



North Shore Quilters Guild

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April Birthdays

Evelyn Burdick
Gerri Diedrich
Grace A Moone
Judy Raddatz
Mary Beth Szymborski
Takako Willden

April Bakers

Evelyn Burdick
Diane Goldschmidt
Hannah Witterholt

May Bakers L&C

Evelyn Burdick
Margreda Kukla
Laurie Jacobs

Pill Bottle Delivery

Marsha Klusmeyer

Do you know someone who needs some sunshine? Please contact:

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Meetings held at: The North Shore Congregational Church
7330 N. Santa Monica Blvd
Fox Point, WI 53217

SCHMETZ: What Needle Should I Use? -Rhonda Pierce April 15th 9:30 a.m.



Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle really important before it breaks? What needle should I use? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics. Your sewing machine is an investment and protection begins by using the very best needle. Sew SCHMETZ! Elevate respect for the needle.

Rhonda Pierce has a dream job ... teaching sewing enthusiasts about the hardest working piece of steel in the sewing machine the SCHMETZ needle. She lives in the Chicago area. Whether presenting SCHMETZ virtually or in-person, she averages 100+ presentations annually, and happily provides SCHMETZ facts to make your stitching easier. Rhonda created and published 100 issues of SCHMETZ Inspired to SEW ezine. She publishes the must read SCHMETZneedles monthly newsletter. Her quilt, Color Splash, hung at three International Quilt Festivals. Rhonda's personal website is www.SewMoreStitches.com. With quilt shop, wholesale management experience, and the love of sewing, Rhonda delivers a unique perspective as VP/Marketing Director of Euro-notions, and Spokesperson for SCHMETZneedles.com North America. Sew SCHMETZ!

NSQG Dues are Due NOW!

April will usher in a new Guild year so that means it's time to pay your annual dues! Still just \$40 for a year (\$11 for Associate/summer member), you'll get 10 programs with lots of inspiration from great speakers, opportunity for sewing charity projects, a wonderful holiday party, and more quilters to join your quilter community! Bring a check for dues made out to NSQG for \$40 to the April meeting or mail a check ASAP to:
Gerri Diedrich
4416 N Ardmore Ave
Shorewood, WI 53211

Save the date for our Love and Comfort Sewing Day at NSQG on May 20, 2026 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It's a hands-on day for all of us to gather together to make quilts for those in need. Keep making quilt tops to bring ready for quilting. More information in the May newsletter.

Jane Walton, a longtime Guild member, was overwhelmed with all the birthday cards she received from NSQG members. She read and then reread them and enjoyed every card. Jane sends a BIG thank you!

Japan Quilters Tour: Our member Takako Willden is again leading a fabric tour to Japan and it is now open for registration. There is a zoom recording (info session) that you can watch by clicking the link below. This unique tour is more focused on quilts and meeting and learning from Japanese quilters.

<https://www.wiquiltmuseum.com/products/quilts-and-fiber-arts-design-inspiration-journey-through-japan-with-artist-sarah-nishiura>

Patchwork People: Threads of Our Guild

Spotlight on Two of Our Guild Members



Judy Raddatz

A guild member for 15 years, Judy Raddatz is as reliable as the first pot of coffee at every meeting probably because she's the one who makes it happen. For the past five years, she's served on the Hospitality Committee, always arriving early to set up and greet everyone with a smile.

Judy has been sewing for 50 years, beginning with children's clothing long before quilting became her passion. She laughs remembering when her husband surprised her with a Pfaff machine I was crabby about the money! but she's since upgraded to top-notch equipment and fully embraced the hobby. She finds comfort in classic quilt patterns and loves the satisfaction of a well-laid plan, though she's not afraid to dabble in something new, from paper piecing to sewing beads on by machine.

A retired schoolteacher, Judy spent her career working in Kalamazoo, Oshkosh, and Milwaukee, teaching lower elementary and substituting in special education later on. These days, she enjoys a quieter life with her husband and two beloved dogs: a mellow Shih Tzu who prefers the couch, and Peanut a lively rescue who, after six homes in two years, has finally found her forever place (on three good legs) in Judy's heart and home.

I think the choice of colored fabric is most important. Perfect workmanship can't overshadow lack of contrast or the amazing fabric that commands attention. But even though I've been sewing since high school, I'm still learning. What a wonderful craft we have! Grace Moore



Kris Devitt

Kris Devitt joined the guild in 2001 and has served in several leadership roles, including two terms as treasurer and one as president. She describes herself as always learning, and she gravitates toward more modern quilt patterns. Kris began quilting in 2000 after taking a quilting class at MATC, and she's been hooked ever since.

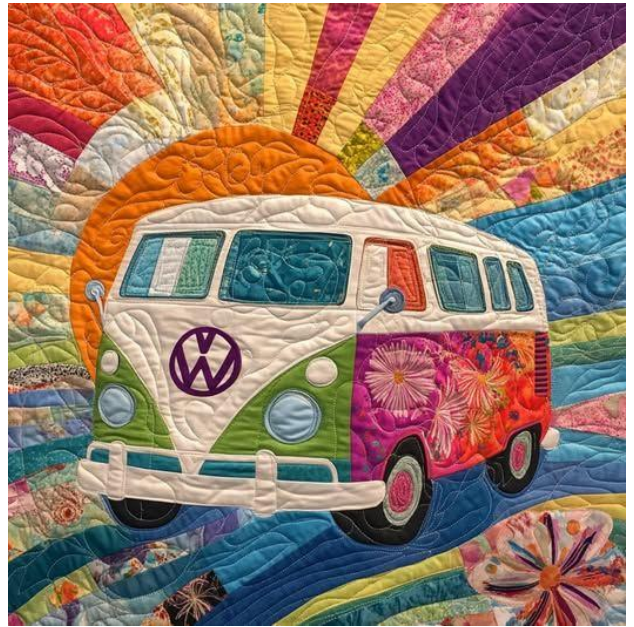
Professionally, Kris worked part-time as an executive assistant. She has a son and a daughter and recently welcomed a new grandchild an exciting new addition to the family! She enjoys attending the guild's quilt show, especially for the chance to see everyone's beautiful works of art.

Outside of quilting, Kris enjoys cooking, with a special interest in healthy recipes. She and David, her partner of 13 years, have traveled widely, visiting Europe, Scandinavia, Mexico, and Canada. She's also an active reader, belonging to two book clubs. When it comes to quilting, Kris believes accuracy is key especially maintaining a perfect quarter-inch seam, which she notes is particularly important when working with patterns.

***Bus Trip is Saturday May 2nd:
Parade of Quilts-Quilt Show
in Rockford, Illinois***

<https://sinnissippiquilters.org/2026-quilt-show/>

Our Saturday, May 2nd bus trip still has space so please invite non-guild friends to join us for the fun day of a quilt show, shopping, and games and snacks on the way. Sign them up at the April meeting or you can email Julie Trafton artteacher1990@gmail.com or Margreda Kukla dkmk@sbcglobal.net



Bring your \$40 payment to the April meeting which covers the bus and entrance ticket.

We will meet at the church to board the bus at 8am and plan to return around 6pm.

Please park on southern end of church parking lot.

The Parade of Quilts (organized by Sinnissippi Quilters of Rockford, IL <https://sinnissippiquilters.org/2026-quilt-show/>) will have:

- 300+ quilts and numerous vendors
- Raffle quilt and baskets
- Apparel Show at 10 and 1 pm followed by bed turning
- Educational Demonstrations

Lunch options: from the facility's Fozzy's Skybox www.FozzysSkybox.net or possibly preordered through Jersey Mike's (TBD)

Hope you and your friends can join us for this fun day!

Members in the News/Area Quilt Shows

Mary Trainor has two quilts that were accepted into the UW Extension exhibit *Nature's Canvas: Tiny Expressions of Landscapes, Life, and Learning!*
Proceeds to go to the Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program



May 1 - June 27, 2026 UW Madison Arboretum Visitor Center
2880 Longenecker Dr., Madison, WI 53713

July 1- September 28 Northern Great Lakes Visitor Center
29270 Co Hwy G, Ashland, WI 54806

Congratulations Mary!

Evergreen Quilters Guild Show, Green Bay April 17-18, 2025

<https://evergreenquiltersguild.com/quiltshow.html>

Fiber and Fabric Craft Festival, Donald I Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL
April 30-May 3, 2025

https://fiberfabriccraft.com/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23597934460&gbraid=0AAAAABPMfyaFPaRm_S7_nieHljUh38PnU



Raffle quilt for the 2027 NSQG Quilt Show

I know we just finished our 2025 quilt show, but my brain is already working on ideas for the 2027 raffle quilt. My hope is for it to be finished by the Feb 2027 Winter quilt show and to start selling raffle tickets early.

What I need from everyone now is to donate 2 and 2 1/2 inch fabric scraps. I will assemble them into kits for making blocks with the instructions.

Each block needs 16- 2inch squares of a colored fabric, 12- 2inch squares of a white or off-white fabric, 4 each of 2 1/2 inch squares of colors and whites.

Donate what you have for squares- I will sort them into coordinated sets for each block.

Hopefully I can start handing out kits in a few months once I get all your donations.

Thanks, Evelyn

Sewing Machines for Sale (Availability is not guaranteed)

Someone contacted our guild about machines that her mother could no longer use. Here is what she emailed us:

My mother (of Greenfield, Wisconsin) purchased a brand-new Bernina B990 along with a custom solid oak cabinet console manufactured by Unique Furniture, built specifically for the 990. Sadly, she was hospitalized the following month and never returned home. To our knowledge, she embroidered only one towel before becoming ill, making this machine truly virtually brand new. My husband and I are not sewists, but were directed to you as a resource that might help us to find a good home for my mother's fine equipment, still located in Greenfield.

In addition to the B990 and its custom cabinet, we also have the following high-quality machines available:

Bernina L 890 Bernina 880 Baby Lock Ellageo Pfaff 7570	https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/931710759412012 https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/26265080109752863 https://www.facebook.com/marketplace/item/1297970258851487
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Together, the B990 and cabinet alone were purchased for \$24,500. We understand depreciation occurs and are realistic and willing to negotiate. We are very motivated sellers and would like to place these machines with appreciative sewists as soon as possible so that we may move forward with the sale of her home.

We are happy to provide photos, details, pricing discussions, and arrange in-person viewing for serious buyers.

Thank you for your time and consideration, and for supporting the quilting community. Below are links to all of the machines that we have listed on Facebook Marketplace.

Warmly, Joette and Klay Shannon, Racine, WI, 414.852.8333

North Shore Quilt Guild Programs
April 2026 - March 2027

May 2, 2026

Field Trip Coach bus to Rockford

- Sinnissippi Quilters Show

8am - 6pm

May 20, 2026

Workday from 9-3

- Love N Comfort Workday

Join members in creating charity quilts

June 17, 2026: Phyllis Fay

Morning Lecture

- Motivate Me to Use my Stash

July 15, 2026: Judy Zoelzer Levine

Morning Lecture

- Sewing Room Solutions

Afternoon Workshop

- Silks, Satins, and Other Fun Stuff

August 19, 2026: Mary Reilly Kliss

Morning Lecture

- Botanical Dying

Afternoon Workshop

- Foliage and Flowers on Fabric

September 16, 2026: Members

Demonstrate Skills

Morning Presentations

- Member Round Robin

October 21, 2026 Linda Harpin

Morning Lecture/ Trunk Show

- 50 years of Quilting

Afternoon Workshop

- Pinwheel Victoriana

November 18, 2026: Vicki Spiering

Morning Lecture/ Trunk Show

- Award Winning Quilts & Conversation

December 9, 2026

- Holiday Party 10 am

January 20, 2027: Kristen Weiss

Morning Lecture

- Wool AppliquÃ© with embroidery

Afternoon Workshop

- Embroidery with Wool Applique

February 17, 2027: Cynthia McChesney

Morning Lecture (Zoom)

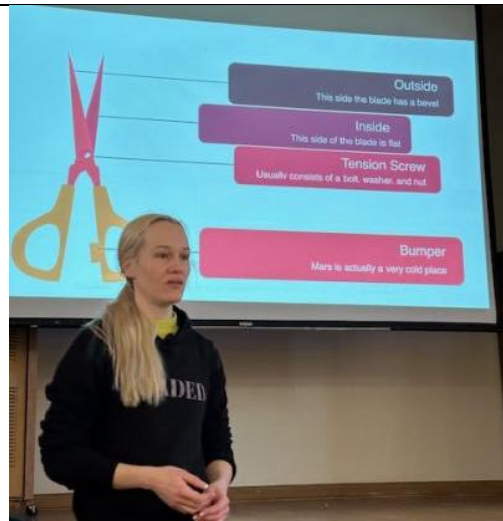
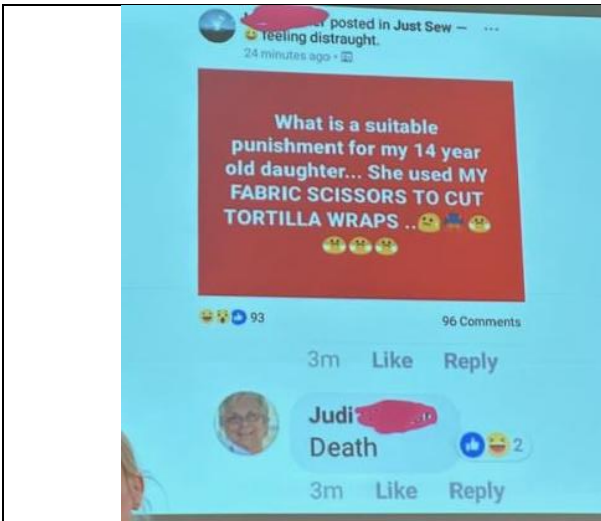
- Panel Palooza

March 17, 2027: Angelica Sanchez Mora

Morning Lecture

- Cultural Cloth

Photos from the March meeting
with Alena Joling from Moleta Artisanal Sharpening





QUILTED WINDOW

Long Arm Quilter
Betty Altman
Mequon, WI
414-333-7495 Cell