

NSQG April 2012 Newsletter

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Quilters' Guild

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Quilt Show Countdown!

Hello Everyone,

Spring is here and I'm trying to keep up. I keep hearing how busy everyone else is -- so I know I'm not alone!

The trip to Lancaster was a wonderful time. Yes, we spent an exorbitant amount and brought back many, many yards of fabric. The quilts were beautiful and the vendors were very friendly. AQS has made some nice changes since I was there two years ago.

Jen Cannizzaro coordinated a flawless two days and I am sure each "tripper" joins me in a heartfelt "Thank You."

The April meeting will be extra special because **Froncie Quinn** will join us and our 2012 raffle quilt will be on display. The 2012 quilt pattern is Froncie's adaptation of

Florence Peto's *Calico Garden Quilt*. I am sure Froncie will be very impressed with our Guild's efforts. Please remember to sell your raffle tickets and return them at the meeting.

Another important agenda item for the April meeting is the announcement of the nominees for NSQG's 2012-13 officers. The nominees will be introduced by **Fran Osinoff**, Nominating Committee Chair.

In looking forward to next year, please let us know if you have found a speaker or class to be particularly informative. Your feedback and recommendations help keep the Board abreast of what you, our members, are most interested in.

We're now in the final countdown to our quilt show. At this point, I'd like to ask everyone to consider doing just one additional thing to help the Show Committee and all of us host another spectacular show. Please sign up to volunteer and -- most importantly -- invite your friends and family to visit us on May 5th and 6th.

All the best to each of you!

Patti Calautti, President

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On behalf of the Nominating Committee, I'm pleased to announce the following slate of candidates for our 2012-13 Officers:

President: Patti Calautti

Secretary: April Russell

Treasurer: Peggy Morgan

Vice President, Membership: Christine Ruggieri

Vice President, Communications: Carolyn Finn

Vice President, Programs: Barbara Sferra

Vice President, Education: Meg Mooar

Vice Presidents, Quilt Show: Diane Linker and Judy Gignesi

You will have an opportunity to meet the candidates at our April meeting, then to read their personal statements in May's newsletter. Elections take place at the Guild's Annual Meeting in May for terms that commence July 1st.

Please join me in thanking the Nominating Committee members for their hard work over the past three months: **Patti Calautti, Mary Cannizzaro, Vicki Romaine Cohn, and Carol Sterk.**

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Osinoff, Chairperson

Goodwill is part of our fellowship — let's share it amongst ourselves! Please let me know when a Guild member needs a little sunshine!

Whether it's an illness, condolence, marriage, baby, or just a need for encouragement, please drop me a note.

April Russell, Guild Secretary

Workshops

Froncie Quinn - Tue, April 17

[Froncie Quinn](#) will teach a hand appliqué class called "Florrie's Posies." She has based this class on a quilt from the Shelburne Museum, and adapted her patterns from the 3" blocks in a quilt called "Florrie's Garden Extraordinaire."

Froncie will concentrate on hand appliquéing one (or more) of these small flower blocks (you choose the design). Some hand piecing will be covered in the afternoon. Come and learn hand appliqué, or improve your skills, under the guidance of an expert.

Participants will need to purchase a small pattern, one of Froncie's "Posie Packets," at a reduced rate. (Froncie will bring extra packets with her for purchase.) The supply list has been sent via email; please let me know if you haven't received it. *(North Salem Ambulance Corps - 9 am)*

Bonnie Hunter - May 5-7

[Bonnie Hunter](#) will be the main speaker at our quilt show on May 5th and 6th. Bonnie will show us lots of her quilts as she entertains us with her-high energy lectures.

At 11 am on Saturday, Bonnie will describe how she organizes her scraps (so that they're handy when she needs them) in her "Scrap User's System" talk. She'll also mention several tools that she finds useful when making her quilts.

On Sunday (also at 11 am) Bonnie will give her "Scraps & Shirrtails" talk based on her books by the same name. In this lecture Bonnie will focus on recycling clothing into quilts, and how to "slice and dice" cotton clothing to combine it with fabric scraps for beautiful quilts.

On Monday, May 7 Bonnie will teach "Jared Takes a Wife" in her full-day workshop. Click these links for [basic instructions](#) and a [supply list](#). This workshop is full with a waiting list. I recently sent an email to all class participants. Please let me know if you haven't received it.

Looking Ahead, please contact me with any suggestions for next year's speakers. I'm especially looking for traditional quilters and am eager to hear your ideas!

Barbara Sferra, VP Programs

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Boutique News

It's that time of year again!

Please let me know if you'd like to participate in the Show Boutique.

I will be available in the cafeteria prior to the April meeting (and during the break). Please come see me, or [send me a note](#), if you have questions or would like further information.



Quilt Show Boutique, 2010

Stephanie Santangelo, Boutique Coordinator

In addition to a fabulous display of about 185 quilts by NSQG members and friends, nearly 100 red-and-white quilts, challenge quilts, the Boutique, Silent Auction, and Lectures, visitors to our show will be treated to a special display of 20 beautiful quilts by renowned fiber artist [Barbara Barrick McKie](#). (Barbara will be the guest speaker at our Guild meeting on May 15.)

Here's an excerpt from our show catalogue:

***Art Quilts Inspired by Nature
made by Barbara Barrick McKie***

In this beautiful collection Barbara combines her life-long interests in travel, nature, photography and experimentation. She fearlessly creates art quilts using her Photoshop-manipulated images, personally hand-dyed fabrics and techniques of her own invention. The finished work often includes trapunto, thread painting and free-motion quilting accomplished on her home machine.

A whimsical twist in her unique art quilting adds a special interest.

Barbara will give an in-depth lecture on the process behind her work at the regular NSQG meeting on May 15, 2012.

Barbara's works have won national and international awards and are included in numerous public and private collections as well as in over 80 publications from 1974 through 2012. She is a featured artist with 8 quilts, including the cover quilt, in a book: Art Quilts: the Natural World, which came out in April of this year. In 2013 look for Designs in Art by Mary Kerr in which Barbara will again be a featured artist. We are pleased that she has shared her work with the viewers of our show.

-- Joyce Sullivan

Quilt Drop-Off
Saturday, April 28

Quilt drop-off day is Saturday, April 28th from 12 noon to 4 pm in the JFK High School cafeteria.

All quilts should have

- A sewn-on sleeve for hanging
- A covering over your name (on the back of the quilt)
- Registration ID number in the lower right corner (of the quilt back)
- No animal hairs

This last point, in particular, can slow down the drop-off process considerably. Hair removal will be your responsibility either at home or at the school. (And I know all about pet hair given our dear Australian Shepherd!) Click [here](#) for full guidelines.

Judging Day

The quilt judging will take place on Wednesday, May 2nd at the First Presbyterian Church in Stamford. Directions are printed below and also available [online](#).

From North Stamford:

- Coming south on Rte 137 (High Ridge Road) or Rte 104 (Long Ridge Road), drive to the major intersection (just past Lord & Taylor) and go straight on Summer Street

- At the 10th traffic light (~ one mile), turn left onto Hoyt Street
- Turn left onto Bedford Street at the next light
- Church driveway will be the third driveway on your right (past a small row of shops, but just before the church grounds). Follow the driveway around to the right to the parking lot behind the buildings
- Walk back to Fellowship Hall on the driveway just before the parking lot

From Westchester (via I-95):

- From I-95 coming from Westchester, take Exit 8 (Atlantic Street)
- Turn left onto Atlantic Street and go straight -- the road becomes Bedford Street.
- After the Police Station, the road bends slightly to the left. The third driveway on right will bring you to the church. Take the circle drive to the right-hand turn. Parking lot will be on the left, just beyond Fellowship Hall.

Caryl Castellion, VP Quilt Show

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Art Quilters - We are pleased to have so many new faces in our group this year! For our April meeting, we've lined up a MYSTERY DEMO. Also, please bring your "Show and Tells" for us to see. See you there! Contact [Debbie Bein](#) for more information.

Hand Appliqué - Due to the Froncie Quinn workshop, there will be no Hand Appliqué meeting on April 17th. We'll meet again in May. Contact [Denise Isherwood](#) or [Kathy Kaplan](#) for more information.

Landscape - Our SIG grew a little larger in March. We discussed fusing, thread painting, spray basting, quilting with poly mono thread, and needle selection. We also discussed a possible "Travel Poster" project. (Details will follow at a later date.)

In April, we'll have two demonstrations:

Evelyn Kipp will demonstrate creating sky fabrics and we'll also revisit fusing procedures with a demo. In addition, we'll discuss alternates to landscape fabrics, repairing mistakes, and final quilt clean-up. Contact [Don Gough](#) for more information.

The Sticklers – Our next meeting is Saturday, April 21. We'll demonstrate various methods of paper-piecing. Please bring samples – including the sort of paper you use -- to show the group. A sewing machine, iron, and cutting surface will be available. We'll also compare our progress on "those" five blocks. Newcomers always welcome! Please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) for more information.

Kids Can Quilt – *Save the Date!* Katonah Elementary School Knot Party, at which the first graders finish their quilts, will be Wednesday, May 30 at 1:00 pm. (Please check-in at the office at 12:45 pm; we should be done by 1:30 pm.) Click [here](#) for directions to the school. Knotting demo will be done before the NSQG May meeting at the "Kids Can Quilt" table. Contact [Melanie Darensod](#) for more information.

Longarm - The next meeting of the Longarm SIG will be on May 12th at **Karen Carlson's** house. Contact [Diane Linker](#) for more information.

Jane Eyes, VP Education

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Thanks so much to those who brought treats to the March meeting!

If your last name begins with the initial **S, T** or **U**, it's your turn to bring something to share with the members.

Please cut cakes and bars into individual serving sizes – and remember to bring your travel mug for coffee or tea. (Thanks to your help, we've successfully reduced our use of paper products this year!)

Meg Mooar, Hospitality

I'm pleased to announce that several new books will be available in April:

- *Surface Treatment Workshop: Explore 45 Mixed-media Techniques* by Darlene Olivia McElroy and Sandra Duran-Wilson
- *Quilt Blocks Around the World: 50 Appliqué Patterns for International Cities and More* by Debra Gabel (with DVD)
- *Skinny Quilts: 15 Bed Runners, Table Toppers & Wallhangings* by Kim Schaefer (bed runners, table toppers & wallhangings)
- *English Paper Piecing: Fresh New Quilts from Bloom Creek (That Patchwork Place)* by Vicki Bellino

We also plan to have a book sale again this year at the Quilt Show -- so please plan to stop by the Boutique to peruse our selections.

A special thank you to Cathy Jankus, Chris Roche and Joan Weth for setting up and running the Library last month!

See you in April -- and please remember to return your borrowed Library items!

Jackie Fowler, Library Chair

Comfort Quilt Kits

at Show Boutique

Now you can purchase one of our popular quilt kits for yourself! These specially designed, all-inclusive, ready-to-sew kits will be available at the NSQG show boutique. Treat yourself, or make a quick and easy gift at a great price. Several sizes are available. Proceeds support Guild activities, including Comfort Quilts.

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Upcoming Meetings:

April 4 and 18

May 9

Comfort quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 14 Daniel Road in North Salem. These dates are subject to change. If you have a question, please check with [Carol Auer](#) or [Karen Carlson](#).

2012 Raffle Quilt

The 2012 Raffle Quilt, "Flower Patch," will be the Grand Prize at our show in May. Thank you so much to Denise Isherwood who artfully coordinated the quilt's construction. Also thanks to the many NSQG members who participated in its construction and assembly. Finally, the quilt was professionally quilted by Roxanne Lasky at [Quilter's Alley](#).

Our quilt pattern is Froncie Quinn's adaptation of "Calico Garden," a 1950 quilt made by Florence Peto. That quilt is now in the collection of the [Shelburne Museum](#) in Shelburne, Vermont. The pattern is available at www.hooplapatterns.com.

The first prize will be an Apple iPad. What a great tool to use to search quilting websites, watch a quilting tutorial or even share photos of your own lovely quilts with friends!

Finally, thank you to [The Quilt Shop](#) in Danbury for donating our second prize, a [Go! Baby Fabric Cutter](#) with Carrying Tote. This will help to make cutting shapes fun and easy.

The drawing will take place Sunday, May 6th. All Raffle proceeds will support the [Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation](#).

[Barb Tatera](#), Charitable Activities

2013 Challenge - Submit your Idea!

If you have never participated in a challenge, here's your opportunity to submit an idea that will get your creative stitches running.

Any guild member can submit a proposal. Your proposal should include

- Your idea
- Challenge name
- Challenge rules
- Categories for which ribbons will be awarded

Submit your proposal to [Kelly Lockwood](#) – either electronically or on paper.

Next Steps:

1. Kelly will present all Challenge proposals to the Board (without the submitters' names) for a vote
2. The author of the winning idea will be selected as next year's Challenge Coordinator
3. The Coordinator gathers a committee to collect the Challenge entries, hang the quilts at the April 2013 meeting, count ballots, award ribbons, and hang the quilts on Friday night before the NSQG show in May 2013

Please contact me if you have any questions. I plan to present the proposals at May's board meeting, so submit your idea (or ideas) before April 30!

The Challenge will be announced in June....and Guild members can begin stitching their Challenge Quilts over the summer.

Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

Artist's Reception - April 18 (Wed)

Reception for Nike Cutsumpas in celebration of her one-person show, "Nature in

Fiber: A Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibit" at the Danbury City Hall. Contact [Nike Cutsumpas](#) for more information. (*Wed, April 18 from 4-6 pm; Danbury City Hall, 3rd Floor; 155 Deer Hill Avenue, Danbury*)

Annual Quilt Day at the Folk Art Museum - April 28 (Sat)

Demonstrations of quilt techniques by local guild members and Artist Talk by Luke Haynes, architect and quiltmaker, whose works unite traditional quilt patterns with bold photo-based images. The monumental scale of Haynes's quilts is made possible by his mastery of long-arm quilting. The artist will show some of his quilts and discuss his interest in utility, aesthetics, nostalgia, reuse, and gender bias. Members of local guilds will perform demonstrations beforehand. Contact [Susie Andersen](#) for more information or if you'd like to volunteer to demonstrate quilting techniques. (*April 28 at 2pm at the Folk Art Museum; guild demonstrations from 11-1:30 pm*)

Call for Entries!

For "[Things with Wings: Planes and Quilts](#)," a special exhibit for the New England Air Museum in September 2012. "Wings" can imply birds, insects, angels, architectural features (e.g., the West Wing), etc., in addition to aircraft! This special exhibition will accompany 30 World War II-era quilts. Applications due August 26. Please contact [Don or Eunice Gough](#), both NSQG members and avid pilots involved in the exhibition, for additional details.

Handi Quilter frame for Sale

Original Handi Quilter frame works on the same principle as a longarm system. Poles hold your quilt while your sewing machine rides along a track. Designed to be used with any domestic sewing machine (not

included). Can quilt up to king size. Easy set-up, take-down, and storage. \$200. Contact [Deirdre Abbotts](#).

Sewing Machines for Sale

Two sewing machines available. Both are in excellent working condition and have all necessary feet. Please contact [Barbara Howard](#) for more information.

- Janome Memory Craft 6500 -- \$850 (table also available)
- Bernina 153QE - \$725

Call for Entries

IMAGES is a juried and judged show, and the heart of the Lowell Quilt Festival. Ribbons and prizes will be offered in several categories. Participation is open to all quilters, from seasoned masters to talented newcomers. Entries due June 1, 2012. Click [here](#) for more information.

Quilters Needed!

To demonstrate our craft on "Colonial Day" (Sat, Jun 16) at [Keeler Tavern](#) in Ridgefield, CT. Slots available from 11 am to 5 pm. Please contact [Angela Liptack](#), Associate Director, Keeler Tavern Museum. NSQG Contact: Linda Ostrander.

Help a Breast Cancer Survivor!

Make a heart pillow, as part of the [Heart Pillow Project](#), to ease recovery post-surgery. NSQG Contact: [Nancy Hantman](#).

Carolyn Finn, VP Communications

News@Northernstarquilters.com (news stories and photos)

Nike Cutsumpas is delighted to announce her upcoming one-person show, "Nature in Fiber: A Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibit," at the City Hall in Danbury. The show features art quilts inspired by nature and representing a variety of techniques. Three works are shown here.

My art is a creative expression of nature and all the inspiration that surrounds us everyday." - Nike Cutsumpas

Cathie Billings is among the NSQG members whose work is included in the Connecticut Piecemakers' show later this month. Two of Cathie's works are shown here.

Finally, **Nancy Hantman's** letter in support of the Folk Art Museum was published in the April/May issue of

[Quilters Newsletter.](#)

Congratulations, All!

Have news to share?

Send your info and photos to [News@Northernstarquilters.com!](mailto:News@Northernstarquilters.com)

Shows Featuring NSQG Members

["Fabric of America: Quilting our History"](#) (The Pelham Quilters). New Rochelle, NY: Rotunda Gallery and Media Loft Gallery. March 11 - April 27, 2012.

["Fantastic Fibers 2012."](#) Paducah, KY: Yeiser Art Center. March 21 - May 5, 2012.

["Nature in Fiber: A Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibit by Nike Cutsumpas."](#) Danbury, CT: Danbury City Hall. April 16 – May 24, 2012.

["A Spring Shower of Quilts XIV"](#) (Guild show of the Connecticut Piecemakers). Southbury, CT: Crowne Plaza. April 21-22, 2012.

Other Shows of Interest

["Kaleidoscope Quilts: The Art of Paula Nadelstern."](#) Beverly, MA: Endicott College. March 26 – June 15, 2012.

["Fenway Park Centennial Quilts."](#) Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. March 29 – July 8, 2012.

[International Quilt Festival.](#) Cincinnati, OH: Duke Energy Convention Center. April 13-15, 2012.

[AQS Quilt Show and Contest](#). Paducah, KY: Paducah Expo Center. April 25-28, 2012.

["Synchronicity."](#) Philadelphia, PA: Highwire Gallery. Through April 27.

["Sue Benner: Walking through Time."](#) New York: The Art Quilt Gallery. Through April 28.

[Hannah Dustin Quilters' Guild: 2012 Quilt Show](#). Hudson, NH: Hudson Community Center. May 4-5, 2012.

[Colonial Quilters' Guild: Quiltfest 2012](#). Palmer, PA: Charles Chrin Community Center. May 5-6, 2012.

[Quilters Unlimited of Northern Virginia: 39th Annual Quilt Show](#). Chantilly, VA: Dulles Expo and Conference Center. June 1-3, 2012.

["Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Quilting."](#) Eastern Long Island Quilters' 31st Annual Peconic Quilt Show. Riverhead, NY: Suffolk Community College. June 2-3, 2012.

[Cape May Quilt and Fiber Show](#). Cape May, NJ: Museum Village Welcome Center. June 23 - 24, 2012.

[Vermont Quilt Festival](#). Essex Junction, VT: Champlain Valley Exposition. June 29 - July 1, 2012.

[Kutztown Folk Festival](#) (Includes quilt display and auction). Kutztown, PA: Kutztown Fairgrounds. June 30 – July 8, 2012.

["New Quilts from an old Favorite 2012: Baskets and Antique Basket Quilts."](#) Paducah, KY: National Quilt Museum. Through July 10.

["Quilt Odyssey 2012."](#) Hershey, PA: Hershey Lodge and Convention Center. July 26-29, 2012.

["Red, White, and Quilted."](#) Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod's 31st Annual Show. Harwich, MA: Cape Cod Regional Technical High School. August 2-4, 2012.

["Images: The Lowell Quilt Festival."](#) Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. August 9-11, 2012.

["Jean Ray Laury: Getting it all Together."](#) Lincoln, NE: International Quilt Study Center. Through September 2.

["Things with Wings: Planes and Quilts."](#) Windsor Locks, CT: New England Air Museum. September 17-23, 2012.

Eleventh Annual ["Harvest of Quilts."](#) Evening Star Quilters. Mineola, NY: Mineola Community Center. Nov 3-4, 2012.

Many Thanks to Nancy Hantman for researching and compiling this list!

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