely quilted by Mary Waterman on her Bernina. We thank them all for their dedication to the project.

Special Handling for Fragile Quilts

In response to the increasing number of mixed media and fragile quilts that members have been entering in the Show, the Show Committee has created a process for special handling small quilts that can't be folded, have fragile elements or elements that might shed or endanger other quilts. Don Gough has agreed to be our Special Handler. 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.

Quilts, Quilts, Quilts

Ongoing preparations for the show set the scene for the main event: The Quilts! The quilt exhibition is the heart and soul of our show. 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.

Silent Auction

We hope that you will consider making a small quilt 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 **Carol Auer** or **Carolyn Langevin**.

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 **Maria Catalano** or **Patti Calautti**, Quilt Hanging Co-Chairs, with your space requirements by January 1, 2014.

Diane Linker and Jane Eyes, VPs Quilt Show
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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.

Sonhild Rodney will be exhibiting some of her quilts on the Harvest Festival at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center on Oct. 20, 2013, from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is plenty to do and many attractions to for children, too.

The museum charges an entrance fee of \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 4 – 17.

The Museum is located at 39 Scofieldtown Rd., Stamford, Ct 06903

Three of our guild members will be exhibiting their works at the Cyrenius Booth Library in Newtown, CT. Carolyn Cooney, Nike Cutsumpas, Norma Schlager are members of a group named **Fiberworks**. The exhibit, "**Totally Texture**", An Exhibit of Fiber Art by **Fiberworks**, will be on display from October 4th through November 7th, 2013. The Library is located at 25 Main Street in Newtown, CT. Library hours are Monday – Thursday 9:30 am – 8:00 pm, Friday 11 am – 5 pm, Saturday 9:30 am – 5 pm and Sunday Noon – 5 pm.



Readying for Rebirth by Nike Cutsumpas

Karen Phelps recommends the current collage exhibit at the Katonah Museum of Art - *Remix: Selections From the International Collage Center*. Many of the collages are made with "found" items. It is the ultimate recycling with amazing work which will appeal to everyone. Find out more [here](#).

A **Quilting Lecture** by [Jennie Rayment](#), the Mistress of Muslin, will take place on October 23, 2013 at 7:15 pm in the Copenhagen Room at the Reformed Church in Bronxville. Tickets are \$25 – cash at the door is preferred. Doors open at 7 pm. (There is limited space – please reserve by email to Rachael_dorr@yahoo.com). Jennie Rayment is one of the best known names in quilting in the United Kingdom. This will be her first lecture in the state of New York.

She is also speaking in Chatham, NJ on October 21, 2013 at the [Garden State Quilt Guild](#) (click for more info). The meeting is held at the Chatham United Methodist Church, 460 Main St., Chatham, NJ and the speaker part of the program begins at 7:45. There is a \$10 fee for non-members. Contact Programs@gardenstatequilters.com if you have any questions.

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Area Shows & Events

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

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

"Totally Texture", An Exhibit of Fiber Art by Fiberworks, October 4th through November 7th, 2013, C. Booth Library, 25 Main Street, Newtown, CT. **NSQG**

"Art Quilts 2013, now through October 12, 2013, Infinity Art Gallery, <http://www.infinityartgallery.com>.

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show, October 25-26, 2013, St. Mathew's Methodist Church, Acton, MA; <http://www.concordpiecemakers.org/index.html>.

"Material Witnesses," now through October 26, 2013, Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum, Golden, CO; 303-277-0377; <http://www.rmqm.org>.

"Harvest of Quilts", The Evening Star Quilters Guild, October 26 & 27, 2013, Belvidere High School, 809 Oxford St., Belvidere, NJ 07823, jurzigurl48@Yahoo.com , <http://www.esqg.com> .

"A Quilters' Gathering," October 31-November 3, 2013, Radisson Hotel Manchester Downtown, Manchester, NH; <http://www.aquiltersgathering.com>.

"alt_quilts: Sabrina Gschwandtner, Luke Haynes, Stephen Sollins," October 1, 2013 January 5, 2014, American Folk Art Museum, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.

"Interwoven Globe: The Worldwide Textile Trade, 1500-1800," now through January 5, 2014, The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; 212-535-7710; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

[NSQG] = NSQG Member(s) represented

Special Activities

The Holiday Boutique will be held at 6:00 PM on November 19, 2014, in the main entrance lobby of JFK before the start of our general meeting. The Boutique provides an opportunity to purchase unique items handmade by our own Guild members. Continuing this year, the Boutique will include the opportunity to purchase custom kits and more from the Comfort Quilters.

Visit with friends and do some early holiday shopping! There's no admission charge for this meeting, so this is a great opportunity to select unique holiday gifts and to introduce newcomers to our guild.

Would you like to participate by selling some of your quilt-related work? If you are an NSQG member and have made all of the items you plan to sell, we welcome your participation! There is a \$25 fee per table for vendors. You can share or have your own table. Contact Stephanie Santangelo for details.

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

2014 Guild Challenge

Critter: Pests or Pet?

Choose a critter from the animal kingdom - feathered, furry, insect, reptile, amphibian...it's up to you. Make a quilt featuring the animal following the guidelines below. On the entry form, you will be asked to choose the category that best describes your critter-pest or pet. The committee will award first, second, third and honorable mention ribbons in each of the two categories. Feel free to enter as many quilts as you wish.

Guidelines:

The minimum circumference is 48" and the maximum is 72".

Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging.

Label the back with your name and email address or phone number.

All quilts must be submitted by the January meeting.

Viewing and voting will take place at the February meeting.

With all the great striped, spotted and scaly-looking fabric on the market today, not to mention the non-traditional quilting fabrics you have in your stash, we're looking forward to seeing what this very creative guild can come up with.

Any questions? Ask the committee.

Meg Moar and Jane Eyes, Challenge Coordinators

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