

# Loose Ends & Gathered Threads

Newsletter of the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild  
March 2017

*Silence can be exquisite. It sharpens the senses and touches upon the perfect arrangement of that thing most ordinary. Jan Zawadzki*

## No More Babbling

It's an exciting spring for fiber arts.

There are a number of new exciting exhibits around the city as well as some yearly favorites.

Last month, we shared an exhibit at the Milwaukee Jewish Museum, sponsored by member Nina Edelman. The exhibit tells the story in embroidery and applique of Holocaust survivor Esther Nisenthal Krinitz. See this exhibit thru May 26, 2017. [JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org](http://JewishMuseumMilwaukee.org).

The Chicago History Museum presents "Making Mainbocher, the first American Couturier", now through August. Chicago-born Mainbocher (1890-1976) established a fashion empire serving royalty, Broadway icons and the social elite. The exhibit features 30 garments, fashion illustrations and photography. [www.chicagohistory.org](http://www.chicagohistory.org)

The Chicago Flower and Garden Show once again has invited "Women's Journey in Fiber" to exhibit their collection. This year's theme is Bird Houses. If you were unable to see this fabulous exhibit at the Fine Art of Fiber, you still have an opportunity. The Flower show runs from Saturday March 18-March 26 at Navy Pier. [www.chicagoflower.com](http://www.chicagoflower.com)

Through March 19, the Anderson Art Center is showing "Ice Tapestries & Quilts" by Kay Koeper Sorensen. Again, Women's Journey in Fiber's exhibit "Birds:Imagined, Natural, Symbolic" through March 3. [www.andersonartscenter.com](http://www.andersonartscenter.com)

And finally, the International Quilt Festival - Rosemont Quilt Show from April 6-8 at the Stephens Convention Center [www.quilt-show.com](http://www.quilt-show.com)

It will be a very busy spring. Each of these shows have something special to offer. Take advantage of them and take your friends. I know I will.

Beth

## CALENDAR

**Tues. Mar 7, 9 - 9:30 am** Socializing, sign up for workshops. At Gloria Dei, Cherry and Pflugsten in Northbrook

**9:30 am Lecture Roz DeBoer**, Confessions of a fabric manipulator

**Afternoon: Begin Roz DeBoer workshop**, The Fabric of Nature and the Nature of Fabric

**Afternoon: Mini workshop**, Linoleum block printing, Joan Haugen and Cathy Baillet, see p. 4

**Wed.-Thurs. March 8-9** Continuation of Roz DeBoer workshop at Gloria Dei

**Tues. March 14, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's**, see p. 5

**Tues. March 21, 10:00** Board meeting at Gloria Dei

**Tues. March 21, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's**, see p. 5

**Thurs. March 23, NOON** Newsletter deadline

**Tues. March 28, 10:00 Service Projects at Jeanette Page's**, see p. 5

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## Roz DeBoer, March 7-9

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: Texture as I Feel It.**

Roz describes her textile journey from 2008 to the present.

### **2-1/2 day Workshop: The Fabric of Nature and the Nature of Fabric**

This 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.

## Ann Loveless, April 4-6

Ann Loveless is a native of Frankfort, Michigan which is located on the shore of Lake Michigan. She attended Michigan State University and received her degree in Clothing and Textile Design. In 2004 she fell in love with the art of landscape quilting. Her inspiration and designs come from nature and the beautiful lakes and woods of Northwest and Upper Peninsula of Michigan. She works from photographs and has developed three distinctive quilting techniques.

**Lecture: A Retrospective of My Art Quilts**, 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 1/2 day workshop: "Spring Fabric Mosaic."** You will make a 4" x 6" mosaic-like art quilt involving fusible web and free-motion machine quilting.

**April 5 – 1 day workshop: "Impressionistic Art Quilts."**

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.

**April 6 – 1 day workshop: "Fabric Collage – 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.

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

## Bylaws

In accordance with our current practice, we have changed our legal name from the original name for this group, the North Suburban Embroiders Guild, to the North Suburban NeedleArts Guild. Because our bylaws reference our former legal name, we have to change the name of the Guild in the Bylaws. A vote on this issue will take place at our annual meeting in May.

## May 2-4 - Joni-Dee & David Ross

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: Their lecture will be "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.

**2 1/2 day Workshop starting Tuesday - Not Your Grandpa's Nantucket Baskets - FULL** - Please e-mail Sylvia Dresser to be placed on the waiting list

**Second workshop added due to popularity** - 1/2 day on Tuesday, 2nd. Then full day on May 5th and 6th.

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 a half day workshop. Joni-Dee and David will provide hands on assistance and encouragement.

## Mini Workshops

Janet Haugen and Cathy Ballett will be teaching March's mini workshop on linoleum block printing. This workshop is currently full with a waiting list. Due to the last minute change in venue for our April meeting, we will not have the space to hold a mini workshop, so our doll making workshop will be postponed until next year.

Thanks to all of our teachers who shared their talents and supplies with us this year. Please let me know your ideas for next years workshops. I can be reached at [djpotter3@comcast.net](mailto:djpotter3@comcast.net) or 847-738-9322.  
Donna Koranek

## We still need articles!

We are still looking for members to share the experiences they have had in workshops across the country. Many of our members belong to other organizations such as SAQA and the American Sewing Guild. We would love to hear about these from you. If appropriate, please include an internet link in your article so we can explore other fiber opportunities.

In addition, we would love to have reviews of your recommended books related to fiber arts.

NSNG invites you to submit articles to Mary McManus, our newsletter editor, in an email to [marym@mcmanusdesign.net](mailto:marym@mcmanusdesign.net). No formatting is required. Just type into the email itself, as it will be reformatted for the newsletter.

## Workshop Registration

There are spaces remaining in all of our workshops for the 2016-2017 year. The Nantucket Baskets workshop in May is so popular that we have scheduled a second session. The second basketry workshop runs May 2, 5 and 6.

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, at great prices and offer a chance to get to know other guild members – hope you can join us at some point!

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## Service

We are so grateful for the support of this Guild! From donations of money, materials, and your time and talent, we are making incredible progress in our Days for Girls project. Thanks to you, we will be sending hundreds of shields, liners and kits so the girls can attend school every day and the women can go to work. We will have items to sew and serge at home at the Service table. If you would like to donate, we will take flannel and cotton material. Sue Babbs has access to purchasing Panties of all sizes. For \$15, she is able to buy 24 girl sizes and 12 women sizes. Checks can be made out to St. James the Less.

Don't forget we meet at Jeanette Page's home every Tuesday except for guild meeting days. We begin at 10 at 2339 Dehne Rd. Call Jeanette at 847 564-1057 if you plan to come so she has enough paninis to share!

The Freebie table will be open at the March meeting!

## Yahoo Group Updates

I'm starting to send invitations to the new members to join our Yahoo Group. As I go along my list I also want to eliminate email addresses for people no longer with us. It would be very helpful if you would go into the list and update your email to match what we have on record in the directory. Also, while doing this it would be good if you would put your full name in the box "Knick Name." If you do not remember your password, you will have to get it from Yahoo. Moderators do not have access to this information. Below is the URL for the group. Thanks for your help.

[https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NSNG2010/info?soc\\_src=mail&soc\\_trk=ma](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/NSNG2010/info?soc_src=mail&soc_trk=ma)  
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