

## Updated NSQG October Newsletter

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- **Oct 12** (Tues) Board Meeting
- **Oct 13** (Wed) Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem
- **Oct 16** (Sat) Dear Jane SIG meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.
- **Oct 19** (Tues) General Meeting: **Karen Kay Buckley, *To Border or Not to Border.***
- **Oct 20** (Wed) Karen Kay Buckley workshop: ***Magic Medallions Block 3*** at the Mahopac Public Library .

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**Letter From The President**

Welcome to the new members of NSQG. I have met some of the finest people because of the Guild, and hope that you will too. Special thanks to our continuing members also. We need the involvement of both groups to advance our Guild. Let's join together to celebrate our diversity, and use our talents and similarities for another great year with Northern Star.

One function of the Guild is to keep members informed about things that are happening. We have member exhibits announced under Find Us Here, so add yours when appropriate. Please include your congratulations to **Diana Sharkey**, who received notice from the Houston Show that she is a prize-winner for 2010. An exciting honor. Of course we're always happy whenever we hear news of any member quilts that are greeted with a WOW!

In the news recently there have been numerous references to quilting. The American Museum of Folk Art in NYC has declared they will feature "Year of the Quilt" related exhibits, starting October 5 with 35 quilts at their 53<sup>rd</sup> street location. On May 10 they will open a second exhibit there. Beginning November 16 at their location near Lincoln Center, they will feature the role of stars in quilts. Great topic for a Guild called Northern Star.

Recently a Bloomingdales catalog advertised a new offering, the Quilting B, an area where they will be featuring handmade quilts of "Americana with a modern spirit." They enthuse that "quilts are one of the hottest must-haves for fall. Perfect at the foot of a bed – or at the back of a sofa."

Joining the same theme, the Pottery Barn catalog featured their Museum Craft Collection. "We're proud to introduce partnerships with some of the finest museums in America. In collaboration with the American Folk Art Museum, the Gee's Bend Foundation and the Shelburne Museum, we're bringing you re-creations of historic pieces that celebrate our country's past.... The hand of the artist – Gee's Bend Quilts, recreated historic pieces, close replicas of original pieces, hand quilted using the same technique, similar fabrics and the same dimensions. Log Cabin, Housetop Variation, Basket Weave."

Museums and merchants are recognizing quilts for their beauty and their history. Quilters find themselves in a popular place today. How lucky we are to be creating something we enjoy and value, while sharing the experience with others.

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

## Programs

### Meeting

October's special speaker is **[Karen Kay Buckley](#)**. Karen is an award winning quiltmaker who is recognized for her hand and machine applique teaching. Karen's presentation is **To Border or Not to Border**. Karen will demonstrate how to select the right border for your quilt and explain how she designs her borders. Become inspired and consider how to enhance your quilt with the right border.

### Workshop

Karen's **Magic Medallions Block 3** workshop will be at the Mahopac Public Library on October 20th. Doors open at 9:30. [Visit the library website for directions.](#)

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

### Membership

A big **Thank You** to the members for your registrations both before and at the September meeting. We now have a total of 190 members of whom 14 are new members! We also hosted 3 guests at the September meeting. We will continue to have a new member/guest table at each meeting. I ask all members to extend your friendship and hospitality to our new members and guests.

Congratulations to the four winners of the \$25 gift certificates. The gift certificates were to the following shops: Quilter's Corner, Nimble Thimble, Pin Wheels and Fabric Mart. I hope that our winners find new inspiration at one of our local fabric shops.

A heartfelt thank you to my committee members who made the registration process and introduction of new members so successful: **Althea, Nina, Brenda, Linda, Sandy, Melanie, and Carolyn** -- your help and knowledge is first rate.

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



New members at the September meeting, from L to R: **Sonhild Rooney, Pura Melendez, Karan Moseman, Susan Fasnacht and Lorraine Freed.** Behind them, the 2011 Raffle Quilt.

### Education

#### Special Interest Groups

New members are always welcome to our Special Interest Groups (SIGs):

- **Art Quilts** – Leaf pounding demo. Meets from 5:45-6:45 pm in the Library.
- **Hand Appliqué** – In October, there will be a demonstration of papercut blocks. If you'd like to try your hand at it, bring freezer paper and scissors and have some fun! In addition, all members are encouraged to bring show and tell each month.
- **Dear Jane** – The Dear Jane blocks will be displayed at the November meeting. If you have Dear Jane blocks, please bring them and join in the show. Please pin all blocks to an appropriately sized piece of batting so they can be hung as a single unit. The October meeting of the Dear Jane Group will be on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Apple Bank in Thornwood.
- **Kids Can Quilt!** – If you're interested in joining, please contact **Melanie Darensod** at [joemelan@optonline.net](mailto:joemelan@optonline.net).
- **Long-Arm Quilters' Group** - A new SIG is starting! We're hoping for a mix of novices and experts. We'll be meeting at each others houses for demos, scheduling classes, and pooling our resources in other ways. There are no membership requirements, just interest in the subject. Send me an email.

### **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.

### **Heart Quilts**

Approximately 60 of our members produced 128 heart blocks. The quilts can be seen on the NSQG website [here](#). On October 3<sup>rd</sup>, one of the Heart Quilts was raffled off at the American Heart Association Walk at Kensico Dam in Valhalla. Winner was Barbara Marciano of Yonkers. Below, **Diane Linker, Carol Sterk, Fern Nadel and Susan Wilterding** selling raffle quilt tickets at the event. The other quilt will be used for the American Heart Association. Thank you to everyone who contributed.



### January and February Programs

If you are interested in doing a demonstration at either the January program, “HOW Did She Do THAT?” or our February Program, “WHY Did I Buy THAT?,” please contact me.

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

### Charitable Activities

#### Upcoming Meetings

- October 13 and 20 at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.
- Future dates: November 3 and 17, December 1, January 5 and 19, February 2 and 16, April 6 and 20, May 4 and 18, June 1.

Dates are subject to change. Please verify the date and location with **Carol Auer** [auerwein@gmail.com](mailto:auerwein@gmail.com) or **Karen Carlson** [quiltingkarend@aol.com](mailto:quiltingkarend@aol.com).

#### Summer Challenge

The comfort quilters have been hard at work on the ***Twist and Turn Summer Challenge***. These lovely quilts will be on display at the October meeting. A “Winner’s Choice” raffle will take place that evening with the proceeds going to NSQG to help defray the cost of Comfort Quilts. Please stop by the Comfort Quilt table to purchase tickets and support Comfort Quilts! Your participation is greatly appreciated!

#### Donations

Cotton fabric, preferably washed and ¼ yard or larger, will be put to good use and appreciated, as will donations of batting. Please bring to guild meetings or contact me. Also please return your Comfort Quilt quilt kits, finished or unfinished. No Worries, someone else will be happy to finish it. We love to have lots of names on those quilt labels! Thank you for all of your hard work!

### 2011 Raffle Quilt

Many thanks to **Patti Calautti, Susan Wilterding, and Judy Irish** (as well as the many NSQG members who constructed blocks for this quilt) for all of their hard work on the **2011 Raffle Quilt, Pastel Bubbles**. The quilt was displayed at the September meeting; see it in the Membership article above. It is a Kaffe Fassett design. Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit the Children's Cancer Fund.

### 2012 Raffle Quilt

The 2012 Raffle quilt is in the planning stage and looks very promising. **Denise Isherwood** requests donations of reproduction fabrics from the mid 1800s. Scraps should be a minimum of 8" squares in following colors: pink, yellow/gold, green, lavender/purple. Please bring to the October guild meeting and we hope block kits will be available in November. Thank you for your support!

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

### Special Events

#### Super Saturday - February 26, 2011

Thank you to all our wonderful members who have offered to teach at Super Saturday this February. Our updated list includes: **Maria Weinstein** (Quilt-As-You-Go with scraps), **Suzanne Sunday** (Reversible Table Runner with free-motion quilting), **Tami Drucker** (Landscape quilting), **Barbara Sferra** (Beading), **Margaret Phillips** (I Spy quilt), **Luann Bruce** (Basic EQ 6 and 7), **Mayann Weinberg** (French Silk Flowers), **Mary Anne Ciccotelli** (Folded Flower Applique), **Patricia Loquet** (Arabic Lattice), **Kendell Storm** (Creating Embroidery Designs for your Computer.), **Debbie Bein** (How to design an original quilt) and **Deirdre Abbotts** (Creating a quilt website or blog using Wordpress).

We will have detailed descriptions of each course, supply lists and sign-up sheets available at the November meeting.

**Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday, [cmayefsky@gmail.com](mailto:cmayefsky@gmail.com)  
Kelly Lockwood, VP Special Events, [lockypt@aol.com](mailto:lockypt@aol.com)**

### Hospitality

Thank you to the A,B,Cs who donated treats in September, and thank you also to: **Joan Citron and Peggy Zottolo, Mindy Nardi and Caryl Castellion** for your help with the set-up and take-down!

For October: everyone whose last names begin with **D, E, F**, please bring treats.

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

## Library

### **Book of the Month: *Dancing with THREAD* by Ann Fahl**

Ann's second book deals with free-motion quilting. She has been machine quilting since 1978, using monofilament thread and finishing a quilt in less than a week.

Not too long ago, Ann realized that her childhood dream of wanting to be a ballerina with pink dancing slippers might be coming true. She was dancing with thread on the quilt borders with her sewing machine. That was when the idea for this book took shape. With it, she hopes to help you refine your process, develop a personal style, and become a more free-spirited quilter. The more time you can dedicate to it, the more proficient you will become! ENJOY!

Thanks so much to **Micki Tedeschi** for all her help on our first busy night. Also thanks to **Caryl Castellion** for coming to my rescue when the library cart fell over. Also thanks to **Mayann , Marie and Patti**. We have many new books and DVDs available. Please e-mail me with titles you would like me to purchase.

*Joan Weth, Librarian [jweth112@optonline.net](mailto:jweth112@optonline.net)*

## 2011 Quilt Show

Your NSQG Show Committee has been hard at work all summer preparing for a very exciting year. Many of our traditional activities will continue and some new activities are planned with lots of areas where you may join in the fun.

**Build-a-Block** – A new offering for our guests to sit, sew and contribute a block to charity. Donate 9½" squares of cotton fabric; 9½" squares of batting; and cotton fabric strips 9½" long from 3" to 5" wide. The finished 8½" blocks will be assembled into quilts for distribution to those in need by Comfort Quilts. A drop-off box for your donations will be found at the entrance to Guild meetings. Contact [Cathie Billings](#) for more information.

**Silent Auction** – Let your creative juices flow and donate a wall hanging (+/- 100" perimeter) of any theme or "Dream Vacation." The NSQG treasury will be the recipient of funds raised to support Comfort Quilts and other NSQG activities. Contact [Karen Carlson](#) for more information.

**Stitches in Time Invitational Quilt Display** – Do you have an antique quilt? a family quilting history to share? photos to support the quilt and maker (circa 1800 to 1940 in pristine condition or lovingly worn)? Contact [Chris Roche](#) or Marie Sugar for more information.

**Quilt Categories** – Please visit the Quilt Show tab on the NSQG website to view the [2011 NSQG Quilt Categories](#) prepared by eight NSQG members with insight from two NQA certified quilt judges, and countless quilt shows. Instructions on how to find the appropriate category for your quilt are provided by our Quilt Registrar, **Diane Linker**. Registration forms and Rules & Instructions will be presented in November.

We look forward to exhibiting your quilts!

**Caryl Castellion, VP Quilt Show** , [caryl.castellion@gmail.com](mailto:caryl.castellion@gmail.com)

### Communications

#### Help Wanted

**PHOTOGRAPHERS:** We are looking for people to take photos for the website and newsletter. If you are good with a camera and are able to take digital photos at the guild meeting, workshops or special events we would love to have you join our group. Several photographers would be ideal!

**PUBLICITY:** We are in need of someone to send a monthly email to the local media. This email will promote our Speakers, Workshop and Guild Members. This job doesn't require a lot of time, just a regular commitment each month.

**Deirdre Abbotts, VP Communications**, [news@northernstarquilters.com](mailto:news@northernstarquilters.com)

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- **Mary Cannizzaro's** quilt, *Flow Blue* (below), was juried into Houston.



- **Susan Schrott's** quilt *Adagio* (below), was juried into Schweinfurth's *Quilt=Art=Quilts 2010*.



- **Diana Sharkey's** quilt, ***That's Graphic*** (below), was awarded Honorable Mention at Houston.



Congratulations to our outstanding member quilters.

#### Area Quilt Shows

**Village Squares Quilters** present "**Quilt Celebration XI**"

**When:** Saturday and Sunday, November 13 and 14, 10:00 am - 04:00 pm.

**Where:** Solomon Schechter School of Westchester, 555 West Hartsdale Ave, Hartsdale NY 10530

**More info:** [www.villagesquaresquilters.com](http://www.villagesquaresquilters.com).

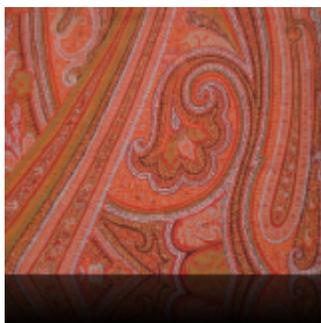
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The American Folk Art Museum presents ***Year of the Quilt:***

- "**Quilts: Masterworks from the American Folk Art Museum**"  
**When:** through April 24th (Guild members are going on Oct. 7)  
**Where:** 45 West 53rd St, NYC.
  - "**Super Stars: Quilts from the American Folk Art Museum**"  
**When:** Nov. 16 - Sept. 25, 2011  
**Where:** 2 Lincoln Square branch
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## Cross River Baptist Community Church Historic Quilt Collection

Quilts date from just after the Civil War to the early 20<sup>th</sup>, on loan from the Russell family of Cross River.



**Where:** Cross River Baptist Church, Rte. 121, Cross River, N. Y.

**When:** Saturdays and Sundays through October 31.

**For information:** 914 763-3326 or [funnyfarm2.ss@verizon.net](mailto:funnyfarm2.ss@verizon.net).

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