

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 nsqg.club FOR UPDATES.

Thursday April 16	Guild Meeting	Lecture – Scott Flanagan of 4th and Main Designs <i>Positively Pre-cuts</i>
Friday April 17		Workshop – Scott Flanagan - Falling Stars Location – Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg
Saturday April 18		Workshop – Scott Flanagan - Aurora Sky Location – Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg
Thursday May 21	Guild Meeting	Lecture – Catherine Redford <i>Lessons learned while quilting</i>
Friday May 22		Workshop – Catherine Redford - Walking foot quilting – Beyond the ditch Location – Hilton Garden Inn Schaumburg
Thursday June 18	Guild Meeting	Lecture – Pat Bishop <i>Creative? Me? Yes you are!</i>
Friday June 19		Workshop – Pat Bishop – Easy Collage Location – Covenant Church of Schaumburg
Saturday June 20		Workshop – Pat Bishop – Mono printing on fabric Location – Covenant Church of Schaumburg

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.



IMPORTANT GUILD BUSINESS Our bylaws require us to announce the candidates for board positions in the April Newsletter. Voting takes place in May. All elected board members serve a one year term. The NSQG Nominating Committee consisting of Debbie Yates, Ann Kelly, Susan Leverenz, Diana Seymour, and Karen Venson submit the following slate for the **2026-2027 Executive Board**:

President: Pam Jackson
First Vice-President, Programs: Jackie Barry
Second Vice-President, Membership: Katy McGuiness
Treasurer: Feryall Rahman
Recording Secretary: Donna Fried
Corresponding Secretary, Newsletter: Christine Fuller
Contracts Chairperson: Ann Kelly

At the May guild meeting, also known as the annual meeting, we will have elections.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



🌷 **Springing into Action!** As the days grow longer and the tulips stretch toward the sun, our guild is blooming with excitement—and purpose! The countdown to our 2027 Quilt Show has officially begun, and now's the time to start stitching your show entries!

Our committees are already hard at work organizing the event (stay tuned for opportunities to participate) but the true stars of the show will be the quilts you create. Whether you're dreaming up a bold new design or finally diving into that "someday" project, let this season be your launchpad. We love to see every member share at least one quilt—beginners included. If you're looking for a fun way to jump in, Debbie Yates' **Temperature Quilt Challenge** is a great place to start. You can learn more on our website through the **Join the 2027 Guild Challenge!** link.

We'll also begin sharing entry categories and show details soon so you'll know exactly how to participate. Whether it's your first entry or your fifteenth, we want you to feel ready and inspired to be part of our 2027 show.

Need a creative spark? We've got you covered. Our spring speaker series and workshops—running through June—are packed with inspiration, techniques, and fresh perspectives to fuel your quilting journey. Plus, several upcoming quilt shows and events offer even more chances to recharge your creative batteries.

And don't forget—our Nominating Committee will be presenting the proposed 2026–2027 Executive Board slate at our May guild meeting. It's a wonderful time to celebrate leadership and consider how you might contribute in the year ahead.

🎉 **Raffle Quilt Reveal!** Our 2027 Raffle Quilt is almost complete and will be unveiled at the May meeting. We can't wait for you to see it—it's a beauty!

Let's keep the momentum going and stitch our way toward a spectacular 2027!

Happy quilting, ~ Pam

PROGRAMS COMING THIS QUARTER

April 16, 2026 - Lecture

Scott Flanagan of 4th & Main Design

Positively Pre-cuts



In this lecture Scott will 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.

May 21, 2026 – Lecture

Catherine Redford

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

April 17, 2026 - Workshop



Falling Stars

\$35.00 / \$55.00

Pattern \$10.00

Location: Hilton Garden Inn
Schaumburg

Create two simple blocks from two Jelly Rolls and some background to make this striking quilt. Master flip-n-sew corners and simple variation on the log cabin

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.

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.



PROGRAMS - Continued

June 18, 2026 – Lecture

Pat Bishop

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 –
Covenant Church
of Schaumburg

Choice of 2 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 –
Covenant Church
of Schaumburg

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.

🕒 Programs: A Sneak Peek at 2026–2027 – Jackie Barry

We're excited to share that our 2026–2027 programming is coming together beautifully—and our theme will be **COLOR**. Every lecture and workshop this year is designed to deepen your understanding of color and spark fresh creativity in your quilting.

Here's an early look at our first two months:

August 20, 2026 – Alice Ridge Alice kicks off the year with *"Going in Circles – Don't Fear the Curves,"* followed by a half-day workshop on curved piecing. Her playful approach to color and design always makes for an inspiring session.

September 17, 2026 – Taylor Krz of Toad & Sew Taylor joins us for a trunk show exploring how she transforms a spark of inspiration into her bold, modern patterns.

Her **Friday workshop, *ColorCraft: Discovering Inspiration and Crafting Your Palette***, guides you through finding inspiration, building color palettes, exploring value and contrast, and testing ideas with online tools like Quiltlink.com and Quilty Solid before cutting into fabric. In the afternoon, you'll bring your palette to life with a small project using a provided pattern.

On **Saturday**, Taylor returns with *"Thinking Outside the Block: A Designer's Guide,"* a half-day workshop focused on elevating your quilt designs using digital tools like Adobe Illustrator or Figma. You'll explore composition, scale, secondary patterns, and create your own block design.

**A laptop or tablet is required for both workshops.*

More details will be posted on our website as they become available, and registration will open soon.

RETREATS & EVENTS



Spring Retreat June 26-28th, 2026

At the Hilton Garden Inn - Schaumburg

Please note: We previously published this retreat for July 10-12th – we had to reschedule, please update your calendars!

Registration for this retreat was also bumped up to **April 25th** (previously May 10th). Please update your calendars accordingly!



The Fall Retreat is scheduled for November 13-15th, 2026.

For further information right click link below:

[Retreats 2026 – Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild](#)

Or email retreats@nsqg.club.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES



Come join the fun—everyone is welcome! We'll be hosting monthly activities at our in-person meetings. You can find details 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

Current Group:

- **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.

GUILD HISTORIAN

Thank you to the following guild members who graciously donated or loaned items to "fill in the gaps" of missing items in the Guild's Archives: Marcia Bowen, Debbie Yates, Ann Kelly, Feryall Rahman, Maria Aseron, Karen Snell, Cathy Steiner & Valerie Kuester. Thank you!!

The Guild now has 5 storage tubs of various documents and information: Past President files; Membership; Slides, Media and Photos; Quilt Shows; and Patchwork Newsletters. With acquisition of the latest items, we have really filled in the gaps on "missing" membership books! However, there are three left to be found. Might you have one of these in your filing cabinet?

Missing Guild Membership Books:

- 1984-1985, 1987-1988, 1990-1991

We are still looking for Guild Quilt Show materials, books, anything from the following shows: 1993, 1995, and 2023.

Projects include:

- Continued organization of the main 5 tubs of information (filing, purging, organizing).
- Master Spreadsheet of information including Guild leadership, membership and legacy lists.
- A Guild's list of "firsts" - a list of historical tidbits of interest.
- List of Guild used facilities for meetings and events.
- Master list of Teachers/Presenters at Guild meetings, by year.
- Search for previous bylaws updates and revisions.
- Update and repair of the two original Guild scrapbooks from late 1970's - 1980's.

Thank you again for your support of our Guild and its Archives! As you clean out your spaces, we will gladly take any Guild materials from you!

I can take scanned items as well. My email address is Guildhistorian@nsqg.club.

Happy organizing and let me know if I can help.

--Annette Wegener, Guild Historian





This winter I decided was the perfect time to use the various orphaned blocks and UFOs that had been donated to NSQG to make charity quilts. In some cases, there were enough of the same kind of blocks to make multiple quilts, in others the quilt top was a sort of sampler with blocks from many different people. When I look at each block and decide what others to pair it with, I tend to think about the person that made it. What were they planning to make? How did they choose the fabrics? Some blocks are older and hand cut and/or pieced. A few need some stabilization on the back to ensure they stay together. Regardless, all are wonderful and deserve to be used and loved as part of a quilt! Working on these projects got me to thinking about the various guild members over the years since I joined that have since died. Some I've known well, others I've only known in passing.



I heard recently that a long-term member of NSQG, **Ingeborg Swanson**, died after a long illness. She was a tremendous inspiration to me! When I first started working on charity projects, she would make hospice sized quilt tops and bring them as kits to be quilted with batting, backing and binding and drop them off at my table for others to do. Every month she would bring both finished quilts and the kits she had put together. She would make many different types of patterns including using panels or fussy cutting fabric to fit into the center of a block.

Inge always had a positive and friendly attitude. She enjoyed helping others including sharing her quilting knowledge, whether it was tips on how to accurately cut fabric or help in deciphering a pattern. At one meeting I asked her about making walker bags. She mailed me both a commercial pattern that she had used - with her notes for improvement on it - as well as her own handwritten pattern.

Like many of our members, Inge had an extensive fabric collection and truly enjoyed using it to make quilts both for her family as well as for charity. She especially enjoyed finding just the right piece of fabric to fit into a pattern. For example, there was a paper-pieced pattern of summer at a lake that had lots of little pieces, and you can tell by looking at the quilt how hard she worked picking out pieces to perfectly represent the water, the boat, a cabin, trees, etc.

Inge made countless quilts and other items for charity as part of the guild, as part of her quilting bee and as well as on her own. For those of us that knew her she will be greatly missed.

--Deb Szott, Charity Coordinator



FROM & ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

We reached out to our newest members—from July 2024 to the present—with a few fun questions to help us all get to know them better. As our guild continues to grow, we hope their answers spark new connections, conversations, and maybe even a quilting friendship or two. If you see a familiar name (or an unfamiliar one!), be sure to say hello and make them feel right at home.

- 1) *What inspired you to join the NSQG?***
- 2) *How has being part of the guild impacted your quilting journey?***
- 3) *Have you volunteered or would like to volunteer for a board or committee position?***



Burch S.

- My wife (Diana Seymour) has been a member for a while. I've been making simple quilts for several years with our church's prayer quilt ministry. When I heard about the Quilter's Soup Mix challenge it intrigued me so much that I had to join NSQG so I could participate.
- I'm still new here and haven't done a lot with the guild. At this point the main impact on me has been learning to make a Dresden Plate, which I used in my Soup Mix project. (It wasn't as tricky as I feared it would be!)

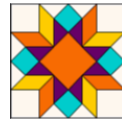


Christine F.

- Thru my neighbor who has been a friend of Maria A., told me about "some ladies that occasionally sew at the hotel in Schaumburg". I gave Maria a call and she gave me info about zoom guild meeting in January 2025. During the zoom meeting it was announced that there was an opening for upcoming retreat! I spent 3 fabulous days at the retreat with lovely ladies that "sew at the hotel in Schaumburg"!
- Being new to the world of sewing is a learning curve for me, but all the welcoming, friendly and talented women within the guild is truly inspiring. From the guild meetings, retreats and quilting bee I have learned so much from kind and skilled quilters. I now own 3 machines and have tons of fabric -the fun is so contagious! I'm always excited

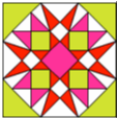
to get together to learn new skills and share in the creativity.

- Happy to try my hand at corresponding secretary for the upcoming year! Thank you for the opportunity.



Gwyn F.

- I got inspired to join NSQG after starting on my first quilt. I have sewn since I was 8 or 9, but always made plush and clothes, but I saw an ad for a Winnie the Pooh quilt and thought "I can make that", so I signed up for the quilt-a-long. I immediately fell in love with piecing the quilt and looked for a guild to join because despite living in the Chicagoland area for 13 years, I have very few friends out here and thought this would be a great way to meet new people.
- Being a part of NSQG has helped me on my quilting journey because I have people I can ask all of my questions about quilting and piecing and know I'm not being judged. The other members have helped my confidence in my skills to grow. Despite having only finished a single quilt, I'm not scared to make challenging quilts.
- I'm helping with programs next year and I think I just got roped into helping with the quilt show committee as well.



Julie K.

- My quilting teacher, Mary Kuhn, has inspired me to learn and to continue quilting. I have been a "craft" sewer, sewing items to sell. I am now creating 1 of a kind quilts and items for my family and friends. I do a few shows a year, just to support my fabric buying addiction!
- Meeting like-minded people, who are talented artists! I love to see all the creativity in the room when show & tell comes up.
- At this time, my "day job" checks all of my boxes for volunteering. Maybe sometime in the future.



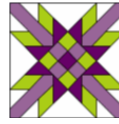
Linda W.

- When I restarted my sewing journey, a couple of years ago, someone along the way mentioned NSQG. I found the website and attended the July 2024 potluck dinner.
- I have really appreciated and enjoyed learning new skills from the expert guest speakers and attending some of the guild classes.
- I'm a current volunteer on the Raffle Quilt committee. I enjoy committee work and being an energetic and organized worker bee!!



Valerie E.

- The inspiration to join NSQG was a combination of the NSQG websites description of educational opportunities and my desire to be part of a Quilting Community.
- To date being part of the guild has been an experience filled with positive interactions, encouragement, and opportunities to expand my quilting journey with the Tula Pink 100 blocks group.
- Volunteering for a board position could be a three to five year goal. Volunteering for a committee position is highly likely.



Patti W.

- During the COVID period I started sewing/ quilting mostly craft items for my grandchildren and simple table items with a friend of mine. She found out about the NSQG club and asked me to join with her. Joining presented a way to build skills and confidence.
- Being a member has broadened my horizons regarding quilting projects, techniques and ideas. I enjoy the presenters along with show-and-tell quilted items.
- I volunteered during the Quilt Show of 2025 which I found to be enjoyable and enlightening. I am still working full time, which keeps me busy with limited free time.

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.

For Sale

ACCUQUILT GO! BIG DYES

- Each \$45
- Wedding ring 12" finished block
- Snail's trail finished 12" block
- Circles 4", 6", 7", 8"
- Call Nancy Haney (info in Membership Directory)

RECIPE

Need a last minute appetizer?

Here is a tasty option...

🍷 Cucumber Dill Cream Cheese Bites

Cool • Fresh • Crowd-pleasing

Slice cucumbers and top with herbed cream cheese.

Finish with fresh dill and cracked pepper.

Optional: Add a sprinkle of lemon zest or serve on crackers.

SHOWS & EVENTS

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.

When	Event Name	Location	Highlights / Link
April 23-25 Thursday 5-8p Friday & Saturday 9-7p	Kalona Quilt Show & Sale www.woodinwheel.com	511 C. Avenue, Kalona, IA Kalona YMCA Community Ctr	200 New & Antique Hand-quilted Quilts on display and for sale. 2 great fabric shops, The Kalona Quilt and Textile Museums downtown.
May 1-3, 2026 (4/30 classes begin)	Fiber+Fabric Craft Festival Wendy requested a free day ticket code for NSQG – there are 25 available	Stephens Convention & Conference Center in Rosemont, IL	https://koelnmesse.swoogo.com/FFCF26/register?code=FFCF-nsqg The discount code FFCF-nsqg is pulled in automatically.
March 16th - May 1st	Modern Quilt Studio Exhibition & reception 4/12 1-3pm includes an Artist Talk at 2pm with Weeks and Bill.	Ferguson Art Gallery in Kretzmann Hall Concordia University Chicago 7400 Augusta Street, River Forest, IL 60305	https://www.cuchicago.edu/events/
Saturday, April 11th 10am-3pm	Faithful Circle Quilters A Pop-Up Shop 25 Member-Vendors	Faith United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 432 59th Street, Downers Grove, IL 60516	https://www.fcquilters.com/about
Saturday, May 2nd 10am – 5pm	Quilt Connection Chicago Quilt Connection Quilt Show	Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church 5106 N LaCrosse Ave, Chicago Free parking / Easy access from I-90/I-94	https://quiltconnection.org/quilt-show
Saturday May 2, 9 -5p Sunday May 3, 10-4p	Sinnissippi Quilters Guild Parade of Quilts -Quilt Show	ISC Sport Center 8800 East Riverside Boulevard Loves Park, IL, 61111	https://www.facebook.com/people/Sinnissippi-Quilters-Inc/100064505207301/
May 6th, 7p -Speaker May 7th, 9-4p Workshop	Northern Lake County Quilters Guild Speaker – Cathe Holden (designs fabric for Moda)	Dolly Spiering Community Center 817 Holbek, Antioch IL	https://www.nlcqg.org/events-2/events-list/
Friday, October 16th 9 – 5p Saturday, October 17th 9 – 4p	Prairie Star Quilt Guild 2026 Quilt Show	DuPage Event Center & Fairgrounds 2015 Manchester Road Wheaton, IL 60187	https://psqg.org/2026-quilt-show/
Friday, October 23 10 – 5p Saturday, October 24 10 – 4p	DeKalb County Quilters' Guild Harvest of Quilts 2026	Federated Church 612 W. State Street Sycamore, IL 60178	https://www.dcqg.org/quilt-show-2026.html

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

