

The Year at a Glance

September 2015		October 2015	
Wed 2	Comfort Quilts	Sat 3	Landscape SIG; Long Arm SIG
Tue 8	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Wed 7	Comfort Quilts
Sat 12	Landscape SIG; Long Arm SIG	Tue 13	Board Meeting
Tue 15	Guild Meeting: Susan B. Cleveland	Tue 20	Guild Meeting: Marge Tucker
Wed 16	Workshop: "Piping Hot Curves"	Wed 21	Comfort Quilts
Wed 16	Comfort Quilts (North Salem)	Wed 21	Workshop: "Going in Circles"
Fri 18	Newsletter Submissions due	Fri 23	Newsletter submissions due
November 2015		December 2015	
Wed 4	Comfort Quilts	Wed 2	Comfort Quilts
Sat 7	Long Arm SIG	Sat 5	Long Arm SIG
Tue 10	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Tue 8	Board Meeting
Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Rose Hughes	Tue 15	Guild Meeting: Meg Cox
Wed 18	Workshop: "Fast Piece Applique"	Wed 16	Comfort Quilts
Wed 18	Comfort Quilts	Fri 18	Newsletter submissions due
Fri 20	Newsletter Submissions due		
January 2016		February 2016	
Fri 1	Quilt Registration begins	Wed 3	Comfort Quilts
Sat 9	Long Arm SIG	Sat 6	Long Arm SIG
Wed 6	Comfort Quilts	Tue 9	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 12	Board Meeting	Tue 16	Guild Meeting: Education Program
Tue 19	Guild Meeting: Education Meeting	Wed 17	Comfort Quilts
Wed 20	Comfort Quilts	Fri 19	Newsletter submissions due
Fri 22	Newsletter Submissions due	Sat 27	Super Saturday
March 2016		April 2016	
Wed 2	Comfort Quilts	Wed 6	Comfort Quilts
Sat 5	Long Arm SIG	Sat 9	Long Arm SIG
Tue 8	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting	Tue 12	Board Meeting; Quilt Show Meeting
Tue 15	Guild Meeting: Deborah Tirico	Tue 19	Guild Meeting: Karen Combs
Wed 16	Workshop: "Flowers from My Beau"	Wed 20	Workshop: "Quilts of Illusion"
Wed 16	Comfort Quilts	Wed 20	Comfort Quilts
Fri 18	Newsletter Submissions due	Fri 22	Newsletter submissions due
		Sat 23	Quilt Drop Off for Show
May 2016		Wed 27	Quilt Show Judging
Sun 1	Quilt Show	Sat 30	Quilt Show
Mon 2	Workshop "TBD"		
Wed 4	Comfort Quilts	June 2016	
Tue 10	Board Meeting	Sat 4	Long Arm SIG
Tue 17	Guild Meeting: Carol Rozich Weber	Tue 14	Board Meeting
Wed 18	Comfort Quilts	Tue 21	Guild Meeting: Salad Supper
Fri 20	Newsletter Submissions due		

Membership

Hello and Welcome to NSQG,

Your membership with NSQG has many benefits; talented program guest speakers, classes, special interest groups (SIGs), Super Saturday, a bus trip to Lancaster, boutiques, the Guild Challenge, Comfort Quilts, library resources and a Quilt Show that rivals all others in our area.

Along with the scheduled activities our Guild offers friendship and camaraderie. If you are a new member or a member who now has more time to join in, please contact me via email or introduce yourself to a Greeter at the Membership table. We will be glad to answer your questions and help you to find your niche.

Members who register for the 2015-16 year prior to the September guild meeting will be included in a drawing. Four lucky members will win a gift certificate to a quilt shop. Please click [here](#) for the 2015-2016 membership form.

Our Membership Directory will be published in November, so don't forget to submit your registration information or make any updates before November 1.

Finally, I am looking for membership table volunteers to assist at guild meetings approximately 6:15-7:15pm. If you would like to help, please let me know via email or stop by the Membership table.

Christine Wilhelm, VP Membership
Membership@Northernstarquilters.com

Treasurer

In accordance with NSQG Monetary Policy, financial reports are available for members review and, as in the past, I will continue to have a copy of the current reports with me at the general monthly guild meetings. Anyone wishing to review these should contact me. In addition, an annual financial report is made available to all members in the library. I am always willing to answer any financial questions or provide information requested.

Mary Mahedy, Treasurer
Treasurer@Northernstarquilters.com

Communications

Member's Marketplace

Have you been searching for a special fabric or notion? Would you like to buy or sell an old sewing machine? Are you aware of an opportunity for Guild members to display their work? If so, "Member's Marketplace," the "Classified" section of our monthly newsletter and website, may be for you! Please send a brief description and contact information to News@Northernstarquilters.com in advance of the upcoming newsletter's deadline (generally the Friday after the Guild meeting).

OnPoint! Newsletter

NSQG publishes the OnPoint! Newsletter monthly, from September through June. The newsletter is distributed electronically to our members. A print-friendly version is also available online at www.northernstarquilters.com. Our online archive provides easy access to all newsletters from January 2004 through the present.

If you are interested in helping with the newsletter, email blasts or taking photographs at Guild events, please contact me at News@Northernstarquilters.com

Newsletter Submissions

Our newsletter and website provide a great vehicle for highlighting our members' latest accomplishments. Please let us know if you have been (or will be) featured in a show, publication, mentioned in an article, etc. Please send a photo (if available) and any pertinent details to News@Northernstarquilters.com. Submissions for the September Newsletter are due by August 21, 2015.

Maria Catalano, VP Communications
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Programs

September 15 - Susan B. Cleveland - “My Eclectic Quilt Pageant”

Join one of the world's most enthusiastic personalities for ooo's, aaaah's, and laughter to learn a plethora of tips to increase accuracy and add fresh, interesting details with piping, prairie points, heavy threads, and embellishments. See how to take show pieces to new levels and add charming surprises to simple pieces. Susan will share real live quilts and you may recognize many quilts as winners in AQS Paducah shows and International Quilt Festivals in Houston! Don't miss out on this good time Quilt Pageant.

October 20 - Marge Tucker - “How I Got There From Here”

In this lecture, Marge tells about her quilting journey, from the first quilt she remembers seeing to becoming a quilt instructor/fiber artist. She also discusses her inspirations for quilt designs and how quilting has changed her life.

November 17 - Rose Hughes - “All Things Stitched”

Rose shares her passion of quilting methods to create works of art. Her lectures and workshops are designed to help quilters and non-quilters find innovative ways to express themselves.

December 15 - Meg Cox - “Quilt Historian”

Meg comes to us as a writer for the Wall Street Journal for many years. Her main specialties are FAMILY TRADITIONS and QUILTING. Through her many years of research she has much of interest to share with us all.

January 19 - Education Program

February 16 - Education Program

March 15 - Deborah Tirico - “Gorgeous Wool Applique”

Deborah's area of specialization is the creation of a sculptural look to felted wool appliqué by using her own needle slanting techniques and the layering and stuffing of appliqué pieces. Unlike the primitive felted wool embroidery popular today, her designs feature matching and overdyed wool threads and embroidery embellishments which enhance and define the clarity of her subject.

April 19 - Karen Combs - “Quilts of Illusion”

Karen is an author, fabric designer, quilter, teacher and lecturer. Her last few years have been focused on creating traditional quilts as illusions.

April 30 and May 1 - TBD

May 17 - Carol Rozich Weber - “My Journey with the Masters”

Carol will share 15 to 20 of her prize-winning quilts, which trace her evolution into art quilting. Included in this presentation are several challenge pieces, in which she interpreted famous art master's paintings in fabric. These pieces started her journey into landscape art quilting.

Workshops

Bring your calendar and cash or checkbook to our September meeting to sign up for one or more of our outstanding workshops. You will need to pay upon sign-up. **Remember, workshop fees are non-refundable. Please check your calendars carefully!**

We are pleased to advise that all of our workshops for the 2015-2016 year will be held at the **Vista Fire Department**, in South Salem, NY. 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. It may be 10 minutes further for some of our members but well worth the trip!

General Directions:

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

From Connecticut, take I 95 to Rte. 7 North, to Merritt Pkwy South; take Exit 38, Rte. 123 North into NY, in about a mile or so after the NY border the Vista Fire Dept. will be on your right.

Or take Merritt Pkwy North to Exit 38, take 123 North into NY, in about a mile or so after the NY border the Vista Fire Dept. will be on your right.



September 16 - Susan B. Cleveland - “Piping Hot Curves”

\$50

Accent curves with piping! This technique is wonderful for traditional curved patterns as well as contemporary designs. Students will learn to make perfect piping and add that to a lively macaroni block. Piping adds pizzazz!



October 21 – Marge Tucker – “Going in Circles”

\$50

This class will show you how to do a unique technique of curved piecing. These curved blocks give added movement and motion and work well with many blocks both traditional and abstract blocks.



November 18 – Rose Hughes – “Fast Piece Applique”

\$50

Fast, furious and fantastic! In just a day you’ll learn the secret of using machine piecing and applique in combination to simplify complicated curves and circles, to get perfect results.



March 16 - Deborah Tirico -” Flowers from My Beau”

\$50

Sweet mini sewing accessories in felted wool appliqué are a blend of the vintage in both style and substance. The trio includes a yoyo for pin storage, a small covered tin to house needles, scissors and thread, and a companion scissors sheath and fob, all designed in the style of the bouquets reminiscent of Baltimore album quilts.



April 20 – Karen Combs – “Quilts of Illusion”

\$50

Is this chip going in or does it go out? A fun quilt of illusion, so simple to make, once you know how. A throw that can grow to any size you wish. Let Karen show you how easy it is to create an intriguing quilt of illusion.

May 2 - TBD

Note: This is a Monday workshop held after the Quilt Show.

Judy Gignesi, VP Programs
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Library

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. September is right around the corner and that means our first Guild meeting. I have purchased several new books for the library. The topics are varied - piecing, applique, art and embellishing -so hopefully there will be something to interest each member. There is money in the budget to purchase additional materials for the library collection. It would be great to hear from the guild members. Your input can help keep the library relevant, fresh and useful for all. So feel free to send me an email or tell me at a meeting. I will have a notebook and pen at the library table for members to write titles/authors/ideas for future purchases.

I am in desperate need of help with the library. Please think about it and let me know if you are willing to help in any way. Looking forward to another great year.

In addition to our books and growing DVD collection, we have magazine subscriptions to American Quilter, Quilting Arts, Machine Quilting Unlimited and Modern Quilts Unlimited.

Each month new items are specially marked and can be found on the Library table at general meetings. A complete list of items, by title, can be found on the Guild website. Just click “About Us” and “Library”.

Borrowing Books, Magazines and DVD's

At the monthly general meetings, from September through May, any member in good standing (dues paid and no fines or items outstanding) can borrow up to 3 items. Just bring your choices to the Library table, sign the book card on the inside back of the book or magazine or on the back of the DVD case, and enjoy.

Returning Books, Magazines and DVD's

All borrowed items must be returned at the next general meeting. If you cannot attend the next meeting, ask a friend to return it for you. You can also call the Librarian and arrange to send her the items by mail. There are penalties for overdue items, so staying current is a good idea. One important point – absolutely no items may be kept over the summer. All items must be returned by the June meeting so that a complete inventory may be done.

Book Sales

Our main book sale is at the annual NSQG Quilt Show in May. It includes donated books and magazines plus “older” books from our library shelves.

At the June meeting, the book sale also includes donated patterns and notions. View your quilting “stuff” with a critical eye and set aside those appropriate items you may no longer need – they may be just what someone else is looking for!

JoAnn O'Rourke, Library
Library@Northernstarquilters.com

Hospitality

We look forward to seeing both new and old members at our monthly meetings beginning in September! The Hospitality Table provides sustenance to hungry quilters and a relaxing place to gather and chat with friends.

Monthly refreshments are provided by members according to the following schedule but feel free to bring a snack even if it isn't your designated month! Everyone who brings a treat will receive a ticket to the monthly raffle.

Meeting	Snacks Provided by Members:
Sep 15	Whose last names begin with G, H, I
Oct 20	Whose last names begin with M, N, O
Nov 17	Whose last names begin with P, Q, R
Dec 15	All members – Bring your favorite treats!
Jan 19	Whose last names begin with J, K, L
Feb 16	Whose last names begin with D, E, F
Mar 15	Whose last names begin with S
Apr 19	Whose last names begin with T - Z
May 17	Whose last names begin with A, B, C
Jun 21	All members – Bring a salad to serve 6-8

What to Bring

Pre-cut items and finger foods work best. Here are some healthy suggestions:

- Fresh fruit in bite-sized pieces
- Trail mix, spiced nuts, pretzels
- Cheese and crackers
- Veggie platter and dip.

Of course, baked goods are always welcome!

Early arrivals and deliveries are always much appreciated, as many members arrive early for the SIGs which begin at 5:45 pm.

Call for Committee Members!

Please consider joining the Hospitality Committee. Members will help with setting up and cleaning up. This is a chance to meet and greet other Guild members. Many hands make light work so plan to join us. Let the Committee Chair know if you are interested.

Hospitality Raffle

At most meetings, the Hospitality Team hosts a monthly raffle. Tickets are three for a dollar. Items include a variety of quilt-related supplies and fabrics. This is a fun way to try a fabric or material you might otherwise not purchase. Winners are generally announced once the meeting moves to the Auditorium.

November Meeting – Holiday Food Drive

We will again continue the Holiday Food Drive. This year we will collect at our November meeting, so we may have the donations to the food banks by holiday season. Last year's drive was very successful but didn't actually take place until March. Crazy winter! Details in future newsletters.

June Salad Supper

The June meeting brings the spectacular Salad Supper. This dinner provides a wonderful opportunity to socialize with Guild Friends and bring our formal activities to a close for the summer. Each member is requested to arrive by 6 pm with a salad to serve 6 – 8 people.

Laureen Cannella, Hospitality
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Education

The Education Committee supports some of the NSQG's core functions — to educate its members, support their efforts to share knowledge with one another, and to share the joy and tradition of quilting within our surrounding community.

The Education Committee leads three important areas within the Guild:

- (1) The "Show and Tell" component of our monthly meetings;
- (2) The support of the Guild's Special Interest Groups (SIGs);
- (3) The development of the Guild's winter programs in January and February

2016 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.

January – TBD

This is still a work in progress, so stay tuned!

February – TBD

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Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Art Quilters – Carol Weber

Meetings include demonstrations of varied art quilt and surface design techniques, show and tell, as well as the opportunity to share ideas or ask for feedback. The group has exhibited their work at the annual Guild quilt show with their own "challenge" works with a common theme to inspire and encourage us to try something new. New members are always welcome to this lively group of artists. Art Quilters "Under the Microscope" Challenge is currently on display at the Briarcliff Library. This wonderful exhibit of 18 small quilts will be at the library through August 30. Stop by and take a look! briarcliffmanorlibrary.org

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

Landscape Quilters – Don Gough

The Landscape Quilters SIG is not just about Landscapes. It is really about creating a picture quilt and learning the techniques necessary to make it happen. Even though you can use piecing and appliqué, it is very different from traditional quilting. They meet once a month, on Saturdays. Their next meeting is Saturday, September 12th from 10-12 noon at the Astoria Bank in Somers. Please contact Don Gough for further details or to be added to the distribution list.

Tamar Drucker and Don Gough entered quilts in an NQA show in Little Rock, Arkansas. Tamar received an Honorable Mention award and Don received a Judges Choice award. Congratulations!

Long Arm Group - Diane Linker

The Longarm SIG was started to help its members get experience on longarm quilting machines, and some of the members were very new to the equipment and techniques when the group started. Now in its fourth year, the group is still learning new techniques, and the meetings include a show and tell, lots of advice on what quilting designs to use, and then a practice session on the host's machine. The members range from beginners to professionals and the meetings are a lot of fun.

This group usually meets on the first Saturday of each month, at a different member's home. Please contact Diane Linker for more details.

Domestic Machine Quilting - Helen Boland

The Domestic Machine Quilting SIG meets before the Guild meetings at 5:45 in the back of the cafeteria. We share what we have quilted with our home machines or ask for suggestions on how to quilt something we have finished. Each month, an aspect of machine quilting is presented and explored to help us improve our quilting techniques. If you would like to join our group, please contact Helen Boland. New members are always welcome!

Jennifer Kramer, 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, Rosemary

Rosemary DePaola, Secretary
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QUILT SHOW

World of Quilts XXXVII

April 30th and May 1st, 2016

Come and Join Us at Our New Quilt Show Venue!

O'Neill Center

Western Connecticut State University
Westside Campus
43 Lake Avenue Extension, Danbury, Connecticut

We are very excited about this move and the benefits the O'Neill Center has to offer – including having all of the quilts and vendors within one area. The Center is fully handicapped accessible, has ample on-site parking, is easily accessible from I-84, and is an excellent venue for displaying quilts. As this Special Issue is being published, we are just starting our detailed planning for the event, so check our website throughout the year for updates.

Quilt Registration: **January 15 to March 31, 2016**

- **Members** may enter up to four quilts in the show. Each fourth quilt will be accepted subject to there being enough space for that quilt in the quilt display after all other timely registered quilts of similar size and category have been accommodated.
- **Non-Members** may enter one quilt in the show.

Other Key Dates:

- **Quilt Drop Off:** Saturday, April 23, 2016
- **Judging:** Wednesday, April 27, 2016
- **Quilt Show Set Up:** Friday, April 29, 2016
- **Quilt Show Take Down:** Sunday, May 1, 2016

Special Exhibits:

Members may request space for a special exhibit. All requests must be in writing and received no later than January 1, 2016. Decisions regarding special exhibit requests will be made by the beginning of February 2016.

Volunteers:

If you have a special talent to share or a particular interest and wish to volunteer, please email me.

Susan Fasnacht, VP Quilt Show
QuiltShow@Northernstarquilters.com



2015 Best of Show, Small Quilts
Marvelous Martha, by Donna Chambers

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

All Guild members are welcome at Comfort Quilts, a group that creates lap-size quilts for hospitals, shelters and individuals in need of comfort.

The group meets on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 3:30. You can stay for all or part of the day. During the **Winter Season** we meet on the first and third Wednesday at North Salem Ambulance Corps located on 4 Daniel Road in North Salem. During the **Summer Season** we meet every Wednesday at the Bnai Israel Temple located at 2 Banksville Road, Armonk, NY.

Fabric, batting and supplies are provided for your use- -you'll need your sewing machine and lunch.

Wednesday, August 26th - last day at Temple

Dates for Winter Schedule:

2015

Sept. 2, 16

Oct 7, 21

Nov. 4, 18

Dec 2, 16

2016

Jan 6, 20

Feb 3, 17

Mar 2, 16

Apr 6, 20

May 4, 18

Please verify dates with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson since changes or cancellations are sometimes necessary.

If you're not available to join us in person, Comfort Quilts also created precut kits...just pick one up at the next general Guild meeting.

COMFORT QUILTS:

THIS PAST YEAR 302 OF OUR QUILTS WERE DISTRIBUTED TO RECIPIENTS SUCH AS WESTCHESTER MEDICAL CENTER BEHAVIORAL UNIT, KIDS IN CRISES, OSSINING CHILDREN'S CENTER, ALS HOPES & DREAMS, FRIENDS OF KAREN, BLYTHEDALE HOSPITAL, VA HOSPITAL, MARIA FARERI NEO NATAL AS WELL AS MANY INDIVIDUALS IN NEEDS. THANK YOU TO ALL THE NSQG MEMBERS WHOSE LABORS MADE ALL THIS POSSIBLE.

DONATIONS OF LARGE PIECES OF BATTING AND COTTON FABRIC ARE ALWAYS APPRECIATED TO CONTINUE TO DO THIS WORK. BRING YOUR DONATIONS TO A GUILD MEETING OR CONTACT CAROLAUER OR KAREN CARLSON

Carol Auer and Karen Carlson,
Comfort Quilt Coordinators

Raffle Quilt

The 2016 Raffle Quilt, **Shot Thru & Thru** " is an original design created by Karen Carlson and Carol Auer, our 2016 Quilt Coordinators. This graphic 98" by 100" king sized quilt is made of rectangular blocks of multi-colored solids, stripes and plaids with a single strip running through each block. Many of these "shot cotton" fabrics are the creations of Kaffe Fassett. This exquisite quilt was machine pieced and hand quilted in the "Big Stitch" style using a variety of perle cotton threads. Many generous and talented members of the Northern Star Quilter's Guild worked on this annual project that will benefit the wonderful work of Ann's Place this year. Tickets will be available in early winter.



Ronald McDonald House

The Ronald McDonald House of the Greater Hudson Valley, located near Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, has again asked to partner with Northern Star Quilter's Guild. Ronald McDonald strives to provide comfort, support and respite for families with critically ill or traumatically injured children. Christina Picucci, house manager, reports that guests really enjoy the handmade quilts and they would like at least another 5 full size quilts (80x90) to use in their guest rooms.



**RONALD MCDONALD
HOUSE CHARITIES**

During the Summer and early Fall, NSQG is asking its membership to make two blocks each month through October. Directions for making the designated blocks will be available each month under Charitable Activities on the Web Site and in the newsletter. The subsequent month your finished block will be collected by **Barbara Tatera** at the guild meeting or you can mail your blocks to Barbara.

The directions for the September block are currently on the web site and will be collected at our September meeting.

Althea Nolan, Charitable Activities
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Special Events

As members of our Guild you have several special events available to you. Read all about them and have fun taking advantage of these wonderful opportunities to get involved in Guild activities.

Chris Roche, Special Events Coordinator

Boutique

November 17, 2015

The Holiday Boutique will be held at 6 pm in the main entrance of Kennedy Catholic prior to the start of our general meeting on November 17. 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 27, 2016

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

It is time to begin thinking about our annual Super Saturday event. This is always a well-attended, fun day in the middle of the winter.

Super Saturday will be held at Kennedy Catholic on February 27, 2016 from 9:30 am to 4 pm.

Samples and Sign-ups will be available at our November Guild Meeting. You can register for a class or for a day of "Sit and Sew". Lunch will be provided.

However, before we can offer a good balance of classes for you to choose from, WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO TEACH those classes. So if you have any ideas, techniques or approaches that you would like to share with your fellow guild members while having a day filled with fun, sewing and laughter, please contact Chris Roche or Jean Degl via Special@Northernstarquilters.com.

Jean Degl
Super Saturday Coordinator

Our annual trip to the AQS Lancaster Quilt Show in Lancaster, PA will take place Friday, March 18 through Saturday, March 19, 2016. We depart early Friday morning for Lancaster County, PA, stopping along the way to shop at some of the wonderful quilt shops in the area. We end our day with dinner at Miller's Smorgasbord and a night at the Fairfield Inn. On Saturday, we will spend the day at the quilt show, then return home on Saturday night. We will begin signups for the trip in November. Please consider joining us!

Jen Cannizzaro
Trips Coordinator

NSQG Challenge 2016

The Incredible Cow Challenge

Have fun using wordplay, colorful fabric and embellishments in the 2016 guild challenge. The challenge is our response to Mary Lou Weidman and Melanie Bautista McFarland's challenge to quilt makers to use their cow pattern with the theme of your quilt included in the border. Each quilt should disclose the quilt's theme through the word "cow" or "moo" or other identifying word, e.g., "Panamoo Canal," "Moo-opoly," and "Cow Mooni Kate." The adapted pattern (to a smaller version) is on our website under Special Events – Challenge. Each member is limited to one challenge entry.

Guidelines:

1. Use any fabric, thread, embellishments you need to complete your project.
2. Use of the square cow pattern is required, however legs, tail, ears can be repositioned to maximize the theme. You may use piecing, fusible, or paper-piecing techniques.
3. The length of the quilt is 24" including border and the width is 20".
4. Attach a 2" sleeve to the back for hanging.
5. Label the back with your name and email address or phone number and the theme (name) of the quilt.

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 2016 meeting. Each member will cast one vote for his/her favorite quilt in each category – Most Original (Funny), Best Use of Color, and Best Embellishments. First, Second, and Third place ribbons will be awarded in each category.

All quilts will be held for the NSQG World of Quilts XXXVII and returned to the maker in the May 2016 Guild meeting. The Northern Star Quilters' Guild has an abundance of creativity! Put that creativity to work by making a quilt for the 2016 Guild challenge.

Caryl Castellion
Challenge Coordinator

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