

NSQG January 2012 Newsletter

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Northern Star Quilters' Guild

- **Jan 4** (Wed) Comfort Quilts: North Salem Ambulance Corps
- **Jan 7** (Sat) Longarm SIG: Karen Carlson's home
- **Jan 10** (Tue) Board Meeting
- **Jan 14** (Sat) The Sticklers SIG
- **Jan 17** (Tue) General Meeting: Member Demonstrations
- **Jan 18** (Wed) Comfort Quilts: North Salem Ambulance Corps
- **Jan 20** (Fri) Newsletter submissions due
- **Feb 4** (Sat) Longarm SIG: Diane Linker's home

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Happy New Year!

Thank you, Guild members for your accommodating spirit at the December meeting. On short notice we changed up our normal routine and had yet another great meeting, member showcase, show and tell and guest speaker.

The food drive participation was a beautiful sight to behold. We should be very proud that NSQG has made a difference in the lives of our neighbors. The Guild has planned a great next six months. I know that with your participation and enthusiasm, each month will be memorable.

Here are some quick highlights:

January

- Meeting: Tips and Techniques for Traditional and Contemporary Quilters (member demonstrations)
- Volunteer sign-ups begin for Quilt Show
- Pick up your 2012 raffle tickets
- 2013 Raffle Quilt block kits will be distributed

February

- Meeting: Journals and Notebooks - Part of the Quilting Process (member presentations)
- [Super Saturday](#)

March

- Guest speaker: Jane Dávila
- Workshop: Jane Dávila
- Lancaster trip
- Nominations due for charity for 2013 Annual Raffle Quilt
- 2013 Raffle Quilt blocks due
- Challenge quilts due
- Quilt registration deadline

April

- Guest Speaker: Froncie Quinn
- Workshop: Froncie Quinn
- Vote on Challenge Quilts

May

- Quilt Show!
- Workshop: Bonnie Hunter
- Annual Meeting
- Guest Speaker: Barbara Barrick-McKie

June

- Salad Supper
- Proceeds from 2012 raffle quilt presented to the [SADS Foundation](#)

May your stitches be plentiful and your ripping be negligible!

Patti Calautti, President
President@Northernstarquilters.com

January and February meetings provide an opportunity to learn from NSQG's multi-talented members and to become better acquainted with one another. Members will conduct small-group presentations on a variety of techniques and processes:

January

Tips and Techniques for Traditional and Contemporary Quilters

Members of the Art Group, the Hand Appliqué Group, and Comfort Quilters will demonstrate a variety of techniques

February

Journals and Notebooks - Part of the Quilting Process

Members who use journals and notebooks to inform their work will share their notebooks and describe how they use them in their work

Join us for these fun and interactive sessions, and learn first-hand from fellow Guild members!

Jane Eyes, VP Education
Education@Northernstarquilters.com

Coming Soon!
February 25, 2012

Super Saturday is just around the corner! Enjoy the opportunity to learn a new technique, or work on your own project in the company of quilting friends.

There's still space in four classes:

- Hand-piecing (Linda Ostrander)
- Beyond the Basics: EQ6 and EQ7 (Luann Bruce)
- Fabric Collage Appliqué (Tamar Drucker)
- Trip around the World in Eight Hours (Maria Weinstein)

Click [here](#) for details and class descriptions. Click [here](#) for a print-friendly version.

For more information or to register, please contact [Carol Mayefsky](#).

[Carol Mayefsky](#), Super Saturday Coordinator

[Kelly Lockwood](#), Special Events

[Debby Brown](#) spoke at December's meeting and gave a comprehensive overview of machine quilting. In addition to explaining her progression from simple designs to more complicated feathers, wreaths, and "ribbon candy," Debby described the kinds of thread she uses, and why she generally prefers wool batting over bamboo, cotton and polyester.

Workshops

Workshops resume in March 2012. Sign up now for a great class!

Sat, March 24

[Jane Dávila](#) will teach a "Surface Design Sampler." This class will give you the chance to explore and experiment with a variety of surface design media including Paintstiks, water-soluble pencils and pastels, TAP, heat moldable stamps, discharge paste, glitter sprays, and a few more. Sign up for a fun day of playing with creative media. All quilters, including beginners and experienced art quilters, are welcome! Additional \$20 materials fee required. *(9 am at the JFK High School)*



Jane Dávila, *Cello Piece*

Mon, April 16

[Froncie Quinn](#) will teach a hand-appliqué class using historical patterns from the Shelburne Museum in Vermont as inspiration. Come and learn hand appliqué, or improve your skills, under the guidance of an expert. *(9 am at the North Salem Ambulance Corps)*



Bonnie Hunter, *Pineapple Blossom*

Mon, May 7

Bonnie Hunter, our Quilt Show speaker, will show us her ingenious ways of using up her scraps, while we make one of her machine-pieced scrappy quilts. Bonnie finds new ways to adapt traditional patterns and will share some of her time-saving techniques. *(This class is currently full - but why not add your name to the waiting list? -- You never know!)* (9 am at the North Salem Ambulance Corps)

All workshops are \$50 - cash or check payable to NSQG. Please

check your calendars carefully, as workshop fees are not refundable. To register, please contact me at Programs@Northernstarquilters.com

Barbara Sferra, VP Programs

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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



Eunice Gough, *Fantasy Garden*

The Membership Booklets are now available. If you haven't already picked up

your copy, please do so at the January meeting. They will be at the membership table when you sign in.

[Diane Linker](#), VP Membership

Kids can Quilt! -- Volunteers Needed!

For many years, NSQG volunteers have helped first graders at Katonah Elementary School make quilts for [Friends of Karen](#). We need volunteers for the three following activities:

Block Party at Katonah Elementary School (4-5 volunteers needed)

Tuesday, March 13 (9:15 - 11 am)

Help children learn how to hand-sew sashing to a block, print their names with fabric markers, and decorate their blocks with hand prints.

Quilt-Piecers -- Sew Quilt Top (2 volunteers needed)

Stitch the children's blocks and sashing, as well as the quilt's inner and outer borders. Directions and materials provided. Finished tops will be passed to the quilt volunteers (below).

Quilters -- Quilt and Finish the Children's Quilts (2 volunteers needed)

Layer, quilt the sashing and border, and attach binding. All materials will be provided. Finished quilts are due at the NSQG May meeting.

Please contact [Melanie Darensod](#) for more information or to sign up.

Special Interest Groups

Longarm - The January meeting of the Longarm Group was held on January 7 at **Karen Carlson's** house. The next meeting will be Saturday, February 4 at **Diane Linker's** home. New members are always welcome.

The Sticklers -- Our next meeting will be Saturday, January 14 at 10 am. We'll conduct the "sit and sew" session we'd planned for December. Bring some hand-piecing or appliqué blocks that beg to be finished -- or tackle a new block in the company of friends! For blocks that require an extra step or quick seam, a sewing machine, iron, and cutting mat will be provided. We'll also discuss meeting topics for 2012. Newcomers always welcome! Please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) for details.

Art Quilts – The Art Quilters had a rip-roaring December meeting with the fabulous SAQA Trunk Show and a marvelous demo by our new member **Christine Wilhelm**. We welcomed two new members, **Peggy Smith** and **Cheryl Kosarek**!

On the agenda for January: **Mayann Weinberg** will demonstrate her innovative gallery hanging method (and if any members have their OWN way of hanging works other than with a sleeve, please bring a sample and show us!)

The registration for our FORMS OF A DRESS challenge is extended another month to the January meeting. We hope to have at least thirty works to display at this year's quilt show. Happy New Year! Please contact [Debbie Bein](#), group leader, for more information.

Hand Appliqué – This month **Diane Linker** and **Chana Brody** will demonstrate the use of bias makers to make stems or vines. We also will discuss the use of vines in appliqué quilts. In addition, please bring show-and-tell items so we can share in the progress of your projects.

Landscape – Six eager landscapers met for the first time in December. They decided to share their process and techniques and will begin to look at different ways of creating a cartoon and handling perspective. The group will meet at 6 pm in the cafeteria before the monthly meeting. Please contact **Jane Eyes** at Education@Northernstarquilters.com if you'd like to join the group.

Jane Eyes, VP Education
Education@Northernstarquilters.com

Thank You!

Many thanks for your overwhelming response to the Holiday Food Drive! You generously donated more than 600 pounds of food for our neighbors in need!

Carolyn Finn, my partner in this endeavor, delivered half our haul to the [Food Bank for Westchester](#); my stash went to the [Food Bank of Lower Fairfield County](#).

Carolyn Langevin helped with the collection and the always reliable **Joan Citron** coordinated the Hospitality table with **April Russell's** assistance.

Your generosity spilled over to the Hospitality table where, once again our members shared their favorite Holiday treats.

For January, we ask those whose last names begin with the initials **J**, **K** or **L** to provide snacks for our members. If you are able to help us with set-up, serving or clearing, please email me to volunteer.

[Meg Mooar](#), Hospitality

Quilt Show Registration is Open!

Registrations will be accepted through March 31. The [Registration Form](#) and [Rules and Instructions](#) are available on our website. [Diane Linker](#), Quilt Registrar, looks forward to receiving your on-line or snail-mailed registrations. (Contact details are on the form.)

It's going to be another beautiful show thanks to all the creative quilters in Northern Star Quilters' Guild and interested outside quilters.

Caryl Castellion, VP Quilt Show

Comfort Quilts

Last month, the Comfort Quilters made a generous donation of 45 quilts to the children at the Behavioral Health Center in Valhalla. The quilts bring a lot of smiles to the children and are very much appreciated.

Thank you to members who pick up CQ kits at Guild meetings and return the completed quilts! We were pleased to receive 5 or 6 quilts at the last meeting! Giving your time and talent helps to brighten the days of many people in need of comfort. New kits are being made each month, so stop by and pick one up.

Upcoming Meetings at the
[Volunteer Ambulance Corps, North Salem](#)

- January 4 and 18
- February 1 and 15

*(Dates subject to change; please verify with [Carol Auer](#) or **Karen Carlson**.)*

2012 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!

2013 Raffle Quilt

Susan Fasnacht will have block kits available for pick-up at January's meeting. All blocks will be due in March (but you can bring them to February's meeting if they're ready)!

Nominations for the charity to receive the proceeds from the 2013 Raffle Quilt will begin this month and are due March 20. Click [here](#) for guidelines and nomination

forms.

[Barb Tatera](#), Charitable Activities

Push the Limits in London: Reach for the Stars!

Create a quilt that represents the athlete's mindset, with "Reach for the Stars" as its general theme. Your work can reflect the British scene, the 26 sporting events, the athletes, the participating nations – it is your interpretation in whatever quilting style you choose. We hope each quilt will reflect the excitement of the competition and the pride of those participating – in London athletes and in Somers quilters.

Guild Members will Vote and Award Ribbons in these Categories:

- Best interpretation of the theme: Push the Limits in London...Reach for the Stars
- Best depiction of the place - London, UK
- Best use of color
- Most inspiring quilt
- Best of Challenge

Submission and Exhibition Information:

- [Click](#) for detailed specifications and requirements
- Quilts that do not meet *all* of the specifications will not be accepted
- All quilts are due on or before the March guild meeting

Carolyn Finn, Challenge Coordinator
Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

Share your News!

Have you been accepted into an upcoming show? Featured in an article? Is your work currently on view? We'd love to include your news in the "Find us Here" section of our newsletter.

Please send the details (including a photo, if possible) by January 20 for inclusion in February's newsletter.

Also, please let us know if you have a quilt-related blog or website. We're updating our "Member Links and Websites" page and would love to include your information. If you'd like to send a photo that represents your work, we can include that, too.

As always, please submit all newsletter content to News@Northernstarquilters.com.

Carolyn Finn, VP Communications

Brief summaries are provided here. For additional details, please visit [Members' Marketplace](#) on our website. Have something you'd like to post? Please send a brief description to News@Northernstarquilters.com.

Do you have a quilt that evokes an historical era? This is your very last chance to participate in the "American Girl" exhibition at the Mount Kisco Library! Please contact [Carolyn Langevin](#) or [Mary Cannizzaro](#) as soon as possible. The absolute final deadline for quilt submissions the January meeting.

Call for Entries - "The Many Faces of Jerusalem" This international quilt exhibition is among several events to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the Israel Quilters' Association. Entries due May 15, 2012. Click [here](#) for more information. NSQG Contact: [Tamar Drucker](#).

Bird Fabrics Sought! [Cobb Stewart](#) seeks fabrics with images of birds that are identifiable by type (e.g., robin, bluebird, etc.)

Vintage Sewing Machines available at the Deer Hill Thrift Shop of the First Congregational Church of Danbury. Contact [Betty Buccino](#).

[Carolyn Finn](#), VP Communications

Shows Featuring Guild Members

"[Material Witnesses: New Work from the Manhattan Quilters Guild](#)". New York, NY: The Art Quilt Gallery at the City Quilter, New York. Through January 7, 2012.

"[Quilts=Art=Quilts](#)." Auburn, NY: Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center. Through January 8, 2012.

"[Form, Not Function](#)." New Albany, IN: Carnegie Center for Art & History. January 6 through March 3, 2012.

"[Quilt National](#)." San Jose, CA: San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles. February 14 through April 29, 2012.

Other Shows of Interest

"Renaissance Velvets: Textiles for the Nobility of Florence and Naples." New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art. Through January 12, 2012.

"[The 9/11 Peace Story Quilt](#)." New York: Metropolitan Museum of Art. Through January 22, 2012.

"[Interpretations 2011](#)." San Diego, CA: Visions Art Museum. Through January 22, 2012.

"[Art Quilts Year XVI: Something To Say](#)." Chandler, AZ: Chandler Center for the

Arts. Through January 28, 2012.

[“Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival XXIII.”](#) Hampton, VA: Hampton Roads Convention Center. February 23-26, 2012.

[“The Quilt Fest of New Jersey.”](#) Somerset, NJ: Garden State Exhibition Center. March 1-4, 2012.

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