



Upcoming Events

When guild meetings are held in person, they are at the Rolling Meadows Community Center. Doors open at 6:30pm and the meeting begins at 7:00pm. Workshop locations are TBA unless specified.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT nsqg.club FOR UPDATES.

Thursday July 20	Summer Potluck 	Saturday September 23	Carol Wilhoit <i>Workshop: How Far Can a Jelly Roll?</i> Full Day
Thursday August 17	Cheryl See Guild Meeting: Quilter Curiosities	Thursday October 19	Lynn Schmitt Guild Meeting: Working with Mixed Textiles
Friday August 18	Cheryl See <i>Workshop: Mirror Image Fusible Applique</i> Half Day - AM	Saturday October 21	Lynn Schmitt <i>Workshop: LOGistics</i>
Friday August 18	Cheryl See <i>Workshop: Rococo Selvages, Embroidery, Embellishment</i> Half Day - PM	Thursday November 16 (Zoom)	Krista Moser Guild Meeting: Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend
Thursday September 21	Carol Wilhoit Guild Meeting: Infinite Opportunities: Quilts Hidden in Your Stash	Saturday November 18 (Zoom)	Krista Moser <i>Workshop: Entangled Sky</i> Full Day

<p>December</p> 	<p>No Guild Events This Month</p>	<p>Thursday April 18, 2024 (Special Event)</p> 	<p>Mary Fons 4PM Lecture – Quilts in Fine Arts 5:30PM Catered Dinner, Meet and Greet, Book Signing 7:00PM Guild Meeting: The Modern Quilt Roots & Frontiers</p>
<p>Thursday January 18, 2024 (Zoom)</p>	<p>Patricia Skiles Guild Meeting: Using spoonflower.com to Print Your Own Fabrics and Labels</p>	<p>Thursday May 16, 2024</p>	<p>Theresa Benson Guild Meeting: Quilting in the Digital Age: When Technology Meets Tradition</p>
<p>Saturday January 20, 2024 (Zoom)</p>	<p>Patricia Skiles <i>Workshop: Scrappy Improv 4 Ways – Quilt As You Go Full Day</i></p>	<p>Friday May 17, 2024</p>	<p>Theresa Benson <i>Workshop: Playing with Color Full Day</i></p>
<p>Thursday February 15, 2024 (Zoom)</p>	<p>Tina Curran Guild Meeting: My Design Process</p>	<p>Saturday May 18, 2024</p>	<p>Theresa Benson <i>Workshop: Painting with Fabric: Modern Impressionism for Quilters Full Day</i></p>
<p>Saturday February 17, 2024 (Zoom)</p>	<p>Tina Curran <i>Workshop: California Poppies Full Day</i></p>	<p>Thursday June 20, 2024</p>	<p>Sue Pawlowski Guild Meeting: A Year of Thread and Scraps</p>
<p>Thursday March 21, 2024 (No Workshop)</p>	<p>Connie Martin Guild Meeting: Pre-Civil War Quilts: Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>Sue Pawlowski <i>Workshop: Frere Jacques</i></p>

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 nsgg.club/programs. Register for workshops online, or by contacting our programs chair, programs@nsgg.club.

President's Message



Yes, you have a **new President**. Thank you for your confidence in me. Initially, I was reluctant to take this on. I envision the President as someone who sets the direction of the guild and makes everything happen. But it's not all just me. And it's not just the board. This is your organization. You all have a role in setting the direction of the guild and making things happen. I'm really looking forward to working with all of you.

And a great example of working together was the **Quilt Show**. We had fabulous quilts. And raffles. And vendors. Thanks for all your work! We think we did very well, but we are still finalizing the numbers. Hopefully we will have the results at the July meeting.

And speaking of the **July meeting**. It should be a lot of fun. Bring a dish to share for the picnic. And bring a friend for free...including husbands and partners. This is also your chance to find out about next year's programs and sign up for the workshops

One of our goals is to start **building up our membership**. It starts with "Bring-a-Friend-For-Free" to the July meeting (picnic). The membership committee will be featuring intriguing challenges and activities and we are providing workshops or sew-ins that help members develop their skills. We are a guild with varying levels of experience with quilting and our goal is to be welcoming to all. Each of us can share our techniques with other quilters.

It's not too early to start thinking about the **next quilt show** in May of 2025. If you are interested in working on the quilt show committee or the raffle quilt, let me know. I'd like to see quilts from everyone in the show...and we only have two years!

--Debbie



July - Annual Summer Potluck

Date: Thursday, July 20, 6:00 p.m.

Dinner followed by Guild meeting

Place: Rolling Meadows Community Center

3705 Pheasant Drive

Rolling Meadows, IL

This event is always a great time – lots of food, fun, and friends! Bring a dish to share; remember to bring any necessary serving utensil(s). Water and tableware will be provided.

Please plan to be there a little earlier than you usual would as checking-in may take a bit longer due to membership renewals and (hopefully) a larger than usual number of guests.

Highlights of the evening include:

- Bring a guest for free - no guest fee for this event! • Quilt Show summary report and Viewer's Choice Awards
- Presentation of our speakers and workshops for 2023-24
- Opportunity to sign up for workshops at a limited time discounted rate
- Note that you must be a paid 23-24 member at the time of signing up.
- Click here to update your membership <https://nsqg.club/membership>



Although this is considered one of our regular Guild meetings, business is kept to a minimum. There will be no Show & Tell, raffle, or door prizes.

Membership

Greetings Quilty Friends!



As we gear up for our next NSQG meeting, here are few essential reminders.

Your name badge matters! Please wear your bright green 2022-2023 badge and check in at the registration desk, even if you're a veteran member

Our new membership team is ready to greet you and will ask if you're a current member. Current members will receive a stamp or NSQG sticker on their green badge to show your dues are current for the 2023-2024 year.

Need to renew your membership? Now's the time! Choose between \$37/year for an electronic newsletter or \$49/year for a mailed copy. Visit <https://nsqg.club/membership/> for details.

And for our July meeting, **bring a friend along for free**. Let's extend the quilting love! See you at the meeting - with badges on!

Happy quilting,

Theresa

Programs Coming This Quarter



August - Cheryl See

Cheryl See comes to us with 30 years of quilting experience. Best known for her award winning hand work, Cheryl has appeared on “The Quilt Show” (episode #1507), is the author of *Star Struck & Starlette*” and *Not Just Hexies*”, invented a portable design mat (C See’s Quilt Scroll), and has won multiple awards in major quilt shows. Her quilt “Star Struck” received the Large Quilt Hand Workmanship Award at Paducah in 2012 and is now a part of the National Quilt Museum collection.

Lecture

“Quilter Curiosities - Q & A With a Professional Quilter”
Thursday, August 17, Rolling Meadows Community Center (Live, doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Have you ever wondered what happens behind the scenes in competition, filming, and the business of quilting? Cheryl’s lecture will cover these topics and she will take questions, too!



Workshops

Mirror Image Fusible Appliqué (half day)

Friday, August 18, 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., location TBA



be reviewed.

In this fun workshop, participants will choose either “A Park Bench” or “Small Town Church” from Cheryl’s pattern series “A Walk in the Park”. These patterns were inspired by her quilt “Hawaiian Improv” which won 1st place in the Large Quilts: Hand Quilted Quilts category in the Fall 2017 Paducah show. Raw-edge fusible appliqué is used for a quick finished top. If time permits, hand embroidery stitches for embellishment will

Rococo Selvages, Embroidery, & Embellishment

Friday, August 18, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m., location TBA

Workshop participants will first make a block using fabric selvages on a muslin backing, then learn hand embroidery stitches to embellish the block. Additional embellishment options covered include: beading, lace, rickrack, crystals, and buttons. Participants are encouraged to bring embellishment options to personalize their project as well as any embroidery thread they may wish to use. Embroidery thread and some embellishment options will be available for use in class.



September - Carol Wilhoit



Our featured speaker this month brings us forty years of quilting knowledge and experience!

As a retired physician, Carol Wilhoit enjoys bringing her technical mind to quilting. She enjoys figuring out how to make the construction process easier while producing better results. Carol has also refined techniques for building, organizing, and using a fabric stash that make it a joy to have and use.

In addition to quilts, Carol enjoys making small projects such as zipper bags, tote bags, table runners and table mats. These do not require a large investment of time or materials, and therefore provide ample opportunity to exercise creativity. Carol has taught at local quilt shops, quilt guilds, the 2020 Virtual Quilt Festival, and the 2021

International Quilt Festival in Houston.

Lecture

“Infinite Opportunity: Quilts Hidden in Your Stash”

Thursday, September 21, Rolling Meadows Community Center (Live, doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

As quilters, we love to collect beautiful fabrics – yet we are often unsure how to put them all together to make quilts that we love. The term “scrap quilt” may bring to mind using leftovers that don’t necessarily look good together. By contrast, while STASH quilts utilize your stash and scraps, they contain thoughtfully selected materials and look BETTER because of the variety – not tired because they were created just to use up fabrics. The lecture addresses several key design principles that make multi-fabric quilts work and includes pairs of quilts to show the impact of incorporating these considerations. Multiple examples of color combinations are provided to give ideas for selecting and using fabrics from your stash to make fabulous multi-fabric quilts.

Workshop

“How Far Can A Jelly Roll?”

Saturday, September 23, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., location TBA



Have you bought some packages of 2 ½” wide strips because the fabrics are so beautiful, and coordinate so well – but they remain unused because you don’t know what to make with them? Or have you seen a package of luscious batik strips or a fun thirties jelly roll, and wanted to get it, but you’ve been hesitant because you don’t know how to use it? . In this class, we will start with a package of 2½” strips and add coordinating fabrics to make a table runner, tote bag, notebook cover and zippered document bag. You will finish some in class and leave with instructions for finishing the others. You will be amazed at how far your jelly can roll! This workshop is geared for a confident beginner or intermediate level quilter and includes learning Quilt As You Piece techniques as well as zipper insertion and a no-binding finish.

October Preview - Lynn Schmitt

At long last, Lynn Schmitt of “A Different Box of Crayons” will join us in October for a lecture on the use of mixed textiles in quilting and a workshop utilizing one of her original designs. Stay tuned (and come to the Picnic!) for more info about Lynn’s lecture and full day workshop. Meanwhile, here is what quilters have to say about Lynn: “Lynn’s masterpiece designs and her eye for color combinations is like no other.” “What superb color and texture in her work!!” “Charming and oh, so full of creative energy! Lynn’s flare for color, texture, and style shines.”



For more information, check out nsgg.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.

2023-2024 NSQG Board



As the NSQG year ends and a new one begins, the Board positions are filled by elected members who have agreed to serve.

The 2023-2024 elected positions were decided at the Annual Meeting in May. As of our June meeting, we still had the Programs position open. Since then, we have received nominations for a new set of Program Co-chairs. At our June 22, 2023 Board meeting, we accepted the nominations of a committee of three to

co-chair the Programs position.

The slate for the coming year is now complete. Please welcome your new NSQG Board for the 2023/2024 year:

President Debbie Yates
1st VP/Programs Diana Seymour, Toni Slepak and Marne Chilstrom
2nd VP/Membership Theresa Benson
Recording Secretary..... Pam Jackson
Corresponding Secretary .. Susan Leverenz
Treasurer Mary Siefke
Contracts Cathy Steiner

We look forward to the coming year with our new Board in place!

CHARITY

We are blessed to have an abundance of donated quilting fabric! Let's put it to good use! As you may know, we make quilts for hospice patients. Most quilts go to Rainbow Hospice. They can be any size between 42" x 42" to 45" x 45". They can be any pattern and the only requirements on fabrics are to not include holiday fabrics or kids fabrics. We've also donated larger bed size quilts to Heartland Hospice.



At each meeting the charity table has fabrics for you to use including precuts in various sizes and yardage. There are also kits consisting of finished tops with backing, batting and bindings. Starting at the next meeting we will have small packets of fabric available for you to pick up and take home to make 9 patch blocks. We are asking for 6 inch finished (6 1/2" unfinished) blocks. So if you don't have time to make a whole quilt top, or quilt a charity kit, you can still help by just making a few blocks. No pressure. Drop them off at the charity table at a future meeting and one of us will combine them into a quilt top.

Perhaps you really don't like making 9 patch blocks, okay just pick another block to make and then drop those off – we aren't fussy! Your beautiful blocks will become part of a quilt that will bring someone comfort at a difficult time in their life.

Whatever part of the quilt making process you like, there is something for you!

Deb Szott - NSQG Charity Coordinato

Tips and Food for Thought



From the Newsletter Editor: I attended our recent Retreat and find that a lot of members do a lot of traveling. What did you do on your vacation? Where did you go? What quilt shops did you find? Did you work on anything while traveling? If you would care to share this with the NSQG membership, send me a short article and any pictures; I just need them by late August.

We all have our favorite quilting aids. What product have you found that you would like to encourage others to try. I'd like to post those suggestions in a future newsletter.



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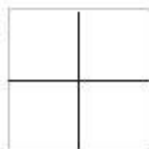
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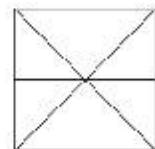
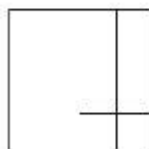
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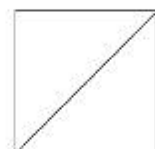
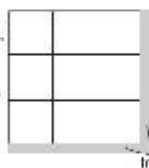
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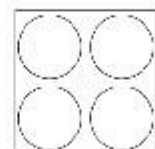
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2"x10"
to yield
5
8"x9 1/2"
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4
4"x4"
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All layer cakes contain 40 10"x10" swatches.
Note: Layer cake size may vary slightly due to depth of inked edges.

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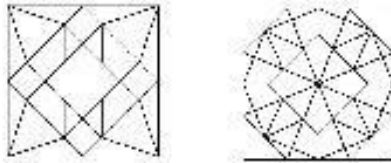
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Two Block Tuesday

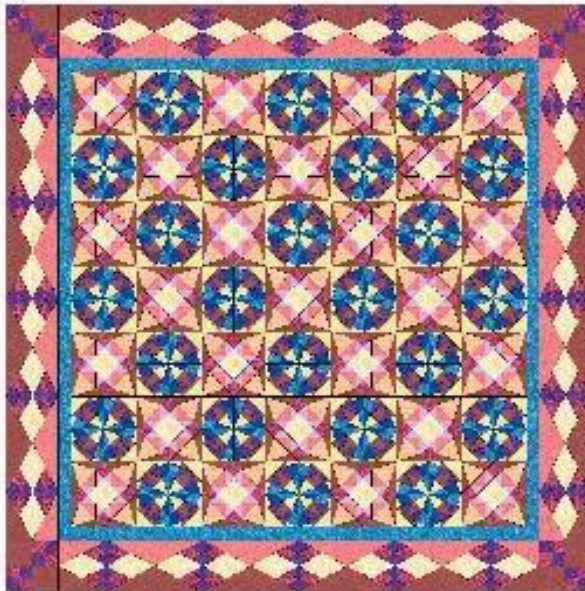
by Cathy Steiner

I was putzing around on the computer yesterday (hence Tuesday) and whenever I'm in need to get the creative juices going I like to play around with combining two quilt blocks together to see what they might look like in a quilt design. I love doing this, and use computer software to make the process quick and easy. I can draft my own blocks or use block libraries that come with programs such as EQ. It's a lot of fun.

Here I've combined the blocks Dogtooth Violet (on the left) with Electric Fan (on the right).



Next, I've colored in the blocks, added a border option and printed the resulting quilt idea.



If I wanted to explore the process further by making the blocks, I'd begin by breaking down the components. For Dogtooth Violet I can see there are Flying Geese, Squares and Triangles in a Square in a Square setting. For Electric Fan, this one is more complicated and would best be made up as a paper pieced pattern.

Are you like me and enjoy putting blocks together to see what happens? If not, I'd encourage you to give it a go. It's a no risk opportunity to explore possibilities!

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FOR SALE by NSQG Member, \$4,000 obo Baby Lock Tiara II Model BLTR 16A2 sit-down quilting machine. Includes Tru-Stitch stitch regulator, Tiara Quilting Table with overlay, and Variable Speed Bobbin Winder Model BLQBW Purchased new in 2015 for \$6,000, but still in the box and never used. Great opportunity if you have been considering expanding your quilting skills! For more information, please contact Sue DiVarco. (Contact info is in NSQG Membership Directory.)



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