

# Loose Ends & Gathered Threads

Newsletter of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild  
January 2017

*No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn. Hal Borland*

## Babbling no more!

I want to thank ALL of You for your participation in the Fine Art of Fiber.

There were so many of you involved, starting with our representatives on the FAOF steering committee: Val Rodelli, Valerie Koppenhaver and Laine Cobb. They were at the show 24/7 from set up to take down. There are many administrative tasks that we don't know about but are so necessary. This group gets it all done.

But there are so many others who make this show what it is. Gretchen Alexander coordinates the silent auction, Carolyn Seng was busy with the Fashion Show, Pat Rued and Roberta Levin in the Boutique, Cindy Kuo - Webmaster and data entry for the Boutique, Sandra Geis - Treasurer, and Sue Babbs at the education table and all the members who assisted, demonstrated, set up, take down, shlepped and helped all of the above.

The long year of planning, the meetings and the great communications with IQI, NSWG and our membership created a memorable showcase for our diverse talents.

Adding a guild representative, aka "talker," to the education table was a marvelous idea as we were able to make personal contact with the attendees in order to promote the guild.

And I would like to thank Jan Aaron who stepped in for our beloved Gale, who tweaked the final set up.

Each year gets better and better!

Thank you and congratulations. You make the president of this guild look really good!

Beth

## CALENDAR

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

**9:30 am Trunk Show: Mary Ray**

**Afternoon:** A mini workshop taught by Cindy Kuo on using Instagram, see p. 5

**Afternoon: Begin Mary Ray workshop,** Creative approach to garment-making

**Wed. Jan. 4-5** continuation of workshop at Gloria Dei

**Tues. Jan. 10, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's,** see p. 3

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

**Tues. Jan. 17, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's,** see p. 3

**Thurs. Jan. 19, NOON** Newsletter deadline

**Tues. Jan. 24 and Jan. 31, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's,** see p. 3

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## Mary Ray, January 3-5

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

2-1/2 day Workshop starting Tuesday - A Creative Approach to Garment-Making

In the two and one half day 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.

Website: [www.maryraydesigns.com](http://www.maryraydesigns.com)

## Service

Thanks to you and the Service Team, we were able to make the Holidays a little brighter for many people. We gave the Rush Neonatal Unit 47 baby quilts and 30 hats. 64 pillowcases were delivered to The YWCA in Evanston for the Safe Houses they operate, along with a few baby hats, adult hats, and baby quilts. WINGS was the recipient of 40 tote bags to disperse to their clients. Great job everyone.

We received a thank you card from Cornerstone Community Outreach where we sent the Tote bags in August, expressing joy and appreciation as "it is difficult for children and teens to be homeless in the first place and then to go to school and live that public life is even harder."

Although kits for pillowcases, tote bags and preemie quilts will still be available at the Service table to take home to work on, our focus will switch to making the Days for Girls kits for the girls and women of Madagascar. Check out their website at <http://www.daysforgirls.org/> for more information on the project and its importance. We will have a training session after the January meeting.

Service meets every Tuesday, starting January 10th, at Jeanette Pages' home at 2339 Dehne Rd in Northbrook.

Nancy Calandra and Jan Kent

## Lisa Binkley, February 7-9

Lisa holds a B.S. in Textiles & Design from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Formerly a public policy analyst, she has maintained an active fiber art studio since 2000 and exhibits her award-winning work nationwide. Her work has been selected for inclusion in major exhibitions including those of the American Quilters' Society, International Quilt Association, Crafts National, CraftForms, and Wisconsin Artists Biennials. Lisa and her artwork have been featured on local and national television, in internationally-distributed books and magazines, and in many local publications. Her art is represented in private and corporate collections. Lisa enjoys sharing her passion for fiber and beads through her artwork, classes, and lectures, and she teaches throughout the U.S. 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.

2 1/2 day Workshop starting Tuesday - Exploring Embellishment - Workshop is full - Please e-mail Sylvia Dresser to be placed on the waiting list

Lisa's two and half day workshop, "Exploring Embellishment," 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.

Website:

[lisabinkley.typepad.com](http://lisabinkley.typepad.com)

## More Mary Ray

If you don't get enough of Mary Ray at our January event, or you just want another opportunity to experience her expertise, the American Sewing Guild is hosting her for a trunk show on January 6th and a two-part workshop on Saturday, January 7th at the College of Dupage Fashion Studies Department. You can go to the ASG website to register and pay with this link: <http://asgchicago.org/special-events/>

### Schedule for the Weekend:

Friday evening 7-9 PM Trunk show and lecture  
College of Dupage in Room SRC 1004  
\$10.00 per person/\$20.00 for non-member/free for COD students

### Hands on Workshops:

#### Saturday

9 AM-Noon "Tucks, Pleats and Folds for Garments and Quilts"/College of DuPage in Room SRC 1008

\$50 for workshop (\$75 non-member)/ \$20 kit fee

1 PM-4 PM "Edge Finishes Sample Class"

\$50 for workshop (\$75 non-members). \$20 kit fee

No need to bring a machine; we will be in the sewing lab!

Go to Mary Ray's website to get more details on the workshops being offered:

<http://www.maryraydesigns.com/corepages/workshopz.html>

Sign up by going to [www.asgchicago.org](http://www.asgchicago.org) and use the Paypal button or by filling out the form you will find there and sending it, and a check for the fees to:

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## Annual Project Winners

Hear ye, hear ye

We are pleased to announce the winners of the NSNG's annual project contest

Seen through a lens/lense!

First place tie:

Nadine Buck and Camilla Kruger

They both received medals and a \$100 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 NSNG workshop.

Third place:

Bobbye Weisgerber

She received a medal and \$50 gift certificate toward a 2017-2018 NSNG workshop.

All of our entries were very special. Thank you to everyone who participated. We hope even more members will participate in the 2017 competition—theme to be announced shortly!

## Newsletter articles requested!

Many of our members have taken the opportunity to attend classes and workshops across the country. Many of our members belong to other organizations such as SAQA and the American Sewing Guild.

Sue Babbs suggested that we ask our membership to "play journalists" and share their experiences with these groups.

NSNG invites you to submit articles to Mary McManus, our newsletter editor, in an email to [marym@mcmanusdesign.net](mailto:marym@mcmanusdesign.net).

If appropriate, please include an internet link in your article so we can explore other fiber opportunities.

This will be a great new learning experience for us all.

## Workshop Registrations

Want to learn something new? There are spaces remaining in all of our workshops for the 2016-2017 year—the Beading workshop in February and the Nantucket Baskets workshop in May have been so popular that we have scheduled second sessions of both of those! If you are on the waiting list, you should have heard from me already. If you are interested in any of our workshops, please let me know.

Please remember that our workshops are also open to non-members, if you know people who might be interested. There is a small additional fee for non-members.

I will be taking registrations via regular mail, and also at our monthly meetings. If you want to register at the meeting, please be prepared to wait until I can check your registration.

If you would like to be added to a waiting list, you may notify me via email or at the meeting. If you are notifying me at the meeting, please fill out a registration form (on the registration table) and note which waiting list you would like your name added to.

If you are signed up for a workshop, you will hear from me via email (or regular mail if you requested that) a few weeks in advance of the workshop. If at any time you find your schedule has changed, and you need to cancel, please notify me via email or phone as soon as possible, as many of our workshops have waiting lists.

Our workshops are wonderful learning opportunities, and a great chance to get to know other guild members – hope you can join us at some point!

Sylvia Dresser, Workshop registrar  
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## Mini Workshops

Please join us in January for a mini workshop taught by Cindy Kuo on using Instagram. Please have the Instagram app installed on your phone before the workshop. The church has approved our use of their wifi for the afternoon.

In March Janet Haugan and Cathy Bailett will be teaching linoleum block printing. Linoleum block printing is a relief printing process that is simple enough to teach to school children, but has also been explored by such renowned artists as Picasso, Matisse, and M. C. Escher. We will spend the first half of the March mini workshop carving a simple design on a 4 X 6 inch linoleum block, then we'll print with them. There will also be some already carved blocks available for people to use if they wish to try other designs. We'll be using black ink, and card stock in several colors. The ink is washable, but participants may want to bring an old shirt to change into rather than risk nice clothes. You do not need to bring any other supplies. Participants will leave the workshop with their carved block, a linoleum cutter with 2 gouge tips, and any prints they make. The fee for this workshop is \$15. Due to supplies being ordered ahead of time, you must sign up by the February meeting. The class is limited to 10 people and payment is due at sign up. If you are unable to attend the workshop after signing up, your supplies will be available for pick up at the April meeting.

All mini workshops begin after lunch following the general meeting. Please contact Donna Koranek at [djpotter3@comcast.net](mailto:djpotter3@comcast.net) or 847-550-9322 to sign up for any workshop or if you have an idea for an upcoming workshop. As always, thanks go out to our teachers for sharing their knowledge and time with us.

## **Spread the word!**

The remainder of our membership year includes five meetings/ programs, nine workshops, multiple mini-workshops, service project opportunities, a potluck luncheon and a summer picnic. These represent so many chances to meet other creative people, learn from top-notch educators, discover new techniques, hone one's skills and just have fun. The participation in all this, along with other perks of membership, is available to a new member joining us now for the reduced dues fee of only \$30! What a value!

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