

## 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](http://nsqg.club) FOR UPDATES.

Thursday October 19	Lynn Schmitt Guild Meeting: Working with Mixed Textiles	December 	No Guild Events This Month
Saturday October 21	Lynn Schmitt <i>Workshop:</i> <i>LOGistics</i>	Thursday January 18, 2024 (Zoom)	Patricia Skiles Guild Meeting: Using spoonflower.com to Print Your Own Fabrics and Labels
Thursday November 16 (Zoom)	Krista Moser Guild Meeting: Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend	Saturday January 20, 2024 (Zoom)	Patricia Skiles <i>Workshop: Scrappy Improv 4 Ways – Quilt As You Go Full Day</i>
Saturday November 18 (Zoom)	Krista Moser <i>Workshop:</i> <i>Entangled Sky Full Day</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 our programs chair, [programs@nsqg.club](mailto:programs@nsqg.club).



## President's Message



I love fall. And I love the seasonal changes. I get to take out my fall quilts: pumpkins and witches and turkeys and purples and golds. I want to start a new fall project... but by the time I get it done, it will be baseball season. I will have to work faster. Or start smaller projects.

Speaking of starting projects, we have a great line up of speakers and workshops for this year. Go shopping through your fabric stash. Look for those fall colors. Or get a head start on Christmas. Carol Wilhoit's jelly roll projects were very inspiring in September. And I promise that you will love Lynn Schmitt's projects. I have made several of her designs. And starting in November, we will enjoy (well some of us enjoy it) Zoom meetings and workshops. At least we don't have to travel in the snow and slush. And the zoom workshops let you work from home and give you access to your whole stash. I've said it many times before, but I always learn something in our workshops. Not always what you expect. I picked up the book Carol Wilhoit mentioned: **Joyful: The Surprising Power of Ordinary Things to Create Extraordinary Happiness** by Ingrid Fetell Lee. I listened to the audio book in the car and while sewing. Not surprising, she mentioned quilting several times.

We have many opportunities to get together and sew with your friends at the guild. The November **retreat** is coming up. Even if it is now full, we will have another retreat after the holidays. March brings the **Spring Picnic** (and potluck). Learn something new. And we are always looking for new teachers and projects. Join a **bee**. Or form a bee. This gives you a chance to meet regularly to sew. And set time aside to finish your projects. And whether you sew at home or sew with your friends, take time to make a **charity project** or two. I find that it not only warms your soul to make quilts for those less fortunate, but it also gives you a chance to try something new. New colors. New quilting patterns. Maybe even template quilting.

Well, I need to get back to sewing.

--Debbie

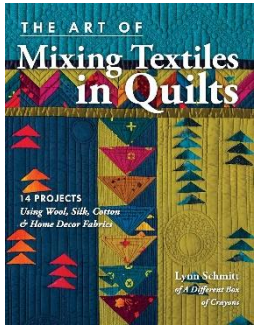
## Programs Coming This Quarter

### October - 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!!" "Charing and oh, so full of creative energy! Lynn's flare for color, texture, and style shines."

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## Lecture

*“Working With Mixed Textiles”*

Thursday, October 19, Rolling Meadows Community Center (Live, doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

It’s time to go beyond quilting cottons! Lynn’s lecture will address how to blend our standard quilting fabrics with rich wools, lustrous silks, and textural home decor fabrics for quilts that beg to be touched.

## Workshop



LOGistics: Log Cabins With Mixed Textiles *[photo: LOGisticsProject]*

Saturday, October 21, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.,

Location: Our Saviour’s Lutheran Church, 1234 N. Arlington Heights Rd., Arlington Heights, IL 60004

Kit required; cost is \$49 - \$55 depending on colors selected; pattern is included.

NOTE: This is the same kit and class as we previously scheduled and then canceled due to Covid. If you purchased a kit for the canceled workshop, you can use the kit you already have. If you need to purchase a kit, click below. When ordering, let Lynn know you’re in the workshop, and she’ll bring it to class instead of shipping.

## November - Krista Moser



Krista Moser is our featured teacher this month. Krista has published more than thirty patterns since 2016 and is the designer of the Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Rulers. Come learn from her all the tips and tricks for cutting and piecing diamonds, triangles, and hexagons in an easy, fast, and precise way. If you have been wanting to break out of the same old quilting routine and try something different, her classes will inspire confidence and equip you with new techniques.

## Lecture

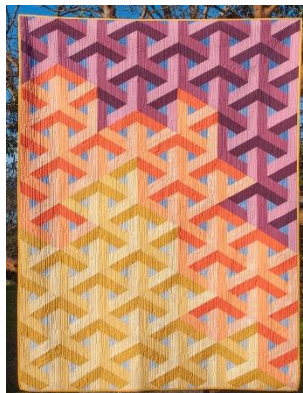
*“Diamonds Are a Quilter’s Best Friend”* *[photo: KristaMoserPromoPic; or use this pic with the bio]*

Thursday, November 16, Zoom, meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Krista tells her story of how she started very young and went on to design her own quilts and patterns. Krista is the designer of Creative Grids’ 60 Degree Diamond Rulers and Scallop

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Template, and she has published dozens of patterns based on the rulers. She typically works in design concepts and color theory while showing different quilts.



### **Workshop**

#### *“Entangled Sky”*

Saturday, November 18, Full Day, Zoom; exact time TBA

The Entangled Sky quilt is made entirely out of 2½” strips and is deceptively easy to assemble. All the magic happens with three shades of each color, in light, medium, and dark. Constructed essentially from two different blocks, the 3D effect is achieved by arranging the A and B blocks to meet each other. The result is a complicated architectural look without all the fussy piecing and no Y seams! Come learn from Krista all the tips and tricks for cutting and piecing trapezoids and triangles in an easy, fast, and precise way. If you have been wanting to break out of the same old quilting routine and try something different, this class will inspire confidence and equip you with new techniques.

Level: Confident Beginner to Intermediate

Pattern and ruler are required and may be purchased using the links below. Workshop participants will receive a discount code for 50% off on the pdf download version of the pattern.

Pattern: <https://www.kristamoser.com/product-page/entangled-sky-downloadable-pdf>

Ruler: <https://www.kristamoser.com/product-page/creative-grids-non-slip-60-degree-diamond-ruler>

## **December – No Meeting or Workshop.**

However you celebrate, Enjoy! Here’s a pretty quilt in the snow.



## **January Preview – Patricia Skiles Improv Quilt**

Patricia began as a traditional quilter who dabbled in art quilting and evolved into a scrap quilter tending toward modern improv quilts. She’s also an award winning educator. Her lecture will focus on demystifying Spoonflower (a print on demand fabric website), and her workshop will teach four different improv techniques plus quilt as you go. More info in the next issue!

## **WINTER PICNIC**

Save the date! Our next Winter Picnic will be March 9, 2024!

As we have in the past, we'll meet at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church located at 1234 N. Arlington Heights Road in Arlington Heights. Morning classes will run from 9-12, our "Totally amazing - so much food you can't believe it" potluck will be from 12-1, and then we'll have afternoon





classes from 1-4. There will also be an open sew area if you'd like to come work on your own project without the structure of a class.

At this point, we are looking for teachers for classes. Do you, or someone you know, have a skill or project you'd like to share? Please see Maria right away with your ideas. We will need to get the possibilities squared away soon, so we can present them to the guild in November for registration. I know, it seems like that's so far away, but, trust me, it is NOT.

Contact Maria Ross at a meeting or at [winterpicnic@nsqg.club](mailto:winterpicnic@nsqg.club).

## NOVEMBER RETREAT

As of this writing there are 5 spaces left for the November 10-12, 2023 retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn near Woodfield in Schaumburg. If it is full by the time you try to register, please email Maria at [retreats@nsqg.club](mailto:retreats@nsqg.club) to be waitlisted. Sometimes, life has other plans for us, and people have to cancel!

This is open to all members of NSQG, regardless of your quilting experience level! Don't be shy... come with another member, come by yourself and make new friends... whatever, it's all good. Think about it... even if you come by yourself for the first time, we are all *quilters*. You know you will be among friends before you even walk in the door.

If you'd like to join us for a few days of quilting fun, head over to <https://nsqg.club/retreat-registration/> to register, and then to <https://nsqg.club/product/retreat-registration-november-2023/> to pay your fees on the secure payment portal portion of our website.

Our retreats are a great way to get away from your daily distractions and get some sewing done. Bring your own project, machine and tools. Bring a treat to share if you like. You'll have a whole banquet table to yourself to use as your own workspace. There are cutting tables and ironing stations located around the room for everyone to share.

Go, quick, sign up! You KNOW you will have a good time

Maria Ross, Retreats Coordinator  
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## 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.

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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 Coordinator

## FROM (And ABOUT) OUR MEMBERS

One of my good friends, and fellow quilter, retired to Tennessee. She made me an emeritus member of one of her quilt guilds. LOL! So, every year I go to Tennessee to work at the Mountain Quiltfest in Pigeon Forge. It is a huge show and I work the show. This year they had a special exhibit of the quilts of Jacqueline de Jonge. There were 24 or 25 of her absolutely stunning works. Wow! I've attached a picture of some of them.



And, I was on the team tasked with hanging them (and taking them down) so I got a good look up close! By the way, you can't really tell in the pictures, but they have oodles of Swarovski crystals on them.



– Valerie Kuster

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### Meet Theresa Benson

An occasional quilter for several years, COVID lockdown couldn't lock down Theresa Benson's creativity! In fact, it propelled her to cozy up with fabrics even more, exploring new, expressive avenues in quilting.



In 2023, she cooked up something special with "The Original Breakfast Club," which not only found a spot in the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show but also warmed the hearts of many at the NSQG Quilt Show in May.

Another of her creations, "Life is Short (2021)" gracefully stitched its story about her 2021 experiences and became a semifinalist at AQS QuiltWeek Des Moines.

Theresa also recently spread her wings a bit further, assisting the talented and Houston-winning Marina Landi and Valeria Cervetto from Brazil as they taught several classes at the AQS QuiltWeek event.



Coming this May, she's set to inspire many of us at the Guild, sharing her secrets on Playing with Color and how to "paint" using fabrics in her workshop on Modern Impressionism for Quilters.

Theresa lights up at the thought of technology enhancing quilting and believes that every quilter, young or seasoned, can embrace technology to create their own fabric wonders.

Theresa is currently VP of Membership at NSQG. You can read more about her 2021 quilt here: <https://www.radiantmeatball.com/quilts/life-is-short-2021>

(From the Editor: If you know of a fellow quilter and NSQG member (past or present) who you would like to celebrate, please write an article and send it to [newsletter@nsqq.club](mailto:newsletter@nsqq.club).)

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My husband and I took a long (for us) road trip to Colonial Williamsburg in Virginia. We usually stick around the Midwest but ventured further this year. Our travels took us through the Detroit area to visit his brother and then into Washington DC (with an overnight stop in Bald Eagle State Park, PA) to visit his other brother. After spending several days enjoying Colonial Williamsburg, we headed back home via Pipestem State Park in WV and Lexington, KY. We were so busy going from Point A to Point B, that we never stopped at quilt shops on the way. We tried to go to one in PA but it was closed the day we were there. However, we made up for it on our last stop. Met up with fellow quilter and NSQG member in Paducah, KY where we greatly enjoyed the National Quilt Museum, and the riverfront...and spent time (any money) at Hancock's. Stocked up on backs for many quilts as well as adding to the stash (as if it needed adding to).



(The photo is from a NQM exhibit of Quilts of Valor)

Susan Leverenz



# MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

Have an item to sell? Own a business? The NSQG Newsletter is a great way to reach your audience.

Contact [newsletter@nsqg.club](mailto:newsletter@nsqg.club) if you're interested in advertising

## AccuQuilt Dies for sale!

New or gently used. Buy locally at half price, and there's no shipping if we meet-up at guild!

Please contact me for availability, as some may have been sold since this ad was written.



Die Name	Product No	Price
Flower Bunch	55332	\$11.00
Holiday Medley	55043	\$11.00
Rose of Sharon	55045	\$35.00
Flower Power	55309	\$25.00
Cute Car	55354	\$22.50
Crazy Petals	55326	\$17.50
Fall Medley	55041	\$50.00
Heather Feather Collection	55414	

Maria Ross (Contact info is in NSQG Membership Directory.)

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.)



Cutie Frame by Grace This is a tabletop, hoop style frame that fits on your own workspace and breaks down to store easily. It can be used with any domestic machine with a throat width up to 19".

The frame regularly sells for nearly \$1200 and is currently on sale for \$579. I will let mine go for \$450; I just do not use it enough.

For more information see: <https://graceframe.com/en/machine-frames/cutie-tabletop-fabric-frame> . Also, if you are familiar with Facebook, check out Cutie Quilters for ideas and reviews. If you are interested, let's talk. Contact Susan Leverenz (Contact info is in NSQG Directory)



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