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- Dec 7 (Tues) **Board Meeting**
- Dec 14 (Tues) **General meeting with Melanie Testa** - Her presentation is **Art & Ideas**, a progression of Melanie's artistic pursuits.
- Dec 18 (Sat) Dear Jane SIG meets 10 am at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.
- Dec 1 (Wed) **Comfort Quilts** meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem (Future Dates Jan 5 & 19)

Special Event:

Letter From The President

Take a few moments during December to do something for yourself that you really enjoy! There are many great quilting possibilities for Northern Star members. Guild Challenge participants are creating a fabric interpretation of their favorite musical theme. Silent Auction quilts are being readied for the Show. Quilt blocks are being completed for the 2012 Raffle Quilt.

Each year we create a raffle quilt to support a charity. This year we are raising money for the Children's Cancer Fund. Each quilt is unique, never a repeat, and takes many volunteers to complete. Members work together and contribute by sewing a portion of the raffle quilt. We take great pride in the result.

Similarly, each year we create a governing Board made up of a new combination of members. Many help by doing a portion of the task. The jobs are more easily accomplished by working together. The result is a year that we can all reflect upon with great pride.

So enjoy December, and as you take time for some quilting amidst the festivities, please also reflect on how you will contribute to the Guild in 2011. Deanna Fei writes in her book *A Thread of Sky*, that "holidays are ordinary days brightly packaged and stuffed with meaning." May this holiday season provide you with meaningful memories and may they definitely include quilts.

Hope to see you at the next meeting, December 14.

Susan Wilterding, President
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Programs

Meeting

December's speaker is one of Northern Star's former members, **Melanie Testa**. Melanie is well known as a textile and fiber artist. Melanie's presentation is Art and Ideas, a progression of her artistic pursuits. The lecture will feature her inspiration and approach to making an art quilt art, designing fabrics and embellishment. Visit her website at <http://www.melanietesta.com>.

Workshop

Bring your calendar and cash or checkbook to sign up for 2 more outstanding workshops. You will need to pay when you sign-up.

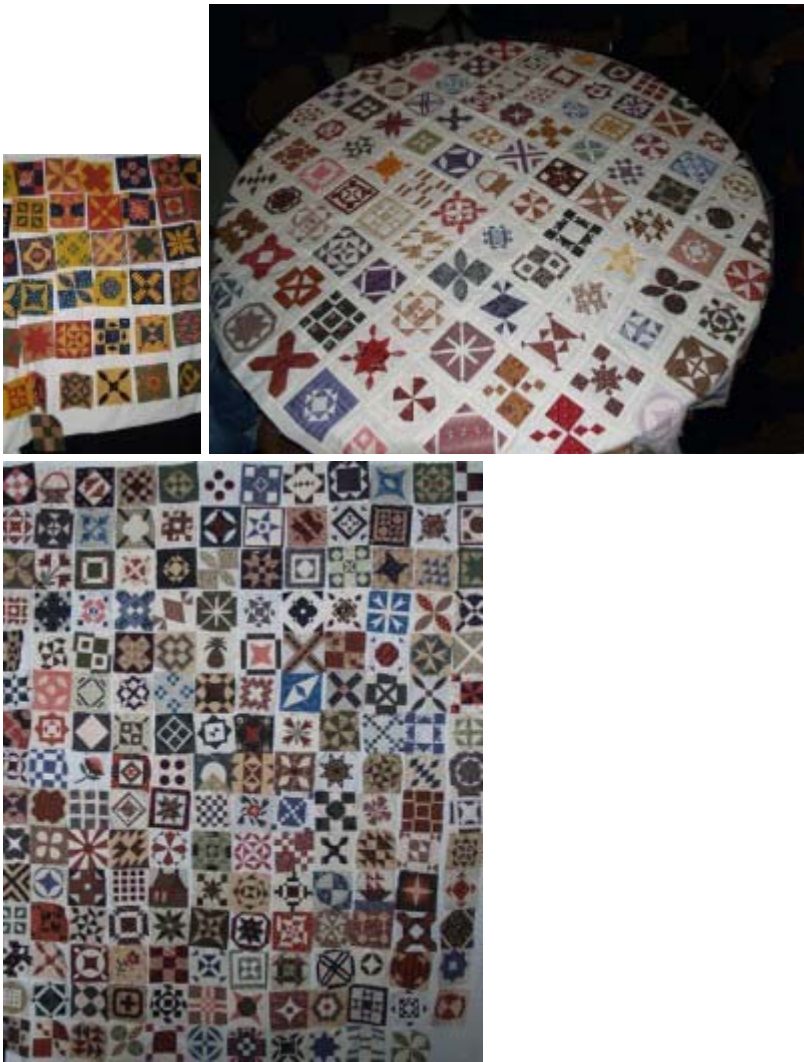
- **New York Beauty Quilts-Simplified—Linda Hahn on Monday, March 14.** \$50 class fee and \$22 kit/pattern fee. Make this gorgeous block using ONE PIN (yup, ONE pin) with Linda's out of the box piecing technique. You'll learn an easy way to quickly paper piece the arc foundations, and then easily and quickly set in the pie and background shapes with ONE pin. There's a WOW factor to this technique (but we can't tell you here).
- **Small Landscape Class II—Cynthia England on Wednesday, April 13.** \$50 class fee and \$30 kit/pattern fee. Create a pictorial landscape. No tracing involved, templates are preprinted onto freezer paper. Fabric selection, organizational skills and construction methods will be addressed in class.

Remember that fees are non-refundable so check your calendars and choose carefully. Refer to OnPoint! for more details.

Carolynn Young, VP Programs,
Programs@northernstarquilters.com

Membership

Thank you to the **Dear Jane Special Interest Group** for displaying their beautiful blocks and quilts for the November Member showcase. Here are some photos of the display. Here are some photo highlights of the display.



The December Member showcase will highlight the Art Quilters Special Interest

Group. Please bring an item to be displayed at the December 14th meeting.

A warm welcome to Sheila Margolis who has joined NSQG.

Patti Calautti, VP Membership



Photo by Helen Boland

Education

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 Quilts** – The Art Quilt Group did not meet in November because of the Boutique. In December the group will meet as usual in the Library at 5:45. Bring Show & Tell. Deirdre Abbotts will talk about putting together a blog. The Member Showcase at the December meeting will feature works by the Art Quilt Group..
- **Hand Appliqué** – The Hand Applique Group did not meet in November. In December, there will be a demonstration of different methods of making stems.
- **Dear Jane** – The work of the Dear Jane Group was highlighted in the November Member Showcase and the display was varied and wonderful. The December meeting of the Dear Jane Group will be on December 18th at the Apple Bank in Thornwood.
- **Kids Can Quilt!** – If you're interested in joining, please contact Melanie Darensod.
- **Long-Arm Quilters' Group** - Our Long-Arm group will be starting in January. We'll be getting together periodically at each other's houses for demos, we're going to schedule classes and we're going to pool our resources in other ways. There are no requirements for membership. Even if you don't have your own machine but are interested in the subject, you're invited to join us. Just email me and I'll put your name on the list and send you details about the first meeting.

Show and Tell

Please remember to bring in your quilts for Show and Tell.

January and February Programs

At our January program, "HOW Did She Do THAT?," we will have demonstrations by members of different and unusual techniques that they have used and we'll be able to view their work in detail and have the opportunity to ask questions and learn from them. The demonstrators will span the quilting spectrum, ranging from art quilts to traditional quilts.

Our February Program, "WHY Did I Buy THAT?" will be a series of member demonstrations that will afford you the opportunity to learn to use all those tools you needed to buy at quilt shows but have never used and couldn't figure out how to use if your life depended on it. And, just in case you didn't actually buy these tools in a past buying spree, we will make available information on where you can get them if the demonstration convinces you that you need them now.

If anyone is interested in doing a demonstration at either of these events, please talk to me or email me.

Diane Linker, VP Education

Charitable Activities

2011 Raffle Quilt



Thank you to members that were able to stop by the check-in table and pick up raffle tickets for "Pastel Bubbles". If you haven't received your tickets to sell please pick up your envelope at the December meeting. If you need more books of tickets let me know and I will have additional books available for you. Thanks for your support of the Children's Cancer Fund.

2012 Raffle Quilt

Thanks so much to all of the NSQG members who picked up block kits for the 2012 raffle quilt. The kits are due at the January meeting but Denise will be available at the December meeting if you would like to return your finished block.

Comfort Quilts

Comfort quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.

Upcoming meetings: January 5 and 19.

Dates are subject to change. Please verify the date if you have a question with Carol Auer or Karen Carlson.

Barb Tatera, Charitable Activities

Special Events

2011 Challenge: "Music Makes Me Create"

The challenge is to create a new album (CD) cover for your favorite: Song or Album/CD or Artist or Genre.

The finished quilts must be a 12 x 12, the size of a vinyl album cover.

One quick change NO Sleeve

Quilts must be labeled on the back with:

- 1) Title of quilt
- 2) Quilter's name
- 3) Address
- 4) Phone number or email.

Quilts will be displayed at the NSQG meeting on February 15th 2011. Ribbons will be given based on the secret ballot of NSQG members who attend the February 15th meeting.

Ribbons will be awarded based on the following:

- Best interpretation of the theme
- Best use of color
- Best use of embellishments
- Best overall design
- Best Traditional Design
- Viewer Choice

The quilts are due by January 18th, 2011. Late quilts will not be accepted. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me.

Maria Weinstein

Super Saturday – February 26, 2011

Please remember to bring your checkbooks to our November meeting as sign-ups will begin for Super Saturday. Amazingly, the fee is still only \$20, including a reasonably healthy lunch and tantalizingly tasty snacks. A minimum of 5 students is required for a course to run, but we shouldn't have any trouble filling up classes once you see the selection:

Debbie Bein – DESIGN STUDIO

Morning Session: HOW TO DESIGN AN ORIGINAL WORK- both traditional quilts and art quilts will be discussed and even how to combine the two.

Afternoon Session: TROUBLE SHOOTING! Bring in your UFO's, projects that are at a STOP because you are STUMPED, or just a crazy idea that you can't get out of your head but don't know how to start. Together, we will examine some fresh and exciting possibilities, devise a PLAN OF ACTION, breathe new life into your ideas and inspire you to push your personal envelope!



Mayann Weinberg- SILK FRENCH WIRE RIBBON FLOWERS AND LEAVES

Silk flowers and leaves are a beautiful addition to any piece. I have used them in quilts, jewelry and garments. They are also beautiful on needle cases and sachet covers. You will learn about color, size, shape and embellishment with these beauties. They are easy, fast, very versatile and may be washed. We will learn a variety of rosettes, buds and leaves.



A kit will be provided.

Maria Weinstein – SPEEDY LAP QUILT (45 X 60 INCHES)

Use up all those scraps you have lying around taking up space. This quilt-as-you-go technique is done entirely by machine. The quilting is accomplished while you construct each block. Sew the blocks together and you're done! Now that's fun! Sewing machine required.

Deirdre Abbotts - I'M ON-LINE!

If you've ever thought about having a website or a blog but thought it was either too expensive or too much work, then this is the class for you. If you have basic computer skills (you can surf the net, you can send an e-mail and you can attach a photo to the e-mail), you can set up a personalized WordPress site which can be used as a website, blog or both! A laptop computer would be very helpful for the day. By the time this class is over, your friends and family will be able to "Visit you on the web!"



Mary Anne Ciccotelli – Color Wheel Magic (Just Listed)

You will make this 3-D Color Wheel. This is a quilter's dream come true if you are looking for a reason to purchase lots of different fabrics. Don't have time to shop or not the right colors in your stash? Not a problem! Kits will be available for the **color wheel portion** of the project. However, each quilter must supply the background fabric

Luann Bruce – BASIC EQ6 AND EQ7

This is an introduction to EQ6 and EQ7. Learn to use the block library, set blocks into quilt layouts, add borders, color blocks on the quilt and create patterns.

Students must bring a laptop computer with EQ installed and activated as well as an external mouse. Please take time before you arrive to become familiar with your laptop. There is no computer hardware support during class.

Tamar Drucker – FABRIC COLLAGE APPLIQUE

Using your own photo or picture for inspiration, create a 15"x21" art quilt for yourself or as a gift. Tami has won prizes internationally using this technique. Be sure to come and see her samples at the November meeting. Sewing machine required.



Margaret Phillips – I SPY QUILT

Make this super cute 44"x52" I Spy Quilt top in one day! Simple construction and fun fabrics make this a great Super Saturday project. Students have the option of 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 their free motion quilting. We will practice several motifs on muslin (or other fabric that won’t be used for the table runner) to work on skills. Then, we will work on the elements of a reversible table runner. If you do your cutting and preparation before the class, you should complete most, if not all of the project (except the binding) during the class. Sewing machine capable of free motion quilting is required.

Barbara Sferra – BEADING ON QUILTS AND WEARABLES

Using beads on quilts, wall hangings and wearable art can enhance and define your design. The beading can be the focal point of the design or simply add the finishing touches to your work. (Think Designer evening bag.) No sewing machine required.



Patricia Loquet – ARABIC LATTICE QUILT

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

TRIPS

A few spaces are left for the AQS Lancaster Quilt show on March 18-19, 2011. This trip never disappoints, **so bring your check to the December 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
Kelly Lockwood, VP Special Events

Hospitality

A reminder that **all Guild members** are invited to bring a treat for the goody table for December. Please also bring a \$10 quilt-related gift for the Gift Exchange! Holiday-related quilts for the table are needed – contact Carolyn Thye if you would like to lend yours!

Carolyn Thye, VP Membership

2011 Quilt Show

The Registration Form will soon be available on the Guild's website. This year, for the first time, you will be able to fill out the form electronically and send the form from the website. Your registration will automatically be sent to Diane Linker, Quilt Registrar, at dianelinkernsqq@verizon.net. You will still have to pay your registration fee by either giving Diane a check when you see her or mailing it to her. Your registration **won't be complete** until the money is received. However, the date and time of receipt of your emailed form and picture will be your registration date.

A Special Invitation to our Members

Do you have an antique quilt that has been waiting to have its story told? Do you have a family quilting history to share? Well, here is the perfect opportunity. For part of this year's Invitational Quilts, we are displaying antique quilts (circa 1800's to 1940). We would like as many of them to come from our Guild members as possible. This could be great grandma's quilt that you are lucky enough to own, your Mom's baby quilt, or even a quilt that you found in an antique store that called your name. If you are fortunate enough to have a photo of the quilt maker and could give us a bio on her, we would love to include it in our display. If you would like to be part of our Stitches in Time exhibit, please contact Chris Roche or Marie Sugar and tell us about your treasure.

Chris Roche & Marie Sugar

Caryl Castellion, VP Quilt Show

Library

It was a very busy month at the Library this month a special thanks to both Chris Roche and Micky Tedeschi for all their help this year. We have had quite a few donations to the library so we are planning to have a SALE of books at the December meeting. Brenda Strauss has donated about 40 books and Sandra Lovas has donated over 200 books. So we hope you will support our endeavor this month. Hardcover books are \$2 and Softcover books are \$1. Looking forward to seeing you all.

Joan Weth, Librarian

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Congratulations to **Mary Cannizzaro**, whose quilt, *Flow Blue*, made it into the video of the Houston show! [See more on our website.](#)

For Sale

[Antique drunkards path variation. Low price/negotiable, call or email Pat Baker . Click here](#) to see what else our members are selling.

Notes On Fiscal Responsibility

To keep the Guild vibrant and current, the Board periodically makes changes to meet the circumstances. Past Boards have amended the By-Laws and modified Policies, and we continue to do so. In 2006 the Guild implemented QuickBooks, which is a software tool that provides computerized financial management and reporting. At the end of the last fiscal year, the Board took this idea one step further and purchased a computer for centralizing our financial records.

The transfer of QuickBooks data to the Guild computer took place over the summer and highlighted some situations that need to be addressed. The current Board has contracted with a QuickBooks specialist, who will make the necessary modifications to the QuickBooks application which will provide for complete, accurate accounting and reporting of the Guild's financial situation. The Board believes that retaining a QuickBooks specialist for this function at present is in the best interest of the Guild and will ensure that financial and budgetary decisions are made by the Board going forward based upon full and accurate financial information.

Continuity and consistency are important considerations for a Treasurer and the use of QuickBooks aids in both. The current situation of a QuickBooks specialist and a Treasurer is not necessarily permanent. When the Board feels confident that the computer procedures have been established and the forms for all reports have been tailored to the needs of the Guild, we will revisit our needs.

Our financial position is positive. Last year's budget was tight and we held to it carefully, finishing the year with a small surplus. We expect to do likewise this year. We maintain a reserve amount decreed by Guild policy, which provides a cushion in case of a lean year of fund-raising. This is good fiscal responsibility and encouraged by our CPA.

The goal of the Board is to provide continuity of accurate financial records and reports going forward

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