

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 nsqq.club FOR UPDATES.

Thursday July 18	Summer Potluck 	Thursday September 19	Guild Meeting: Melanie McNeil: <i>Top Ten Tips for Medallion Quilts</i>
Friday August 2	Theresa Benson Workshop: <i>Modern Impressionism for Quilters</i> Full Day	Friday September 20	Melanie McNeil Workshop: <i>Make Your Own Medallion Quilt Adventure</i> Full Day
Thursday August 15	Guild Meeting: <i>Members in the Biz</i> Open forum to share your quilt business, enterprise, work, charity, etc with the guild members	Thursday October 17	Guild Meeting: Ilene Bartos: <i>Borders, Sashings and More</i>
Saturday August 17	Guild Workshop: <i>Camp Quilt-I- Wanna</i> Support our Quilt Show Boutique by making kits, and working on projects in addition to a line- up of Quilting related Demos PLUS a Picnic Lunch.	Friday October 18	Ilene Bartos Workshop: <i>Fall Leaf</i> Full Day

Saturday October 19	Ilene Bartos Workshop: <i>Aboriginal Series</i> Full Day	Thursday March 20, 2025	Quilt Meeting: Wisconsin Quilt Museum <i>Caring for Your Treasures</i>
Thursday November 21 (On Zoom!)	Guild Meeting: Brenda Logan <i>An Evening Conquering Mount Scrapmore</i>	Saturdays in March	March Madness! (Locations TBA)
December 	No Guild Events This Month	Thursday April 17, 2025	Guild Meeting: Sarah Evans <i>Trunk Show</i> NSQG Guild Challenge Quilts Presentation and Voting
Thursday January 16, 2025 (On Zoom!)	Guild Meeting: Lori Dickman <i>Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash</i>	Quilt Show Friday, May 16, 2025 Saturday, May 17- Sunday May 18, 2025	<i>Little Bits of Whimsy</i> Set-Up Day Show Open Judson University
Saturday January 18, 2025 (On Zoom!)	Lori Dickman Workshop: <i>Starlight</i> Full Day	Thursday June 19, 2025	Guild Meeting: Christina Cameli <i>Free Motion Impact</i>
Thursday February 20, 2025	Guild Meeting: Nancy Roelfsema <i>Why We Quilt</i>	Friday June 20, 2025	Christina Cameli Workshop: <i>Wedge Workshop Adventure</i> Full Day
Friday February 21, 2025	Nancy Roelfsema Workshop: <i>Lone Star Quilt</i> Full Day	Saturday June 21, 2025	Christina Cameli Workshop: <i>Free Motion Quilting: Combining Designs</i> 1/2 Day AM
Saturday February 22, 2025	Nancy Roelfsema Workshop: <i>Quilted Tiles</i> Full Day	Saturday June 21, 2025	Christina Cameli Workshop: <i>Free Motion Quilting: Compositions</i> 1/2 Day PM

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Summer is here!

There are so many things to do. Family gatherings. Vacations. And, of course, quilting.

We have a fun guild meeting coming up in July: our annual picnic and reveal of the 2024-2025 programs and workshops for the coming year. Once again, you can bring a friend or partner to this guild meeting for free. We have a few of the first programs on our web site already to give you a chance to plan ahead. But Cathy Steiner will be presenting the entire year at the July meeting. I think you will like this year's offerings.

Programs, workshops, and retreats are only part of what we do as a guild. You should be very proud of the charity work we do (see <https://nsqg.club/charity-2/>) Our charity contributions, coordinated by Deb Szott, help us give back to the community. Thank you for all your time and work and supplies to make this happen.

And the main source of income to support our programs and charity work is the quilt show and the quilt show raffles. The quilt show is moving ahead under the leadership of Karen Snell. Our stunning raffle quilt is finished and is now traveling to various venues to help promote the quilt show and sell raffle tickets. Vendors are signing up. Various items are being procured for raffle baskets. And the boutique... where we will offer various handcrafted goods. Did you notice my scarf? We will be selling these silk scarves with the raffle quilt printed on them. Check out the Quilt Show table at the next meeting.

Join in the fun this August at Camp "Quilt-I-Wanna" Saturday retreat to help make items for the boutique. Now all we need for the quilt show is QUILTS. Well, back to sewing!

----Debbie

QUILT SHOW, MAY 2025



Greetings from the Quilt Show Committee. Can you believe the quilt show is less than a year away! I hope everyone is busy making quilts of all sizes to display. Don't forget the boutique, we are asking for items, think place mats, table runners, bags, baby items, scarves just to name a few. The Quilt Travel Committee is looking for a few chaperones to take the raffle quilt to upcoming guild meetings. If you can help with any of the following dates, email-quiltshow@nsqg.club:

July 16 - Village Quilters of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest
September 19 - Pride of the Prairie, Naperville
October 21 - Joliet Quilters Guild
November 11 - Riverwalk Quilters Guild, Naperville

If you need more raffle tickets before the July guild meeting, there are "hubs", where you can pick up more:

Ann Kelly - Elgin
Jackie Barry - Deer Park

Debbie Yates – Arlington Heights
Wendy Pawelek - Palatine

We only have two more opportunities to join our awesome quilt show committee. If you can help, please email quiltshow@nsqg.club. Our open positions are:

- Marketing
- Show Take Down

PROGRAMS COMING THIS QUARTER

JULY - Annual Summer Potluck



Date: Thursday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.
Dinner followed by Guild meeting
Place: Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Drive
Rolling Meadows, IL

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!
- Presentation of our speakers and workshops for 2024-25
- Opportunity to sign up for workshops at a limited time discounted rate
- Note that you must be a paid 24-25 member at the time of signing.
- 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.

AUGUST - Members to Members



Thursday August 15
Rolling Meadows Community Center
Doors open 6:30pm

August is all about our Membership! Introducing the Member to Members Program. This meeting is designed to be a program that is given by our membership for our membership. Think of it like an expanded show and tell, or Ted Talk meets Variety Show. The sky's the limit and to start this off we'd like to invite you to share your quilting related business or side hustle with the Guild. Do you work at a quilt shop? Are you a long arm quilter? Do you rep for a quilting related product, notion or fabric manufacturer? Do you sell on-line? Do you work for a quilt related charity? Or maybe you aren't a business at all but have a

great quilting tip you'd like to share. The stage is yours this August! Contact Programs programs@nsqg.club to get on the docket!

GUILD EVENT - Camp Quilt-I-Wanna



Saturday August 17th, 2024
Park Central Banquet Hall
3000 Central Road,
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
9:00am-4:00pm (Set-Up at 8:00am)
Members: Free Guests: \$10

Introducing Camp Quilt-I-Wanna, a day to socialize with your fellow members, learn something new through demonstrations, help work on items to sell at our Quilt Show Boutique, or just come to hang out or come to work on one of your own projects. We'll have a picnic lunch. To register for Camp please sign-up either on Sign-up Genius or at the meetings (the cost of admission is bringing an item for the picnic lunch). Guests are \$10, to be paid on Camp Day and if a guest ends up joining the NSQG their fee will go towards their dues.

Would you like to do a demonstration at Camp? Please contact Camp Director Cathy Steiner (Programs) to get on Staff.

T-shirts are available for purchase (\$17.95 + shipping) in many colors and sizes featuring our Camp Quilt-I-Wanna logo. These are printed on-demand and come in about a week. We've partnered with Theresa Benson at this link: <https://theaiquilter.com/shop-now-new-design/greetings-from-camp-quilt-i-wanna/> (click the link or type this url into your browser and you'll order through this website)

SEPTEMBER - Melanie McNeil



Melanie McNeil is from Coralville, Iowa. She will share her secrets for turning any interesting block into the center of a special medallion quilt. With a trunk show of her own work, she'll show you the keys to a great center block and the borders to enhance it and share her top ten tips to make a medallion uniquely your own.

Lecture

Top Ten Tips for Magnificent Medallion Quilts

Thursday September 19, 2024
Rolling Meadows Community Center
3705 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
Doors open 6:30pm

Workshop

Make Your Own Medallion Quilt Adventure

Friday September 20, 2024

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

1234 N Arlington Heights Rd, Arlington Heights, IL 60004

9:30am-4:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$43.00

All Skill Levels Welcome

In this workshop, we'll continue with our exploration of Medallion Quilts from her lecture. Come with a center block and coordinating fabrics. Melanie will show us how to design the consecutive borders and she'll teach us how to use the Accuquilt system to cut blocks for making the designs in the borders. We'll use Melanie's Accuquilt dies, or you can bring your own if you have them. This is a great class for both traditional and modern quilters, beginning to advanced quilters alike.



OCTOBER - Ilene Bartos

Ilene Bartos is from Urbandale, Iowa. Ilene has been sharing her love of quilting for more than 20 years through books, teaching engagements, patterns and kits. Ilene has a love of nature that inspires much of her designs and creative work. She enjoys abstract designs, graphic lines and shapes with color to express emotions in her work. October's lecture and trunk show will focus on innovative ideas for borders, sashings and more to enhance the creativity in your quilts.



Lecture

Borders, Sashings and More Trunk Show and Discussion

Thursday October 17, 2024

Rolling Meadows Community Center

3705 Pheasant Dr., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

Doors open 6:30pm

Workshops

Fall Leaf

Friday October 18, 2024

Location: TBA

9:30am-4:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$40

Required Pattern: \$10

All Skill Levels Welcome

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Choose a design to make in this class perfect for those cool Fall days! There are a total of 6 different designs to choose from. Patterns are required and kits are available if you need them, however you are welcome to use your own fabrics and supplies, please see supply list for details. Patterns and kits can be ordered directly from Ilene on her website www.ilenebartos.com

Aboriginal Series

Saturday October 19,2024

Location: TBA

9:30am-4:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$40.00

All Skill Levels Welcome

This series shows what can happen when you are inspired by a simple half-oval shape. Choose a pattern to work on (see below), all of the patterns use the same techniques: Layered raw-edged fusible, curved piecing, and machine blanket stitching will be taught.



Patterns are required (prices vary, please see below), Kits are Optional and Available for purchase and INCLUDE the pattern. Patterns and Kits can be ordered online at Ilene's website at: www.ilenebartos.com or available for pickup in class.

	Hills Kit: \$30 Pattern Only (Use own fabrics): \$12 Finished Quilt: 23" x 19"
	Cobblestones Kit: \$80 Pattern Only (Use own fabrics): \$35 Finished Quilt: 38" x 50"
	Neighborhood Kit: \$80 Pattern Only (Use own fabrics): \$15 Finished Quilt: 47" x 47"
	Moonlight 2 Kit: \$90 Pattern Only (Use own fabrics) \$34 Finished Quilt: 30" x 40"



NOVEMBER - Brenda Logan

Brenda is from Alberta Canada and started her YouTube Channel 3 years ago with an emphasis of passing along the tradition of quilting to anyone that wants to learn by providing free patterns and demonstrations. Her YouTube Channel now tops 26 thousand subscribers. In Lieu of a speakers fee we are donating her fee to 'Sleep in Heavenly Peace' – a charity giving children in need a bed with all the bedding, including a quilt or blanket!

Lecture

An Evening Conquering Mount Scrapmore

Thursday November 21, 2024

ON ZOOM!

Zoom room opens at 6:45pm

*Meeting Code will be emailed to all members a few days prior to the meeting.

CHARITY

Calling all makers of items for charity! Throughout the year we get donations of fabric and other items. Frequently there are items other than the cotton fabric we typically use for our charity projects in with the items donated. I'm looking for people who could use the items when I get them.

Do you use fleece to make blankets or other items for a charity? Do you use denim or upholstery material to make totes or bags for walkers? Do you use polyester or cotton / poly blends to make items to donate? Do you make cat or dog beds to donate to a shelter? Do you have a charitable use for scissors, cutting mats, templates, other cutting tools? Do you knit or crochet items for a charity? Are there other craft items that you use in your charitable works?



If the answer to any of these questions are yes, please come talk to me at a meeting or send me an email with the types of things you can use. Right now when we get items that we can't use I donate them on to other places that can. I just turned down a big donation of fabric because it was going to be mostly things that we can't use. I gave them a suggestion of where to donate it. I'd rather be able to take it and parcel it out to all of you who do various types of good works!

Please continue making 9 patch blocks! We are asking for 6" finished (6 ½" unfinished) blocks. If you'd rather make another kind of block that is okay too! Your beautiful blocks will become part of a quilt that will bring someone comfort at a difficult time in their life. If you are making a top for hospice, it should be between 42" and 45" on each side. Have a great summer!

Deb Szott

NSQG Charity Coordinator



TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer, Mary Siefke, has reported that the guild currently has assets of \$41,924.07. This is spread over a checking account, a savings account and an interest-bearing CD. If you have any questions regarding our financial status, please see Mary at the July Guild meeting or contact her at treasurer@nsqg.club

FROM (And ABOUT) OUR MEMBERS

"I've Never Been to North Dakota", or "19 Quilt Shops in 4 Days"

(From Toni Slepak)

"I've never been to North Dakota."

"Me neither..." (hmmmmmm...)

"Once Covid is over, let's plan a road trip!"

That's how it started, and the result was four friends on a four day, 1,500 mile trip through Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and North Dakota. Here are some things we did to make our shop hop a great experience.

Timing and Routing Considerations - We chose mid-September for the likelihood of decent weather and enough daylight for comfortable driving. We opted to skip the shops that are close enough to home for a day trip and also chose to make part of our route a loop in order to cover more territory. We used Google Maps (<https://www.google.com/maps>), Quilters' Travel Companion (<http://www.quilterstravelcompanion.com>), Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop (<https://www.quiltminnesota.com>) and individual shop websites to locate shops, estimate travel times between stops, and plan how much shopping time to allow at each stop. Since most quilt shops have convenient, clean rest rooms, we didn't need additional "comfort" stops.

Choosing Travel Companions - The 2 of us who originated the idea compared "travel styles" and readily agreed we would prioritize 1) getting to North Dakota and 2) visiting as many quilt shops as we could reasonably manage along the way. Our trip would be planned around minimal extraneous stops, adherence to a time limit at each shop, and meals timed around quilt shop hours. We planned early breakfast in order to be at our first shop at opening time, ate dinner after the last shop closed, and some lunches were drive-throughs eaten in the car between shops. We also agreed to choose mid-priced lodging - comfortable and safe, but not fancy - and to be open to deviating from our plan if we made new discoveries along the way. Our 2 additional "hoppers" were on board with this system.

Itinerary - We planned out a fairly detailed itinerary in advance which included shop destinations, projected travel times between shops, and a targeted amount of time at each shop. There's a summary at the bottom of this article, but if you'd like to see the whole thing, let me know (Toni Slepak, contact info in directory).

Summary of Our Route

Day 1 - We departed from Buffalo Grove at 7:30am to our 1st shop in Eau Claire, WI, then drove through lunch and continued on through the northeast corner of the Twin Cities to St. Cloud. We visited a total of 3 shops the first day. In St. Cloud, we checked in at our motel and had a tasty and relaxed dinner at a local restaurant we found on Yelp.

Day 2 - After breakfast at the motel, we departed at 8:15 toward Fargo. Day 2 stops included 4 quilt shops and the ND Visitor's Center in Fargo where we had an entertaining time with movie posters and the original chipper from "Fargo". After our shop visit in Fargo, we had another great "Yelp" recommended dinner and returned to our motel in St. Cloud for "show and tell".

Day 3 - Breakfast at hotel; check out; load car. Heading back toward Minneapolis, we focused on the northwest, central, and south areas of the TC, visiting 7 shops total. We had a sit down lunch with some family members, yet another fabulous "Yelp" dinner, and checked in at our motel in the south suburb of Eagan.

Day 4 - Breakfast at motel; check out; load car and head southeast toward home via LaCrosse. We visited 5 shops along the way and paused for a lovely "Yelp" lunch in Winona. Home that evening.

(From Susan Leverenz)

A number of years ago, I saw an article about a statue in South Dakota by the name of "Dignity of Earth and Sky—a 50' statue of a Native American woman with a Star Quilt held outstretched across her back. I knew I had to see this but it was a 10-hour drive and except for going even further west to Mt. Rushmore (which we've done), there isn't much

between here and there to justify the trip. But my daughter and grandson both enjoy road trips and offered to take me. So, last month we packed our clothes and lots of road food and headed west.

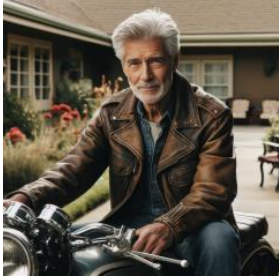
This statue sits on a bluff overlooking the Missouri River between two towns (Oacoma, pop 390; and Chamberlain, pop. 2,500) in central South Dakota at a rest area, no less. And she is magnificent! I could have sat there for hours just looking at her and how she changes with the light and interacting with others who stopped—often without knowing the statue existed.

We met three sisters from Kentucky returning from Colorado after a visit with a fourth sister; and a woman who was a quilter and a cat show judge motorcycling (on Harleys) across the country with four other women.

Gotta love road trips.



(From Theresa Benson)



Meet Harvey, our AI generated older gentleman who enjoys girl-watching and motorcycles. Both of which got him into a bit of trouble.

(From Karen Snell)

Seamless Getaways Retreat

At the last NSQG Quilt Show, I was lucky enough to win a retreat to Seamless Getaways in Forrest, Illinois. In April, nine of us traveled there and had a fantastic time. The retreat, run by Linda Lambert, a certified Laura Heine instructor, had everything we needed. The sewing space is easy to access from the driveway no stairs, bright, huge design wall, electrical outlets, ironing stations and comfy chairs. The house features a fully functional kitchen, a dining area spacious enough for all of us to eat together. The four themed bedrooms located upstairs were spacious and comfortable. Additionally, the house was spotless, and the seasonal decorations throughout made us all smile.

We were pleasantly surprised by the convenience of local amenities. A nearby grocery store provided everything we needed, plus quilt shops and coffee shops! We have already booked our visit for next spring and highly recommend it.

Visit www.seamlessgetaways.com and be sure to tell Linda you are from NSQG!

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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

Contact newsletter@nsgg.club if you're interested in advertising

ATTENTION

HUGE FABRIC/QUILTING SALE

Friday, July 12 and Saturday, July 13 ... 10 am – 5 pm

**Sneak Preview Thursday, July 11 ... 4 - 7 pm
for Quilt Guild Members**

2204 George Street, Rolling Meadows



- *Pre-cut fabric pieces (various lengths) \$5 each
- *Notions, zippers, etc 5/\$1
- *All patterns, elastic and lace FREE
- *All sewing books FREE
- *Rowenta iron \$20
- *Two 2-drawer clay colored file



cabinets \$15 each

- *Scissors, measuring and cutting devices
- *Batting and Interfacing \$1-\$2, depending on size
- *Sewing Kits \$2
- *Charm packs, fat quarters and layercakes
- *Every accessory a quilter can think of is here!! And More!!!

Pfaff 7570 Embroidery Machine \$600

Comes with a carrying case, all cords, foot pedal, multiple presser feet, bobbins, accessories, 2 ball point needle packages, 2 instruction manuals, owner's manual, and 16 embroidery disks with case.



Bernina's Bernette 334D Serger \$500

Comes with multiple books and manuals, carrying case and 4 large spools of white thread

If you are interested in purchasing one of the two machines, please contact Laura at LBurkeRDH@yahoo.com for a private showing, preferably prior to the sale...

CASH ONLY please
