

## NSQG March 2011 Newsletter

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#### March Highlights

Mar 8 (Tues) **Board Meeting**

Mar 12 (Sat) **Dear Jane SIG** meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.

**Long-Arm Quilters** meet at Kelly Lockwood's house.

March 14 (Mon) **New York Beauty-Simplified Workshop** with Linda Hahn.

Mar 15 (Tues) **General meeting** at JFK School. Special guest: **Linda Hahn: StashBashers.** 2011 Challenge Quilts "**Music Makes Me Create**" will be displayed. **N, O, P, Q and R** last names, please bring goodies.

March 16 **Comfort Quilts** meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.

Mar 18-19 (Fri-Sat) **NSQG trip to Lancaster.**

#### March Raffle Sponsor



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## Letter From The President

The day of the Royal Wedding in London is also the day we begin to set up for our equally important NSQG 2011 Quilt Show. Friday, April 29, the JFK High School in Somers, NY will be transformed into a shopper's delight, a viewer's showcase. When we open the doors on Saturday and Sunday we will offer member quilts in the gym, vendors in the hallways, and a special raffle for the Children's Cancer Fund charity. This event is a wonderful opportunity to share with the larger community and to raise funds to support our guild.



**Vicki Romaine Cohn** has once again designed a Show Pin we will offer for sale. Since 2002 she has supervised the manufacture of this keepsake and we are grateful for her skill and artistic interpretation. With the design of this current pin Vicki chose to interpret the Kaffe Fassett pattern Pastel Bubbles of our Raffle Quilt, which was created by many member volunteers. The quantity of pins ordered this year is limited, so don't delay your purchase.

The Quilt is the Grand Prize of the raffle, which will be held on Sunday afternoon at 3:30 in the auditorium. In addition we have an amazing First Prize which is

generously donated by one of our sponsors, **Fabric Mart** in Yorktown Heights. Please thank them when you shop at their location. The Pfaff expression 2.0 sewing machine is a top-of-the-line electronic version with over 100 different stitches, Pfaff's unique Integrated Dual Feed (IDT), and much more. It sells for well over \$1,000. As another enticement to purchase raffle tickets we are offering a basket from **Flourish: Country Quilter** which is loaded with art quilting supplies, of which you can never have enough. Be sure to purchase your raffle tickets early and also to thank those who donate the prizes for this Guild chosen charity. In addition to the possibility of winning a great prize, you will know that you helped contribute to a worthy cause.

The auditorium is the happening place for our Show Speakers too. Be sure to check the schedule to hear **Rosalie Dace** from South Africa, and **Judy Irish** from Seattle. Rosalie specializes in innovative art quilting and Judy is dedicated to creative machine quilting. There is no extra charge for speakers at the Show. Don't miss either one.

Be sure that you place the first May weekend prominently on your calendar. It's the annual Northern Star Quilt Show! We need you to help make the show a success for our guild.

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

### Programs

Got scraps? After listening to **Linda J. Hahn**, our guest speaker, talk about **StashBashers** at the March 15 Guild meeting, you'll be stitching your scraps into stunning quilts in no time. Linda will discuss organizational techniques, color/value suggestions and will share tons of quilts and blocks – all made with scraps.

### Workshops

We have several openings for the March 14th **New York Beauty-Simplified Workshop** with **Linda Hahn**. The workshop is now open to non-members at the regular price of \$50 plus pattern fee. Contact Carolyn ASAP as the class is on Monday, prior to our meeting. <http://www.twocountryquilters.com/>

As usual, bring your calendar and cash or checkbook to sign up for two more outstanding workshops. **You will need to pay when you sign up.**

- **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. [www.englanddesign.com](http://www.englanddesign.com)
- **Line Dance—[Rosalie Dace](#) on Monday, May 2nd \$50 class.** Line is one of the most vital elements of design. This class offers you the opportunity to have fun with line and make it work for your quilts, by adding movement, texture and vitality in smooth, graceful, sharp crisp or fuzzy lines. In this hands-on class, discover the secrets of embroidery, trapunto, piping, couching and quilting by hand or machine to give your quilts that extra zing. Students will make several small studies or one large wall quilt using line in many sensitive and exciting

ways. Slides and class examples will see you “line dancing” forever!  
[www.rosaliedace.co.za](http://www.rosaliedace.co.za)

All classes are held at the North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps Building from 9-3:30. Remember that fees are non-refundable so check your calendars and choose carefully.

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

### Hospitality

For the March meeting, those with names ending in **N, O, P, Q and R**, please bring a treat to share. Thanks!

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

### 2011 Quilt Show



Thanks to all who have already signed up for their preferred volunteer assignment.

- **Ann Fitzell** will be happy to sign you up if you send her an email at [amfitzell@yahoo.com](mailto:amfitzell@yahoo.com).
- **Cathie Billings** has been busy preparing your fabric and batting donations for the **Build-a-Block** event and thanks all who have contributed and invites you to tell your friends to take a moment to sit down during the Show to build a block for a charity quilt.
- Promises of **Silent Auction** quilts have been coming in. Please email **Karen Carlson** [QuiltingKarenD@aol.com](mailto:QuiltingKarenD@aol.com) to let her know your interest in donating a small quilt (with a 120" or smaller perimeter).
- **Chris Roche** [edwardroche2@verizon.net](mailto:edwardroche2@verizon.net) , handling the **Invitational Quilt display**, requests that you send her the details of your entry by the March Guild meeting.
- **Online Quilt Registrations** are working well according to **Diane Linker** [dianelinkensgg@verizon.net](mailto:dianelinkensgg@verizon.net). (Mac users may find it easier to send their quilt photos to her via email or accompanying their registration fee.)

### **Quilt Registration Deadline**

Can you believe there are only two weeks left to register your quilt for the Show? It's true, March 31 is the last day to register your quilt.

There are so many exciting opportunities bringing in the new spring after a long winter. We look forward to welcoming the public to our wonderful Quilt Show, thanks

**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.

Ann Fitzell [amfitzell@yahoo.com](mailto:amfitzell@yahoo.com).  
Patricia Loquet [jamloquet@optonline.net](mailto:jamloquet@optonline.net)

## Membership

It is an exciting time of the year with the anticipation of warmer weather bringing new inspiration for quilting designs. The NSQG calendar is full of opportunities for us as members to learn and grow. Please try to take advantage of the classes that are scheduled, and most of all, do your part to make the quilt show a wonderful success! Another member benefit is being able to nominate a charity that is important to you as an individual. The 2012 quilt will be spectacular and the proceeds of the ticket sales can benefit your favorite charity.

It has always brought me much fulfillment to help with the activities of the guild. Spending a couple of hours with new faces has led to many expanded friendships. So as the sun begins to warm us, let us spread that warmth by experiencing what a special and talented guild we are members of.

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

## Education

### Special Interest Groups

- **Art Quilts** - In February, the Art Quilt Group met to admire the quilts submitted for the Art Quilt Group Challenge organized by **Debbie Bein**. Thirty four 12"x12" quilts were presented. They will be displayed in a combined exhibit at the NSQG quilt show. Be sure to look for the Art Quilt Challenge exhibit at the show! A Mystery Demo is scheduled for the March meeting.

- **Hand Appliqué** - In February, **Jennifer Kramer** demonstrated reverse appliqué leaves. In March, **Denise Isherwood** 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, March 12th.
- **Kids Quilt** – 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 second meeting will take place on Saturday, March 12th, at **Kelly Lockwood's** house. If you're interested in joining, please let Diane know.

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

### February Meeting Recap

Our February program provided a fascinating array of demonstrations of techniques and tools that covered the quilting spectrum in new and unexpected ways. Thanks to **Pat Baker, Carolyn Langevin, Linda Ostrander, Caryl Castellion, Susan Wilterding, Melanie Darensod, Joyce Sullivan, Jane Eyes, Maria Weinstein, Tamar Drucker and Carolyn Salon** for sharing their knowledge and talents with us.





## Show and Tell

Remember to bring your quilts in for the March meeting for Show and Tell immediately after the business meeting.

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

## Charitable Activities

### 2012 Raffle Quilt

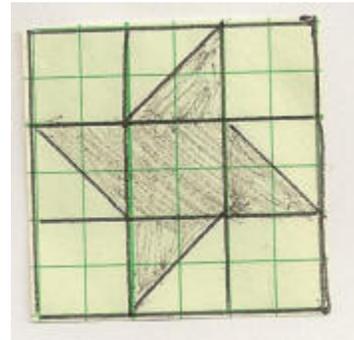
Nominations are now being accepted for the 2012 Raffle quilt. Nominations will be accepted through the March general meeting. The [2012 nomination guidelines and time schedule are located on the web site](#) under Charitable Activities.

### Comfort Quilts

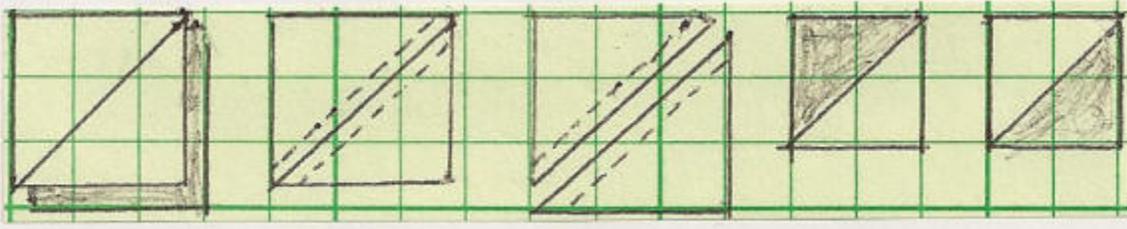
#### Ronald McDonald House--Block of the Month

One of the best things about NSQG is the giving spirit of our members. Last month Comfort Quilts received 74 Roman Stripe blocks at the general meeting! Thank you so much for your support of the Ronald McDonald house! Please continue to support this worthy cause with the March block of the month!

This month the block of the month is the Friendship Star. It is made from four background squares and one square of the accent color. These pieces should be cut  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches square so they will finish at 3 inches. The Friendship Star also has four half square triangles. (Directions follow) The colors for this block should be fall colors—golds, oranges and browns. Be SURE to angle the half squares as shown in the diagram. The block should measure  $9\frac{1}{2}$  unfinished so it will be a 9 inch finished block.



**Directions for a half square triangle:** Begin the square 1 inch larger than your finished square. (For this finished 3" square block, cut a 4" square.) Layer a colored square with a background square and mark the background with a diagonal line. Sew the two squares together with two seams each  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch on either side of the diagonal line. Cut on the diagonal line to yield two half square blocks. Trim to size. (For this block trim to  $3\frac{1}{2}$ ".)



There will be a container at the membership table to receive blocks. This is strictly a volunteer project, but we would love to have each of you join us. Questions? Call **Pat Baker** 845-279-8840.

**Upcoming Meetings:** March 2 and 16, April 20. *\*\* Please note that the April 6 CQ Meeting has been canceled.* Comfort Quilts meets 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).

### 2011 Raffle Quilt



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

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

### Special Events

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

Quilts will be displayed at the March NSQG meeting. Ribbons will be given based on the secret ballot of NSQG members who attend. Ribbons will be awarded based on the following:

- Best interpretation of the theme
- Best use of color
- Best use of embellishments



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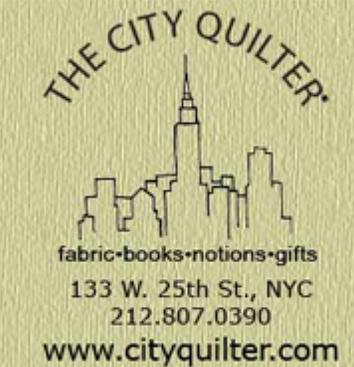
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