

## NSQG January 2011 Newsletter

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Jan 8 (Sat) **Long-Arm Quilters' Group** first meeting at Diane Linker's house.

Jan 11 (Tues) **Board Meeting** Jan 15 (Sat) **Dear Jane SIG** meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.

Jan 5 & Jan 19 (Wed) **Comfort Quilts** meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. Future Dates Feb. 2 & 16

Jan 18 (Tues) **General meeting.** Members demonstrate "How Did She Do That?" Challenge entry due for "**Music Makes Me Create**"

Jan 27 (Thurs) **Trip to Museum of American Folk Art**

**January Raffle Sponsor**

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## Letter From The President

Welcome to Northern Star Quilters' Guild for 2011. Since the weather in New England is often confining in January, it is a great time to quilt. The Guild provides ideas for inspiration this January and February through our Education programs. Detailed information follows in the newsletter. Super Saturday signups are being finalized. For those of you who haven't participated before, I highly recommend the experience. We have an opportunity to spend a Saturday together learning from one another. Lunch is included along with friendly classes. Please read more about it and join in the fun by signing up with Carol Mayefsky at the meeting. And hope for good weather!

The year is half over already, and there are still many activities to anticipate: the annual Lancaster trip, the Quilt Show, monthly speakers and workshops, member showcases, the Challenge, drawing of the Raffle Quilt winner, and many Show N Tell displays. The Library is brimming with good books, and the monthly raffle brings chances to win fine items. It is sure to be a rewarding year. As a reminder, there are copies of the year's Board minutes kept in the Library. Also you may ask the treasurer to view a current financial report which she will have at each general meeting, if you are interested.

March 25-30 there will be a special quilt exhibition in NYC that you might want to place on your calendar. This from the Museum: "For six days in March, the American Folk Art Museum will dramatically transform the Park Avenue Armory's historic 55,000-square-foot Wade Thompson Drill Hall with the installation of more than 650 red and white American quilts, all of which are on loan from one private New York City collection. It will be the largest exhibition of quilts ever held in the city. As an extraordinary gift to the public, entry to this unprecedented event is free. A café and a book and gift shop will be open during show hours."

Last month there was a signup sheet at the membership table for those who want to be considered for a position on the Board. It will be available in January also, just as it was last year. Our nominating process is beginning, so please identify yourself for this opportunity. If you prefer, call or email your preference. Let us know your interest in contributing to the guild. Each year many members have volunteered their skills for the growth of the group, and all efforts are appreciated. Northern Star has a history of those who have been generous with their time and talents. I look forward to your response. Thank you.

Susan Wilterding, President, [susanw.nsqg@gmail.com](mailto:susanw.nsqg@gmail.com)

## Programs

### Workshop

Bring your calendar and cash or checkbook to sign up for two more outstanding workshops. You will need to pay when you sign up.

- **New York Beauty Quilts-Simplified** — [Linda Hahn](#) on **Monday, March 14**. \$50 class fee and \$22 kit/pattern fee. Make this gorgeous block using ONE PIN (yup, ONE pin) with Linda's out-of-the-box piecing technique. You'll learn an easy way to quickly paper piece the arc foundations, and then easily and quickly set in the pie and background shapes with ONE pin. There's a WOW factor to this technique (but we can't tell you here).
- **Small Landscape Class II**—[Cynthia England](#) on **Wednesday, April 13**. \$50 class fee and \$30 kit/pattern fee. Create a pictorial landscape. No tracing involved, templates are pre-printed onto freezer paper. Fabric selection, organizational skills and construction methods will be addressed in class.

Remember that fees are non-refundable so check your calendars and choose carefully. Refer to **OnPoint!** for more details.

*Carolynn Young, VP Programs, [Programs@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:Programs@northernstarquilters.com)*

## Membership

The December **Member Showcase** highlighted the the beautiful and colorful work of our **Art Quilters Special Interest Group** arranged by **Barbara Sferra**. I wish to thank all of those who hung their work and especially Barbara who put the exhibit together. (Quilts shown are by **Jamie Horikawa** and **Tamar Drucker**.)



The 2010-2011 membership directories are ready for pickup. They will continue to be handed out at the guild meetings.

Looking ahead to March, I would like to have a showcase of 2-4 traditional quilts. **Linda J. Hahn** will be our guest speaker and I would like to highlight the talents of our traditional quilters. Please contact me if you are interested. Please don't be shy...I know there are beautiful quilts waiting to be debuted.

Happy New Year!

**Patti Calautti**, VP Membership, [Pattic0312@gmail.com](mailto:Pattic0312@gmail.com)

## Education

### Meeting

#### "How Did She Do That?"

Our January program will be member demonstrations of a variety of quilting techniques. Listed below are the names of the demonstrators and the techniques they are demonstrating, and more information is available about each on the NSQG website.

Demonstrators	Topic
Pat Baker	Crazy Quilts
Carolyn Langevin	Clothesline Bag
Linda Ostrander	Garden Maze Quilt Setting
Mayann Weinberg	Wet Wool Felting
Susie Andersen	Scrap Quilt Techniques
Melanie Darensod	T-shirt Quilt
Joyce Sullivan	Leaf Quilt
Carol Auer	Machine Appliqué Swag Border
Maria Weinstein	Lutrador
Lynda Long	Fusible Painted Surfaces

### Special Interest Groups

- **Art Quilts** - At the December meeting, the Art Quilt Group was joined by the evening's speaker, Melanie Testa. After a brief Show & Tell, Deirdre Abbotts discussed the basics of how a blog works and told the group about several websites that can help in setting up a blog. She assured the group that anyone can do it! In January, Fran Osinoff will present a demo entitled "Citra Solv + National Geographic = Interesting Decorative Papers." It will be an interesting way to use magazine pages.
- **Hand Appliqué** - In December, Denise Isherwood and Sonny Rieber demonstrated different ways of creating a skinny stem without using a bias bar. In January, Denise will demonstrate how craypas and ink can be used to give dimension and detail to the sail of a ship. This technique can also be used to add realistic looking silhouettes to a block and to add details to a fabric.
- **Dear Jane Group** - The Dear Jane Group is now being coordinated by **Carolyn Finn and Rona Spar**. If you're interested in joining, please let Carolyn know. The group meets one Saturday each month at the Apple Bank

in Thornwood. The next meeting is at 10 am on Saturday, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

- **Quilt Education for Children** – This group works with school children to create quilts and give the children an understanding of how a quilt is put together. Generally, the quilts are then donated to a charity. To join, contact **Melanie Darensod** [joemelan@optonline.net](mailto:joemelan@optonline.net).
- **Long-Arm Quilters' Group** - The first meeting will take place on Saturday, January 8th, at Diane Linker's house. If you're interested in joining, please let me know.

Do talk to me about starting a new group, especially if you would like to be in a beginners' group.

### Show and Tell

The December Show and Tell was wonderful but a little sparse. Remember to bring your quilts in for the January meeting when Show and Tell will take place in the cafeteria immediately after the business meeting.

### February Program

**WHY Did I Buy THAT?** will showcase different tools and media that can be used in quilting.

Diane Linker, VP Education, [dianelinkernsqq@verizon.net](mailto:dianelinkernsqq@verizon.net)

### Charitable Activities



#### 2011 Raffle Quilt

Raffle tickets will be available for you to pick up at the January meeting. Please stop by the table and pick up your tickets. Thank you for your support!

#### 2012 Raffle Quilt

Please return the completed blocks to **Denise Isherwood** at the January meeting. If you didn't have a chance to complete the block, please return the kit to Denise. If you won't be attending the meeting you can mail your block to Denise.

Also at the January meeting, nominations for the charity to receive the proceeds from the 2012 Raffle Quilt will begin. Check the NSQG website for guidelines and nomination forms.

### Comfort Quilts

The Comfort Quilters once again made a generous donation of 45 quilts to the children at Westchester Behavioral Health in December. The quilts bring a lot of smiles to the children there and are very much appreciated. This year the children

surprised the Comfort Quilters with a quilt they made from decorated doilies with loving messages.



**Pat Baker and Joyce Sullivan** show the quilt made by the children.

**Upcoming Meetings:** January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16 at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. Dates are subject to change. Please verify the date with **Carol Auer** [auerwein@gmail.com](mailto:auerwein@gmail.com) or **Karen Carlson** [quiltingkarend@aol.com](mailto:quiltingkarend@aol.com).

**Barb Tatera**, Charitable Activities, [patchwork15@gmail.com](mailto:patchwork15@gmail.com)

### Special Events

#### 2011 Challenge: "Music Makes Me Create"

The challenge is to create a new album (CD) cover for your favorite: Song or Album/CD or Artist or Genre. **Click here to fill out and print the [Challenge Entry Form](#)**. The finished quilts must be 12 x 12, the size of a vinyl album cover.

**One quick change:** NO Sleeve. Quilts must be labeled on the back with:

- Title of quilt
- Quilter's name
- Address
- Phone number or email.

Quilts will be displayed at the NSQG meeting on **February 15th**. Ribbons will be given based on the secret ballot of NSQG members who attend that meeting. Ribbons will be awarded based on the following:

- Best interpretation of the theme
- Best use of color
- Best use of embellishments
- Best overall design
- Best Traditional Design
- Viewer Choice

The quilts are due by **January 18th**. Late quilts will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

**Maria Weinstein**, Challenge Coordinator [tatavw01@yahoo.com](mailto:tatavw01@yahoo.com)

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### **Super Saturday - February 26, 2011**

Now that the holidays are over, it's time to plan something fun for yourself. Even if you don't have much money left, where else can you get a full-day lesson with excellent teachers, a tasty lunch, quality snacks and the comraderie of sister quilters for only \$20?

If you've been sitting on the fence, trying to decide which class to take, this may be your last chance. Classes are starting to fill up. "Arabic Lattice" is already filled. Other classes might not run if they don't have a minimum of 5 students. We need to firm up class sizes now so we can determine which rooms to assign, how many kits to order, how much food we'll need, how many irons to bring, etc.

Please bring cash or a check for \$20 to the next meeting payable to NSQG. Also, remember to include your teacher's name in the memo section of the check. If you can't make the meeting, feel free to call me at (212) 933-4734 or e-mail me at: [cmayefsky@gmail.com](mailto:cmayefsky@gmail.com). You may send checks directly to me at: C. Mayefsky, PH-1B, 360 E. 88th Street, NY, NY 10128 as long as they are payable to NSQG, not me ?.

Classes will end at 3:30 at which time we will reconvene in the cafeteria for a Show and Tell. I look forward to seeing you all on February 26th!

**Carol Mayefsky**, Super Saturday, [cmayefsky@gmail.com](mailto:cmayefsky@gmail.com)

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### **Trips**

**Trip to Museum of American Folk Art** – Our trip to see the exhibit of Star Quilts will take place on Thursday, January 27th. We will meet at the Museum (2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Avenue at 66th Street) at 11 am. Everyone is invited, but if you want to make sure we wait for you, please [email Diane Linker](mailto:diane@folkartmuseum.org) to her know that you're coming.

questions, please contact **Jen Cannizzaro** [Jen51573@verizon.net](mailto:Jen51573@verizon.net).

**Kelly Lockwood**, VP Special Events, [lockypt@aol.com](mailto:lockypt@aol.com)

### Hospitality

Thank you to all the members who brought yummy goodies for the group to enjoy! For January, those with last names beginning with **J, K, L, and M**, please bring goodies!

**Carolyn Thye**, VP Hospitality, [carolynthye1@optonline.net](mailto:carolynthye1@optonline.net)

### Library

Sincere thanks to **Chris, Micki and Joan** for all their help with the library sale and sorting through all the library books. I'd also like to thank the following members for their generous book donations: **Sonja Lovas, Marie Rohman, Linda Ostrander, and Marie Weinstein**. Over 250 books were sold and the guild made over \$650. Thank you to all the members for making our sale a success. We still have many books left for our traditional June Sale.

**Joan Weth**, Librarian [jweth112@optonline.net](mailto:jweth112@optonline.net)

### 2011 Quilt Show

Our registration procedures have been streamlined to make them easier than ever.

Quilt Registration is open from January 1 until March 31, 2011. The form is available on our website. You may fill out your registration form several ways. **WE HOPE YOU WILL PICK OPTION #1! If you do pick Option #1, you will be eligible to win free registration for one of your quilts!**

1) **BEST:** [You may fill out the form and SUBMIT IT ONLINE.](#) You will also be able to upload your photo with this form. *(Payment must be mailed or given to Diane Linker)*  
**All Online Filers will be eligible for a drawing, the winner will get the registration fee for one quilt waived.**

2) **GOOD:** [Fill out the form online](#), **print it** and submit it with photograph and check. *(Form, Payment and Photograph must be mailed or given to Diane Linker).*

3) **OK:** [Print form](#) and handwrite your information. *(Form, Payment and Photograph must be mailed or given to Diane Linker).*

*Registration IS NOT COMPLETE until all 3 items (FORM, CHECK & PHOTO) are received.* If you submit your registration online, the time it is received will be the registration date. Please contact Diane Linker, Quilt Registrar with any questions.

### JOB DESCRIPTIONS

**Admissions:** We have two entrances and need volunteers at each spot at all times. You will collect money, stamp hands, give out programs, sell show pins and provide information about the show. A particularly good job if you need to sit.



**Judging:** Judging takes place the Wednesday prior to the show. You can assist by holding up quilts, folding them or writing the comments made by professional judges. You will be getting an opportunity to see the quilts first, up close and personal.

**Lecture Monitors:** One volunteer is needed for each lecturer. You will be assisting the guest speaker.

**Quilt Frame Setup:** This very important three hour job involves setting up the frames which will be used to hang the quilts. It is done the day before the show (Friday)

**Quilt Hanging:** Another three hour job which involves climbing ladders and holding sometimes heavy quilts.

**Quilt Takedown:** The quilts all have to be returned to their owners Sunday afternoon when the show is over. A usually active task but there are some “sit-down” jobs within this category.

**Quilt Frame Takedown:** This task requires the taking down of the muslin and the disassembly of the frames. Husbands, sons, daughters, and others significant in your life are surely welcome.

**White Glove:** During the show we want a “white glove quilter” in each aisle to insure that the quilts are not touched. It is a two hour job and requires standing and walking your aisle. If you prefer two one-hour shifts, find someone to partner with so you can give each other a break.

**Build A Block:** A new feature this year (see newsletter for how you can assist). Volunteers will be needed to demonstrate block construction, distribute fabric and batting and then square up completed blocks. This job will certainly give you an opportunity to meet new people.

**Friday Night Supper:** Volunteers will be needed to assist in feeding the hungry and hard working vendors and Friday night volunteers.

Chris Roche, [edward.roche2@verizon.net](mailto:edward.roche2@verizon.net)



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