

September 2010 NSQG Newsletter

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Dear Member,

We are sending this newsletter to the email address which was on record as of last year. Next month's newsletter will be sent to the address on your membership form, if different. We didn't want to wait for data base updates to be completed before sending this.

We also hope you take a few minutes to check out our new website. More changes are coming in the future!

HAPPY LABOR DAY!

See you on September 21st!

Deirdre Abbotts
VP Communications



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- **Sept 14** Board Meeting
- **Sept 15** Comfort Quilts at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem
- **Sept 21** General Meeting Leslie Riley: "23 Ways to Fit More Art in Your Life"
- **Sept 22** Workshop (Wednesday) Leslie Riley: Lutradur Samples
- **Sept 25** (Saturday) Dear Jane SIG meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.

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Welcome To The New Newsletter

Yes, the newsletter has changed! We hope you will like it once you get used to it.

If you prefer, you can read the newsletter on the home page of our website, www.northernstarquilters.com.

The **Special Issue** with information about all the meetings and workshops in this new quilting year will be distributed at the September meeting. It will also be on the website.

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.

You can reach us at this new email address: news@northernstarquilters.com.. Please use it for any information for the newsletter or the website.

*Barbara Jay, Newsletter Editor
Deirdre Abbotts, VP Communications*

Letter From The President

Welcome to the first meeting of Northern Star Quilters Guild for 2010-2011. I hope everyone has had a chance to do some great quilting this summer and now looks forward to a reunion of friends and to beginning a connection with new members on September 21.

Throughout the summer specific words began to surface for me. I saw plowed fields like *patchwork* from the airplane. In a book the *thread* of the story suggested that I

pin my hopes on the character's success. . There was the Seattle Space *Needle*, the *Silk Road* exhibition, and *Threadneedle* Street in London. Out of the *blue* I was bombarded by go *green*, looking through *rose-colored* glasses at a *golden* sunset.. Of course some of these parallels were rather insignificant, perhaps almost *feather-weight*. Television golf tournaments measured success in *yardage*. And I read short stories which left me hanging by a *thread*.

Often the internet highlighted business conflicts which left me wondering if all CEO's are executive *material*. I began to realize that I spoke knowledgeably about *Westminster, Andover, Windham, Kona Bay, Concord* and the *South Seas* as if they were place names and not fabric companies. Stripes, plaids, prints; indigo, shades of white or cream; natural fiber fabrics – oh my, the planet is full of *quilting terms*! Is it really possible that we see the world through the prism of our own experience?

Northern Star connects us to one another. It provides the chance to *join the seams* of friendship and *stitch some memories*. Somehow the more we contribute to the effort, the more it becomes part of the *fabric of our lives*.

We all want to leave a legacy, and the Guild provides opportunities to do that. Take a look at all the great possibilities on our calendar and in the Special Issue of the newsletter. Become involved on committees. Help with the annual Raffle Quilt. Join a Special Interest Group. Put Super Saturday on your calendar. Create items for the November Boutique. Decide how you will help make our Quilt Show a success so we can continue to sponsor outstanding speakers.

Quilter Paula Nadelstern says: "*You can have it all, you just can't have it all at the same time.*" This year perhaps we can try!

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

Programs

Meeting

This month, Lesley Riley of Bethesda, Maryland will be our guest. Her talk: "23 Ways to Fit More Art in Your Life."

Discover the 23 time (and attitude) management secrets that turned Lesley Riley, a working mother of six and lapsed quilter, into an internationally known artist, author, workshop instructor, magazine editor and now entrepreneur. www.lesleyriley.com/

Workshop

This month's workshop with Leslie Riley is on Wednesday, September 22. **Topic:** Lutradur Samples. Cost: \$50. Sorry, class is FULL. [Click for supply list.](#)

Be among the first to discover the many uses and techniques found in Lesley's new book, ***Fabulous Fabric Art with Lutradur***. Explore transfers, paints, heat distressing & cutting and more.

Bring your calendar and cash or checkbook to our September meeting to sign up for one or more of our outstanding workshops. You will need to pay upon sign up.

Remember, workshop fees are non-refundable so please check your calendars and choose carefully.

Carolynn Young, VP Programs, Programs@northernstarquilters.com

Membership

Welcome NSQG members! Thank you to all of the members who have sent in their 2010-11 registration.

Once again this year, Membership will be hosting a drawing of four \$25.00 gift certificates to local fabric shops. To be eligible for this drawing your Membership Registration & payment must be received PRIOR to our first meeting. [Click here to download a registration form.](#)

By sending in your registration early, members will be able to promptly stop by the hospitality table, visit the library, purchase raffle tickets, and meet up with friends.

The September 21 meeting will be full of energy to renew us all for another creative year.

Patti Calautti, VP Membership, Pattic0312@gmail.com

Trip To The NYC Garment District

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This trip which was going to be held at the end of the month will now take place in the Spring.

Calling fabric-aholics of all kinds! Beaders, Art Quilters, Creative Minds – this is a trip for you!

Are you a quilter looking for inspiration? Do you like to add a little ‘something’ to your quilts? Do you make your own clothes? Are you a Mom or a Grandma making Halloween costumes for the kids this year? Join us for a fun filled day visiting New York City’s finest fabric, trim and bead stores!

Our bus will make stops near the Garment District, bead shops and The City Quilter. We’ve scoured the city for some of the most interesting places to shop. Choose the stores you would like to visit from our list of dozens, or find your own while strolling through the city.

Anticipated cost: \$35 per person (includes transportation to and from NYC).

Please contact me if you are interested in this trip. Don’t forget your comfortable walking shoes!

Jen Cannizzaro, jen51573@verizon.net

Education

Special Interest Groups

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

- **Art Quilts** – **Maria Weinstein** will be giving a demonstration of batting, painting and embossing. Please bring something you have done during the summer for Show and Tell. Meets from 5:45-6:45 pm in the Library.
- **Hand Appliqué** – We will be kicking off our year of album blocks, Baltimore and otherwise. Please bring your first block to the meeting and think about any challenges that came up during its construction. If you haven't started your first block yet, just come in with the pattern that you have chosen and you will be able to get some advice about how to begin. Also, please bring in blocks for Show and Tell. Meets from 5:45-6:45 pm in the Faculty Lounge.
- **Dear Jane** –The topic will be curved piecing. In addition, everyone will be bringing in the blocks they've done over the summer for Show and Tell. The next meeting is at 10 am on Saturday, September 25th at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.
- **Kids Can Quilt!** – If you're interested in joining, please contact **Melanie Darensod** at joemelan@optonline.net .

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.

Diane Linker, VP Education, dianelinkernsgg@verizon.net

Charitable Activities

Upcoming Meetings

- September 1 at Congregation B'nai Yisrael, 2 Banksville Road, Armonk
- September 15 at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.

Comfort quilts normally meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month but is always subject to change. Please verify the date and location if you have a question with **Carol Auer** auerwein@gmail.com or **Karen Carlson** quiltinkarend@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!

Barb Tatera, Charitable Activities, patchwork15@gmail.com

Special Events

While Super Saturday is still months away (February 26, 2011), now is the time to start rounding up possible teachers and topics of interest.

Some of the topics requested so far include: fusing techniques, computer assisted quilting, miniature quilts, quilt-as-you-go and time saving techniques. If you have any other suggestions, please contact me as soon as possible. If you would like to teach any of these or anything else that appeals to you, please contact me as well.

Teachers will be remunerated for their time and effort. It only takes five students in order for a class to run. As we go to print, Patricia Loquet has kindly agreed to teach Arabic Lattice once again and we are ecstatic!

Despite some of the worst weather ever (or maybe because of it), last year's Super Saturday was an amazingly strong bonding experience for all who attended. We look forward to the pleasure of one another's company this coming year without the bad weather :) Warmest wishes,

**Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday, cmayefsky@gmail.com
Kelly Lockwood, VP Special Events, lockypt@aol.com**

Hospitality

Members whose last names begin with A, B, C and D: please bring snacks and treats to the September meeting. Don't forget that each person who brings in a food item for the hospitality table receives a free raffle ticket! If you are interested in having a quilt displayed on the hospitality table this year, please call Carolyn Thye to sign up. Spaces are available for all months so far! As you are probably aware, the quilts are well cared for on the table, covered with clear plastic to protect against spills and crumbs. This is an opportunity to display your creativity for the whole guild to appreciate and enjoy!

Volunteers to assist in set-up, greeting members, and clean-up are always needed and welcome. Please contact me to sign up!

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