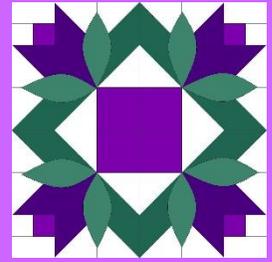




QUILT North

A community of quilters in Southern Saratoga County, NY



SNOW POLICY – If Shen is closed, our meeting is off.

February 2015

A lucky someone will receive this beautiful charity quilt.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome quilters. At every opportunity, I've asked for volunteers to help with important guild positions that have become vacant. As Regis Philbin says, "I'm only one [wo]man. WE need help & I'm perplexed by the lack of response. Please stop at the table I'll be at in the Fellowship Hall & talk to me about volunteering opportunities & what we could do to get more of you involved. Please consider sharing one of these jobs with friends. We need folks to help plan the 2015-2016 guild year & with the newsletter & web site. Believe me, you'll actually ENJOY being more involved. Contact me if you can help: <mailto:annpastore@gmail.com>. Thank you!

MARCH 2015

Nancy Prince

Guild meeting

Monday, Mar. 2, 2015
Shenendehowa UMC
Doors open at 6:45

We are thrilled to have Nancy Prince, the winner of Best in Show at the 2014 AQS Houston show, as our March speaker and workshop teacher.

Read about her workshops on page 2.

Her specialty is thread painting, about which she writes about on her web site

www.nancyprince.com:

"So what is thread painting all about? Thread painting, or free-motion machine embroidery, is a unique way of embellishing your quilts by "painting" the images on your quilt top, clothing or anywhere your imagination takes you. The quilt top is your canvas and the thread is your paint."

Visit [her web site](http://www.nancyprince.com) to see her gorgeous winning quilt, along with a lot of other information.

FEBRUARY 2015

"The Right Tool For the Job"

Karen Pratt and Kate Mitchell
Of Berkshire Quilts

Monday, Feb. 2, 2015
Shenendehowa UMC
Doors open at 6:45

Karen and Kate will share a collection of tools, gadgets and notions that they love. Sample quilts made using these tools, along with tips for better results will be shared.

Berkshire Quilts is the collaborative effort of two experienced quilters, designers, and teachers, who work individually and as a team.

Karen and Kate each has a line of patterns, *QuiltLily Designs* and *Kate Mitchell Quilts*, respectively. They work hard to bring you patterns that will inspire your stitching time.

Visit Berkshire Quilts' web site at <http://www.berkshirequilts.com> for lots of inspiration, to read more about their retreats, see their beautiful patterns, and snag some delicious sounding recipes!

We hope to have Karen and Kate come back later in the year and teach

Travel news

All money for the Lancaster trip is due at the meeting February 2, 2015. Please encourage a friend to join us!! We have had 6 cancellations in the last 2 weeks and we are on shaky ground!! Anyone is welcome to join us!!!!

March workshops with Nancy Prince

Locations to be announced

Saturday 2/28/15, 9 a.m. - noon

Autumn's Glory - basic techniques workshop - You will learn the design parameters required for a distortion-free design and how and when to use the zigzag and straight stitch. Just by changing the direction of the hoop you will completely change the look of the stitch. The designs chosen for this workshop are easy and simple and will prepare you for your own designs later on.

Class fee \$45 payable to Quilt North + \$13 supply fee payable to Nancy Prince

Saturday 2/28/15, 1 - 4 p.m.

Flowers of the Night - technique and project workshop - Thread sketching is a fun and easy technique to learn. It is especially easy when you let the background fabric provide some of the work for you. In this class you will learn the importance of selecting the right thread color as well as the importance of using different weights of thread in the same design to give more realism to your project. A great way to start your thread sketching adventure!

Class fee \$45 payable to Quilt North + \$10 supply fee payable to Nancy Prince

Sunday 3/1/15, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Thread Painting and Thread Sketching Combined - technique workshop - This workshop will introduce you to both thread painting and thread sketching. A pre-printed design easily guides you through each step to assure your success right from the start. You will be amazed how a straight and zigzag stitch creates magic right before your eyes. All aspects of each design are demoed via camera and projector so it is almost like having a private lesson with Nancy. So come see how easy the process is and how much fun creating designs in thread can be!

Class fee \$75 payable to Quilt North + \$15 supply fee payable to Nancy Prince

Questions? Contact Vice-presidents Suzette DuPont - 843-0697 or Jennie Kerwood - 774-0504.

To reserve your space, please send an email to Vice-President Suzette DuPont at suzettequiltnorth@gmail.com. Let her know which class(es) you want to take. Then, mail your check(s) made payable to Quilt North to her at the following address. Please send separate checks for each class in which you enroll.

Suzette DuPont
1231 County Highway 126
Unit A1
Amsterdam NY 12010

You will pay Nancy her supply fees during class (cash or check). Supply lists will be provided after signup. You can also get them, and see each an image of each workshop's project, on Nancy's website: http://www.nancyprince.com/Workshops_Lectures.html.

SNOW POLICY

If Shenendehowa Schools are closed due to weather, our meeting is canceled. An email will also be sent. If this happens, please check with our QN friends and make sure they know too.

Challenges

It's not too late to start a Challenge quilt. The Guild Challenge is to make a quilt using a precut and the President's challenge is to make a quilt using solids. Read more on the web site.

QN CALENDAR

April

Jessica VanDenburgh

April 6, 2015 – Guild meeting
“Trunk Show”
Workshop to be announced

May

Sharon Schamber

Saturday, May 2 – Workshop
“Fresno Spring Bloom”
Raw Edge Applique

Sunday, May 3 – Workshop
“Antique Wrapped Rose”
Machine Applique

Monday, May 4 - Guild meeting
“Designing for the Quilting Process”

Tuesday, May 5 – Workshop
To be announced

June

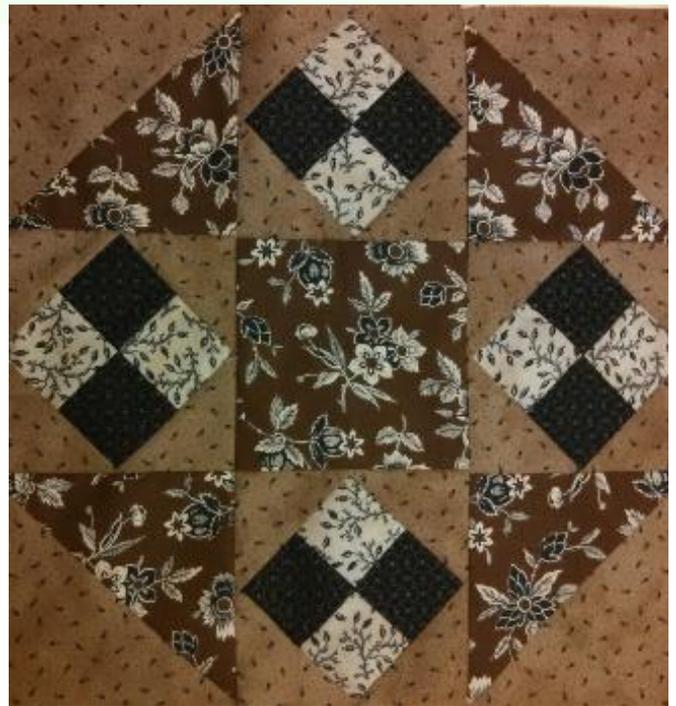
Merry May

Sunday, May 31, Workshop, Mystery Quilt

June 1, Guild meeting “Quivial Pursuit”
Last meeting of the year – Challenges due

Charity news

Hello quilters! First order of business is to thank all 26 "brave souls" who came to the charity workshop in January! A lot was accomplished and I've been able to donate numerous quilts to the community. Seven twin sized quilts were donated to domestic violence in Saratoga, lap quilts were donated to Pathways, a head injury rehab facility. Please remember that when you are in your warm homes there are people out there less fortunate and in need of a hug from a warm quilt that was made with love. Quilt kits will be available at the meeting.



THANK YOU from the Volunteer Director for Pathways

Dear Dayle, I am very sorry I was not paged when you dropped off the quilts. . .I would've loved to have met you and thanked you in person for your group's generosity. I am affectionately known as grama donna, a name given to me because I love our residents, both young and old, and do whatever I can to make them smile. These quilts will certainly brighten their day. I am a volunteer myself and appreciate so much what you do for them.

Please send out our gratitude for thinking of our residents.

February Block of the Month

Beautiful browns are featured in this month's block of the month – the Richmond Block (also called the Butterfly Block). Buy a block kit, make it during the month, and bring it back in March.

You'll have a chance to win enough blocks to make a project and get to learn how to assemble a block.