

NSQG Newsletter - October 2014

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Wed 1	Comfort Quilts	Sat 1	Landscape SIG
Sat 4	Landscape SIG	Wed 5	Comfort Quilts
Sat 11	Long Arm SIG	Sat 8	Long Arm SIG
Tue 14	Board Meeting	Tue 11	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Wed 15	Comfort Quilts	Tue 18	Guild Meeting: <i>Lyric Kinard</i>
Tue 21	Guild Meeting: <i>Christine Barnes</i>	Wed 19	Workshop: "Abstract-A-Licious"
Wed 22	Workshop: "Transparent Squares"	Wed 19	Comfort Quilts
Fri 24	Newsletter Submissions due	Fri 21	Newsletter submissions due

President's Message

What a great beginning to the new NSQG year we just had at our first meeting! If you weren't able to attend the meeting, we announced that Kennedy Catholic remains our home site going forward! That means all of our Guild meetings will continue to be held at this venue. We will continue to seek a new spot to hold our storage unit. Please contact me if you know of one.

Mary Sorensen provided a very interesting lecture on what makes a quilt great with lots of illustrative photos. The workshop in the Vista Fire Department was well received and many valuable tips on hand appliqué were reviewed or learned for the first time. This is a great site for our workshops!

Christine Barnes, an amazing colorist, will be our October speaker and workshop leader. Having seen Christine online at *The Quilt Show* hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims, I am especially eager to take her workshop! There are a few spots left, so contact [JoAnne Finnigan](mailto:JoAnne.Finnigan) if you can make it.

The 2016 raffle quilt "Shot Thru N Thru", coordinated by Karen Carlson and Carol Auer, is under construction by Guild members. It promises to be another beautiful quilt.

We have been invited by the Pound Ridge Museum/Pound Ridge Historical Society to exhibit some quilts during the first three weeks of February. They would like to have a selection of traditional, art, landscape, and modern quilts. We can choose which week or three day weekend we would like to participate. The museum is alarmed and they hold an excellent insurance policy. A sign will be made for outside. Please contact me if you would like to participate in this exhibit. If there is enough interest, I will make arrangements for us to meet with their President.

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.](#)

Modern Quilt Colorist – Christine Barnes

October 21st Lecture - "Magic Fabrics/Special Effects"

Put simply, magic fabrics give a quilt light and life. What constitutes a magic fabric? I describe many as "shot with light". Batiks, hand-dyes and hand painted fabrics have a dappled quality; some commercial fabrics appear to "smolder", an illusion that lends depth and warmth to even the simplest quilts. Join Christine as she explores these and other interesting fabric choices in your quilts.



October 22nd Workshop Transparent Squares

Successful transparencies depend on value (the lightness or darkness of color) and intensity (the brightness or dullness). Shot cottons—fabrics that have different-colored warp and weft threads—have a shimmering quality that enhances the illusion of see-through color.

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.

JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs
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Membership

The NSQG 2014-15 year is underway. We had a wonderful September meeting and welcomed 136 members at our meeting. We have 184 members currently registered of which 14 are new or previous members who are rejoining after a brief break. We celebrated those members who renewed their membership prior to the September meeting by awarding four \$25.00 gift certificates. The winners are Catherine Cavanaugh, Margaret Elsdon, Judy Mayer and Denise Landers. The certificates were purchased by the Guild at Fabric Mart Yorktown, Quilt Basket Pawling, City Quilter NYC, and The Quilt Shop Danbury.

If you have not renewed your membership from last year it would be best if you did this prior to the October 21 meeting. [Print your form](#), include a check for \$35.00 and mail it to NSQG Membership, PO Box 232, Somers, NY 10589. I will have the membership book information available at the October meeting for you to proof read and then the info will go to print. Don't miss the chance to be included in the 2014-15 booklet.

Also, thank you to the membership table assistants; your help and warm smiles are greatly appreciated!

Patti Calautti, VP Membership
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Quilt Show

The Quilt Show Committee held its first meeting in September and planning is underway for next May's show. Before you know it, registration will be open, so keep working on your quilts. This year we will be starting registration a little later, January 15, 2015, however it will still run until March 31, 2015. Remember the quilts we display are the heart and soul of our show. We need our members, to contribute quilts to the show to make it the best it can be. The creativity, workmanship and diversity of quilt styles in the NSQG shows are truly amazing.

Silent Auction

We are also looking for contributions to the Silent Auction. It has become a key feature at the show, looked forward to by many of our visitors. We have successfully raised money for the Guild through your quilted donations. Please consider making a small quilt (average size of 25"x25") to be sold at next year's Silent Auction.

More details on the show, registration, and our featured speakers will be in the November newsletter.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
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Hospitality

Thank you to the **A, B, and C's** who brought snacks in September. A special thank you to Joan Citron, Lynn Kaufteil and Sonhild Rodney, for helping at the hospitality & raffle tables.

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.

Reminder – "The Holiday Food Drive" will be in November this year!

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality
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Library

Many thanks to Kathy Kaplan, Dee Rizzo and Jean Doggett for their help at the Library table last month. We had a very busy September with over 40 books borrowed. Hopefully our new system that categorized our 379 books and DVDs made it easier to find books you were interested in. Enjoy the books and please remember to return them at the October meeting. If you are interested in a certain book, or would like to reserve one please let me know.

New books for October

- *Quilting with a Modern Slant* by Rachel May
- *Modern Quilt Perspectives* by Thomas Knaur

New Magazines

- Machine Quilting Unlimited July/ Aug. Sept./ Oct. 2014
- Quilting Arts Aug/ Sept. Oct./ Nov. 2014

See you at the meeting.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair
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Education

2015 Winter Programs

Since the weather can be iffy in January and February, the Guild traditionally has enlisted members to give small-group demonstrations at our winter meetings rather than engage a professional speaker. Here's the possible (subject to further discussions with Board and committee members) line-up for 2015:

January – Getting to Know You

A chance to get to know other members of the guild.....think of it as speed dating to find new quilting friends! This is still a work in progress, so stay tuned!

February – Learn Something New

Guild members will explain new techniques learned in the last year, hopefully something for everyone's interests. (And still room for volunteers! So please contact me if you have some new skill to share with the rest of the Guild)

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

We will continue to explore the creative process with a discussion about "Creative Brainstorming." 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 rest of the year are: October 4th from 10am to 12 noon, November 1st from 1pm to 3pm, and December 13th from 10am to noon. All meetings are at the Astoria bank in Somers on the second floor.

Longarm Group – Diane Linker

The Long Arm Quilters will meet Saturdays, Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 6. The October meeting will be at Peggy Morgan's house. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Diane Linker.

The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

Our next meeting will be Saturday, November 15. After that, we've scheduled meetings for 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

The Domestic Machine Quilting SIG will meet On October 21 before the Guild Meeting at 5:45 in the Faculty room. We will have a demonstration of machine quilting and a discussion afterwards. Please contact Helen Boland (news@northernstarquilters.com) if you need more information.

Modern Quilters

The Modern Quilt SIG will be meeting before the guild meeting at 6:00 in the Cafeteria. We will be discussing Improvisational Quilting. So bring a book or a project that you are working on or have completed relating to the subject. For inclusion in the mailing list, please contact Kim Hyde.

Jennifer Kramer, VP Education
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Another one of our members has had her work accepted into the International Quilt Show in Houston. Congratulations to **Margaret Phillips!** Her work "Pink Annie" will be exhibited in the Art, Miniatures category. Margaret's work was also hanging at our own quilt show in May 2014.



Linda Long's beautiful Fabric Art pieces were showcased during the Cold Spring Sidewalk Sale & Block Party at Antique Alley, 93 Main Street in Cold Spring, NY.



Norma Schlager will be featured in an exhibit at the C.H. Booth Library at 25 Main St., Newtown, CT. The exhibit "Transformations" begins on October 10 and runs through November 7, 2014 and features works from the Western CT fiber arts group **FiberWorks**. Other artists who are featured include SAQA members Nike Cutsumpas, Barbara Drillick and Gwen Hendrix. This show of contemporary fiber arts explores and conveys many facets of evolution, reorganization, reclamation and transmutation. It includes quilting, weaving, felting and painting.

The opening reception will take place on Sunday, October 12th from 2-4 pm.



Tamara Drucker, Luanne Bruce and Eunice and Don Gough had quilts exhibited at the New England Air Museum in Windsor Locks, CT during the last week in September. Congratulations to **Tamara Drucker** whose quilt (pictured on the right) entitled "Is it Digital?" won Viewer's Choice during the show.



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 Darendod, Secretary
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Charitable Activities

Winner's Choice Raffle

At our October meeting, please support the Guild by taking a chance on the **Winner's Choice Raffle**. You may be one of the lucky members who gets to select one of the many beautiful and unique **White Lightning Quilts**. These quilts made as a result of Comfort Quilts Summer Project will be on display along the cafeteria wall.



Raffle Quilt 2016



All the blocks for **Shot Thru 'N Thru**, our **2016 Raffle Quilt**, were distributed at our last meeting. Carol and Karen appreciated our interest and enthusiasm. **Please remember to return the blocks at our October meeting or mail to Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.**

Left: Carol Auer and Karen Carlson are hard at work designing the Shot Thru N' Thru Raffle quilt.

Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts is following its Winter Schedule at the North Salem Ambulance Corp. **Please verify with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson since changes or cancellations are sometimes necessary.** Nancy Langehennig always has pre-cut Comfort Quilt kits available at the Comfort Quilt table for those who cannot attend the meetings, but would like to make a Comfort Quilt.

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.

Would you like to participate by selling some of your quilt related work? Provided you are a 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; just sign up in advance. Information will be available at the September and October meetings.

Stephanie Santangelo and Judy Jones, Boutique Coordinators

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 starting at our November Guild Meeting.

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
- "3-Dimensional Blocks"- Judy Simek

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, Super Saturday Coordinator

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 Saturday morning for breakfast and then spend the day at the show.

Sign-ups will begin in November.

Jen Cannizzaro, Trips Coordinator

Kelly Lockwood, Special Activities Coordinator

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Communications

The [Special Issue 2014-15](#) is available online! There will also be color printed copies available at the October meeting. Many thanks to **Deirdre Abbotts** for her professional work on the print job.

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.

Members Marketplace

Koala Sewing Cabinet \$ 500.00 or best offer. This cabinet is in great condition. My new sewing machine does not fit so I have to sell it. It is white wood finish.

30" high 60" wide open and 37" wide closed 17" deep, adjustable height for sewing machine cabinet is on wheels. Plenty of storage, can be locked



Please contact Judy Jones. Contact information is on the emailed newsletter or from News@northernstarquilters.com.

Helen Boland, VP Communications

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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!

"Homefront & Battlefield: Quilts & Context in the Civil War," September 23, 2014-January 4, 2015, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT; 802-985-3346; <http://www.shelburnemuseum.org>

Quilts by Nancy Crow, now through October 31, 2014, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT; 802-985-3346; <http://www.shelburnemuseum.org>.

New England Air Museum will be having the 3rd annual Quilt Show on September 22nd thru 28th. It will feature Sue Reich and Karen Eckmeier lectures, 150+ quilts, vendors, demos, etc. "Flights and Fancies" Quilt Show; New England Air Museum, Hartford, CT at Bradley Airport; September 22 – 28, 2014. www.neam.org [NSQG]

"Scale + Color + Vision," now through October 18, 2014, ArtQuiltGallery NYC, New York City; 212-807-9451; <http://www.artquiltgallerynyc.com>.

"Quilts in the Mall," October 3-5, 2014, Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ; 908-337-7540; judeeshuler@centurylink.net; <http://www.courthousequilters.com>.

"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>

"Threads: Fiber Arts from the Torpedo Factory," now through October 12, 2014, Gallery 20 East, Waynesboro, PA; <http://artsalliancegw.org>.

"Autumn Inspirations 2014," October 18-19, 2014; Proctor's GE Theatre, Schenectady, NY; <http://www.quiltschenectady.org>.

Village Squares Quilters Show, October 25-26, 2014, JCC of Mid-Westchester, 999 Wilmot Rd, Scarsdale, NY from 10am to 4 pm each day. http://villagesquaresquilters.com/Quilt_Show_Flyer4FINAL.pdf

"Quintessential Quilts," now through November 1, 2014, Danbury Museum & Historical Society; Danbury, CT; 203-743-5200; <http://www.danburymuseum.org>.

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