

NSQG Newsletter - September 2013

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October 2013

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President's Message

Welcome back, quilters! There are many exciting plans being worked on by your board. Find a place where you can lend a hand while enhancing your own experience within the guild: the Membership welcome desk, the Hospitality table, the library, the upcoming workshops table, one of the SIGs (Special Interest Groups), Comfort Quilts, or speak to us and we'll help you find your place.

Looking back, it is a joy to congratulate Comfort Quilts on the 20th year of distributing quilts among those seeking love and comfort in times of need. Records started being kept in 2002 and in these twelve years 2,565 quilts have been distributed (24 of them full sized).

Comfort Quilts' leaders include founding Member Pat Baker, who carted the boxes of fabric and tools back and forth to meetings in her station wagon for years. Karen Carlson and Carol Auer create patterns, select fabrics from your donated stash, and pre-cut them for kits for guild members unable to attend the CQ meetings; create more kits for sale in the boutique in November, at the Quilt Show, and at the June Salad Supper, bringing in greater than \$4,100 over the past three years, more than offsetting the cost of running Comfort Quilts. Congratulations to the Comfort Quilters, all donors of fabric, long arm quilters, and purchasers of CQ kits!

This is one example of small groups within NSQG that are ready to welcome you. The SIGs: Art Quilters, Sticklers, Landscape, Longarm, and Appliqué. Other NSQG members have joined quilt groups like SAQA, the Farmer's Wife group, and the Modern Quilt Guild with other NSQG members. Please save time to view the Trunk Show in the cafeteria brought to us by SAQA. Let the fun begin ...

Caryl Castellion, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

September Meeting SAQA Exhibit

Northern Star Quilters' Guild is again pleased to host an informal exhibit of the current SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) Trunk Show: This is a Quilt! This engaging exhibit showcases SAQA the diversity of talent of the SAQA members and its mission to promote the art quilt through education, exhibitions, professional development, documentation, and publications. The show of approximately 45 small format art quilts will be on display at the rear of the cafeteria during the meeting. Many thanks to my friend and fellow SAQA member, **Katharina Litchman** from Sullivan County, who offered to bring the exhibit to NSQG for our September meeting.



Debbie Bein, Coordinator

News Article From Katonah Museum of Art

Barbara Sferra featured in the KMA Newsletter:

KATONAH, NY, JULY 24, 2013

Quilts made by visitors to the Katonah Museum of Art by hundreds of community members were donated today to My Sister's Place and to babies born at the Bedford Women's Correctional Facility.

The Katonah Museum is dedicated to developing meaningful relationships with the community, both individuals and other organizations and businesses. To that end, the Museum created the Quilt Lab as part of the Museum's Beyond the Bed quilt exhibition (February 24 – June 16, 2013). Museum visitors made hundreds of log cabin quilt squares, which 33 volunteer quilters then sewed together to create 10 stunning, colorful quilts.

The Quilt Lab gave visitors to the Katonah Museum of Art a better understanding of just how much time, vision and skill goes into creating a quilt. It also gave visitors the opportunity to play a hands-on role in the process of community quilt-making, and as well as knowing their creative efforts would help people in need.

Present at the donation of the quilts were, from left: quilter Polly Wiessman, Katonah Museum of Art Interim Executive Director Belinda Roth, Katonah Museum of Art Manager of Public Programs Margaret Moulton, Katonah Museum of Art Board President Tara Coniaris, Development Associate for My Sister's Place Diana Eppolito, quilter Robin Fox, **quilter Barbara Sferra**.



Programs

Welcome back to another great year of programs!

PROGRAMS FOR FALL 2013

September: **CAROL ANN WAUGH**

Lecture: **Tuesday, September 17**

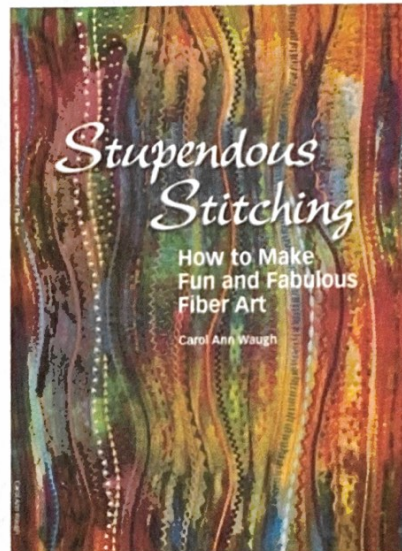
"How Did I Get Here From There?"

Carol will talk about her journey and share some lessons learned from moving from a left brain to right brain life. She will talk about being a professional artist and give ideas to achieve your own short and long term artistic goals.

Workshop: **Wednesday, September 18**

STUPENDOUS STITCHING Fee: **\$50**

Learn how to couch, practice hand embroidery, and develop you decorative machine stitching skills—all in one class! Carol will show you how to create fabulous textures and color on batik cotton fabric. This is the class you need to explore and use all of those hundreds of decorative stitches that are on your sewing machine! Learn a new way to finish edges and the secrets of mounting your art so it will hang beautifully on your wall. You will leave this class with a finished masterpiece!



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. With an easy pattern

transfer process for fused fabric, 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 19
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 everyone who renewed their memberships early! For anyone who registers before the September meeting, we will hold a drawing where four lucky members will win a gift certificate to a local fabric shop. To be eligible, your 2013-14 Membership Form and payment must be received PRIOR to the meeting. Click [here](#) to access the form and instructions online.

It's going to be another great year at NSQG! If you are a new member, please stop by the Membership Table at the front of the cafeteria and introduce yourself to our greeters. We can help answer any questions you may have about the Guild and fill you in about our activities.

We will be hosting several Member Showcases this year (look for our October newsletter for information on the first Showcase of the year). 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.

Just a reminder: Even if you didn't submit your registration in time for the raffle, it is important that you register and update your information (if applicable) by November in order to be included in this year's directory.

If you'd like to volunteer to help with Membership, please let me know or leave your name at the membership table.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Membership

Library

Library Helpers needed!

Hi, my name is Dee Plouffe' and I'm looking forward to my new position as librarian. Anyone willing to help me at the library table at our monthly meeting please contact me.

Duties are simple:

- Collect returned books
- Help sign out books
- Re-Shelving books

No need to help at every meeting. If you are able to volunteer, please call or E-mail me. Any help is greatly appreciated.

New Books!

I have two new books available for check-out at the September meeting.

- "Create Your Own Hand Printed Cloth", by Rayna Gillman
- "Free Style Machine Embroidery Techniques and Inspiration for Fiber Art", by Carol Shinn.

And several new issues of magazines

- Quilting Arts
- American Quilter
- Machine Quilting Unlimited
- Australian patchwork and Quilting-Special Christmas issue



Please feel free to let me know of any new books and magazines you would like added to our ever expanding library.

Dee Plouffé, Library Chair

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

Education

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

This group meets at 5:45 p.m. in the Library prior to most monthly Guild Meetings.

Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The Landscape Quilters meet at the Astoria Bank (2nd floor) in Somers on the Saturdays. Their next meetings are scheduled for September 7th, from 1 – 3 p.m., October 5th from 10 a.m. to noon, November 9th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and Dec 7th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Longarm Group – Diane Linker

The Longarm quilters next meet at Peggy Morgan's home on Saturday, Sept. 7th. Next meeting dates are October 5th, November 2nd and December 7th.



Purple Kimono by Margaret Phillips

The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

The Showcase of The Sticklers work will be at the Briarcliff Manor Public Library, through August 29th.

Their next monthly meeting is Saturday, Sept 21st at the Apple Savings Bank, 666 Columbus Ave. Thornwood NY. The meetings for the remainder of the year will be October 19th, November 16th and December 14th.

Hand Appliqué Group – Inactive

Please contact Education@northernstarquilters.com if you want to lead this SIG.

Anything Goes – Inactive

Please contact Education@northernstarquilters.com if you want to lead this SIG.

Jean Degl, VP Education

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Hospitality

All members whose names begin with A, B, or C, please bring a snack to share.

Finger foods to consider: fresh fruit cut into bite size pieces, trail mix, cheese & crackers, veggie platter & dip.

Don't forget to pick up your free raffle ticket when you bring a snack.

Helpers are always needed, so stop by to find out how you can help.

Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality

Quilt Show

The Quilt Show Committee for 2014 is already hard at work preparing for World of Quilts XXXV.

The success of any show rests with the members who give of themselves to make it happen. We hope you will join in the excitement by volunteering and entering your quilts.

If you have any suggestions for the show, or if you want to volunteer some time during the planning stages this fall and winter, please contact one of us.

Also, we encourage you to set to work now on some of those design ideas that have been percolating over the summer or to reimagine some of your UFOs so you can put them in the show. Registration will run from January 1 through March 31.

This year the Show Committee will continue to make a special effort to reach out to young quilters. A simplified registration form for them is already up on the website. Registration will be limited to the first fifteen quilts by young quilters. If you are teaching your grandchild or another youngster in your life how to quilt, we would love to display his or her work.

Jane Eyes and Diane Linker, VPs Quilt Show
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Kimono Inspirations

Many of our members were featured in the recent FiberartNE "Kimono Inspirations" exhibit at the City Quilter in New York City (August 13-30). You may remember that this exhibit was on display during our own Quilt Show this past May.

As you might know, most of the members of FiberartNE are also members of NSQG. It is quite an honor to be invited to exhibit at the Art Gallery at The City Quilter. Most of the kimonos will be for sale. The City Quilter is a wonderful quilt shop, if you haven't been there, and is located at 133 W. 25th Street; their website is www.cityquilter.com

Here is a link to the [FiberArtNE website](#) where you may view pictures of the exhibit in case you missed it.

Congratulations!

Norma Schlager has had two quilts accepted into **Quilts: A World of Beauty** at the **International Quilt Festival in Houston**. The quilts, **Brown Planet**, **a Collaboration** and **Emerald City** were both ribbon winners at our Northern Star show in May. You can find Norma's blog [here](#).



Emerald City by Norma Schlager

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

Starting on September 4th, Comfort Quilts will be meeting at the North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp. at 14 Daniel Road in North Salem. The usual meeting dates are on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Dates are subject to change. Please verify the date with **Carol Auer** or **Karen Carlson**.



Black Magic

The Comfort Quilters have been hard at work on the **Black Magic Summer Challenge**

In October, the winner of a "A Winner's Choice Raffle" will be able to select their prize from one of the many 'Black Magic' quilts. Tickets will be available in October and the proceeds will help defray Guild expenses.

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities

Super Saturday

This year's Super Saturday will take place on February 22, 2014 at JFK High School from 9:30-4PM. Our tentative schedule of teachers and classes includes:

- Debbie Bein- Modern Quilt Design Workshop (including a Power Point presentation)
- Mary Cannizzaro- Bargello Mini Quilt (14"x17")
- Tamar Drucker- Surface Art (painting and, possibly, dyeing fabric)
- Patricia Loquet- A quilt!
- Margaret Phillips- Machine Applique without using Fusible
- Maria Weinstein- Scrap Quilting
- Mark Weinstein- T-shirt Quilt

We will also have a Sit 'n' Sew section and, hopefully, a class in miniature quilts. More detailed descriptions and photos will follow in the October Newsletter. Sign-ups will begin at our October meeting where you will be able to see samples of each project or technique.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact **Carol Mayefsky**.

Trips

Lancaster Trip – Hold the Date

Lancaster Trip
March 14-15, 2014

Mark your calendars for our annual trip to Lancaster, PA for the American Quilter's Society Show at the Lancaster County Convention Center. Sign-ups begin in November.

First Dutchess Quilters Trip Invitation

Have you ever been to A Quilters' Gathering? If not, let First Dutchess Quilters take you! We'll leave for this lovely show around 7:00AM on Friday, November 1 from Poughkeepsie and arrive in Manchester at the show by noon. Enjoying the show will be the afternoon activity, along with visiting the vendors of course. We'll be staying at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Manchester, NH Friday night. They have a restaurant on premises – pub style – and there are several restaurants in walking distance right around the hotel. When we check in to the show you may find that there is a lecture you'd like to attend that evening (not included in the cost) or you may visit and gab with your traveling companions instead – there's a nice lobby area for just that. Breakfast is served in the lobby – buffet or from the menu – or you may get coffee/tea/etc. and a muffin from the gift shop. On Saturday you may pop back in to the show to take that photo you missed or fetch that item you needed to think about before buying. We'll leave the hotel around 11:30 and head to Lowell, MA to visit the New England Quilt Museum. Lunch will be in the vicinity of the museum – their website indicates there are several dining options from which to choose right in that area. After our visit to the museum we will head for home, arriving in the evening. Pick up locations will be announced at a later date.

The cost for this trip, which includes transportation, lodging (double occupancy) and admission to the show and the museum, will be \$215.00 for members, \$235.00 for non-members. (Meals are not included.) If you'd like to come along, please send me the attached reservation form along with your deposit of \$75.00 by September 1, 2013. Final payment will be due by October 1.

Jeanne Glick, 209 Titusville Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

E-mail me or call 845-463-2510 if you have any questions.

www.aquiltersgathering.com

www.nequiltmuseum.org

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

Communications

The Special Issue is available online! Please go to the homepage www.northernstarquilters.com and look to the right side bar, there you will find a click to print link. There will also be color printed copies at the September meeting. Many thanks to **Deirdre Abbotts** for her professional work on the print job.

Please let us know if you have been featured in an exhibit or publication. Our newsletter is a great way to share our 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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2014 Guild Challenge

Critters: Pest or Pet?

Choose a critter from the animal kingdom - feathered, furry, insect, reptile, amphibian... it's up to you.

Make a quilt following the guidelines below and choose a 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.

Guidelines:

A 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.

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

Meg Mooar and Jane Eyes, Challenge Coordinators

Area Shows & Events

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

*"Spaces in Between: Contemporary Textiles," Works by Kate Stiassni, September 10 through October 19, The ArtQuilt Gallery•NYC 133 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001, 212-807-9541
http://www.artquiltgallerynyc.com/The_ArtQuilt_Gallery_NYC/2013_Shows.html

*"Works by Hand': Hidden Labor and Historical Quilts," now through September 15, 2013, Brooklyn Museum, New York City; 718-638-5000; <http://www.brooklynmuseum.org>.

*"The Visual Symphony," now through September 16, 2013, Lazarus Gallery, New Rochelle, NY; 914-632-2804; <http://www.unitedhebrewgeriatric.org>. [NSQG]


*Chatham Historical Society Quilt Show, September 21, 2013, First Congregational Church, Chatham, CT; 860-365-0527; octagon29@sbcglobal.net;
<http://www.chathamhistoricalsociety.org>.

*"Flights and Fantasies," September 16-22, 2013, New England Air Museum, Windsor Locks, CT; 860-623-3305; jackie@cvquiltworks.com,
<http://www.neam.org>.

- *"Spun: Adventure in Textiles," now through-September 22, 2013, Denver Art Museum, Denver, CO; <http://www.denverartmuseum.org>.
- *"America the Beautiful," now through September 29, 2013, Texas Quilt Museum, La Grange, TX; <http://www.texasquiltmuseum.org>.
- *"A Slice of Cheddar," now through October 6, 2013, New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207; <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>.
- *"Stitching Stars Quilt Show," October 18-20, 2013 (10am-4pm), Westerly Armory, 8 Dixon St., Westerly, RI. www.ninigretquiltersguild.org/ contact: NinigretQuilters@gmail.com
- *"150th Anniversary of the Jane Stickle Quilt," August 31-October 15, 2013, Bennington Museum, Bennington, VT; <http://www.benningtonmuseum.org>.
- *"Daily Inspiration," by Swiss Art Quilter Cécile Trentini, November 12 – December 28, 2013, ArtQuilt Gallery•NYC 133 West 25th Street, New York, NY 10001, 212-807-9541, http://www.artquiltgallerynyc.com/The_ArtQuilt_Gallery_NYC/2013_Shows.html
- *"Larger Than Life: Quilts by Velda Newman," now through October 31, 2013, Shelburne Museum, Shelburne, VT; <http://shelburnemuseum.org>.
- *"Splendidly Dressed: American Indian Robes & Regalia," now through December 29, 2013, Fenimore Art Museum, Cooperstown, NY; <http://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org>.

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