

Overview

In-person guild meetings are held at the Rolling Meadows Community Center (3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows, IL). Doors open at 6:30 PM, with the meeting beginning promptly at 7:00 PM. Workshop locations will be announced as details are confirmed, unless otherwise noted.

Quick Glance

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE AT nsqq.club FOR UPDATES.

Thursday October 16	Guild Meeting <i>Lecture - Josh Chernoff</i> <i>Creating Animal Portraits Using Raw Edge Applique</i>
Friday October 17	<i>Workshop - Josh Chernoff</i> <i>Introduction to Animal Portraits</i> Location: Palatine Library Room 1
Thursday November 20 (On Zoom)	Guild Meeting On Zoom (room opens at 6:45p) <i>Lecture - Julia McLeod</i> <i>Everything But the cotton</i>
Thursday November 21 (On Zoom)	<i>Workshop - Julia McLeod</i> <i>Fabric Foundation Piecing</i> On Zoom 9:30a-3:30p
December	No Meeting – Enjoy the Holidays!

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 Fall!

Do you think of fall as the beginning of quilting season, or do you quilt consistently throughout the year?

We are all so different in our quilting tastes, schedules and skill sets, but we all come together for our shared love of quilting. How lucky we are to have artistic passions and people to share them with! And Yes! We are all artists!

We are off to an exciting start to the guild's business year. We had over 80 members and guests show up to our annual July Potluck and Programs Reveal meeting. In August, Susan Marth's presentation was a success. Camp Quilt-I-Wanna was a sold-out event with members giving fabulous demonstrations, including Lemons of Love representative, and member, Julie Kapustka.

In September we heard from speaker Edrene Heiss who talked about her amazing kaleidoscope quilts. I'm looking forward to seeing the entries in the next quilt show that were inspired by her workshop!

Looking forward, in October, we have Josh Chernoff who will teach us his method for raw edge applique and give us the chance to learn his technique in his workshop using a photo of our own.

Our November retreat sold out in record time. Our retreat maven, Maria, is scouting out some additional resources for our upcoming retreats so we can hopefully fit more people in future retreats. If you have ideas, reach out to Maria or myself. If you wanted to go, but didn't get a spot, mark your calendar for the

next sign-up. It will open 60 days before the February retreat. More details will follow.

We've started planning for the next quilt show! Two committees are up and running, raffle quilt and venue planning. Jackie Barry stepped up to lead our raffle quilt committee for 2027. I can't wait to see what our talented members come up with. The last quilt was so gorgeous! How do we top that?!? Our Venue committee also met to discuss the needs for our next quilt show facility and are working on leads to alternative venues.

Now is a great time to join a committee. You don't have to be an expert to join. We take all levels of experience because we need all different levels of help within the committees. It's a great way to get involved, especially if you are new to the guild, or relatively new!

If you want more information, let me know or talk to any board member.

We'll be switching to remote meetings during the months that can have unpredictable weather conditions (November, January, February). We'll reconvene in March, right before our March get-together, called Winter Picnic. This is a day of activities! Learn a new technique or bring your own project. And of course, we'll have a potluck!

Last but not least, the Board received a few questions about the revenue from the last quilt show. At the October meeting, we'll go over the numbers and share how that fits in with the expected expenses for the next two years. The Board is brainstorming ideas on how we can continue to grow into the future and we would love to hear your ideas too.

~ Pam



PROGRAMS COMING THIS QUARTER

October 16, 2025

Josh Chernoff – Lecture

*Creating Animal Portraits using
raw edge applique*



Raw edge appliqué is a versatile technique for crafting lifelike portraits of animals and people, as well as scenic landscapes in fabric. For both seasoned and emerging quilters, it offers a freeing way to expand their visual storytelling skills. This lecture explores how combining fabric collage with thread painting can bring expressive, dimensional images to life.

October 17, 2025

Josh Chernoff – Workshop

Introduction to Animal Portraits

\$35.00 workshop / \$25.00 kit

Location: Palatine Library Room 1



Workshop Overview This hands-on workshop guides participants in creating their own collage portraits. We'll begin by transferring a black-and-white photo to craft cellophane, then onto muslin. Using scrap fabrics and Steam-A-Seam Lite2, you'll build your portrait, focusing on key features like eyes and noses.

Skills Covered

- Fabric selection and color value tools
- Effective use of Steam-A-Seam
- Deciding between fabric, thread painting, and quilting for details
- Bonding appliqué and planning quilting/thread work

Required Kit Design board, cellophane, Steam-A-Seam Lite2, Sharpie, muslin, and a color value finder.

November 20, 2025

Julia McLeod – Lecture

Everything But the cotton



*On Zoom
(room opens at 6:45p)

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

Julia McLeod – Workshop

Fabric Foundation Piecing



*On Zoom 9:30a-3:30p
\$45.00 workshop
\$15.00 kit (*order flying circus
at www.expiecing.com)

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



RETREATS, ETC

The November Retreat is now SOLD OUT! If you would like to be put on a wait list, please email retreats@nsqg.club.

Mark your calendars! Our next 3-day retreat is November 7-9th, 2025 at the [Hilton Garden Inn in Schaumburg](#), located at 1191 Woodfield Road in Schaumburg.

 **Pack Your Projects and Your Pajamas—It's Retreat Time!** Leave the laundry, dishes, and deadlines behind and escape to a weekend of pure quilting bliss! Whether you're flying solo or bringing your favorite stitching sidekick, this is your chance to dive into your projects (yes, even that third one you swore you'd finish last year), laugh until your bobbin runs dry, and bond over fabric, food, and friendship.

We'll be holed up at the Hilton Garden Inn—just you, your machine, and a whole lot of creative energy. No chores, no obligations, just uninterrupted time to sew, snack, and soak up the joy of quilting with your guild family.

The \$60 fee covers:

- Your portion of the meeting room, which is our sewing room for the weekend, is from **8am Friday to 6pm Sunday**. (Early access is not allowed.) Your space includes a six-foot table, access to electrical, and some shared cutting/ironing spaces.

- Access to the special block room rate, **available only through the retreat coordinator**. (About \$125 for two nights in a shared room). If you have a single room or stay more than two nights, you will get the equivalent block rate.
- A complimentary breakfast for every night you stay at the hotel.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Come join the fun—everyone is welcome! We'll be hosting monthly activities at our in-person meetings. You can find details at the links below, or on the NSQG website under **Member Activities**. I'll also be helping to connect members who share an interest in working on similar quilt projects or exploring new techniques.

If you'd like to start or join a group, just let me know! Karen Snell at activities@nsqg.club

- October 2025 Member Activity: [Handmade Bookmark and Book Exchange](#)
- March 2026 Member Activity: [Quilter's Soup Challenge](#)

Groups currently forming:

- **Tula Pink's City Sampler Club** – Interested in making this quilt? Contact Ann Kelly at annk220@att.net
- **English Paper Piecing Club** – Whether you're already working on an EPP project or want to learn how to get started, contact Karen Snell at activities@nsqg.club.



Since July 1st, 2025, we donated over 30 quilts to Rainbow Hospice, 2 quilts to Heartland Hospice, and 21 quilts to Project Linus (kids quilts). These numbers are counting only 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, Charity Coordinator**

GUILD HISTORIAN

A HUGE thank you to our members who recently donated membership booklets to the Guild Archives. We were able to fill many missing spots with those donations.

As the Guild approaches its 50th anniversary in 2029, we will be looking for other missing items to complete our history. **Currently we are missing**

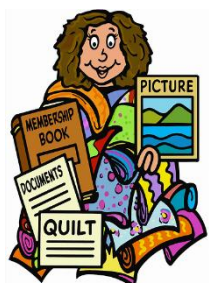
Membership books for the following years:
1987-88, 1990-91, 1992-93, 1996-97

All books from the years: 1998-2007 and 2008-2009

If you happen to find one of these missing membership books in your stash and are willing to donate it, please bring it to the next quilt meeting or let me know and I will come and pick them up.

HELP WANTED: And if you have any old Board minutes, newsletters, quilt show items (information and photos) or any printed materials from the guild, I will happily take them. I am also looking for information on members who have passed to start a legacy project for the guild. If you have any obituary information, please direct it to guildhistorian@nsqg.club.

Thank you!
--Annette Wegener,
Guild Historian



FROM & ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

I missed the chance to introduce one of our fabulous new board members in the last newsletter--blame it on a deadline that crept up faster than a quilter spotting a fat quarter sale! But no worries--they're getting their well-deserved spotlight right here in this issue.

Introducing our new Contracts lead!

Hi all,

My name is Jackie Barry and I am the new VP, Contracts for our Guild. In this role I will be working on the Guild's 2026/2027 programs - lectures, workshops, etc. I am excited to continue the great work of Cathy and Linda in bringing new ideas and talent to our meetings and workshops. I made my first quilt when I was pregnant with my daughter (who is now 36!) and gave it up for many years as I was unhappy with the results. But about 12 years ago I found a reason to make another one, took a few classes and I was hooked. In addition to making quilts for myself (oh so many) I have made quilts for family members and friends as well as quilts for a charity group I have belonged to for about a decade. I also teach beginning quilting, one-seam binding and foundation paper piecing classes at a local quilt shop. I also enjoy other fiber art. Looking forward to hearing your ideas for speakers/workshops.

--Jackie

Tips and Tricks and Treats...oh my!

Pam would like to share this do-it-yourself pressing solution she uses. It's like a homemade Mary Ellen's Best Press. Recipe compliments of [Quilters Candy Blog](#)

To make Quilter's Moonshine, or DIY Fabric Starch, you will need:

- 1 Gallon of Distilled Water
- ½ Cup liquid starch (like Sta-Flo)
- 1 Cup Vodka (The cheaper the better)
- Optional: A couple drops of your favorite essential oil, try orange with peppermint!
- Mix to combine and add to spray bottle.

Addie Davis Crazy Quilt Collection, submitted by Maureen "Moe" Baly

My friend Addie Davis passed away in 2017, she was 89. She was a Crazy Quilter. Her group of quilts were amazing.... In my head I count 8 or 9 crazy quilts. Loaded with embroidery stitches. Very popular in the late 1800's, however, there have been a few fiber artists making them in the late 1900's too, and Addie was one of those artists.

I had talked to Addie about donating her quilts to a museum, but she wouldn't hear of it. She felt they would put them away, never to be seen again. She gave her beautiful quilts to nieces, nephews, and friends at the beginning of her illness in 2017.

I'd see photos of Addie's Crazy quilts in my phone and computer, always thinking I'll never see them in person again. I was lucky to have seen them on display several times and at Addie's condo.

August of 2024, Addie's niece Susie texted me to ask if I would take one of the quilts that Addie had given to her friend Lynda who has since passed away. Susie had the quilt! I wondered what became of that quilt after Lynda passed away.

Of course, I said yes! I told Susie I would cherish it, take good care of it, and show it to anyone who would look and listen! This quilt was Addie's first Crazy Quilt, called the Toy Soldier Quilt, 1982.

The next day, Susie texted me to ask if I'd take another of Addie's Crazy quilts. Again, I said YES!

I lay awake at night, unsure which other quilt I'd receive. I knew all of Addie's quilts by heart, there were certain quilts that I cherished because of the stories that went with them. Two of the quilts were in a book, "Crazy Quilts" by Penny McMorris.

Two GIANT Heavy Boxes arrived at my house in August of 2024. Inside were FOUR Crazy Quilts!!!

I consider all four of these quilts the core of the Addie Davis Collection of Crazy quilts.

- *Toy Soldier Quilt - in the book "Crazy Quilts" by Penny McMorris
- *Don Davis Memory Quilt (the one I loved the most, dedicated in memory of her husband who was a big band leader)
- *The Memory Quilt - Addie added a lot of memories of her own from where she had lived – The Memory Quilt is in the book "Crazy Quilts" by Penny McMorris

*The Doll Bed Quilt - it's about 24" square - loaded with stitches and applique - it's one that I coveted - she kept it on a little bed in her bedroom

Since receiving these Crazy quilts, I have shown them several times. They hung at the NSQG quilt show in May of 2025. The Toy Soldier Quilt won 2nd place Viewer's Choice. I plan to continue to show Addie's quilts and talk about them to anyone who will listen.

Addie had said, "What started out as a hobby to fight boredom became a compulsion...to create and leave something beautiful when I depart this life as evidence that I have passed this way...I love the Crazy Quilts so very much."

--Maureen Baly



The Addie Davis Doll Quilt



The Memory Quilt... Addie made this of her own memories of things in her life. It is in a book called "Crazy Quilts" by Penny McMorris.

Notice the quilt is in the book being held up while Addie is talking about the quilt.



The Don Davis Memory Quilt... Addie made this in memory of her late husband. Addie is describing her stitches and applique.



Above is the Toy Soldier Quilt, Moe and Addie standing with the quilt in 2011. This quilt won 2nd Place Viewer's Choice at the NSQG show, May 2025. This quilt is in the book Crazy Quilts by Penny McMorris.



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.

*****Services / Help Wanted*****

Hello Creative Souls,

I have a friend who would like to have a quilt made with some shirts from a relative who has recently passed. She is reluctant to send them anywhere to have it done. Would you make an announcement at the meeting tonight to see if someone would make a throw-size quilt for her. The pattern she chose is applique and I don't do appliqué. She will pay to have the quilt made. She picked this picture I believe from Etsy or Pinterest. Her name is Carol Arnt, phone number 847-989-2715. --**La Vonne Conrad**



Help with a longarm

I'm looking for someone to help me learn how to use a Millie. If you can help me out, please call. --**Nancy Liston** (contact info in membership directory)

*****Available Items*****

Sewing Machine Sale

I have an Elna eXcellence 760 sewing machine which was purchased new from Sew'n'Save in Racine, WI several years ago. The machine is in very good condition only occasionally used; has original semi-hard fabric cover, Travel case, Sew Steady acrylic table and acrylic cabinet insert.

Jim from Sew'n'Save said he would sell this machine used for \$1995.00 if he had one at the store. I am asking \$1095.00.

--**La Vonne Conrad - Palatine, IL**
(contact info in membership Directory)

SHOWS & SHOPS`

This list is by no means all inclusive. If you would like to share details on shows or new shops please email me at newsletter@nsqg.club.

Date(s)	Event Name	Host/Organizer	Location	Highlights
Oct 17 - 18	Harvest of Quilts Quilt Show	Northshore Quilters Guild	Ozaukee Co. Fairground, Cedarburg, WI	A large show featuring over 100 quilts, a bake sale, raffle quilt, challenge quilts, and vendors.
Oct 24	Quilts From The Village XIX Quilt Show	N/A	Grayslake, IL	A local quilt show, details suggest this is an annual/biannual event in the area.
Nov 7 - 9	The Fine Art of Fiber	Illinois Quilters Inc., North Suburban NeedleArts Guild, and Weavers Guild of the North Shore	Chicago Botanic Garden, Glencoe, IL	This is one of the oldest and most prestigious needle art shows in the Midwest, featuring a combined show and sale of quilting, weaving, and other fiber arts.

New shop in the area - Early Bird Quilt Shop

- **Address:** 408 Peterson Rd, Libertyville, IL 60048
- **Hours (Subject to Change):**
 - Monday & Tuesday: Closed
 - Wednesday: 12:00 PM–6:00 PM
 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday: 10:00 AM–4:00 PM
 - Sunday: 10:00 AM–3:00 PM
- **Website:** [Early Bird Quilt Shop](#)



Got Quilt Tales, Tips, or Tasty Treats? I'm always on the lookout for stories that make this newsletter sparkle—so don't be shy! Send me your quilting adventures, proud finishes, upcoming shows, clever tips, or even your go-to holiday recipe (because let's be honest, quilting and snacking go hand in hand). Bonus points for photos—especially if they include fabric, friends, or frosting.

Help me stitch together the next issue with your brilliance: **–Paige at newsletter@nsqg.club**

