

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 17	Guild Meeting Annual Pot-Luck – bring a dish 2025-2026 Program Reveal with Discount Workshop Sign-Ups	Doors Open at 6:00pm Members Free – this is also our Membership Renewal time so please complete your membership application and questionnaire (can be done on-line or in person).
Thursday August 21	Guild Meeting Susan Marth – “Having Fun in Your Sewing Room”	Lecture only
Saturday August 23	Camp Quilt-I-Wanna 2025 Join us for a day of Demos, Sewing, Pot-Luck, and just plain good Quilty Fun!	Where: Park Central Banquet Hall Time: 9:00am – 4:00pm Lunch: Pot-Luck Members: \$10 plus a dish to pass
Thursday September 18	Guild Meeting Edrene Heiss – Lecture: My Kaleidoscope Journey	Workshop: Creating Kaleidoscope Fan Quilts Fees: \$35.00 workshop / \$30.00 kit Location: Palatine Public Library 700 N North Court, Palatine Rm 1

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



I hope you are enjoying your summer!

As your new President, I've been reflecting on the needs of our guild and how best to serve our members. I am both excited and honored to be selected as your incoming President for the guild year starting July 1, 2025. Since joining the guild in 2017, I've cherished making new friends and learning from our classes and members. I appreciate the warmth of a bee gathering, the excitement of a workshop, the chaos of a quilt show, and the promise of fun and recharging at a retreat. These experiences allow me to spend time with my tribe—those who appreciate all the elements of quilting. For me, it's about color, fabric, learning, and companionship. It's been a wonderful journey, and I'm looking forward to serving as your president in the new year.

A heartfelt thank you to Debbie Yates, who just completed two successful years as President. Membership is up, reserves are healthy, and we have an exciting lineup of programs for the new year. If you'd like to be part of making it happen, all members are welcome to attend board meetings where we conduct planning and guild business. Join us on the Thursday before the regular meeting at 6 pm in the Buehler Room at Arlington Heights Village Hall.

Speaking of meetings, our next regular member meeting is Thursday, July 17 at the Rolling Meadows Community Center. At our **July meeting**, we'll preview the fabulous lineup of workshops for the new year. Linda Panozzo, our 2025/26 Programs Coordinator, has been working hard to bring an assortment of fun speakers and workshops. Members will have the option to sign up for workshops at a reduced rate. The July meeting (and potluck) is the one meeting of the year where you can bring a friend for free. If you have a friend or neighbor who has been thinking about joining, bring them along for potluck and presentation.

Thank you again to all who helped with the **2025 Quilt Show**. I can't help but think about the quote, "**Volunteers are love in motion.**" Thanks to the guild's collective efforts, the 2025 quilt show was a resounding success. Our fabulous quilt "Color Ring" was one of the main stars of the show. In addition, we rolled out the boutique with so many beautiful items made by members. Raffle baskets, scrap room sales, white gloves, ticket sales, set-up, and take-down were all a success thanks to member efforts (and members' family/friend efforts too!). We all owe many thanks to Karen Snell, the 2025 Quilt Show Coordinator, who fearlessly and calmly led our show efforts over the last two years. I hope everyone had as much fun as I did with this year's show!

Speaking of quilt shows, we will start planning the next one soon. We are looking for **committee members for the 2027 Quilt Show**. If you are interested, please let me know.

Feedback from the debrief meeting of the Quilt Show suggested the guild look at additional venue options before selecting a location for the 2027 show. We haven't ruled out the possibility of returning to Judson College, but we would like to know what else is out there. We

need several members willing to explore venue options and make a recommendation to the board at the end of their study. If you are interested in being on the **Quilt Show Venue Task Force**, please reach out.

We have an opening for an important service position. I plan to appoint a member to the position of **Facilities Coordinator**. This person will be responsible for finding facilities for our events and coordinating the contracts that go with the guild's space needs. This person can be on the Quilt Show Venue Task Force, but it is not required. As with many things, the task of renting space has changed a great deal over the last few years. We need a person who is dedicated to finding and negotiating room rentals. This is an important role to maximize revenue so that we can continue to deliver cost-effective programs. You don't need to be a skilled negotiator for this job—just a little time, patience, and persistence to wade through the administrative stuff.

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.” - Helen Keller

Isn't this quote a great reminder of why we join a guild? NSQG is your Guild. I look forward to hearing your dreams and goals for our guild. Together we have so much possibility.

~ Pam

Little Bits of Whimsy 2025 Quilt Show Viewers Choice Winners!

** Best of Show - Carole Bates 145 **

Category Winners

Category	Place	Name	Number
Large	1st	Carole Bates	145
	2nd	Maureen Baly	136
	3rd	Karen Snell	141
Sofa	1st	Debra Weber	233
	2nd	Sue DiVarco	276
	3rd	Sue Daurio	238
Wall	1st	Sue Daurio	339
	2nd	Sue Daurio	335
	3rd	Toni Slepak	358
Mini	1st	Jeanne Grelck	409
	2nd	Joyce Schaefer	403
	3rd	Diane MacIsaac	408

Category	Place	Name	Number
Accessory	1st	Nancy Liston	527
	2nd	Sue DiVarco	517
	3rd	Pam Jackson	522
Wool	1st	Sue DiVarco	605
	2nd	Denise Kneller	606
	3rd	Marcia Bowen	604
Youth		Vivienne Reeve	701
		Molly Haaker	702
		Madelynn Anderson	703

PROGRAMS COMING THIS YEAR

August 21, 2025 – Susan Marth

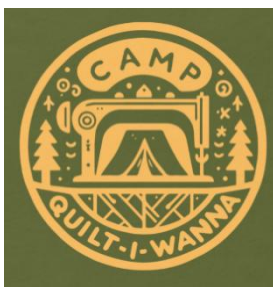


Lecture- "Having Fun in Your Sewing Room"

- Budget time
- Select the right project
- Setting up/organizing your sewing room

Susan will bring a trunk show along with her patterns and notions. You'll be inspired by her patterns and her creativity to dig into your stash. You may have visited with Susan at the Madison Expo – her booth was incredible.

August 23, 2025 - Camp Quilt-I-Wanna



Park Central Banquet Hall
3000 Central Road
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

9:00am-4:00pm (Set-Up at 8:00am)
Fee: \$10.00 plus a dish to pass / Guests: \$20.00

Our Second -Camp Quilt-I-Wanna, a day to socialize with your fellow members, learn something new through demonstrations, come hang out and get some of your projects done. We'll have a picnic lunch. To register for Camp please use Sign-up Genius or in person at the meetings.

Would you like to do a demonstration at Camp? Please contact Linda Panozzo lpanozzo@comcast.net (Programs) to get on Staff.

September 18, 2025 - Edrene Heiss



Lecture –

My Kaleidoscope Journey – 14 years of show and tell

Edrene has developed a special affinity for kaleidoscope quilts and her quilts have won many ribbons at local shows. Edrene will explain exactly how she achieves visual complexity using simple construction techniques.

September 19, 2025 - Workshop



Creating Kaleidoscope Fan Quilts

\$35.00 workshop / \$30.00 kit

Location: Palatine Public Library

700 N North Court, Palatine Room 1

Join us to make a lovely kaleidoscope fan wall hanging.

- Your kit will include fabric for 3 fans and the fusible grid needed
- No pattern needed
- You will learn all the techniques to make your own award-winning quilt
- Learn how she achieves visual complexity using simple construction techniques

October 16, 2025 - Josh Chernoff



Lecture- Creating Animal Portraits using raw edge applique

Raw edge applique is a wonderful technique to create naturalistic portraits of animals and people, and to create landscape scenery in fabric. For experienced and newer quilters, it can be a liberating extension of their

skills in planning and executing visual images in fabric. This lecture will review how the combination of fabric collage with quilting thread painting techniques can create expressive images.

October 17, 2025 – Workshop



Introduction to Animal Portraits

\$35.00 workshop / \$25.00 kit

Location: Hilton Garden Inn 1191
Woodfield Rd, Schaumburg

The workshop will be hands-on, with participants working on pieces of their own making. We will start by transferring the image from the black/white photo to craft cellophane, and then onto the muslin backing. Participants will then begin building their collage portraits using scrap fabrics and Steam-A-Seam Lite2. We will cover picking fabrics, using a color value finder, and working effectively with Steam-a-Seam. We will focus on eyes, noses and other critical features, along with choices on what to use fabric for vs. what to use thread painting and quilting for. We will cover how to bond the appliqué for the backing fabric, and then how to plan and execute the quilting and thread painting. Kit needed for the workshop includes design board, cellophane, steam a seam light, sharpie, muslin, value finder.

November 20, 2025 - Julia McLeod - *On Zoom (room opens at 6:45p)*



Lecture -Everything But the cotton

Julia specializes in making silk quilts, sourcing her fabrics from neckties, clothing and furnishing fabrics. She has a passion for reuse and recycling, which leads her to rescue vintage blocks and textiles. These reclaimed fabrics become the starting point for her quilt designs.

An international award-winning quilt maker living and working in Northern California, just east of San Francisco.

November 21, 2025 - Workshop - *On Zoom 9:30a-3:30p*



Fabric Foundation Piecing

\$45.00 workshop / \$15.00 kit

In this 6-hour workshop you will learn how to achieve precise blocks by piecing onto a printed fabric foundation. This technique brings accuracy and stability to textiles that can be slippery and quick to fray. We will create two traditional blocks; Grandmother's Fan and Flying Geese.

Your \$15 'Flying Circus' kit includes the foundation pieces necessary to complete the class sample shown which comprises 4 fans and 4 borders of flying geese. Zoom workshops will receive the kit before class.

December



No Meeting
Enjoy the
Holidays

January 15, 2026 - Nina Clotfelter - *On Zoom (room opens at 6:45p)*



Lecture - THREADS – What's the BIG deal

This is a FUN lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about thread!

As an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads, Nina has learned a lot, and she wants to share! Thread is like candy! Sometimes you just can't get enough...LOL! This lecture is FULL of information you'll be thrilled you know now!

January 17, 2026 - Workshop - On Zoom



Thread Painting

\$45.00/\$65.00 Kit \$35.00

Thread Painting is many things...creating a picture, adding details, dimension, and/or depth to an applique, making fur on an animal, or just adding little details to make your creation come alive. You will learn loads of techniques in this class, and you'll learn all about stabilizers. You'll create different items using stabilizers. This is a fabulous technique to add to your skills! You'll be surprised how fun and forgiving Thread

Painting is!!! Let yourself be warned...this is addictingly fun!!!!

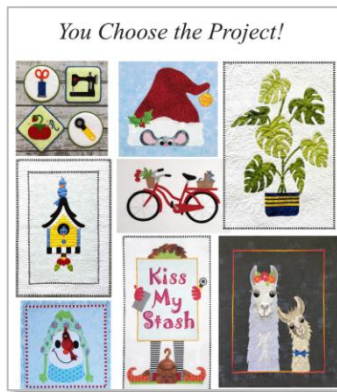
February 19, 2026 - Sandy Fitzpatrick - *On Zoom (Rm opens at 6:45p)*



Lecture -Free Motion Fun and Facts

Sandy Fitzpatrick of Hissyfitz Designs is an applique quilt pattern designer whose goal is to get as many of the quirky designs, that are spinning around in her head, down on paper for you to enjoy! Her fusible applique patterns are full of whimsy and will certainly bring a smile to your face. Sandy strives to make her full-sized patterns easy to follow and fun to make.

February 20, 2026 - Workshop - *On Zoom 9:30a-12:30p*



You Choose the Project \$30.00/\$50.00, Pattern \$8/\$15

No need to fear the dreaded “A” word any longer. Using fusible and non-fusible techniques, Sandy will take away the mystery and dread as you learn how easy the process really is. You will improve your machine applique techniques with more than just the basics. Learn how to do so much more with satin-stitching, blanket stitching, and the decorative stitches on your machine.

February 21, 2026 - Workshop - *On Zoom 9:30a-12:30p*



No Fear Free Motion Quilting \$30.00/\$50.00

If you are tired of stitching in the ditch and straight-line quilting, it is time to see what free-motion quilting is all about. Several design elements will be covered to give students the courage and inspiration needed to tackle their unfinished quilts. The three-hour class covers all the basics including lots of quilt designs.

March 19, 2026 - Karen Rantis



Lecture - Tips & Tricks for perfect half square triangles Followed by an amazing trunk show

- How her love for half square triangles began
- Deciding on the perfect size half square
- Step by step process for making them
- Pre-wash, starch, papers we'll learn Karen's secrets
- How many half squares are too many

April 16, 2026 - Scott Flanagan of 4th & Main Designs



Lecture - Positively Pre-cuts

In this lecture he'll discuss what the different pre-cuts are and show ways he has used them and tricks to maximize them to the fullest, and how he buys when he has no project planned.

April 17, 2026 - Workshop



Falling Stars

\$35.00/\$55.00, Pattern \$10.00

Location – Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg

Create 2 simple blocks from 2 Jelly Rolls and some background to make this striking quilt.

Master flip-n-sew corners and simple variation on the log cabin

April 18, 2026 - Workshop



Aurora Sky

\$35.00/\$55.00 pattern \$10.00

Location – Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg

Aurora Sky features a unique flying geese unit that when mixed with snowball block it creates a fun twisting star!

When blocks are sewn together you get a bonus pinwheel.

May 21, 2026 - Catherine Redford



Lecture -Lessons learned while quilting

What makes Catherine get up in the morning?

- Her first published stitchery
- Her first quilt
- Why she still takes classes
- Why she loves to teach
- Her philosophy of quilting
- When to share a secret (or not)
- Coping with the unexpected
- Her love of a challenge

May 22, 2026 - Workshop



Walking foot quilting – Beyond the ditch

\$50.00/\$70.00

Location – Hilton Garden Inn

Learn how to finish your quilts on a domestic machine while enjoying all the control of your walking foot. We will start with a brief discussion of preparing your tops for quilting including marking and basting. Then we will make stitched samples of different styles including modern grids, matchstick quilting and spirals. Finish with a look at Catherine's work to inspire you to go home and turn your tops into quilts.

June 18, 2026 - Pat Bishop

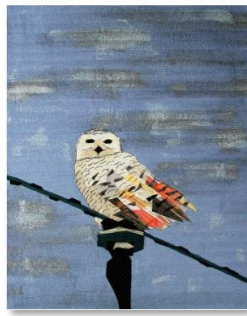


Lecture -Creative? Me? Yes you are!

Pat Bishop makes art because she loves to create! Her art is based on a memory of things that mean a lot to her, she feels that her art is saving memories.

She is an internationally recognized fiber artist whose work has been juried into numerous exhibitions. Her works have appeared on the cover of Quilting Arts magazine. She has been featured on The Quilt Show with Alex Anderson.

June 19, 2026 - Workshop



Easy Collage

\$40.00/\$60.00

Location – TBD

Choice of two patterns to coax you into the method I use for my simple abstract quilts. Choose Wildflowers or Snowy Owl. Finishing options will be discussed. No kit or pattern needed

June 20, 2026 - Workshop



Mono printing on fabric

\$40.00/\$60.00, Kit \$25.00

Location – TBD

This class uses a gelli-printing block, unusual stamping tools and acrylic paint. Create and develop your own fabric from solid cotton, damask, silk or recycled fabrics. Just plain fun! No sewing, just playing. Finishing options will be discussed

RETREATS, ETC

July Retreat – July 11-13, 2025

Mark your calendars! Our next 3-day retreat is July 11-13, 2025 at the Hilton Garden Inn, located at 1191 Woodfield Road in Schaumburg.

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. You can look forward to holing up in the hotel with your machine, 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 guest room fees at the hotel as well. (DO NOT make your own hotel reservations!) Meals are on-your-own.

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 for this retreat will open on May 10th at <https://nsqg.club/retreats-2023-24/>

CHARITY

Keep up the great work!
Deb Szott

FROM (And ABOUT) OUR MEMBERS

Introducing our new NSQG Historian!

Greetings! My name is Annette Wegener and I volunteered to tackle the "Historian Role" for the guild. A little bit about me, the quilting bug got me in 1988, and I joined NSQG until mid-1990's. My Mom, Elizabeth Armstrong joined with me. Mom stayed on with the guild until 2018, serving in a variety of capacities including Parliamentarian. After she passed in 2021, I was invited back to the guild by her friends (now my good friends!) and have been a member ever since, even playing a short "Membership" role for 2 months. That was a great way to meet guild members!

Back to introductions, I have been a volunteer archivist at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Mt. Prospect since the mid 1990's, collecting and preserving everything from ledgers, papers, minutes, school information, pastoral documents and my specialty: photo and scrapbook collection. We have church membership records (baptismal, confirmation, school, marriage and funeral) going back to the early 1900's.

My hope is to coordinate, streamline, preserve and digitize our guild information. In the months to come, I will work with the executive board to update on current needs and devise a plan to work on the digitization process. Our immediate need is storage. We have old plastic tubs holding our records which are broken and falling apart. There are binders full of newsletters with rusty interior rings in need replacement and 2 scrapbooks that are falling apart that need repair. We have slides and pictures stacked in plastic that could cause deterioration. There is a lot to discover and inventory!

To help me create a more complete picture of our guild and its history, for the next several months, I will also be seeking any guild information that you may want to donate to our archives. As you do your summer cleaning and come upon years old meeting notes, previous membership books, past quilt show programs, yellowing newspaper clippings or even printed copies of our newsletter Patchwords, anything guild related, I will be happy to take them off your hands. If you need me to pick up items, please feel free to contact me.

And as a first tidbit of guild historical information to share, our guild was started in 1979 which means in 2029, we will celebrate 50 years of quilty fun! I may need these next few years to pull together all of the information needed for such an event. With your help and your donations, we will have all sorts of memories to share and celebrate our guild!

Introducing our new Corresponding Secretary!

Hello everyone,

I'm thrilled to introduce myself, Paige Mistak, as the new Corresponding Secretary for our guild. My quilting journey began in the mid-90s, during that time I was a member for a brief period. Although life's path took me in different directions, I continued to quilt with my besties. Recently, after my friends and sister rejoined the guild, I decided it was time to rekindle my quilting and creative passions by rejoining as well. As your Corresponding Secretary, I hope to bring fresh energy to our Newsletter. I encourage you all to send in pictures of your quilting excursions, share fun times with your Bees, or even contribute a recipe, poem, or favorite quote. Let's continue to make our Newsletter a vibrant reflection of our community!

~Paige

Please email me at newsletter@NSQG.club

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 if you're interested in advertising.

Available Items

Susan Leverenz - I have a **vintage seal coat** given to me 40 years ago. I intended to make bears but never did. It is illegal to sell, so if anyone wants it, just let me know. Contact info in directory

Diane MacIsaac - **For sale: Janome Universal Sewing Table:**

- Table dimensions: 45" L x 18" W x 30" H
- Compatible with the following Janome machines:

INSERT A FITS:	INSERT B FITS:	INSERT C FITS:	INSERT D FITS:	INSERT F FITS:	INSERT G FITS:	INSERT H FITS:
Janome12000	Janome 6600P	Janome MC 11000	Janome 9900	Janome Skyline S3	Janome 9400	Janome MC 6700P
8900QCP	6500P	Elna 9600	Elna 860	S5	Elna 720Pro	
8200QC	6300P			S7		
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DC2010	DC2030	My Excel 23X				
DC5100	DC1050					
Magnolia 7330	DC1018					
Necchi NE30	Hello Kitty 18750					



I have additional items for sale for Janome sewing machines:

- Table insert for Janome 7700 Memory Craft Horizon QPC
- Clear acrylic extension table for Janome sewing machines
- Attachable double thread spool stand for Janome machine, 7700 and earlier
- Power cord -Janome 7700
- Standard stitch plate
- Janome 7700 instruction book
- Knee lifter
- Seam ripper
- Automatic buttonhole foot R
- Cloth guide set
- Quilting guide bar
- Convertible free motion foot QB-H, with open toe foot, closed toe foot, clear view circular foot
- High shank (9mm) ruler foot
- Dual feed foot A-D
- Foot control for Janome 7700 with retractable cord

- Anyone interested please call or text me with your best offer. My contact information is in the directory.

