

NSQG May 2011 Newsletter

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May Highlights

May 10 (Tues) **Board Meeting**

May 14 (Sat) **Dear Jane SIG** meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.

May 17 (Tues) 7:00 p.m. **Annual Meeting and Election of Officers** at JFK School. Special guest: **Kate Barker: "Restoration of Textiles."** Last names **U, V, W, X, Y and Z**, please bring goodies. **Art Quilt SIG** will meet in the library at 5:45.

May 18 (Wed) **Comfort Quilts** meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.

May Raffle Sponsor



Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

May 17, 2011 at 7:15 pm

Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers New York

2011 -2012 NSQG Slate of Officers

President	Patti Calautti
Secretary	April Russell
Treasurer	Linda Ostrander
VP Membership	Diane Linker
VP Communications	Carolyn Finn
VP Programs	Barbara Sferra
VP Education	Jane Eyes
VP Quilt Show	Caryl Castellion

Letter From The President

Quilting within a guild offers members so much more than sewing fundamentals. There are chances to learn from one another at Super Saturday, to take trips, to attend monthly lectures and workshops. In addition to learning, a major reason for belonging is to make friends and share experiences.

We have just concluded a most successful experience, the Northern Star Quilt Show. Our show provides the opportunity to display quilts for admiration, to share our knowledge through speakers and demonstrations, and to work together as a group once a year providing funds for the continuation of the Guild. As the quilts are received, judged and hung for viewing, it is evident that NSQG is privileged to have a high level of expertise and involvement. Joining together the talents of all the members for such an undertaking is a big challenge. I thank **Caryl Castellion** and her committee for organizing the process, and also thank each guild member for participating. The organizers provide the structure for the event, and each of the members shares responsibility to ensure success of the Show. A high-five thank you all around!

Over the years we have written basic outlines and procedures that govern our non-

profit group. The Guild By-Laws establish a governing Board and state our purpose today as clearly as when we were founded more than thirty years ago. It “shall be to promote interest in, and encourage participation in, the art of quilting; to stimulate and coordinate the efforts and talents of individuals interested in quilting; and to maintain a club for the social enjoyment of its members.”

The founders went on to mention how to achieve the Guild purpose: “By establishing lines of communication among members for the stimulation of thought, exchange of ideas, mutual assistance, and enhancement of individual strengths.” NSQG’s goal remains focused to provide “educational activities related to quilting to help members achieve their highest level of technical proficiency and artistic expression.” The US tax code stipulates 28 categories within the definition of 501(c) corporations. The third category relates to our Guild, as founded for educational purposes. We continue to provide wonderful opportunities for our members and the public to achieve that focus.

The month of May brings our Annual Meeting. We will have ballots for voting on the By-Law review, and a hand vote on our 2011-2012 Board. I look forward to the Guild’s bright future with leadership by this group of volunteers. Please show your appreciation by supporting their efforts.

Susan Wilterding, President susanw.nsqq@gmail.com

Programs

Restoration of Textiles

Our final speaker for the year is **Kate Barker**, Field Service Director for The Textile Conservation Workshop located in South Salem, NY. The Textile Conservation Workshop (TCW) was founded in 1978 to act as a conservation resource for museums, historical agencies and private individuals. They specialize in conservation of textiles and restore every type of textile artifact, including historic quilts, samplers, laces, tapestries, needlework, to name a few. Kate will present a lecture on care, proper handling, storage and display of textiles, and most important: Before and After slides of restoration treatment. For more information about TCW, refer to www.textileconservationworkshop.org/.

Amish Quilt with large loss

Amish Quilt after restoration



Carolynn Young, VP Programs, Programs@northernstarquilters.com

Hospitality

Those whose last names begin with U - Z, please bring a treat. As a reminder, all are welcome to bring a treat, and all contributors get a free raffle ticket.

Carolyn Thye, VP Hospitality, carolynthye1@optonline.net

Membership

With the excitement of our annual quilt show behind us we now see another NSQG year coming to a close. This feeling draws me back to the end of another year of school and the day the yearbooks were handed out. If I were to look at the NSQG yearbook, I would see pictures of members attending workshops given by talented quilters. Comfort quilters bringing warmth to our neighbors. I would see SIG participants overflowing with creativity and talents. There would be a page for the bus trip to Lancaster, Super Saturday and holiday boutique. There would be a list of wonderful books we were able to share and pictures of the delicious treats we enjoyed each month. I would see smiling faces greeting members at monthly guild meetings. The Quilt Show highlights would fill several pages recording the memories of another successful show.

But the most important page would be the dedication page.

This book is dedicated to the NSQG Members.

We thank them for the time that they volunteered to make this past year successful.

We thank them for the talents that they bring to this guild; each talent different but each talent so important.

At the May meeting, the 2011-2012 membership registrations will be accepted. (All checks will be deposited promptly.) Please fill out the [Membership Form online](#), print

seamstress for a factory in Bridgeport, Connecticut. I loved spending time with her and had many overnights playing games and making yo-yos! Templates were made of cardboard and came in various sizes. I had yo-yos on everything. I loved them and still do. I love where those cardboard templates have taken me.

I hope that all my years of working for attorneys have prepared me for this task, and that I will be able to keep track of everyone talking at once, giving directions, changing their minds, changing their minds and changing their minds!

I am honored to be a candidate for a board position and look forward to serving the Guild in the coming year.

Diane Linker – Vice President - Membership

I joined the Guild in September 2007. I have learned most of what I know about quilting from Guild programs and from the wonderful classes at Country Quilter. Spending time at Comfort Quilts during the past year and a half has added greatly to my enjoyment of the Guild and has taught me much about the generosity of spirit of so many of our members.

I was on the Show Committee for about six years, first as JFK Liaison and then as Outdoor Sign person. In 2007-08 I was co-chair of the Quilt Show. For the last two years I have been part of the Education Committee as moderator of the Art Quilt Group.

As VP of Programs I hope to follow Carolynn Young's excellent example in providing a varied and balanced selection of speakers for the lectures and workshops.

Caryl Castellion – Vice President Quilt Show

I have been a member of NSQG and Comfort Quilters since 2000. Over the years, I have served on the Show Committee as photographer, publications, quilt registrar, and Show Chairman and led the 2010 Raffle Quilt effort. Use of color intrigues me, especially at the beginning of each new quilt.

Outside of quilting, I enjoy volunteer positions with children in an after-school program, feeding the community at the New Covenant House of Hospitality in Stamford, CT, teaching my grandchildren to quilt, and reading. I look forward to continuing the work being done this year by the 2011 Show Committee.

Carolyn Finn – Vice President Communications

My first quilt was a wedding gift for my sister, who married in 1993. I didn't have a sewing machine at the time, so the quilt is entirely hand-pieced. I loved the combination of math and art, and was hooked.

Many years later, I received a comfort quilt at New York Presbyterian. While the quilt itself is beautiful, I was overwhelmed by the time and love I knew the quilter had put into her work. At the time, I didn't know this was known as a "comfort" quilt, but that's exactly what it provided. Art, geometry, and a warm hug – all wrapped within a single object.

Shortly after joining Northern Star, I joined Comfort Quilts. I'm also doing work for Quilts of Valor, which provides quilts to injured service members. In an effort to share our art with the next generation, I'm a member of Melanie Darensod's "Kids can Quilt" team that teaches first-graders how to quilt.

As VP for Communications, I'll be responsible for ensuring that guild members have timely access to information about local events, guild happenings, and opportunities to pursue special interests and volunteer service. In addition to continuing the terrific work Deirdre has done with the website over the past year, I'll also explore additional ways to leverage technology to serve our members.

2011 Quilt Show

Congratulations, Northern Star Quilters' Guild!

A beautiful Show was enjoyed by our 1,770 visitors.



Best In Show winner Carolyn Cooney and her quilt "Tranquility"

182 visitors came in five buses and "thank you notes" have been received from the bus leaders showering praise on the stunning display of quilts, the variety found in the array of vendors, the demonstrations, the food, and the overall peaceful and friendly aura surrounding them whichever turn they took. The buses were given vendor raffle bags to raffle off to their travelers on the way home ... thanks to the generosity of our vendors and the leadership of **Claire Oehler** who made certain that the vendors had bottles of water and power bars (and an afternoon dark chocolate) as each day moved forward.

It is too early to know with accuracy how the financials have worked out, but a quick look shows gross revenues around \$31,000 (including Silent Auction \$2,800 and Show Pins \$1,000), but not counting the raffle quilt which brought in \$4,800 (excluding associated expenses). 218 Build-A- Blocks were made which will result in seven quilts to be sent to the victims of the earthquake in Japan.

A much more complete accounting will be coming out by the June meeting ... I just wanted to share this very good news with you, to thank you for exhibiting your quilts, for volunteering, and to remind you of the names of the **NSQG 2011 Quilt Show Committee** who worked with such dedicated purpose to present this wonderful event: **Cathie Billings, Maria Catalano, Melanie Darensod, Ann Fitzell, Judy Gignesi,**

Carol Auer, Karen Carlson, Vicki Romaine Cohn, Diana Sharkey, and Carolynn Young.

Caryl Castellion, NSQG - VP Quilt Show, caryl.castellion@gmail.com

Education

Special Interest Groups

- **Art Quilts** will meet in the library at 5:45 before the Guild meeting to discuss plans for next year. Please bring Show & Tell.
- **Hand Appliqué – Denise Isherwood** will demonstrate how to make a small dimensional lily of the valley flower, dangling bluebells and a two-layered foxglove. **Diane Linker** will demonstrate how to make a charming ladybug.
- **Dear Jane Group** -The next meeting will take place on **Saturday, May 14th** at 10 am at The Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood, New York. If you are interested in joining, please contact **Carolyn Finn** at carolyn_finn@yahoo.com.
- **Kids Quilt** –Members have been busy assembling and quilting the blocks made by the first graders at Katonah Elementary School in March. The quilts will be hand-tied by the children in May with help from our members. The three finished quilts will be displayed at the Guild's meeting in May and will then be donated to the Friends of Karen. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact **Melanie Darensod** joemelan@optonline.net.
- **Long-Arm Quilters' Group** is meeting on May 7th to see a demo of some Pam Clarke quilting patterns. If you are interested in attending, please contact **Diane Linker**.

Diane Linker, VP Education, dianelinkernsqq@verizon.net

Charitable Activities

Winners of the 2011 Raffle Quilt

The lucky winner of the Raffle Quilt, "Pastel Bubbles," was **Meg Mooar**. Thanks to **Patti Calautti, Susan Wilterding** and NSQG members for all of their hard work on the quilt.

Jane Eyes was the winner of the PFAFF Expression 2.0 sewing machine. Thank you, **Fabric Mart**, for donating it.

And lastly, **Jeanne Callahan** was the winner of a basket of Art Quilting supplies. Thanks to **Flourish-Country Quilter** for this donation.

Nominations for the 2012 Raffle Quilt:

Ability Beyond Disability www.abilitybeyonddisability.org

Ability Beyond Disability began in 1953 with a group of parents who dreamt of a better life for their children. That dream led to the creation of ABD, the leading nonprofit organization helping people with disabilities discover their abilities. Each year ABD

helps approximately 1500 people to build a better life through job training, support in finding a home, rehabilitation programs, transportation services and more. ABD offers one of the most comprehensive systems of support for people with disabilities in the Northeast.

Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes Foundation www.StopSADS.org

Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) are genetic heart conditions that can cause sudden death in young, apparently healthy people. These conditions can be treated and deaths can be prevented. The SADS Foundation is dedicated to saving lives and supporting the families of young people genetically predisposed to this syndrome. They work throughout the tri-state area to raise awareness of SADS, counsel at-risk families, advocate for increased research, promote widespread availability of external automated defibrillators and conduct CPR training.

Voting for the charity will take place at the May meeting.

Comfort Quilts

Ronald McDonald House - Block of the Month

The block of the month project continues to be a success. **Pat Baker** received about 65 Puss in the Corner blocks in April! Thank you so much for your support of the Ronald McDonald house! Please continue to support this worthy cause with the May block of the month!

The block for May is a Pinwheel Block. Please use two colors of green, one light and one dark. Remember to press the seams to the side, not open. For further directions, [please check out the link under Charitable Activities on the web site.](#) You can also see the blocks for future months there as well.

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.

If you missed your chance to purchase a special Comfort Quilt kit to use for your own needs, no worries, they will be available for sale at the June general meeting.

Upcoming Meetings: May 4 and 18. 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 or **Karen Carlson** quiltingkarend@aol.com.

Barb Tatera, Charitable Activities, patchwork15@gmail.com

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2012 GUILD CHALLENGE

Submit an idea for next year's NSQG Challenge!



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