

NSQG June 2012 Newsletter

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Memorial Day weekend has come and gone and the summer season has started! I am sure many of you have wonderful plans and perhaps have made special gifts to celebrate upcoming weddings, family reunions, or anticipated births. I am envious of those who can get their projects done on time.

Bonnie Hunter's Saturday lecture was intriguing. Her process for stripping all of the scraps we have collecting in multiple containers does seem doable. I think that this will be one of my rainy day summer goals.

Another goal will be to actually finish the Comfort Quilt Summer project in the same year! Yes, Comfort Quilts meets every Wednesday, all summer. So if you find yourself with a free Wednesday, please join the group in Armonk. (Click [here](#) for directions.)

I also want to remind you that we have scheduled a bus trip to the [Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XIX](#), where our red and white quilts will be on display. So call a friend, make a plan, and contact [Kelly Lockwood](#) to sign up for our one-day trip on Saturday, September 15.

Another item that will sneak up on us is sign-up to teach at **Super Saturday** on February 23, 2013. If you have an idea for a class, please contact [Carol Mayefsky](#).

**Now for my favorite part: Thank you!**

Thank you to the Show Committee led by **Caryl Castellion** for their commitment and tireless efforts that made our show exceptional. It was a wonderful feeling to

walk through the show and hear so much enthusiastic praise for our guild and show.

In the days that followed, we received many congratulatory notes from visitors. These included several requests to mention our show in blogs/newsletters and warm thank you's from our special guests.

As NSQG members, we all should give ourselves kudos for stepping up and volunteering throughout the show process to make it all look so effortless -- and most importantly, so enjoyable for our attendees.

Let's get our ideas flowing and fabric sorted for next year's quilt entries!

**Patti Calautti, President**

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What an amazing Quilt Show put on by the Northern Star Quilters' Guild! Accolades have poured in from visitors, vendors, distinguished guests and artists!

John McKie (brother-in-law of Barbara Barrick McKie) created a terrific video of our show, including many works from Barbara McKie's Nature series. Click [here](#) to see the video -- available for the whole world to see!

We had 1,600 paying visitors, six buses came from guilds near and far, and 180 Guild members volunteered their time in this enormous effort. Four demos were well received. The Build-a-Block project saw the creation of over 200 blocks to make four quilts for the North

Salem Ambulance Corps. The Silent Auction was very successful. The Boutique satisfied the yearning of many shoppers to go home with hand-made items, books and magazines, and Comfort Quilts' kits to make their own. Show pins were well received, including our pins from 2006, 2007, 2008, and 2010.

The makers of the 185 registered quilts are to be commended for their part in filling the gym with such excitement, variety, and beauty! Without you, and the talented and dedicated Show Committee, there would be no Quilt Show! Over

400 quilts were on display in the gym and Room 114.

The variety in the Show held the visitors' attention, inspired many, many "thank you" notes, and was represented by the registered quilts, the Art SIG's "Forms of a Dress," the Guild Challenge, "Push the Limits in London: Reach for the Stars," the Comfort Quilts' educational display, FiberArt NE's "Totems," Barbara Barrick McKie's "Art Quilts Inspired by Nature," and the 93 red-and-white-quilt tribute to Joanna S. Rose and her husband, Thinc Design and the American Folk Art Museum.

Bonnie Hunter, of [Quiltville.com](http://Quiltville.com), held the crowds in humor-filled attention as she described how to manage fabric excess when creating quilts -- always leading to its next use. Bonnie's many quick tips are sure to be incorporated into our next quilts.

Tom Hennes' presentation about Thinc Design's process of creating "Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red & White Quilts" in the Park Avenue Armory in March 2011 brought it to all who hadn't experienced the exhibit and amazed everyone who saw the process unfold. Mrs. Rose said that the presentation informed her of things she hadn't absorbed during the Armory exhibit. What a treat to have the Rose family with us!

**There is much to be said, but it all comes back to a great big THANK YOU!!**

**Caryl Castellion**, Vice President, Quilt Show

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## **See you in September!**

The Programs speaker schedule is finished for the year and resumes in September. Thank you to everyone who attended the Lectures and participated in the Workshops. Hopefully it was a stimulating season and there was something for everyone!

Sign-ups are now taking place for fall Workshops:

### **September: Gloria Loughman**

#### **Lecture: Tue, Sept 18**

"The Quilted Landscape"

**Gloria Loughman**, from Australia, is our guest speaker in September. Gloria creates beautiful quilts, usually of the Australian landscape, using hand-dyed and

painted fabric. In her lecture, Gloria will describe how we can turn observations of our surroundings (or trips taken) into our own stunning quilts. You can see Gloria's fantastic quilts [online](#).

**Workshop: Wed, Sept 19**

**"Layer by Layer"**

This class is for students who want to take that next step and experiment with design and color. Workshop participants will combine elements of a landscape in an abstract way to create a small wall hanging that is unique and visually exciting. Beginners and experienced quilters welcome. You can see Gloria's fantastic quilts [online](#) and view the supply list [here](#).

**October: Pat Pauly**

**Lecture: Tue, Oct 16**

**"The New Face of Art Quilts"**

In October, we welcome [Pat Pauly](#) from Rochester, New York. Pat is an art quilter

who designs contemporary quilts while maintaining the integrity of traditional quilts. In "The New Face of Art Quilts," Pat will look at similarities between the composition of traditional quilts and the techniques, materials and design used in contemporary quilts.

**Workshop: Wed, Oct 17**

**"Slash and Burn" (one-day class)**

Learn to compose using quick and spontaneous fabric design. Fabrics will be combined and recombined to create a modern design. This workshop will focus on how to read elements for line, contrast, repetition and value. Quilters of all levels are welcome. Click [here](#) for course description and supply list.

I will be accepting sign-ups and checks at the June Salad Supper, or you can contact me about your interest, then send a check to confirm your spot.

Workshops are \$50, with checks made out to NSQG. Please remember that there are no refunds on workshops, so be sure to check your calendar carefully!

**Barbara Sferra, VP Programs**

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**Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XIX**  
**Saturday, September 15**

We're off to the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Oaks, PA (near Philadelphia)! Please join the NSQG "trippers" for this one-day excursion to see our amazing display of Red and White Quilts on display at this show.

We will travel together September 15, with bus pick-ups and drop-offs at our usual locations. Don't miss out! To secure your spot on the bus, please bring a check for \$55 to the Salad Supper. [Kelly Lockwood](#) will be available to answer any questions and receive your checks.

**Kelly Lockwood**, Special Events

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**Salad Supper**  
**June 19 @ 6:30 pm**

It's time for our annual Salad Supper! Bring your favorite salad and enjoy a

celebratory supper with friends.

Notes:

- We define "salad" somewhat loosely
- Please arrive at 6 pm to allow time for set-up
- Please list your item's ingredients (for those with dietary restrictions)
- Please bring a serving utensil if necessary
- Beverages, coffee, and dessert will be provided

**Meg Moor**, Hospitality

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I would like to begin by thanking everyone who participated in the Library sale – either by donating books and magazines or by purchasing them – at the Quilt show last month. We made over \$300! THANK YOU!

And we plan to hold our annual book, magazine and quilt-related items sale at the June salad supper – so if you have items that you no longer want, please consider bringing them with you in June. We hope that everyone will take a few minutes to visit our sale table before enjoying dinner!

Last but not least, all library books, magazines and DVDs are due back in June. Please try to remember to return them since we conduct a review of our inventory during the summer. For this reason no books may be borrowed during the summer months.

I also invite you to email me over the summer if you discover a book or DVD that you would like to see in our library. Please remember that this is your library!

I look forward to seeing you at the sale and Salad Supper in June.

**Jackie Fowler**, Library Chair

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## **Get a Head Start on the New Year!**

Our Membership Form for the 2012-13 year is now [online](#) and available for download. Please bring your completed form and \$35 check (payable to NSQG) with you to the June Guild meeting.

**Diane Linker**, VP Membership

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Many thanks to all who submitted proposals for NSQG's 2013 Challenge! All were creative and well thought out.

Following the Board's vote, I'm pleased to announce the 2013 Challenge, which was submitted by **Nancy Mirman** and **Joyce Sullivan**. It's a color challenge -- with lots of room for creativity -- and should appeal to quilters of all stripes:

**Theme:** Anything you want to make! Submit your entry in the category of your choice: Traditional or Contemporary.

**Colors:**

- Solid black
- Solid white
- Black-and-white prints
- PLUS one color of your choice. (The color can be a solid or print but may not have other colors within the prints.)
- Embellishment and thread work are acceptable but only in black, white or the one other color of the quilt.

**Size and Finishing Details:**

- Minimum circumference is 48"; Maximum circumference is 80"
- Any shape is acceptable (within size requirement)  
Attach a sleeve at the top of the back, at least 2" wide.
- Label on back must include: name of quilt, name of maker, and either phone number or e-mail address.

**Deadline:**

- Quilts will be collected at NSQG's January 2013 meeting

**Awards:**

- Voting will take place at our February 2013 meeting
- Each member will vote for his/her two favorite quilts in each category

- A member may not cast more than one vote for a single quilt
- 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention Awards will be presented in each category

**Additional Notes:**

- Only one entry per member
- Quilts must be 3 layers, quilted by the maker (by hand or machine)

**Nancy Mirman** and **Joyce Sullivan**, Challenge Coordinators

**Kelly Lockwood**, Special Events

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**Longarm** - The Longarm Group met on June 2 and continues to meet throughout the summer: The next meeting is **July 7** at Kathy Vanacoro's home. In August we meet on August 4. Please contact [Diane Linker](#) for more information.

**The Sticklers** - **Diane Linker** conducted a wonderful "EQ Refresher" that both addressed questions from experienced users and helped others get started. At our next meeting (June 8), we'll do our "seam-ripper smackdown." Be sure to bring your favorite tools for seam removal! We'll test several methods and tools and see which we like best. All are welcome! Please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) for additional information.

Regular meetings for the **Art Quilt** and **Hand Appliqué** groups resume in September. For more information please contact [Denise Isherwood](#) or [Kathy Kaplan](#) (Hand Appliqué) and [Debbie Bein](#) (Art Quilts). Please contact [Don Gough](#)

for information about the newly formed **Landscape SIG**.

**Jane Eyes, VP Education**

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### **2012 Raffle Quilt Winners**

We are pleased to announce the winners of the raffle benefitting the [Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation](#) (SADS):

- The Grand Prize of the quilt went to **Denise Isherwood**
- The Apple iPad was won by **Karen Carlson**
- The GO! Baby Fabric Cutter went to **Dee Rizzo**

**Comfort Quilts  
Summer Scrap Bag Treats  
at the June Salad Supper**

Buy a coordinated bag of small pieces for a dollar!! What a fun way to supplement your stash and help out the Guild out at the same time.

Thank you for your support of Comfort Quilts at the Quilt Show Boutique! Many lovely kits were purchased

and over \$800 was raised to benefit the Guild.

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**June 6** *(and every summer Wednesday thereafter, except for July 4)*

Congregation B'nai Yisrael (2 Banksville Road, Armonk). Click [here](#) for directions.

Please come along and join the fun every Wednesday during the summer months!

Dates are subject to change. Please verify the date with [Carol Auer](#) or [Karen Carlson](#).

**Barb Tatera, Charitable Activities**

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Many thanks to **Diana Sharkey**, whose beautiful photographs of our show's blue-ribbon and category-winning quilts appear throughout this newsletter.

Diane has also posted photos of all registered quilts to our website. Click [here](#) to enjoy!

Please continue to let us know if you will be (or have been) featured in an exhibition or publication. Our newsletter and website are a great way to share our accomplishments and to see one another's latest work!

Info and photos (as well as items for Members' Marketplace) received over the summer will be posted to the web and appear in September's newsletter.

**Carolyn Finn, VP Communications**

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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

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NSQG was well represented in last month's "Art Squared," an exhibition of 12 x 12" quilts by FiberArt Northeast (FANE) at the Mahopac Public Library.

The works of more than a dozen NSQG members were on view, including those by **Nike Cutsumpas, Claire Hibbard, Nancy Mirman, Maxine Oliver, Barbara Browner Schiller, Andrea Shedletsky, and Carolyn Spiegel** pictured here.



The Mahopac Library is home to NSQG quilts this month, as well. NSQG's 2012 Challenge Quilts are on view throughout the second floor. The quilts by **Joyce Sullivan** and **Pooa Bloomberg**, shown here, are among those on display.

**Debbie Bein, Benedicte Caneill, Nike Cutsumpas, Judy Gignesi, Georgia Heller, Margaret Phillips, Norma Schlager, Barbara Sferra, and Mayann Weinberg** have each donated a 12" quilt to SAQA's 2012 auction. Bidding is open to the public and will take place in September. (In addition, a select group of quilts will be sold at SAQA's booth in Houston.) All of the quilts, including **Margaret Phillips's** Purple Kimono (shown here) are available for view [online](#).

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### **Custom-Made Wood Quilt / Art Project "Bookcase"**

60"H x 30 W x 20 "D

7 fixed shelves: six are 9.9" and one is 6.5"

\$150 or best offer. Move yourself from Katonah. Contact Claire Hibbard: 914-262-

3702 (cell).

### **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 is part of a larger exhibition of over 200 quilts, including 30 World War II-era quilts. The quilts will be displayed in the same rooms as the airplanes in the museum, so there will be something of interest for everyone!

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](#).

### **Quilting Machine and Frame for Sale**

16" mid-arm "Stretch" Quilting machine and Grace Next Generation Quilting Frame. Frame can be set up 5' or 10' wide. \$2400. Click [here](#) or contact [Deirdre Abbotts](#) for more information.

### **Sewing Machine for Sale**

Janome Memory Craft 6500 in excellent condition; has all necessary feet. Asking \$850; table available separately. Please contact [Barbara Howard](#) 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

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**Shows Featuring NSQG Members**

"Push the Limits in London: Reach for the Stars." An exhibition of the Northern Star Quilters' Guild's 2012 Challenge Quilts. Mahopac, NY: Mahopac Public Library. June 4 - 29, 2012.

[Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XIX.](#) Oaks, PA: Greater Philadelphia Expo Center. September 13-16, 2012.

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

["Village Square Quilters' Quilt Celebration XII."](#) Scarsdale, NY: Greenville Elementary School. November 10-11, 2012.

### **Other Shows of Interest**

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

["Quilts from Nature: Landscapes and Florals."](#) New York: ArtQuilt Gallery. Through June 23.

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

["Back-Stitch: A 25-Year Retrospective of Advances and Milestones in Quiltmaking"](#). Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. July 12 - October 14, 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.

[19th Annual Bennington Quilt Fest.](#) Bennington, VT: Mount Anthony Union Middle School. September 15-16, 2012.

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

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

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