

NSQG November 2010 Newsletter

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- **Nov 3** (Wed) Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem
- **Nov 9** (Tues) Board Meeting
- **Nov 13** (Sat) Dear Jane SIG meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.
- **Nov 15** (Mon) Dianne Hire's workshop, **Curvaceous Squares** at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps.
- **Nov 16** (Tues) **Holiday Boutique 6-7 p.m.** General meeting with guest speaker **Dianne Hire, Oxymorons: Absurdly Logical Quilts.**
- **Nov 17** (Wed) Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp.,
- **Nov 19** (Fri) **Trip to the Museum of American Folk Art** (Lincoln Square branch) sponsored by Special Interest Groups. Meet at 1:15 for lunch first. Address: 2 Lincoln Square (Columbus and 66th Street)

Northern Star Quilters' Guild Holiday Boutique

Tuesday, Nov. 16th
6:00 pm to 7:00 pm
(before the general meeting)

Letter From The President

Recently there was a Yahoo article that spoke about change. "For students entering college this fall, e-mail is too slow, phones have never had cords and the computers they played with as kids are now in museums....The Class of 2014 has fewer incoming freshmen who know how to write in cursive or have ever worn a wristwatch." A current movie *The Social Network* details the birth of the amazing computer phenomenon Facebook, through which millions of people communicate daily. (There is a Westchester connection as founder Mark Zuckerberg, now 26 and one of the richest in America, grew up in Dobbs Ferry where his father is a dentist.) The availability, speed and new forms of information have changed our world. It is possible for us to learn in new ways with new tools. The takeaway message is that past problems are today's unsolved opportunities.

Of course as quilters we have seen amazing changes too. The vast variety of fabrics; videos now online that teach techniques previously unavailable from unreachable speakers; books with quilt patterns from all continents; advanced tools that make our quilts easier to create and to complete. These provide us with choices – continue as we have in the past, or use resources that are now available to head out in new directions. It is an exciting time to be creating quilted memories.

To bring the same message closer to home, our NSQG Board manages the business of the Guild so that members can enjoy the programs and special events we offer. We all work to promote its history and its future, with the best interests of the Guild in mind. Our reputation is established and the Board needs to ensure that it continues.

This month we are welcoming **Linda Ostrander** as the new Treasurer of NSQG, due to the resignation of our previous Treasurer. As the Board was considering alternative approaches to managing and reporting our finances, we decided it was time to outsource the Quickbooks function of the position. (BTW Quickbooks is a software program the Guild purchased five years ago to organize our financial transactions. It is a powerful computer tool which helps Northern Star record and preserve financial records for the Guild, the CPA we employ, and the IRS.) Linda will

perform responsibilities that previous Treasurers have – write all checks, make all bank deposits, attend Board meetings to present reports, and interact with the CPA. We intend to maintain our high standards, stability, and accuracy.

As we prepare our organization for the future, let's support one another and make sure our words and actions are for the continued success of the Guild. As we prepare ourselves for the upcoming holidays, let's join together to celebrate and to be thankful we can participate in the many offerings our quilt guild provides.

Susan Wilterding, President, susanw.nsqq@gmail.com

Programs

Meeting

November's special speaker is **Dianne Hire**. Diane's presentation is **Oxymorons: Absurdly Logical Quilts**. "Oxy..." is a collection of forty quilts based upon oxymorons, the juxtaposition of completely contradictory words created by forty uniquely different quilt makers. View slides of quilts and hear how these mismatched phrases, nonsensical upon investigation of meaning influenced designs and the reasons behind those designs.

Workshop

Dianne's workshop, **Curvaceous Squares**, is on November 15 (*note Monday*) at the North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corps building (NSVAC). **Square Curves?** What? Exactly what does that mean? Create easy, template-free, intuitively designed blocks of inset curves that become squares. Discover ways to combine the curvy-blocks into a motion-filled wall hanging that is fast to assemble and in three optional designs: broken circles, randomly curved squares, or meandering dancing curves. If you use basic bold brights in nearly-solid fabrics, the quilt is exceptional. By the end of the day, you may have your Curvaceous Squares completely sewn together and ready to quilt. Doors open at 9:00. [Supply list here.](#)

Carolynn Young, VP Programs, Programs@northernstarquilters.com

Membership

Our Member Showcase will highlight the intricate work of the Dear Jane Group. The Dear Jane Group meets at the Apple Bank in Thornwood, NY. Please check our website for the date and time. Thank you to Diane L. for her assistance with the arrangements.

The November meeting will feature our Holiday Boutique so please plan to arrive early and enjoy the array of gift ideas that will be available for all to purchase. The Boutique will open at 6:00 PM and remember to bring a friend or two since there is no guest fee in November.

Thank you to all who checked the Directory information at the October meeting. We are continuing to work on the final draft of the Directory and hope to have it ready for distribution at the December meeting.



Welcome to our new members! At the October meeting, from L to R: **Collean Butler, Nancy Cianflone, Lynn Kaufteil, Laurie Currie, Mary O'Mara, Marge Westerville, Cathy Hopkins, Lucy Butler, Eileen Davis.** Behind them is the [Village Squares Quilters'](#) raffle quilt. Their show is November 13 and 14 in Hartsdale NY.

Patti Calautti, VP Membership, Pattic0312@gmail.com

Education



The first ever Special Interest Groups trip to the Museum of American Folk Art took place in October. Six of us got together and looked at the quilts and then had a

lovely lunch. We're planning a second trip on Friday, November 19th to the Lincoln Square branch of the Museum located at 2 Lincoln Square (Columbus and 66th St.) to see a second exhibit entitled "Superstars" and is limited to star quilts. We will be meeting at the museum at 1:15 pm and going to lunch before seeing the quilts. Everyone is invited to join us for this mini-excursion.

Special Interest Groups

Our Special Interest Groups are growing all the time, both in members and in numbers. Members have a lot of fun exploring their particular corner of quilting in a warm and supportive environment. Additional members are always welcome in each group.

Art Quilt Group is in the process of organizing their annual Challenge. There will be no meeting or demo in November because of the Boutique. However for information about the challenge, go to the Library at 5:45 pm.

Hand Applique Group – No meeting this month so members will have time to shop at the Boutique. In December, there will be a demonstration of different methods of making stems.

Dear Jane Group blocks will be displayed at this month's guild meeting. Please bring yours (even if you're not in the group) and join in the show. Please pin all of your blocks to an appropriately-sized piece of batting with your name on it so they can be hung as a single unit. The Group will meet on November 13th at the Apple Bank in Thornwood.

Kids Can Quilt! Group - Please contact Melanie Darensod at joemelan@optonline.net to join.

Long-Arm Quilters' Group will be starting in November: getting together at each other's houses for demos, scheduling classes, and pooling our resources in other ways. If you are interested in the subject (even if you don't own a machine), join us! Just email me and I'll send details about the first meeting.

Show and Tell

Please remember to bring in your quilts for Show and Tell. To volunteer to help hold up the quilts, please send me an email.

January and February Programs

Our January ("HOW Did She Do THAT?") and February ("WHY Did I Buy THAT?") programs are still in the planning stage, so if you can volunteer to do a demonstration, please contact me.

Diane Linker, VP Education, dianelinkernsqq@verizon.net

Charitable Activities

Thank you to all of NSQG members who bought raffle tickets at the October meeting to support Comfort Quilts. **Carol Sterk** was the lucky winner of a quilt of her choice. She picked a quilt made by **Ann Fitzell** and **Sondra Shapiro**, quilted by **Karen Carlson**. A total of \$254 was raised!

Upcoming Meetings: November 3 and 17 at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. Dates are subject to change. Please verify the date and location with **Carol Auer** auerwein@gmail.com or **Karen Carlson** quiltingkarend@aol.com. If you have a friend in need of comfort or a favorite charity that could use some special quilts, please contact Karen or Carol.

2011 Raffle Quilt



The lovely “Pastel Bubbles” quilt (at left) was shown at the September walk for Children’s Cancer Fund. Raffle tickets will be available for you to pick up at the November meeting. Thank you for your support!

2012 Raffle Quilt

Thank you to **Denise Isherwood** for volunteering to coordinate the 2012 raffle quilt. The pattern is *Calico Garden*, originally created by Florence Peto. The quilt is owned by the Shelburne Museum with permission granted by Froncie Quinn, a licensed museum pattern writer. The quilt combines both appliqué and pieced blocks which makes it fun for many members to participate, no matter their favorite quilting style! Please see Denise at the November meeting to pick up a block kit.

Barb Tatera, Charitable Activities, patchwork15@gmail.com

Special Events

Holiday Boutique

The Holiday Boutique will take place on November 16th from 6 to 7 p.m. before the start of the general meeting. The Boutique is your chance to purchase lovely items handmade by our own Guild members. We have a good variety of items this year so come early and do some early holiday shopping! Bring family and friends as there

purchasing their own I Spy fabrics or purchasing one of my kits. My kits are composed of 200 different 2 ½” conversation print squares cut from washed and ironed 100% cotton fabrics. I have 12 kits available and they cost \$30 each. Please let me know ASAP, but no later than two weeks before Super Saturday if you wish to purchase a kit. Students not purchasing a kit must bring 200 pre-cut 2 ½” squares of conversation prints in addition to their background fabric. Sewing machine required.

Kendell Storm – CREATING EMBROIDERY DESIGNS ON YOUR COMPUTER

Do you have an embroidery machine? Do you have an embroidery digitizing program? Have you used them yet? In this class, Kendell will show you how to digitize a design using your computer in order to create an embroidered nametag, bookmark or anything you can think of. You will learn how to save the designs as embroidery files for many brands of sewing machines.

The second half of class will cover basics of machine embroidery including stabilizing projects, thread choices and hooping the projects successfully. We will stitch out the design and give the result to one of the lucky students!

This is a great class for anyone that owns an embroidery machine with an embroidery program for creating designs. If you are “afraid” of breaking the machine or just haven’t mastered the idea of machine embroidery yet, take this class. If you have a laptop computer with your digitizing program loaded and able to open, I will be able to get you started using your own program to do some of the things we will learn in class.

Suzanne Sunday – FREE MOTION QUILTING A REVERSIBLE TABLE RUNNER

This class is for people who have never free motion quilted or who need to work on



This large block machine pieced geometric quilt using partial seams can be traditional or modern depending on the fabric chosen. Templates will be provided. Sewing machine required. Fast, fun, gorgeous and easy!

SIT 'N' SEW- For members who would just like to hang out with their sister quilters and work on their own projects. Must be willing to allow others to adore your work during the course of the day.

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday, cmayefsky@gmail.com

Trips

Come one, come all! The Lancaster Quilt Show will be here before you know it! Our trip to the AQS Lancaster Quilt show will take place from March 18-19, 2011. This trip never disappoints, **so bring your check to the November meeting to secure your spot on the bus.** Checks should be made payable to NSQG for \$150 per person. Please contact me with any questions.

Jen Cannizzaro Jen51573@verizon.net
Kelly Lockwood, VP Special Events, lockypt@aol.com

Hospitality

Thank you to the D, E, and Fs who brought goodies in October! **G, H, I:** please bring treats in November! Quilts are needed for the tables for November, please contact Carolyn Thye to sign up. Thanks!

Carolyn Thye, VP Hospitality, carolynthye1@optonline.net

2011 Quilt Show

The "[Rules & Instructions](#)" for the 2011 NSQG Quilt Show are on the website to help you prepare to register your quilt(s). If you have any questions, please contact Quilt Registrar [Diane Linker](#) or [Caryl Castellion](#).

Several opportunities exist for your early participation in the for quilt show: 9 inch squares of fabric and batting, and strips of fabric 3 to 5 inches wide and 9 inches long for the Build-a-Block activity at the Show (see **Cathie Billings**); a small quilt with a perimeter of approximately 100 inches donated for the Silent Auction (see **Karen Carlson & Carol Auer**); and antique quilts to be hung in the Invitational

Quilts exhibit (see **Marie Sugar & Chris Roche**). Come join in the fun.

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

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