

NSQG March 2012 Newsletter

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Northern Star
Quilters' Guild

- **Mar 3** (Sat) Longarm SIG meets
- **Mar 7** (Wed) Comfort Quilters
- **Mar 10** (Sat) The Sticklers SIG
- **Mar 13** (Tue) Board Meeting
- **Mar 16** (Fri) Lancaster Trip
- **Mar 20** (Tue) General Meeting: [Jane Dávila](#)
- **Mar 21** (Wed) Comfort Quilters
- **Mar 23** (Fri) Newsletter submissions due
- **Mar 24** (Sat) Workshop: Jane Dávila
- **Mar 31** (Sat) Longarm SIG meets
- **Mar 31** (Sat) [Quilt Registration](#) closes

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Spring has Sprung!

The yellow crocus and winter pansies are blooming at my house and providing me with a new sense of energy. We have a busy two months ahead of us at the Guild so I need all the energy I can find! This month we will collect the completed 2013 Raffle Quilt blocks and the 2012 "Reach for the Stars" challenge quilts.

Nominations for the 2013 charity also are due at our March meeting.

Our quilt show is less than two months away and everything is falling into place nicely. Please be sure to sign up to volunteer your time and talent at the quilt show. The quilt registration is on-line and open until the end of the month.

Cathie Billings will be available at our meeting to sell tickets for the Connecticut Piecemakers' beautiful raffle quilt, "Grandmother's Poppies." Cathie also will travel to the Connecticut Piecemakers to sell tickets for our own 2012 Raffle Quilt.

[Jane Dávila](#) will share her talents with all of us and also teach a class on Saturday, March 24 at JFK. Please take advantage of this rare Saturday class.

As I reflect on February, I find myself being amazed at the talents of our members. Many thanks to all who assisted with the program at February's meeting, those who coordinated Super Saturday, and those who taught the wonderful classes. "Thank you" seems like a very short phrase -- but please know that the depth and breadth of its meaning is endless.

On another note, I've learned that *Quilts: Masterworks from the American Folk Art Museum*, a companion book to the Museum's 2010-2011 exhibit, is now available. Click [here](#) for more information.

Have a wonderful month! I look forward to seeing some of you on the bus to Lancaster -- and everyone else on March 20.

Patti Calautti, President

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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.



Maggie Kolvenbach, *Josiah's Fireworks*

[April Russell](#), Guild Secretary

Workshops

Sat, March 24

[Jane Dávila](#) will teach a "Surface Design Sampler." Come and learn some new techniques or just enjoy a day "playing." You can explore and experiment with a

variety of surface design methods including Paintstiks, water-soluble pencils and pastels, TAP, heat moldable stamps, color remover, glitter sprays, and more.

There are still a few seats available. All quilters, including beginners and experienced quilters, art quilters, and interested newcomers are welcome!

Additional \$20 materials fee required. The supply list has been e-mailed - please let me know if you haven't received it. (*JFK High School - Room 122 - 9 am*)

Tue, April 17 – new date!

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. Please contact me if you did not order one at the February meeting. The supply list will be mailed in late March. (*North Salem Ambulance*)

Corps - 9 am)

Bonnie Hunter's class is still full - with a waiting list. More info to come.

All workshops are \$50 - cash or check payable to NSQG. To register, please contact me.

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**A Heartfelt Welcome to
Mrs. Joanna S. Rose!**

We are delighted to announce that Mrs. Joanna S. Rose and her husband have accepted our invitation to view our Red and White Members' Invitational Exhibit at this year's quilt show.

As you'll recall, our Invitational honors "[Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts](#)," Mrs. Rose's generous birthday gift to the people of New York at the Park Avenue Armory last March.

In response to our invitation which included six photos, Mrs. Rose wrote, "*...the quilts look absolutely extraordinary and I am eager to see them. You are an amazing and talented group and I feel honored by your honoring me.*
Cordially, Joanna S. Rose."

We're thrilled to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Rose to Northern Star and Somers!



There's still time to create your own small red-and-white quilt for the NSQG members' invitational...and if you like, you can create more than one! Quilts will be collected at our March meeting. Click [here](#) for details.

Show Pins are Here!

The 2012 NSQG Quilt Show Pins are here and they are beautiful, thanks to our Show Pin Designer **Vicki Romaine Cohn**. Vicki's modern design interprets one of the traditional appliqué blocks of our raffle quilt. Bring \$5 to the March Guild meeting if you'd like to add one to your collection. Pins will be on sale at the April Guild meeting as well.

Quilt Drop-Off

Saturday, April 28

Quilt drop-off day is Saturday, April 28th from 12 noon to 4 p.m. 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 registration guidelines.

Tip for Visitors and Guests

When telling friends about our quilt show, please be sure to mention that the JFK School is listed by GPS systems in a variety of ways, including "Kennedy Catholic" and the "John F. Kennedy Catholic High School."

For those more numerically inclined, the GPS coordinates are 41.3054, - 73.6884. (No need to memorize this; the information is available on our [website](#).)

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.

Build-a-Block

Many thanks to everyone who contributed fabric for our Build-a-Block project! At this point, we have more than enough materials and no further donations are necessary. Thank you for your generosity!

Caryl Castellion, VP Quilt Show

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Thank you!

Kudos and many thanks to **Susie Anderson, Debbie Bein, Mary Cannizzaro, Nike Cutsumpas, Meg Moar, Margaret Philips, Carol Sterk, and Maria Weinstein** -- the generous and creative members who shared their journals and notebooks at February's meeting. It was so interesting to see the variety of notebooks/journals and hear how each member uses her notebooks to inform her work. Thank you!

**Kids can Quilt
Volunteers Needed!**

There are still two opportunities to participate in the very rewarding Kids can Quilt! project:

- (1) Assemble the children's decorated blocks, sashing, and border;
- (2) Assemble and quilt the quilt sandwich; attach the binding

This is a great opportunity to share your love of quilt-making with the next generation while teaching important life-lessons in the process. Please contact [Melanie Darensod](#) for more details.

Special Interest Groups

Longarm - The Longarm group met at **Kelly Lockwood's** home and included a demonstration by **Kim Hyde**. The group next meets on March 31. Please contact [Diane Linker](#) for more details.

The Sticklers-- Our next meeting is Sat, March 10. We'll compare the blocks we created and discuss which approaches worked best. (For quick reference, the blocks are D-11, H-11, I-10, J-5, and M-3....but don't worry if you haven't completed them all.) Newcomers always welcome! Please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) for details.

Art Quilts -- Our "Forms of A Dress" is looking GREAT! Thanks to all who participated and to **Melanie Hulse** for the idea and pulling it together into a great exhibit for our guild show. Thanks also to **Maria Weinstein** for another of her fabulous demonstrations.

In March, **Lynda Long** will demonstrate Painted Fusible Web. All are welcome to join us, this is a very handy technique to know -- even for traditional quilters. See you in March! Please contact [Debbie Bein](#) for more information.

Landscape - In February, we continued discussing the construction process. We spoke about selecting, cutting and fusing fabrics. One of the group members brought in a small quilt that she created using the same picture used for the January demo quilt using a combination of appliqué and painting.

Eunice Gough talked about [Accidental Landscapes](#) by Karen Eckmeier. This could be a good choice if a quilter does not have a large selection of landscape fabrics.

In March, we will discuss thread painting, choice of threads and needles, spray basting, batting, and quilting. Please contact [Don Gough](#) for more information.

Hand Appliqué - In March, **Susan Fasnacht** will demonstrate how to embellish appliqué blocks using embroidery techniques. Please note: Due to the Froncie Quinn workshop, there will be no Hand Appliqué meeting in April. Please contact [Denise Isherwood](#) or [Kathy Kaplan](#) for more information.

Jane Eyes, VP Education

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If your last name begins with **P**, **Q** or **R**, it's your turn to bring in a snack item to share with the members. We're looking forward to sampling some of your favorite recipes.

Please remember to cut items into serving-size pieces for easily handling. And don't forget to pick up your ticket for the monthly

raffle!

If you can assist us with the set-up, serving, or clean-up, please send me an email. Your help will be appreciated!

[Meg Mooar](#), **Hospitality**

Thank you to everyone who has made a donation to the Library this year. We will add those books that we don't already have to our collection and any duplicates will be available to purchase at our June meeting book sale. We appreciate your generosity.

Our newest magazine, *Machine Quilting*, has finally arrived and we hope that you

find it informative as well as inspiring. We have ordered the DVD "Why Quilts Matter," so look for it at the Library table along with several of our other new books.

Last but not least, please remember to return your borrowed Library books, DVDs and magazines in March.

[Jackie Fowler](#), Librarian

2013 Raffle Quilt

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their blocks for our 2013 Raffle Quilt! All outstanding blocks are due at the March meeting. Please see **Susan Fasnacht** to turn in your block.

Nominations for the charity to receive the proceeds from the 2013 Raffle Quilt will be accepted through the March general meeting. The 2013 nomination guidelines and time schedule are located [on our website](#) under the Charitable Activities menu.

Comfort Quilts

Next Meetings:

March 7 and 21

April 4 and 18

Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps at 14 Daniel Road in North Salem. Dates are subject to change. If you have a question, please

verify the date with [Carol Auer](#) or [Karen Carlson](#).

[Barb Tatera](#), Charitable Activities

2012 Guild Challenge...

There's Still Time!

Quilts will be collected at the March meeting. (If you need a bit more time, please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) to make arrangements.) At the April meeting, the quilts will be displayed and members will vote on the winner in one of six different categories. See our [website](#) for details.

Following display at our own show in May, the quilts will travel to Putnam County. They'll be on display at the Mahopac Public Library in June, in anticipation of the opening of the Olympic Games in London.

Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed to help at our April meeting (with the display and vote) and also to help with the installation in Mahopac. This is a great way to get involved and participate in NSQG's community outreach! Please contact [Carolyn Finn](#) for

more details.

[Carolyn Finn](#), Challenge Coordinator

[Kelly Lockwood](#), Special Events

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

Events associated with the Pelham Quilters' "[Fabric of America](#)" exhibition:

NSQG Contact: Renee Fleuranges-Valdes.

Book Signing - March 11

NSQG's **Claire Oehler** and **Nancy Mirman** will sign copies of their new book, *A Constellation of Stars*. Saturday, March 11 (1-2:30 pm) at 50 Webster Avenue, New Rochelle.

Lecture - April 3

Mary Anne Ciccotelli, "*Six Generations of Quilters*"

[Mary Anne Ciccotelli](#) is a fourth-generation quilter who has taught quilting across the United States. Pelham Quilters, Village Squares, Empire Quilters and Northern Stars are just a few of her quilting affiliations.

Join Mary Anne as she shares a PowerPoint presentation and trunk show on quilting through the generations. Mary Anne will share the quilting legacy of her

family with stories of the lives of the quilters who came before her. She also will talk about how she is passing the love of quilting on to her children and grandchildren. *(Tue, April 3 at 12 noon. City Hall, 515 North Avenue, Room B-1, Lower Level, New Rochelle, NY)*

Lecture - April 10

Aline Moyler, "An African American Journey through Quilts"

Pelham Quilter Aline Moyler specializes in "fabric art," which she describes as handmade appliqué quilts that tell a story in pictures. Inspired by the work of renowned African American artist and author Faith Ringgold, Mrs. Moyler is self-taught in the artisanal craft of quilting. As a seamstress, Mrs. Moyler began quilting by using leftover fabric from her completed projects.

Join Aline as she discusses quilts and the role they have played in African American history. She will share some of her quilts as she weaves the history of quilting and the African American quilter. Featured in books, Mrs. Moyler's quilts also have won ribbons in quilt shows. *(Tue, April 10 at 12 noon; City Hall, 515 North Avenue, Rm B-1, Lower Level, New Rochelle, NY)*

Quilters Needed!

To demonstrate our craft at Keeler Tavern's "Colonial Day" on Sat, June 16. 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.

Fabric Sale!

The fabric sale at the online [Victoria & Albert Museum shop](#) continues, though supplies are dwindling. NSQG Contact: Nancy Hantman.

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](#).

[Carolyn Finn](#) , VP Communications

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Several Guild members participated in the American Girl exhibit at the Mount Kisco Library in February.

The show was conceived and curated by **Carolyn Langevin** and **Mary Cannizzaro** as part of "American Girl month" in honor of author Valerie Tripp, who grew up in Mount Kisco.

The display included quilt styles from the Victorian Era, 1850's through the Civil War, Victorian Era, Depression Era WWII, and beyond.

Diana Sharkey's *First Ladies' Log Cabin*, another log cabin by **Fern Nadel**, and **Meg Mooar's** 1930's quilt were among the many beautiful quilts on view. Several of the participants are pictured below.

Debbie Bein is thrilled to announce that *three* of her works have been accepted into the *Fantastic Fibers 2012* exhibit at the Yeiser Art Center in Paducah, Kentucky. This all-art quilt venue runs concurrent with "the" Paducah quilt show each year. Debbie's three works, *Broken Promises*, *Generation Gap*, and *Patch of Posies*, are shown here.

Mayann Weinberg has just learned that her "Red and White," an embellished red and white quilt, has received the 2012 William Arthur Grupe Award from the Greenwich Art Society. The work is included in the Greenwich Art Society's 95th Annual Juried Exhibition and on view at the Bendheim Gallery through April 1st.

NSQG members **Mary Anne Ciccotelli, Renee Fleuranges-Valdes, Nancy Mirman, and Claire Oehler** are represented in "Fabric of America: Quilting our History," an exhibition of the Pelham Quilters co-curated by **Renee Fleuranges-Valdes**. (See "[Members' Marketplace](#)" for notices of related events.)

The exhibition highlights the evolution of quilting and celebrates its stature as an art form. The works shown here reflect the striking diversity and talent within our Guild.

Congratulations, All!

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.

[Greenwich Art Society's 95th Annual Juried Exhibition](#). Greenwich, CT: The Bendheim Gallery. Through April 1, 2012.

Other Shows of Interest

[AQS Quilt Show and Contest](#). Lancaster, PA: Lancaster County Convention Center. March 14-17, 2012.

["Piecing It Together."](#) White Plains, NY: Arts Westchester. Through March 17.

["Campaigns and Commemoratives: Quilts for Presidents."](#) Lowell, MA: New England Quilt Museum. Through March 24, 2012.

["Quilting Long Island"](#) (2012 show of the Long Island Quilters' Society). Garden City, NY: Garden City Field House. March 24-25, 2012.

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

[Off the Wall: Rochester Area Fiber Artists."](#) Rochester, NY: The Gallery at the Arts and Cultural Council. Through March 29.

["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.

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

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

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

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