

Loose Ends & Gathered Threads

Newsletter of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild
May 2016

The ability to simplify means to eliminate the unnecessary so that the necessary may speak.
Hans Hofmann

Val's Musings

"A sense of humor is part of the art of leadership, of getting along with people, of getting things done."
Dwight D. Eisenhower

I put my monthly quote at the beginning this month as part of my last missive to all of you. I took inspiration from this and felt it might just be appropriate.

I reflect back on these last two years of holding the position of president with gratitude and joy. Its been like a symphony to me. This guild works like an orchestra playing a wonderful piece of music. Each section has a part to play to make the music. The boards that I've had the pleasure to work with these past 2 years have played their music beautifully. While each section of the orchestra is important, the whole is what makes the music....we've had good music!

I feel that with all the help I've received, we've accomplished some good changes for the guild. By-laws have been revised, technology has improved (hopefully with more to come), increased membership, fiscal integrity, great programs, unprecedented service projects, and much more.

I have worked with and gotten to know so many of you on another level, both new and longstanding members. When I've fumbled, you picked up the ball and made the touchdown in spite of me.

So, I take the wisdom from this quote. Trying to get things done, working with great people, and laughing at myself sometimes, made me enjoy this position and receive more from it than you will ever realize. Thank you for the opportunity.

Valerie

CALENDAR

Tues. May 3, 9 - 9:30 am Socializing, sign up for workshops. At Gloria Dei, Cherry and Pfingsten in Northbrook

9:30 am Lecture: Carol Ann Waugh How did I get here from There?

After the meeting: Annual Potluck (see p. 8)

Wed. May 4- Carol Ann Waugh workshop Stupendous Stitching, at Gloria Dei

Thurs. May 5 - Carol Ann Waugh workshop Self Portrait

Tues. May 10, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's, see p. 6

Tues. May 17, 10:00 Board meeting at Gloria Dei

Tues. May 24, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's, see p. 6

Tues. July 12, Summer Picnic, see p. 7

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Carol Ann Waugh May 3-5

Carol Ann Waugh's fiber art has been juried and invited into more than 50 national and international exhibitions during the past 5 years. She is the author of five books on quilt-making and fiber art. Her newest one, *Stupendous Stitching*, was published in the Spring of 2012 and is now in its third printing.

Her art has been featured in many books and magazines. She has appeared as the featured artist on The Quilt Show, PBS's Quilting Arts, and other television specials. She teaches classes online at craftsy.com, extending her student population to more than 35,000 students from around the world

Lecture: How Did I Get Here From There? From a career in business consulting to full time studio fiber artist, Carol Ann's lecture will be will about her 7 year journey sharing some lessons learned about moving from a left brain to right brain life. Besides showing the progression of her work from traditional to art quilts, Carol will also talk about being a professional artist and give you ideas about applying specific marketing and business tools that can help you achieve your own short and long term artistic goals.

Workshop Description - Wednesday: In *Stupendous Stitching*, you will make a piece of wall art. You will be combining couching, hand embroidery and decorative machine stitching to help you create fabulous textures and colors on batik cotton fabric. This is the class you need to explore and use all those hundreds of "decorative stitches" included in your sewing machine. You will also learn a new way to finish the edges of your piece with rattail cord and learn the secrets of mounting your art so it will hang on your wall beautifully. You will leave this class with a finished masterpiece.

Workshop Description - Thursday: The self portrait workshop will teach you how to create a self-portrait in fabric. You will learn how to create a face and transfer that drawing to a pattern. Select appropriate fabrics and construct a portrait that can be taken home for final finishing. No particular skills are required other than the ability to let loose your imagination and have fun. By the end of the day, you will have broken out of your barriers and will approach future compositions with a new found confidence and freedom to play, create, and be as original as you are — in your artwork and in life!

Workshop Registration

May 2016 Workshops

Carol Ann Waugh will be teaching two one day workshops for us on May 4 and 5. May 4. *Stupendous Stitching*, is full. May 5, *Self Portraits*, still has spaces available; please contact me if you are interested.

Registration for 2016-17

Registration opens at our May 3 meeting. If you will be at the meeting, please hand me your registration form and check. Be prepared to be patient while I make sure the form is complete.

I will accept registrations by mail which are post-marked on or after May 3.

I will email your confirmation of registration after I have a chance to process them all, which may take a few days.

If you already have a registration form, there is a mistake on the pricing for the Ann Loveless full day workshops – the total price is \$44 for each workshop, not \$42. There is no change to the deposit amount, you will simply be billed the additional \$2 next fall.

New this year – please note on the registration form whether you wish to receive your supply lists via email or in hard copy.

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Constitution and by-laws

The revised Constitution and by-laws will be voted upon at the May meeting. You can read or download this at:

<https://dl.dropboxusercontent.com/u/8165650/ConstitutionBy-Laws2-1-16.pdf>

2016-2017 Speakers and Workshops

September 6, 7, 8, 2016

Rosi Robinson

Website: <http://rosirobinson.com/>

Rosi Robinson is an English batik artist who lectures and teaches throughout the world. Her batik pictures are principally figurative and look like water color paintings. Working mainly on cotton, and occasionally paper, she applies washes of dyes, working from light to dark, capturing the detail under wax at each stage.

Lecture: Traditional and Contemporary Batik Fabrics: Rosi's lecture will present traditional and contemporary batik fabrics from around the world, a variety of work from modern batik artists, and a selection of her own work.

Workshop: Introducing a Painterly Approach to Batik (2-1/2 days)

The workshop will provide a variety of traditional and contemporary waxing techniques on cotton fabric and paper using hot liquid wax and fiber-reactive dyes.

Fee \$127

October 18, 19, 20, 2016

Laurie Swim

Website: <http://www.laurieswim.com/>

Laurie Swim is an award winning Canadian textile artist whose work expresses the beauty of the world around us, while also commenting on our society and culture. She crafts individual elements, assembles them, builds layers, and uses meticulous stitch work (machine or hand) to shade and punctuate each piece.

Lecture: The Joy of Quilting—A Retrospective

Laurie shares the story behind her work, including her community led memorial art quilts.

Workshop: Exploring the Textural Landscape, 2-1/2 days.

This workshop will include several innovative methods of applique and different effects for creating landscapes. You will develop samples for future reference and create a small landscape quilt.

Fee \$123

November 15, 16, 17

John Mullarkey

Website: <http://malarkycrafts.com/>

John Mullarkey is a weaver, spinner, and fiber artist, passionate about tablet weaving and spreading its virtues and possibilities. His work has been displayed in museums and featured in international fashion shows.

Lecture: What To Do With Woven Bands. As a band weaver, he is often asked what he will do with all the bands he weaves—the lecture is his answer to that question.

Workshop: 2-1/2 days

During John's two and a half day workshop you will learn to read and design tablet weaving drafts; and then weave a friendship bracelet. As your skill and confidence grow, the workshop will focus on weaving diagonal patterns, using a circular warp setup. This workshop is for those interested in learning how to tablet weave. No previous tablet weaving experience is required.

Fee \$94

January 3, 4, 5, 2017

Mary Ray

Website: <http://www.maryraydesigns.com/>

Mary Ray is a Craftsby.com teacher, adjunct instructor at Appalachian State University, and contributing editor at *Threads Magazine*.

Lecture: A trunk show of award-winning garments. Mary will present a trunk show featuring a selection of garments and accessories that inspire and teach about fabric, design embellishment, and technique. Mary will show her award winning pieces while relating stories of her creative life and travels along the way.

Workshop: A Creative Approach to Garment-Making 2-1/2 days

In the workshop, you will make a jacket adapted to your personal style and body type, brush up on tried and true sewing techniques while finding ways to break the rules as well, make simple fitting adjustments, add distinctive details, and finish your jacket beautifully inside and out.

Fee \$115

2016-17 Speakers and Workshops

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February 7, 8, 9, 2017

Lisa Binkley

Website: <http://lisabinkley.typepad.com/>

Lisa Binkley exhibits her award-winning work nationwide. She is well known to members of NSNG and is pleased to be returning to present to the Guild again.

Lecture: Bead Embellishment Design for Fiber Art

The focus of her lecture is the wide variety of approaches fiber artists can take to planning and hand stitching bead embellishment designs for their artwork.

Workshop: Exploring Embellishment 2-1/2 days

Lisa's workshop will begin with a small printed fabric panel that is just begging to be embellished. You will explore a variety of bead embroidery stitches, thread embroidery stitches and approaches to design while developing unique embellishment plans for a mini quilt or embellished panel. Experienced beginners through advanced stitchers will find this a satisfying workshop.

Fee \$135

March 7, 8, 9 2017

Roz DeBoer

Website: <http://roslyndeboer.com/>

NSNG Member Roz DeBoer is a textile artist specializing in landscape art quilts. Her artwork has traveled across the US and around the world. From close-up pieces that show fine details to panoramic vistas, Roz's art illustrates her passion to achieve the precise color and textural elements found in nature.

Lecture: Confessions of a Fabric Manipulator

Roz describes her textile journey from 2008 to the present in her lecture.

Workshop: The Fabric of Nature and the Nature of Fabric 2-1/2 days

The workshop is an exploration of a variety of fabric manipulation techniques. If you can sew a seam, wield a threaded needle and have a desire to play with fabric, fibers, and other materials, you have the skills for this class. Precision cutting and piecing are not necessary.

Fee \$102

April 4, 5, 6, 2017

Ann Loveless

Website: <http://www.quiltsbyann.com/>

Ann Loveless creates art quilts capturing the beauty of Northern Michigan.

Lecture: A Retrospective of my Art Quilts

Ann's lecture will introduce her work and the different techniques that keep her work fresh and exciting. Ann is presenting three separate workshops. You can sign up for any or all of the workshops as each one is a stand-alone event.

April 4 Half day workshop: Spring Fabric Mosaic

You will make a 4" x 6" mosaic like art quilt involving fusible web and free-motion machine quilting. Fee \$22

April 5 – 1 day workshop: Impressionistic Art Quilts, (either poppies or autumn landscape).

You will make a 14" x 18" art quilt by cutting and layering fabrics under polyester tulle and free-motion machine quilting. Choose to make a design of poppies or an autumn landscape. Fee \$42

April 6 – 1 day workshop: Fabric Collage – A Lake Scene

Make a 10" x 14" art quilt using a raw edge applique technique, fusible web, free-motion machine quilting, and including non-traditional quilting fabrics such as linens, gauze, and sheers. Fee \$42

May 2, 3, 4, 2017

Joni-Dee and David Ross

Website: <http://www.handmadencbaskets.com/>

Joni-Dee and David Ross are long time life partners and partners in Handmade North Carolina Baskets in Summerfield, North Carolina. Joni-Dee designs the basket patterns and David produces the hardwood components for their business.

Lecture: Nantucket Baskets: An American Tradition

Beginning on Nantucket Island, these baskets have a unique place in American history. Tied to lighthouses and the whaling industry, Nantucket baskets have evolved to incorporate contemporary colors, patterns and designs.

Workshop: Not your Grandpa's Nantucket Baskets

Workshop participants will be able to choose from a group of baskets and trays especially selected because they can be completed within the two and half day workshop. Joni-Dee and David will provide hands on assistance and encouragement.

Fee \$207

Service Update

Last Call! Please bring all finished and unfinished materials for the Madagascar Project to the May meeting. You can also donate soap, Ziploc baggies without the zipper and beads. Many thanks to all who participated in this worthwhile endeavor. To date we have 105 completed kits for the girls and women. We will update you in May as to the final count.

* We are in need of MARKERS (any type, used but working) for the bags we are making for the children at the Cornerstone Shelter in Chicago housing families. We plan to deliver these in August, in time for the school year. Also needed for this project is shirt-sized cardboard, to keep the markers from bleeding through the muslin.

* We are always looking for cotton, flannel, denim and batting. Do you have extra yarn? We will take yarn as well!

* We will meet May 10th and 24th at Jeanette Page's home located at 2339 Dehne Rd. in Northbrook. We are planning to meet throughout the summer, every Tuesday at 10:00. Paninis will be provided. Call Jeanette at 708 902-0087 or email Nancy at rjcnmc74@comcast.net if you plan to attend, just in case there is a conflict.

* The freebie table will have needlework items donated by the daughter of a member, Phyllis Voosen, who passed away last year. This will be your last chance to share your unwanted goodies until September!

Expressions in Fiber

3 Artists-3 voices:

Denise Havlan

Joy Nebo Lavrencik

Roslyn DeBoer

July 5-30, 2016

Vogt Visual Art Center

17420 S. 67th Court

Tiney Park, IL

Tuesdays 7-9 pm; Wednesdays 4-7 pm; Thursdays 11 am to 2 pm and 7-9 pm; Fridays 11 am-3 pm; Saturdays 11 am-4 pm

Or by appointment at 708-309-4371

Lecture Demonstration: Understanding contemporary oil painting materials

May 18, 2016 1-3 pm

Fee \$10

At North Shore Senior Center, 161 Northfield Rd,
Northfield, IL

For reservations call 847-784-6030

Membership

As of May 3, I will no longer be your Membership Chair and I just want to say thanks for a fun and interesting 8 years in this job. From now on, please send your renewals, pictures, emails, etc to one of the following:

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Membership Chair

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Thanks again....

Joan Nasiatka

Annual Project Update

One, two buckle your shoe...
Three, four close the door...
Five, six pick up your needle...
Seven, eight don't be late in getting started on your project for the Guild's annual threaded needle contest.

This year's theme is: seen/scene through a lens.

Members will vote on the entries at the December Holiday Party.

Don't forget the wonderful rewards that await the winners:

First Place \$100 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 guild workshop

Second Place \$75 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 guild workshop

Third Place \$50 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 guild workshop

Nominees for NSNG Board

President - Beth Polonski

2nd Vice President - Liz Zweiner

Treasurer - Laine Cobb for one year only

Membership - Janet Rivara and Joan Bratton

Meeting facilitator - Penny Burns

Special Events - Jane Brown

Advisor - Valerie Rodelli

FAOF Valerie Koppenhaver - the third person on FAOF committee along with Gale Wessel and Valerie Rodelli.

All other offices will remain the same until the next nominating session next year.

Fine Art of Fiber

It's time to start thinking about the Fine Art of Fiber and about all the wonderful things you will be creating for the exhibit, the boutique and the silent auction. Entry forms and instructions should be on the FAOF web site (fineartoffiber.org) sometime in June. For now, the important dates to remember are:

Exhibit and Boutique entries are due by Monday, September 12, 2016. You can either mail your entries to the people identified on the entry forms or you can bring them to the first NSNG meeting on September 6.

Opening night is November 3, and the show will run through November 6, 2016.

So, please write these dates on your calendar. Remember, this is your show, and we want to see you and your art.

Mini Workshops

Thank you, Susan Kenyon, for teaching our crocheted hat workshop in April. The pattern and lesson were greatly appreciated.

Summer is on its way, as is our summer picnic which will be held on Tuesday, July 12th. This year I will be teaching the group how to make a needle felted bird. I will provide a kit that includes your core wool, foam block and needle. You can choose your own colors from an assortment of wool I will bring, but the needle and foam are yours to take home. The fee is \$10. Lunch is provided by the guild but members should bring a salad or dessert. We had a great turn out last year so please sign up to attend! Since lunch will be ordered please be sure to sign up at least one week before the event.

I will have a sign up sheet for the picnic at our May meeting. I can take your payments at the time of sign up; checks should be made out to the class instructor. I can also be reached by email at djpoter3@comcast.net or phone at 847-550-9322 for sign ups or ideas for future classes.

I am always amazed by the many varied talents in our guild and am thankful to all of our many teachers. If you have a talent you would like to share, please don't hesitate to contact me, it's not too early to be thinking about next year.

Donna Koranek

Potluck and (Hats Optional) Luncheon after May Meeting

Our potluck luncheon will be immediately following the May meeting. Please bring a favorite dish to share. Coffee, soft drinks and water will be provided.

If you are inclined to wearing hats, please do. You can dress up or dress down. Hats are *not* required. Attendees of Cynthia's workshop: this is a perfect occasion to don your wonderful felted hats. Personally I am not a hat person, but I sure do love to see the wonderful hats that my fellow members wear.

Come and enjoy good food and conversation with our fellow guild members at our year end meeting.

Julie Rivera

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