

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

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| <b>Thursday<br/>October 17</b>                | Guild Meeting:<br>Ilene Bartos:<br><i>Borders, Sashings<br/>and More</i>               | <b>December</b><br> | No Guild Events<br>This Month                                                                                       |
| <b>Friday<br/>October 18</b>                  | Ilene Bartos<br>Workshop:<br><i>Fall Leaf</i><br>Full Day                              |                    |                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Saturday<br/>October 19</b>                | Ilene Bartos<br>Workshop:<br><i>Aboriginal Series</i><br>Full Day                      | <b>Thursday<br/>January 16, 2025</b><br>(On Zoom!)                                                    | Guild Meeting:<br>Lori Dickman<br><i>Speedy Solutions<br/>for Cutting &amp;<br/>Organizing Your<br/>Scrap Stash</i> |
| <b>Thursday<br/>November 21</b><br>(On Zoom!) | Guild Meeting:<br>Brenda Logan<br><i>An Evening<br/>Conquering Mount<br/>Scrapmore</i> | <b>Saturday<br/>January 18, 2025</b><br>(On Zoom!)                                                    | Lori Dickman<br>Workshop:<br><i>Starlight</i><br>Full Day                                                           |

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 [nsqq.club/programs](http://nsqq.club/programs). Register for workshops online, or by contacting our programs chair, [programs@nsqq.club](mailto:programs@nsqq.club).

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Autumn. The season makers start getting creative. Do you have your gifts made for the holiday season? I'm talking about Halloween (a major holiday for some of you), Thanksgiving (decorations), Christmas and Hannukah (special quilts, hostess gifts and decorations) and New Years. Maybe we should have started sooner. Make sure those gifts can be borrowed back for our quilt show.

The Quilt Show is coming fast. We need quilts in all the categories. Check out the application form for categories and deadlines:

<https://nsqg.club/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/NSQGQuiltShowEntryForm2025-1.pdf>

March 20, 2025 is the deadline for your entries. And the Quilt Challenge looks like fun... These must be completed for voting at the April 17 guild meeting. My self-portrait, above, was my challenge entry for the last quilt show. And we'd love to get some of your smaller projects to sell in the boutique.

This year gives us a good variety of programs and workshops. A little bit for everyone. See <https://nsqg.club/> Please note that some of the upcoming guild meetings and workshops will be on Zoom.

And don't forget our charities. We have a really active charity program making quilts of many types primarily for children and hospice. I like to work on one of these quilts right after the holidays. It helps to wind down. And sometimes I try new techniques I've learned. Lately, I've been trying ruler work on my domestic machine,

Well, back to sewing.

-- Debbie

## QUILT SHOW, MAY 2025



### Happy Fall!

I recently attended Quilt Connection Chicago, where I was selling raffle tickets. One member mentioned that our last show was even better than the Great Wisconsin Quilt Show—that's some high praise! Now it's time to submit your quilts and accessories for our upcoming show. See the details below on how to enter.

We are also seeking two volunteers to bring the raffle quilt to the Joliet Quilter's Guild on the evening of October 21. If you can assist, please reach out to Karen Venson at [karen.venson@gmail.com](mailto:karen.venson@gmail.com).

**Raffle Update:** Our quilt, "Color - Rings," is selling well! If you need additional tickets, they are available at guild meetings or by contacting Wendy Pawelek at [wendy.pawelek@gmail.com](mailto:wendy.pawelek@gmail.com).

Karen Snell - Quilt Show Chair

### How to Enter the Quilt Show:

- Entries can be submitted electronically or via paper form.
  - We encourage members to use the electronic form whenever possible.
  - All entries must be received by **March 20, 2025**.
  - A **color photo** showing the front of the quilt is required for all entries except Challenge entries. If your item is unfinished, submit a photo of the work in progress.
  - Both electronic and paper entry forms are available on the NSQG website.
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### Electronic Entry Form:

- A link to the electronic form is available by emailing [entries@nsgg.club](mailto:entries@nsgg.club).
- Only current NSQG members will have access to the form, as a valid membership is required to participate.

### Paper Entry Form:

- A link to download or view the paper form is available on the website.
- After printing and completing the form, mail it to the address listed on the form.
- Photos should either be mailed with the form (attached) or emailed to [entries@nsgg.club](mailto:entries@nsgg.club). **Important:** Include your name and entry name in the email. If submitting photos for multiple items, send each photo in a separate email.
- For those who cannot access the electronic form or don't have access to a printer, a limited number of paper forms will be available at in-person meetings.

### Need Help?

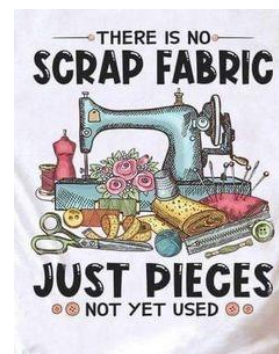
Starting in 2025, most in-person NSQG events will have members available to assist with photographing your quilt, accessing the electronic form, and more. For any questions in the meantime, please contact [entries@nsgg.club](mailto:entries@nsgg.club).

### Sorting Scraps

Thank you to all who helped sort scraps at Camp Quilt-I-Wanna. All the donations I had were sorted, folded and are ready for the sale. But we're not done. More donations continue to come in. I plan to host more "Sorting Parties" between now and the quilt show. This is a good money-maker for the guild, so watch and listen for announcements. Many hands make light work.

### WANTED

For various reasons, we have been blessed with the fabric collections of several prolific quilters. This has presented a unique problem...we are running out of room to store it all. Right now, it is housed in three separate members' home (for which we are eternally grateful), but we need more. If you have space in your home, or if you know of a space where we can store MANY boxes of fabric, please let the quilt committee know. This would be until the show in May 2025. Contact either [quiltshow@nsgg.club](mailto:quiltshow@nsgg.club), [president@nsgg.club](mailto:president@nsgg.club) or [newsletter@nsgg.club](mailto:newsletter@nsgg.club). \\\



## PROGRAMS COMING THIS QUARTER

### 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

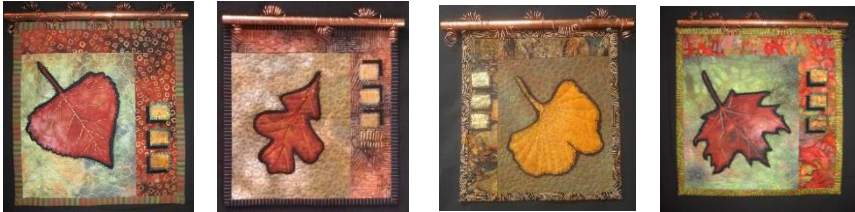
## Borders, Sashings and More Trunk Show and Discussion

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

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](http://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](http://www.ilenebartos.com) or available for pickup in class.

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

## January – Lori Dickman

Playing with fabric and color has been Lori Dickman's passion since she was a young girl. Over the last few decades, Lori collected a very large and wonderful stash fabric. After a while, she started working on solutions to up those scraps to make beautiful quilts. Today she shares her ©Speedy Solutions to cut and organize your Scrap Stash and turn those scraps into beautiful quilts in print, in person, on her YouTube channel and on her website [quiltingwithlori.com](http://quiltingwithlori.com)



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### Lecture

#### Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash!

Thursday January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025

On ZOOM

ZOOM Room opens at 6:45pm

## Workshop: Starlight

Saturday January 18, 2025

On ZOOM

9:30am-4:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$35

Required Pattern: \$10 or purchase book \$30 with 11 other patterns.

Use your own fabric stash.

All Skill Levels Welcome

Patterns and Books can be purchased directly from Lori at her website [www.quiltingwithlori.com](http://www.quiltingwithlori.com)



## Sew-In Retreats



Want a perfect weekend getaway? Join us November 8-10, for our fall retreat. Three times a year, members of the guild have the chance to get away for a weekend of strictly sewing. The group is welcoming. The venue, the Hilton Garden Inn in Schaumburg, provides a large sewing room with ample lighting, and 6 foot tables for the participants. There is a restaurant on site, and additional food options close to the venue. The hotel rooms are clean, spacious and comfortable.

Your \$60 fee covers:

- The shared Meeting room from 8am Friday to 6pm Sunday.
- Access to the special block room rate, available only through the retreat coordinator. (About \$125 for two nights in a shared room).
- A complimentary breakfast for every night you stay at the hotel.

If you have any additional questions, please contact our retreat coordinator at [retreats@nsqg.club](mailto:retreats@nsqg.club).



## CHARITY



So far this year we have donated 84 quilts to Rainbow Hospice, 5 quilts to Heartland Hospice, 20 quilts to Project Linus (kids quilts) and at least one to Quilts of Valor! Keep up the great work 😊!

Please continue making 9 patch blocks! We are asking for 6 inch 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.

If you want to do something different for charity and like paper piecing, stop by my table at the next meeting and pick up a kit with a simple paper piecing pattern and some strips of fabric. Bring the finished block back whenever you get it done. This is an effort to use up some of the long thin scraps we have.

Enjoy the colors of nature this fall!

Deb Szott  
NSQG Charity Coordinator

## FROM (And ABOUT) OR MEMBERS

(Last newsletter included an article about Toni Slepak's road trip/shop hop to North Dakota. She also included some very helpful hints when planning a Shop Hop of your own.)



1. Quilt Shop Hours - When planning, remember that quilt shops are typically open daytime hours, closed on Sundays, and often also closed Mondays or other days as well. Shops that open unusually early or stay open late can help extend your shopping day options. Call ahead to verify hours and adjust plans as needed.
  2. Helpful items to take along as desired: car snacks/beverages in small cooler; GPS or device with a maps app and cellular connectivity; ear plugs/eye shade for sleeping; pillow/back rest/throw for car; chargers/cables/backup battery such as "Pocket Juice"; wish list/pattern requirements/swatches to match; podcasts or audio books to share in car; ear buds
  3. Having each person bring a duffel &/or tote bag to hold purchases can be helpful. At the end of the day, all of those quilt shop bags look alike, so if each shopper collects their individual shop bags into one easily identifiable tote as the day goes on, it avoids mixups later. Compared to rigid bins, soft sided bags are easier to pack in a trunk or tailgate space.
  4. On a multi-day trip, staying more than one night in the same lodging is less stressful and time consuming than moving every day. It also allows for daytime travel without having everyone's luggage in the vehicle. Consider reserving lodging in advance for peace of mind while traveling.
  5. Consider keeping track of what/where you purchase in case you need more later - for you or for a friend ;-)
  6. You might want to establish "ground rules" for car etiquette that work for the good of the group. How does everyone feel about having the radio on? Phone conversations? Smelly or noisy snacks? Audible use of devices?
  7. Whose car will be used? How will you divide up car expenses? Who will be the driver(s)? It's probably a good idea to have more than one driver - just in case - even on shorter outings - as well as a "navigator" to help monitor the route while the driver negotiates traffic. Also consider taking an extra car key and having one of the passengers carry that key during the trip. Remember that gas stations in rural areas may be farther apart and have shorter hours than we're accustomed to.
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8. Sanctioned Shop Hops can be fun to participate in. Shops often have extended hours or other special perks. At the same time, they can be more crowded and wait times can be longer for cutting, checking out, etc.; try to plan your timing to your preference.

## Quilters Also Cook

### Taffy Apple Salad

1 – 20 oz can pineapple tidbits in juice, drained reserving juice

(Caramel)

Reserved pineapple juice

½ cup sugar

1 tsp flour (yes, 1 teaspoon)

1 egg, beaten

½ tsp vinegar



(Salad)

Pineapple tidbits

2 cups mini marshmallows

1 ½ cups skinned peanuts, slightly crushed

Two large unpeeled apples, chopped

1 – 8 oz tub Cool Whip, thawed

Helpful tip #33

"Just cleared out  
some space in the  
freezer" sounds so  
much more  
productive than  
"I just polished off  
another pint of ice cream."

\*Follow me for more helpful tips!

Drain pineapple over saucepan, pressing to extract as much juice as possible.

To Make Caramel: Cook the juice over low heat with the sugar, flour, egg and vinegar until very thick, stirring constantly. This takes about 35 minutes!

Let cool 20 minutes. Add marshmallows and pineapple tidbits to caramel sauce and let set 15 minutes.

Finally, add nuts, apples, and Cool Whip. Mix well and chill until ready to serving.

## MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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

Inherited Singer Treadle Sewing Machine. Needs a belt. \$100 or best offer. Contact Robin Davies (contact information available in the directory) with questions or to see the machine.



A great opportunity! The following items are being offered for sale.



Bernina Aurora 440 QE - \$800

Bernina Sit-Down Long Arm - \$4,000

Accuquilt GO! - \$300

Machine Cabinet and side cabinet – Prices can be negotiated



All accessories are included and all prices can be negotiated. Please contact Frank Barnard if you are interested or would like to see the machines and cabinet. His contact number is 630-651-1127. Serious offers only.



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

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