

## Upcoming Events

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, guild meetings are currently held via Zoom. A few days before, NSQG will provide the meeting number and password. The Zoom room will be open by 6:45PM, and the meeting begins at 7PM. Traditionally, our meetings are held at the Rolling Meadows Community Center.

**PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT [nsqg.club](http://nsqg.club) FOR UPDATES.**

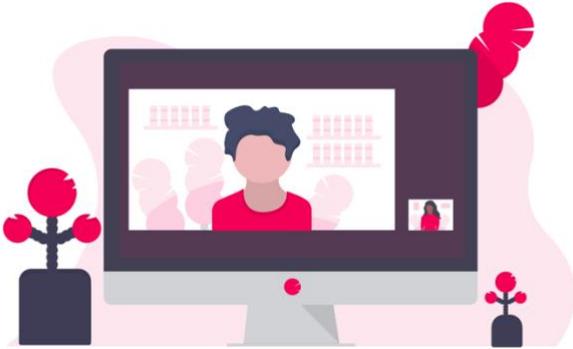
<b>Thursday, January 21, 2021</b>	Jen Kingwell Guild Meeting: Live from Australia	<b>Thursday, March 18</b>	Guild Meeting Speaker TBD
<b>Thursday, February 18</b>	Karen Combs Guild Meeting: Quilts of Illusion	<b>Thursday, April 15</b>	Catherine Redford Guild Meeting: The Language of Flowers
<b>Friday, February 19</b>	Karen Combs <i>Zoom Workshop: Jewel Box</i> 9:30am – 12:30pm	<b>Saturday, April 17</b>	Catherine Redford <i>Workshop: Steps to Successful Free Motion Quilting</i>
<b>Saturday, February 20</b>	Karen Combs <i>Zoom Workshop: Patchwork Illusions</i>		

Unless otherwise noted, workshops are 9:30AM to 4:30PM, including an hour for lunch. The most current information and supply lists for workshops are available at [nsqg.club/programs](http://nsqg.club/programs). Register for workshops online, or by contacting Linda Nemeč, [programs@nsqg.club](mailto:programs@nsqg.club).

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear NSQG,

There is something to be said for saying goodbye to 2020. There are so many things we will NOT miss! But let's not lose sight of the good things that came about, too.



Many of us could never have imagined going to Guild meetings without leaving the house. Sure, we miss seeing our friends in person and having a little social time with them. But we are seeing a consistent number of folks attending meetings, not the usual loss of attendees when it starts getting dark earlier. And now, we aren't worried about driving in bad weather!

We also LOVE that we have members coming from out of the area, even out of state, who would not be able to join us every month if it weren't for our Zoom meetings.

We are also able to bring in international speakers now because it is not cost prohibitive since we don't have to pay for their travel expenses!

So, let's say goodbye to 2020 and hello to 2021 with renewed energy! We have lots of fun and exciting things planned in our ever-evolving programs and other activities. As things are confirmed, we will make you all aware, so that you'll have the opportunity to take advantage of what we are now able to provide.

We look forward to seeing you, both at meetings and in workshops...virtually for now, and hopefully soon in person once again.

Until then, keep plowing through those UFO's and finding the amazing things you've stashed in your sewing rooms but had forgotten about! I hear all the time about people who have picked up a project that was in 'time out' for a long time, only to discover another one, and another one... I cannot wait to see the long lines at Show & Tell when we are able to safely meet again in person!

As always, stay safe and healthy.

**Maria**

Maria Ross  
NSQG President





# Jen Kingwell

We are excited to welcome Jen Kingwell to our Guild meeting on Zoom in January.

She describes herself as “traditional with a contemporary twist” and in her perfect world would hand stitch everything. She loves sharing the serenity of this age-old tradition. Midwife by trade who turned her stitching addiction into a career, Jen is a scrap quilter and the more fabrics she can include in any one project the happier she is.

Author, fabric designer and quilt designer, Jen now travels the world teaching and lecturing and loves returning to her family and store – Amitie Textiles in Torquay Australia. Jen is best known for her quilt pattern “Gypsy Wife,” but has authored many patterns and we are excited to see more from all the way across the world.

## About Torquay

(Pronounced tawr-kee)

Torquay is a seaside resort in Victoria, Australia. As of the 2016 Census, Torquay had a population of 13,258.

Wathaurong Aborigines lived in the area before British settlers came. From the 1860s, picnickers began to frequent the location, which was originally known as Spring Creek, after the creek that ran along its southwestern edge.

The town was called Puebla in the 1882 Victorian Municipal Directory ... but James Follett, who settled there in 1871, came from Torquay, a seaside town in Devon, England, and at his suggestion the name Torquay was officially adopted in 1892.

The average high annual temperature there is 64.8F and the average low is about 51.0F. February is the warmest time of year there, averaging around 73.4F for a high.

The area is famous for their surf beaches.



# 2020 NSQG WORD SEARCH

A Z R E N A V R E H T A E W N T B B A G Q S N  
W C O S D O I I G H C N I R E T R A U Q R R O  
A Z L O Q D V J S C I S S O R S N T Z F J A N  
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P U E L Q G E N T L E M A N S F A N C Y T J Z  
T G F E H V P K C R O T A R Y S Z M Z L O Y L  
Y H S A D N R U H C T W P R D J U F G P C U K

Find the following words in the word search, which includes our 12 blocks of the month. Words can appear horizontally, vertically, or diagonally. **NOTE:** They may be spelled backwards, in any direction!

AUNTDINAH

BATIK

BROKENSUGARBOWL

CHURNDASH

COTTON

DUTCHMANSPUZZLE

FOURWINDS

FRIENDS

FUN

GENTLEMANSFANCY

GRANDMOTHERSCROSS

GUILD

HOVERINGHAWKS

KANSASTROUBLE

MAT

MORNINGSTAR

NSQG

OHIOSTAR

QUARTERINCH

QUILT

ROTARY

SCISSORS

WEATHERVANE

ZOOM

## Let Me Sew!

Sung to the tune of *Let It Snow*

Oh the pattern I've picked is striking,  
The fabric to my liking,  
It's washed and all set to go.  
*Let me sew! Let me sew! Let me sew!*

I intend to have fun while cutting,  
My skills I will be strutting.  
On to piecing I'll gladly go,  
*Let me sew! Let me sew! Let me sew!*

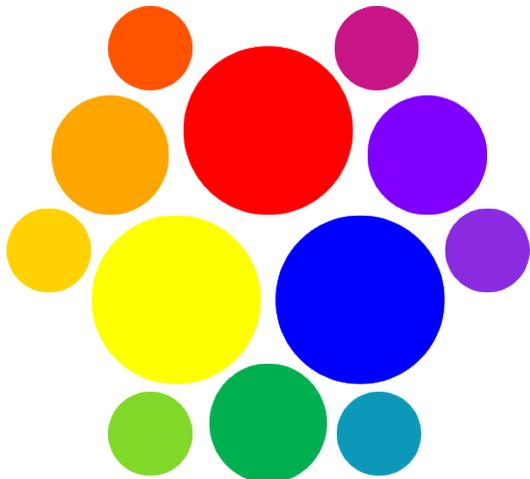
When I'm finished with this new quilt,  
On some old UFO's I will start.  
But for now I will feel no guilt,  
I'm happy to practice my art.

My seams I will soon be pressing,  
My blocks will be progressing.  
My smile, how it will glow.  
*Let me sew! Let me sew! Let me sew!*

Lyrics by  
The Curious Quilter Glee Club

## It's a Colorful Life

Did you know the first color wheel was invented by an astronomer around the year 165? Ptolemy noticed that colors, when painted on a disc that spun very fast, seemed to blend into a whitish gray-like appearance. Physicists for years have been fascinated by color and its relationship to light.



Color wheels can have anywhere from six to hundreds of colors in them.

**Primary** colors are red, yellow and blue (the largest circles on the left).

**Secondary** colors are the colors created when you combine each of the primary colors.

**Tertiary** colors are those colors created when you combine a primary and secondary color (the smallest circles on the left).

# Color Me Happy

Colors can have different meanings depending on culture. In fact, advertisers and anthropologists spend a lot of time thinking about color and how people respond to it. In western cultures, these are the most common meanings of color – maybe this will help give you some ideas for your next project!

Power, energy, passion, desire, speed, strength, power, heat, love, aggression, danger, fire, blood, war, violence, intensity, celebration, luck, stop or danger, Christmas and Valentine's Day.

Joy, optimism, happiness, danger, sunshine, idealism, imagination, hope, summer, gold, deceit, philosophy, dishonesty, cowardice, betrayal, jealousy, disease and warning.

Nature, environment, health, good luck, renewal, youth, vigor, spring, generosity, fertility, jealousy, inexperience, envy, misfortune, start signal, St. Patrick's Day and Christmas.

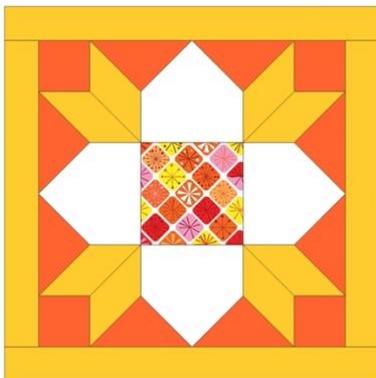
Peace, harmony, unity, trust, truth, security, confidence, conservatism, order, sky, water, cold, technology, cleanliness, depression, loyalty, immortality, stability, Hanukkah, masculinity and protection.

Energy, balance, warmth, enthusiasm, vitality, expansion, flamboyant, autumn and Halloween.

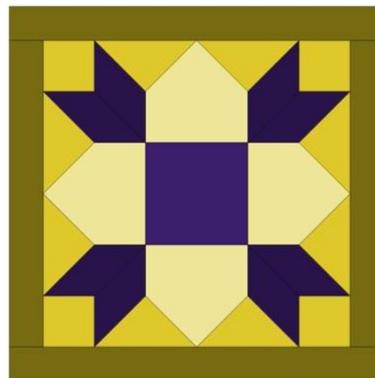
Safety, reliability, intelligence, melancholy, modesty, dignity, maturity, functionality, old age and grief.

Earth, hearth, home, outdoors, reliability, comfort, endurance, stability, simplicity, comfort, trees, nature and autumn.

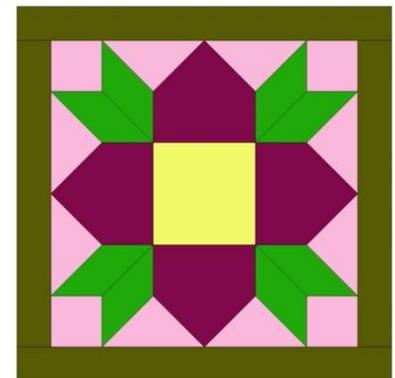
Ever wonder why “stop” is red and “go” is green? It's thought that since the days of early man we've understood red to mean danger – it is the color of blood, after all – and so we pause and look out when we see red. Similarly, green is the color of plants which made up a large portion of available food – and early medicine – for humans. It was the substance of life and health. Interestingly, in much of the world, exit signs in buildings are green (to indicate “go” out here), unlike here in the US, where they are red.



**Analogous:** Colors all appear next to each other on the color wheel.



**Complementary:** colors appear across from each other on the color wheel



**Split Complementary:** Colors that, when a line is drawn between them, appear as a triangle in relationship to each other.

# COMING THIS QUARTER

For more information, check out [nsqg.club/programs](https://nsqg.club/programs)

For meetings and workshops that take place over Zoom, the meeting number and password will be sent to active members and registered guests a few days before.



## January 21 – Jen Kingwell

**Guild Meeting Location:** Zoom

**Time:** Link will be open 6:45, meeting begins at 7PM

While the winter winds are sure to chill here, we welcome Jen Kingwell *LIVE from Australia*, where it will be the middle of their *summer*. In this presentation, Jen will go through her extensive body of work, and talk about her inspiration behind each quilt. She will also give a virtual tour of her shop Amitie, in [Torquay, Australia](#). (Click to see Torquay on a map.)



## February 18 – Karen Combs

**Guild Meeting Location:** Zoom

**Time:** Link will be open 6:45, meeting begins at 7PM

Karen is an internationally known quilter, teacher, author and designer who has been nominated 3 times by students for *Quilt Teacher of the Year*. Teaching since 1989, she is in high demand as a teacher who encourages her students, makes learning fun and makes the complex easy to understand!

Karen is fascinated with optical illusions and quilts; this is the subject of many of her workshops. She is the author scores of magazine articles, quilt patterns and has written 9 quilting books, among them, *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, *Combining Through Your Scraps* and *Celtic Patchwork Illusions*. She has designed over 100 fabric collections, both quilting cotton and batiks and is known for her innovative designs. She currently designs for Banyan Batiks, a division of Northcott.

We will have two workshops with Karen. Please visit <https://nsqg.club/programs/february-2021-karen-combs/> for more information.



## March 18 – Speaker TBD

**Guild Meeting Location:** Zoom

**Time:** Link will be open 6:45, meeting begins at 7PM

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