

## NSQG Newsletter - September 2014

**Last Minute Update:** Comfort Quilts is Cancelled for September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

September 2014		October 2014	
Wed 3	Comfort Quilts (Last in Armonk)	Wed 1	Comfort Quilts
Sat 6	Long Arm SIG	Sat 11	Long Arm SIG
Tue 9	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Tue 14	Board Meeting
Sat 13	Landscape SIG; Sticklers	Wed 15	Comfort Quilts
Tue 16	Guild Meeting <i>Mary Sorensen</i>	Tue 21	Guild Meeting: <i>Christine Barnes</i>
Wed 17	Workshop: "Dramatic Darks"	Wed 22	Workshop: "Transparent Squares"
Wed 17	Comfort Quilts (North Salem)	Fri 24	Newsletter submissions due
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## President's Message

Greetings, Northern Star Quilters!

Wasn't this the perfect summer, payback for a long and difficult winter?! We now welcome the active part of the NSQG year including great lectures at Kennedy Catholic; workshops at our new location at the Vista Fire Department; new and established SIGs (Special Interest Groups); and the Raffle Quilt Japanese Jigsaw completed this summer under the guidance of Carolyn Salon. The quilt photo has been taken by Diana Sharkey for our postcards and posters to call the world out to our World of Quilts XXXVI at Kennedy Catholic on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015!

The NSQG Board of Directors and the Advisory Committee (formed to help identify potential venues for the Quilt Show in future years) have been hard at work through the summer. After receiving word from Kennedy Catholic that we would have to take on a huge increase in cost causing the quilt show to run at a deficit, it became clear that we needed to look at past records, look at new venues, and compare the cost of the potential venues with the known costs of continuing at Kennedy Catholic.

We considered 38 sites and viewed 8 of them after speaking with most of the others. It didn't take long to see that we have been very fortunate in our quilt show space over the past 20 years. Kennedy Catholic has been very accommodating in providing the space, volunteer student workers, parking supervisors, and delicious lunches. As the quilt show has grown, so has our use of the space.

We have learned several things this summer: our operating costs are increasing and we haven't raised our dues in 17 years! A decision will have to be made soon on an increase in dues to begin in our next year registration (May 2015) and we will determine the amount of the increase as soon as our budget comparison has been completed and a venue has been selected. We have three very good venues under consideration, including

Kennedy Catholic. (We also will need to find an alternate site for our storage unit and wonder if a member knows of such a space in a commercial parking lot or on large private property.) We hope to be able to inform the membership more of the plans under consideration and listen to your feedback in the October Guild meeting.

*The World of Quilts XXXVI* will be held at Kennedy Catholic on May 2 and May 3, 2015. In our "Grandfathered" status, our monthly meetings are continuing at Kennedy Catholic through this NSQG 2014-2015 year.

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

## Programs

### NEW WORKSHOP LOCATION!

We are please 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. May be 10 minutes further for some of our members but well worth the trip!

General Directions: I 684 to Rte 35 East – Continue on Rte 35 for approximately 8 miles then turn right onto Rte 123. After approximately 4 miles Vista Fire Department is on the left side of the road. Address for GPS is 377 Smith Ridge Road, Vista, NY.

From Connecticut: Merritt Parkway to exit 38, New Canaan, Norwalk, Rt 123. At end of exit, turn towards New Canaan, Rt 123 north. Cross state line, CT to NY, in about 5 miles. Then in about another 2 miles, look for Vista firehouse on the right.

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### *Traditional Hand Applique Artist Mary Sorensen*

**September 16<sup>th</sup> - Lecture "What Makes a Quilt Great!"** – This is Mary's newest Lecture and was given for the first time in Paducah in April 2014

### **September 17<sup>th</sup> - Workshop – Dramatic Darks**



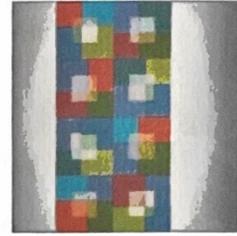
Nothing is more striking than hand appliqué done on a dark background. However, there are pitfalls and special considerations in planning and selecting fabrics for this unique look. Learn special techniques for transferring patterns to a dark background. We will work with color and fabric selection to achieve dramatic shading on darks. Advanced needleturn hand appliqué techniques will be demonstrated.

## Modern Quilt Colorist – Christine Barnes

### October 21<sup>st</sup> Lecture “Magic Fabrics/Special Effects”

### October 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



JoAnne Finnigan, VP Programs  
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## Membership

I am happy to welcome our new members and our returning members to our September meeting on Tuesday, September 16, 2014. The 2015 NSQG raffle quilt will be on display. This year's raffle quilt coordinator is Carolyn Salon. The raffle quilt proceeds recipient is Community Cares.

Please remember that there will be a raffle drawing for quilt store gift certificates for all memberships received prior to our September meeting. [Please click this link](#) to print a membership form. We welcome you to bring a guest to share in the excitement of our first meeting. All new members are invited to sit at the new member table, please look for the yellow quilted tablecloth. Veteran members will be available to answer any questions you may have. Please remember to wear your name tag!

Patti Calautti, VP Membership  
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## Library

### Library Volunteers Needed

If you are willing to help at the Library table at our monthly, please call or email me.

The duties are simple:

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

No need to volunteer for every meeting, any help is appreciated.

### New Books

I have two new books and a DVD available for check-out at the September meeting:

*Lucky Spool's Essential Guide to Modern Quilt Making* by Susanne Woods  
*Savor Each Stitch* by Carolyn Friedlander

## New Magazines

*Where Women Create*  
*American Quilter*  
*Quilting Arts*

## New DVD

*The Quilt Show, Series 13*, Hosted by Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson

Please feel free to recommend any new books or DVDs you would like added to our Library.

**Dee Plouffé**, Library Chair  
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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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# 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

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

### Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The Landscape Quilters will have a meeting on September 13 from 1 p.m. to 3p.m. at the Astoria Bank (2<sup>nd</sup> floor) in Somers. The meeting will combine the beginner and experienced groups. Please contact Don Gough if you have any questions.

### Longarm Group – Diane Linker

The Long Arm Quilters will meet Saturdays, Sept 6, Oct 11, Nov 8 and Dec 6. The September meeting will be at Kelly Lockwood's. Anyone interested in joining, please contact Diane Linker.

### The Sticklers - Carolyn Finn

The next monthly meeting is Saturday, Sept 13 at the Apple Savings Bank, 666 Columbus Ave. Thornwood NY. The meetings for the remainder of the year will be Nov 15, Jan 17, Mar 14(TBD), and May 16. Please contact Carolyn Finn for more information.

### Art Quilters SIG

The Art Quilters are working on their next SIG challenge "Under the Microscope!" The group meets at 5:45 p.m. before the Guild meetings in the Library. Please contact Christine Wilhelm if you would like to join.

### Domestic Machine Quilting

Please bring the samples of the machine quilting that you have worked on over the summer and any questions or suggestions you have for the group. The Machine Quilting SIG meets at 5:45 in the Faculty Room before the Guild meetings. Please contact Helen Boland, [News@Northernstarquilters.com](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com) if you would like to join our email list.

### Modern Quilters

This new group will hold meetings at 6 p.m. before the Guild meetings in the cafeteria. For inclusion in the mailing list, please contact Kim Hyde.

**Jennifer Kramer, VP Education**  
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## Hospitality

It is a pleasure to welcome everyone back from summer vacation. For September, we are asking that members whose last names begin with A, B, or C, will please bring a snack to share. Finger foods to consider, cheese and crackers, trail mix, veggie platter & dip, fresh fruit cut into bite size pieces, and of course, anything baked.

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

Please stop by the raffle table and take a chance - 3 tickets for \$1! You have to be in it to win it!

This year we will hold the "Holiday Food Drive" in November. Winter meetings last year were usually snowed out. We hope to avoid that problem this year by moving collection to November. More information will be available as we near the November meeting.

**Nancy Cianflone, Hospitality**  
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# Quilt Show

Planning has started for the **World of Quilts XXXVI** show on May 1 and 2, 2015. One of the reasons why our show is such a success and so popular, is the number of gorgeous quilts we display. This, of course, is a direct result of the number of creative quilts our guild members enter in the show. If you haven't started on a quilt to display at the show, you still have time; registration will run from January 1 through March 31. Get 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.

## Volunteers

The time contributed by our members, volunteering in the planning and running of the show is also a major reason for its success. Please remember guild members are expected to volunteer at least 3 hours at our Quilt Show in May. If you want to volunteer some time during the planning stages this fall and winter, or if you have any suggestions for the show, please contact me.

## Silent Auction

The Silent Auction has become a very popular venue at our Quilt Show. We have successfully raised money for the Guild through your quilted donations. Many visitors to our show look forward to taking home something made by the NSQG. Please consider making a small quilt (average size of 25"x25") to be sold at next year's Silent Auction. We are a Guild of talented quilters. Show your talent and give back to the Guild through your donation. Thank you everyone.

## Young Quilters

Once again, the Show Committee is reaching out to young quilters. A simplified registration form for this year's show will soon be posted on the website – however you can use the 2014 show's information for the quilt's guidelines. 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.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show  
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## Find Us Here

Mary Cannizzaro has had two quilts accepted in the Houston show. Her quilts "*Log Cabin Spiral*" and "*Simply the Best*" will be exhibited. You may recognize them from our previous shows. Pictured here is the quilt "*Simply the Best*".

You may remember that Denise Isherwood has had her quilt "*I Never Met a Fabric By Judie That I Didn't Love*" accepted in the show as well.

Congratulations to both of you!



As I was browsing through the latest issue of *Quilting Arts*(Aug/Sept), I came across an article about SAQA CT. The article is entitled "Gallery: Local Color" and it pictures several art quilts by members of SAQA CT. Two of our members quilts are featured in the magazine - Kendell Storm's "Take a Bow" and Norma Schlager's "Of Cabbages and Kings". Several of these quilts will travel to Atlanta, Georgia for *Quilting LIVE!* at the Sewing & Quilt Expo, September 11 – 13, 2014. <http://www.sewingexpo.com/QuiltingLIVE.aspx> . It was also written up in SAQA CT blog: <http://saqact.blogspot.com/2014/07/local-color-gets-national-attention-via.html>

Kudos to both Kendell and Norma!

## Charitable Activities

### Raffle Quilts

The **Japanese Jigsaw Puzzle Quilt** coordinated by Carolyn Salon, quilted by Angela Vertucci and made by our members will be on display at the September Guild meeting. Raffle tickets to support this year's beneficiary, **Community Cares**, will be available in early winter.



Carol Auer & Karen Carlson will be distributing blocks for **Shot Thru 'N Thru**, the 2016 raffle quilt, at the September meeting. Donations of #8 Pearl Cotton Thread of multiple colors for hand quilting Shot Thru 'N Thru is appreciated.

### ConKerr Cancer

Completed pillowcases for the pediatric patients at Marie Fareri Children's Hospital can be given to Althea Nolan at the Guild Meeting. If you need help with the directions for making the pillowcases, see Althea.

### Comfort Quilts

Starting on Sept 17, Comfort Quilts will be 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.**



Comfort Quilters have been hard at work on their Summer Project- "**White Lightning.**" In October, the winner of "A Winner's Choice Raffle" will be able to select their prize from one of the many White Lightning Quilts.

Many Comfort Quilts continued to be distributed during the summer, including the Neo Natal Intensive Care Quilts pictured in the photo.

**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**, Boutique Coordinator

### **Super Saturday**

**February 28, 2015**

Be sure to mark your calendar so you won't miss Super Saturday!

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 in our Sit and Sew area. Whatever you choose, it will be a fun day to share.

Here is a sample of the possible classes for 2015:

Landscape Fabric Collage; Hand Applique; Working with Ties; Double Diamond Ruler; Machine Quilting without fusibles; something scrappy; "crazy" scrapping; Trendsetter Bag; 3 Dimensional Block.

If you are interested in teaching your favorite technique or quilt or have a request for a specific class, please see Kelly at the September meeting.

Sign-ups for classes will begin at the October meeting.

**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

## Communications

The **Special Issue 2014-15** is available online! Please go to the homepage [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://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](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com). The deadline is generally the Friday after the Guild meeting.

In case you haven't heard, Ricky Tims will be hosted by the Connecticut Piecemakers Guild on September 19 – 20, 2014 at the Crowne Plaza in Southbury, CT. Please check their website for more information:

<http://www.ctpiecemakers.org>.

A **Showcase of Quilts & Flowers** is scheduled for September 24 through September 28 at Ridgefield Crossings Senior Living. The collection of over 35 quilts are by author and designer Johanna Wilson.

Johanna Wilson grew up in New England where she was a teacher and Connecticut high school librarian. In December of 1979, she and her husband Ormon, moved to the plains of Walnut Grove Minnesota to begin a new life on their prairie farm less than a mile from the site of the Ingalls family dugout on the banks of Plum Creek.

Among the treasures they brought from Connecticut was a quilt top given to Johanna by a friend who grandmother, Henrietta St. Dennis Buck, had pieced it back in the 1930's.

Jo came to live at Ridgefield Crossings in 2012 with her collection of vintage and original quilts. The program director Kerry Cardinal, his staff and Pat Andrews, president of a local garden club and Ridgefield Crossings employee, combined an exhibit featuring the quilts with a display of floral designs to compliment the quilts. Floral designers and florist shops embraced the concept.

The quilts will hang in sitting room settings throughout the public areas of Ridgefield Crossings. The free exhibit is open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm. Ridgefield Crossings Senior Living is located at 640 Danbury Road in Ridgefield. Call 203-431-2255, Pat Andrews.



An excerpt from the Summer Newsletter of the Westchester ConKerr Cancer Chapter:

Northern Star Quilters Guild

Special thanks to the Northern Star Quilters Guild, who allowed the Westchester County Chapter to come and speak at their May meeting. Thank you to the volunteers that have been dropping off pillowcases at Fabric Mart NY. Please be sure to leave your contact information so that we can mail you a thank you card!

Allie of the NSQG has gone out of her way to coordinate our chapter coming to speak at the meeting, as well as accepting pillowcase donations from volunteers and getting them to us. Thank you for all of your efforts!

A big thank you to "The Birds" for the pillowcases and the beautiful card! We would also like to thank the many volunteers from the Guild who have brought pillowcases to Allie.

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!*

"Inspiration Quilts: Then and Now," now through September 7, 2014, Windham Textiles and History Museum, Willimantic, CT; 860-456-2178; <http://www.millmuseum.org>.

Bennington Quiltfest, September 13-14, 2014, Mount Anthony Union Middle School, Bennington, VT; <http://www.benningtonquiltfest.com>.

"Art Quilts 2014: How Does Your Garden Grow?," August 20-September 20, 2014, Whistler House Museum of Art, Lowell, MA; 978-452-7641; <http://whistlerhouse.org>

"Yes, This Is Stitched Artwork," now through September 21, 2014, Brooklyn Public Library, Brooklyn, NY; 718-230-2100; <http://www.bklynlibrary.org> .

"Five Fiber Friends," now through September 21, 2014, River Street Gallery, New Haven, CT; 203-776-3099; <http://www.fairhaven-furniture.com>.

"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>

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](http://www.neam.org)

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