

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 January 16, 2025 (On Zoom!)	Guild Meeting: Lori Dickman <i>Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash</i>	Thursday February 20, 2025	Guild Meeting: Nancy Roelfsema <i>Lecture and Trunk Show: Why We Quilt</i>
Saturday January 18, 2025 (On Zoom!)	Lori Dickman Workshop: <i>Starlight Full Day</i>	Friday February 21, 2025	Nancy Roelfsema Workshop: <i>Lone Star Quilt Full Day</i>
			
		Saturday February 22, 2025	Nancy Roelfsema Workshop <i>Quilted Tiles Full Day</i>
		Thursday March 20, 2025	Guild Meeting: Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts <i>Caring for Your Treasures</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 nsqq.club/programs. Register for workshops online, or by contacting our programs chair, programs@nsqq.club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Happy New Year 2025!

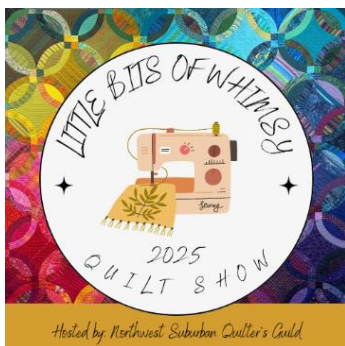
This is the time that we make resolutions. We set goals for ourselves. We set our sights on success. I recently read this question: "What are your quilting goals for 2025?" I hadn't really thought about it in those terms. I think about which project I really need to finish. What skills or techniques do I want to work on. I think about who I need to make quilts for this year. And what quilts do I want to enter in the upcoming quilt show... or maybe even one of the big shows. And when do those projects need to be finished, submitted, or presented to the baby or graduate? In other words, what are my quilting goals?

Not that we keep all of our resolutions. Or make all of our goals. But I think it's good state our goals. We need to say them out loud. We need to set our direction and not just wander from one project to another.

And to that end, I challenge you: What are your goals for 2025?

-- Debbie

QUILT SHOW, MAY 2025



Raffle Update: Raffle tickets for our quilt, "Color - Rings," are selling well! If you need additional tickets, they are available at guild meetings or by contacting Wendy Pawelek at wendy.pawelek@gmail.com.

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.

Electronic Entry Form:

- A link to the electronic form is available by emailing entries@nsgq.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@nsgq.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@nsgq.club.
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March Madness 2025

2025 is an NSQG quilt show year, which means we will once again offer quilt show prep help every Saturday in March, in lieu of our normal Winter Picnic, which will return in 2026.

March Madness is open to any member, and can be used in any way you see fit. There is no fee for attending. You may come and go as your time and needs dictate. You could stay all day if you like!

We will secure rooms in local libraries, where members can come sit and sew, or have contact with Quilt Show Committee folks if need be. You can have pictures of your quilt show entries taken, SIGN UP for your volunteer time slot at the show, get help with attaching a sleeve or label, ask questions, drop off forms.... Drop off raffle ticket monies and pick up more tickets... pretty much anything to do with getting ready for the quilt show can be done every Saturday in March.

So far, the libraries we have scheduled are:

March 8 TBA

March 15 TBA

***quilt entries are due by March 20th!! ***

March 22 Noon to 4:30 pm at the Mt. Prospect Library

March 29 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at the Arlington Height Memorial Library, Hendrickson Room

Sorting Scraps

February 15, 2025
10:30 til whenever
Lunch will be served

We have received a lot of donations this year and so far we are in pretty good shape as far as sorting. However, we do have a few boxes that still need sorting. I am planning another sorting party at my house. These parties are a good time to connect with other quilters in a very informal setting and get some work done for the quilt show. If you'd like to join us, please put the date on your calendar. My contact information is in the directory.

Susan Leverenz

PROGRAMS COMING THIS QUARTER

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 of fabric. After a while, she started working on solutions to use 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



Lecture

Speedy Solutions for Cutting & Organizing Your Scrap Stash!

Thursday January 16th, 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

February – Nancy Roelfsema



Lecture and Trunk Show: Why We Quilt

Thursday February 20, 2025

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

Nancy's lecture and trunk show will be a retrospective of her 25 plus years teaching and quilting.

Friday Workshop: Lone Star Quilt

Friday February 21, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg
1191 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, IL
9:30am-4:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$40.00
"Lone Star Size Chart" is required for class which is \$15.00
All Skill Levels Welcome



This class is for anyone that wants to learn how to make this traditional quilt. The class is designed for 1st-time makers of a Lone Star quilt (not first time quilters, but first time making a quilt using diamonds.) The emphasis is on precise sewing and piecing technique using only a 4x4 diamond and 2-1/2" wide strips. The finished quilt will be approximately 45"x 45" in size. This quilt is very doable and works up quickly. We will start by selecting our fabrics and learning how to place them in the design. Nancy will teach us her power cutting technique for strip cutting the fabrics and then also in cutting the diamond strips for piecing. In addition, we are going to learn Nancy's method of getting to the right amount of quarter inch bite to take on our machines. In this pattern we are going to use what's called a 'scant 1/4 inch' in order to get the most accurate of diamond shapes. Getting our points to match perfectly will also be covered! Most students will complete the 4x4 diamonds in class and Nancy will demonstrate how to sew the Corners and Background Triangles which utilize Y-seam construction. Nancy will take the fear out of those Y-seam junctions and give you the confidence to make this stunning quilt over and over.



Saturday Workshop: Quilted Tiles

Saturday February 22, 2025

Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg
1191 Woodfield Road, Schaumburg, IL
9:30am-4:30pm

Workshop Fee: \$40.00

No pattern or kit fee, but please see supply list for specialty notions needed for class. All Skill Levels Welcome

In this workshop, Nancy is going to teach us how to design and make our own 18" x 18" tile. These tiles are part of Nancy's popular Quilted Tile series on her OnPoint-TV YouTube Channel. During the class you will learn Nancy's method of folding and designing your block, Nancy's Power Cutting technique to cut our bias strips and then we'll learn how to get the perfect 1/4" seam to sew our bias strips and press them for our vines. We will have time to design 2 blocks and go home with one or more blocks basted and ready to applique in the method of our choice. We are going to use a glue basted technique to adhere the vines and fabric to the blocks. Any machine applique will be done at home or if you have time towards the end of the day. You will need your machine to sew the bias strips for making the vines.

March – Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts

Lecture: Caring for Your Treasures

Thursday March 20, 2025

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

Learn from the experts! Museum staff will be here to present this informative lecture on how to care and preserve our precious quilts. This museum does not disappoint and makes a great day trip, visit them in person or on the web at www.wiquiltmuseum.com to learn more!



Sew-In Retreats

2025 NSQG Retreats

Our guild has held three quilt retreats each year for decades! They are open to any member who wishes to come. This is an opportunity for you to meet new friends or get together with your quilting bestie for a weekend away from all the obligations of 'real' life. Especially in the bad weather, we look forward to holing up in the hotel with our machines, a project (or three!) and not having anything else to do except talk, sew, laugh and eat. Attendees pay \$60 for a table in the ballroom for the weekend and are responsible for their guest room fees at the hotel as well. Some choose to have single rooms, while others choose to share with a roommate. Meals are on-your-own. The guestrooms are equipped with Keurig coffeemakers, microwave ovens and mini fridges, but the Hilton Garden Inn has a restaurant, and there are lots of dining options available near Woodfield, for those who wish to venture out. You must stay at the hotel in order for us to fill our guest room quota, which is a requirement of our contract for the ballroom. Guest room reservations are made via a rooming list after you register. Please do not make your own hotel reservations or you will find yourself with two rooms to pay for that weekend!

This is a BYO project retreat. While there is a lot of experience in the room, and there are plenty of people who might respond if you ask for an opinion, we do not have any formal instruction during our retreats.

Attendance is limited due to the space constraints of the ballroom. If you wish to be waitlisted after the retreat shows full on our website, or have any other questions, please email retreats@nsqg.club. Registration is available on our website two months before each retreat at <https://nsqg.club/retreats-2023-24/>

Something NEW!

Last year, at Camp Quilt-I-Wanna, many members stopped us to say what a great time they were having, and how much they were enjoying having a social sewing day. Camp was a great success! But it got me thinking... what if... what if we could offer a one-day off-site event that would answer the social needs of our members, without the time and financial commitment of our regular retreats? You asked for it.... Our first ever NSQG DayTreat!



On Saturday, April 26, 2025, we will have a one-day retreat at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 1191 Woodfield Road in Schaumburg from 8 am to 6 pm. The cost for the full day is \$20.00 and you must register on our website to reserve a table. Space is limited, so if you plan to attend, please do register as soon as you are able to.

There will be cutting tables set up, and ironing stations around the room, so you will only need to pack your project and your machine, if you plan to sew that day. If you plan on handwork, that's fine, too. You can use your table any way you like.

Lunch will be on your own. The hotel restaurant is not open for lunch, but if you bring your own, you may use the dining room tables to eat. Also, there are quite a few places to eat in the Woodfield area, so it would be easy enough to get something outside of the hotel. Questions? Email retreats@nsqg.club.

CHARITY



In 2024, we donated over 130 quilts to Rainbow Hospice, 6 quilts to Heartland Hospice, 58 quilts to Project Linus (kids quilts) and at least one to Quilts of Valor! Those numbers are only counting the ones that I know about. I know that many of you drop off quilts to these and other charities yourself. Keep up the great work!!

Deb Szott
NSQG Charity Coordinator

FROM (And ABOUT) OR MEMBERS

Quilters Also Cook

Baked Potato Soup (from the Machine Shed in Rockford, IL)

2 ½ lbs baby red potatoes
½ lb (raw) bacon, diced
1 qt. milk
1 qt. water
1 cup whipping cream
¾ cup flour
¼ cup chicken base
½ cup parsley, chopped
10 tbsp. butter or margarine
1 tsp black pepper
1 tsp salt
3 stalks celery, diced
1 jumbo yellow onion, diced



Boil potatoes, unpeeled, in water for 10 minutes. Drain and set aside.

In a large heavy pot, saute bacon, onions and celery over medium-high heat until celery is tender. Drain bacon grease and return bacon, onions and celery to pot. Add milk, water, chicken base, salt and pepper. Heat over medium-high heat until very hot, but do not allow to boil.

Melt butter in a large heavy saucepan over low heat. Stir in flour to make a roux. Mix well and allow to bubble, stirring for 1 minute. (If desired, a larger amount of roux can be made to produce a thicker soup.) Gradually add roux to soup, stirring constantly. Continue to cook, stirring until thick and creamy. Stir in potatoes, parsley, and whipping cream. Enjoy!

MEMBER CLASSIFIEDS

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

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.

ISO (in search of): Any of Kim Diehl's Simple Whatnots books (except Vol. 2) I am willing to pay.
Susan Leverenz – contact information in directory

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