

September at a Glance

Sept 7 (Wed)	Comfort Quilts meets at Congregation B'nai Yisrael, 2 Banksville Road, Armonk
Sept 7 (Wed)	Super Saturday class descriptions due
Sept 10 (Sat)	Longarm Quilters meeting at Lorraine Freed's home. Contact Diane Linker for more information.
Sept 13 (Tues)	Board Meeting, JFK School
Sept 20 (Tues)	General Guild Meeting , JFK School Michele Scott, guest speaker: "Quilt As Desired" A, B and C last names, please bring a snack
Sept 21 (Wed)	August/September Ronald McDonald blocks will be collected
Sept 21 (Wed)	Workshop: Bobbinpalooza with Michele Scott
Sept 23 (Fri)	Comfort Quilts meets at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem
Sept 24 (Sat)	October newsletter submissions due
Sept 24 (Sat)	Dear Jane Group meets at 10 am at Apple Bank, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood

Letter From The President

Welcome to our first newsletter for the 2011-12 guild year. We have two great classes scheduled, September 21 and October 19. Unleash your talents and explore a new world of creativity with Michele Scott and Frieda Anderson respectively. Don't be shy... I have never explored either quilting technique but I'm up for the challenge. Join me and the other members of NSQG, sign up at the meeting, or contact Barbara Sferra to register in advance.

I also would like to introduce you to your NSQG board. We have familiar faces from the 2010-11 board and we welcome April Russell – Secretary, Carolyn Finn – Communications, Barbara Sferra – Programs, Jackie Fowler – Library, Meg Moor– Hospitality, and Carolyn Langevin - Assistant to the President as our new officers.

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VP Communications: Carolyn Finn

Letter From The President

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Hospitality: Meg Mooar
Assistant to the President: Carolyn Langevin
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Together we will make NSQG visible within our communities. We have so much to offer as a guild and we will have opportunities to display our work at local libraries, publish guild information in local newspapers and use the internet to connect via the cyber world.

We, as a guild, all want to be part of something significant. So let us join together to grow, develop and excel and experience new things. Let's sew a rainbow.

Patti Calautti, President

Programs



September 20 Guild Meeting

Our first program of the new year features Michele Scott from Deptford, NJ, whose talk is titled "Quilt As Desired." Don't you just hate those words? Using a LOT of quilts, Michele will demonstrate many ways to quilt our completed tops.

September 21 Workshop: Bobbinpalooza with Michele Scott

Beautiful but tricky threads giving you grief? Why not quilt upside-down? In other words, put those gorgeous threads in the bobbin and it will be easy. Michele has lots of tips and tricks for working with challenging threads — like putting them through the bobbin or couching them. If you have been wanting to embellish your quilts with beautiful threads, this is the class for you. Michele also will cover thread tension and free-motion quilting without marking.

Barbara Sferra, VP Programs

Membership

Thank you to all of our members who remembered to send in their 2011-2012 membership forms. If you haven't sent your form in yet, please remember do so before our September meeting. As we do each year, we will be having a drawing at the September meeting and four lucky winners will each win a \$25 gift certificate to a local fabric shop. To be eligible to win, your 2011-2012 membership form and payment must be received PRIOR to our first meeting. Click [here](#) to access the membership form and instructions online.

We're looking forward to another wonderful year at NSQG. If you are a new member, I hope you will stop by the Membership table at the front of the cafeteria, introduce yourself to our greeters and let us know if you have any questions or if there is anything we can do to help you integrate into the Guild. If you'd like to volunteer to help with membership, please let me know.

Diane Linker, VP Membership

Hospitality

Some of my smartest friends enjoy watching TV cooking shows. You know the ones I'm talking about. Professional chefs have one hour to prepare a three-course meal using exotic ingredients and employ some over-the-top cooking techniques. The meals are prepared in a competitive "beat the clock" setting and then tasted, judged and graded by a panel of experts.

I'm sure the food tastes great but in my opinion the best cooks in the world are homemakers like you and me. Our dishes are prepared with love, not for a grade. Our challenge comes from using fresh, local ingredients while keeping an eye on the budget. Our panel of experts is family and friends.

If your last name begins with A, B or C please bring a snack to the September meeting to share with the others. You will be rewarded with a ticket for the monthly raffle.

If you can give us a hand serving or cleaning up please email me to volunteer.

Meg Mooar, Hospitality Chair

Show and Tell

Please bring your quilts to our September meeting for Show and Tell. If you'd like to volunteer to help hold the quilts, please let me know.

Special Interest Groups

Art Quilt Group – The group will have an informal Show and Tell of Summer Work from our members – bring one or two pieces to show and give a short explanation of how you were inspired and what you learned. We are looking forward to hearing suggestions from members for locations for the day-long workshops we discussed at the last meeting, as well as hearing proposals for our annual challenge which will be displayed at the Northern Star show in May 2012. Meets from 5:45-6:45 pm in the Library.

Hand Appliqué Group – Our first meeting will focus on discussing what members are interested in covering and setting up a schedule of demonstrations/discussion. Please bring show and tell items so we can see what you have been working on since our last meeting. If time permits, there will be a presentation on a simple but fun dimensional flower. Meets from 5:45-6:45 pm in the Faculty Lounge.

Dear Jane Group - Rona Spar will lead a tutorial on use of the Curve Master tool — great for sewing curved seams. She'll bring her machine as well as several samples she's prepared, so we'll each have the ability to try it out. Rona has been in touch with Sandy Chandler, who designed the tool, and has obtained special instruction sheets she'll share with us. This promises to be a lot of fun! Meet at 10 am on Saturday, September 24th at the Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood.

Long Arm Group - The next meeting will be held on September 10th at Lorraine Freed's home. Please contact Diane Linker if you would like more information.

Kids Can Quilt – If you are interested in introducing kids to quilting, please contact me.

Jane Eyes, VP Education

Red White Invitational

A tribute to Joanna Rose and her Husband, Thinc Design, and the American Folk Art Museum. Guild members are invited to enter our Red and White Quilt Exhibit honoring Joanna S. Rose's "Infinite Variety: Three Centuries of Red and White Quilts" exhibit in NYC in March 2011. Thinc Design designed the spectacular exhibit of the 651 quilts in the Park Avenue Armory.

The Guild Invitational will include red-and-white traditional pieced, Hawaiian appliqué, and art quilt styles. All quilts will be displayed at the 2012 World of Quilts show. There will be no judging or voting. Click here for details and join the fun.

Quilts will be collected at the March 2012 NSQG meeting. Please contact **Joyce Sullivan** or **Nancy Mirman** with any questions.

Caryl Castillion, VP Quilt Show

Communications

This promises to be an exciting year, filled with opportunity to celebrate the successes of our members and sharing our guild with the community. The guild's talent is remarkable, and we should be proud of the wide diversity of approaches and techniques we represent.

Share your Success! If you (or a friend) are profiled in an article or your work is featured in an exhibition, please let us know so that we can congratulate you and include the information in our newsletter. (Don't be shy!)

Join Us! As Patti mentioned in her letter, one of our goals for 2011-12 is to increase awareness of the NSQG within our community. In addition to producing a first-rate show, we attract accomplished speakers and offer a variety of classes that may be of interest to the general public....and perhaps generate new members! If you have experience in PR or marketing, or simply have a passion for our guild, please contact me. We'd love to have you join our team!

Acknowledgements: Many thanks to **Barbara Jay** for her excellent work and early completion of our newsletter. A big thank-you also to **Deirdre Abbotts** for her guidance, training, and having so generously provided technical support over the summer and through our transition.

Newsletter Submissions: Newsletter submissions are due the Friday following our general meeting. Please ensure that the relevant Board member is aware of your article, and include her on copy. All submissions should be addressed to news@northernstarquilters.com, rather than individual recipients. This will ensure that your article isn't overlooked during an editorial frenzy.

Carolyn Finn, VP Communications

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Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

Upcoming Meetings:

September 7 at Congregation B'nai Yisrael, 2 Banksville Road, Armonk
September 21 at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road,
North Salem.
October 5 and 19
November 2 and 16

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** or **Karen Carlson**.

Ronald McDonald House: Block of the Month

Pat Baker would like to thank all of the members who mailed blocks to her! She reports that we are much further along with this project than anyone could have predicted, thanks to the many wonderful people in our guild! We still need more of the August block, so consider it the September block, too. Please click [here](#) for directions for the August/September block. As always, thank you so much for your support of this wonderful project!

Barb Tatera, Charitable Activities

Special Events

Greetings fellow quilters! For any of you who contacted me about teaching on **Super Saturday**, I need your course description and supply list no later than September 7, 2011. If you are interested in teaching that day, but have not yet contacted me, please e-mail me immediately with your idea for a class. I am still looking for someone to teach miniature quilt-making, machine appliqué, a basic intro to quilting and anything else that might tickle your fancy.

For those of you interested in taking a class on Super Saturday, sign-ups and course descriptions will be posted in the fall. Thanks so much.

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday Coordinator
Kelly Lockwood, Special Events

Wanted: Quilters for Mt. Kisco Library Show!

In February 2012, the Mount Kisco Public Library will feature **The American Girl** Dolls and Books as their monthly theme in honor of Valerie Tripp, a Mount Kisco native and author of 31 American Girl books. The library seeks local quilters to display quilts that represent the American Girl (e.g., cultural, ethnic, historic). Your quilt should include a sleeve for hanging and its perimeter should not exceed 180". Deadline December 31, 2011. Please contact us for further details.

Carolyn Langevin, Assistant to the President
Mary Cannizzaro

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Congratulations to Benedicte Caneill, whose work appears on the cover of the August/September issue of *Quilting Arts*. Benedicte is also the subject of the Artist Q and A inside

....And also to Nancy Mirman, whose quilt, "Black Magic," (left) will be one of 30 small quilts on display at the Mahopac Library for the month of September.



Finally, Debbie Bein is pleased to be accepted in the DEEP SPACES traveling exhibit, curated by Larkin Van Horn. The exhibit showcases the works of 58 fiber artists from around the world. All works interpret the show's "Deep Spaces" theme in an unusual 18" wide by 45 high format. The exhibit will travel to several venues in the US over the next two years. Proceeds from the sale of the exhibition catalogue and CD will benefit Doctors without Borders.

Area Shows

On continuous view, "The 9/11 National Tribute Quilt" represents the response of the Steel Quilters of United States Steel Corporation to the events of September 11, 2001. At American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Avenue at 66th Street, NYC.

Now through Jan. 22, the "9/11 Peace Story Quilt" will be displayed at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Designed by Faith Ringgold, it features panels made by New York City students ages 8 to 19.

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Sept 9 through Oct 29, Explosions in Color by Carol Taylor at ArtQuilt Gallery, 133 West 25th Street, NYC. www.artquiltgallerynyc.com.

Now through December, "Superstars," American Folk Art Museum, 2 Lincoln Square, Columbus Avenue at 66th Street, NYC, www.folkartmuseum.org.

Oct. 8-9 Champlain Valley Quilt Guild 29th Annual Quilt Show: "Once Upon a Time," Shelburne, VT www.cvqgvt.org.

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