



# North Shore Quilters Guild

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## September Birthdays

Nina Edelman

Kathy Foster

## September Bakers

Anne Hazelwood

Mary Beth Szymborski

Jeanne Wesley

## October Bakers

Betty Altman

Judy Swanson

Carol Zenoni

## 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

*September 16th, 2026 9:30 a.m.*

*Kristen Weiss- Wool Applique with Embroidery*

**Afternoon Workshop: Embroidery with Wool Applique**



I was born in Tarm, Denmark but immigrated to Canada when I was two. We lived in Huntsville, Ontario, Canada for four years and then immigrated to Racine, Wisconsin, where we lived among many other Danes.

I learned to do those crafts from my mother. My love of sewing began at the age of 12 when I took my first formal sewing class at school and then at our Singer store. I made my own clothes, including designing and making my wedding dress, bridesmaids dresses, adding a train to my sister's dress, making her veil and designing and making all her bridesmaids dresses. I also enjoyed many different crafts and trying new things.

Eventually, I decided to concentrate on my quilting. I was introduced to my first quilt pattern, a cathedral window, by my cousin when I was around 20. In my early 20's I took my first quilt class at The Walrus, in Deerfield, IL. I taught quilting, gave lectures and sold my work. I have degrees in Elementary Education and Education of the Hearing Impaired.

Now that I am retired, I have found more time for my quilting, and to share my love of quilting with others. Both sons are now married and I made their wedding quilts and quilts for my nine grandchildren.

*Kristen's story and workshop information continues on page 2....*

Kristen Weiss, continued

My favorite style of quilting is landscape quilting. I enjoy using photos my husband and I have taken on our travels and in our own area and turning them into quilts. However, I have worked in many styles and have enjoyed learning all sorts of techniques. I also discovered wool work. It is easy to take along on trips.

## **Morning Lecture:**

In this lecture I will share my first wool projects through to my current projects. The earliest work was simple blanket stitch and a small amount of other simple stitches. I started adding embellishments as I became more experienced. Then I discovered Sue Spargo and my work transformed! In addition, I will share various supplies that will aid your work and the resources for necessary supplies as well as patterns. I will have some supplies, patterns, and kits for sale, as well as supplies such as needles and wool.

## **September's Afternoon Workshop will follow the meeting and a break for lunch**

***In the workshop you will learn how to make a needle book to hold all your needles.  
You will learn some basic stitches used in wool applique and embroidery. These***

***stitches include: blanket stitch, back stitch, drizzle stitch, running stitch, stem stitch and others.***

- \$30.00 Fee to NSQG (please try to pay prior to the workshop)
- \$15.00 cash to Kirsten Weiss for the kit
- Supplies to bring for the workshop:
  - Scissors
  - Thimble
  - Pencil/pen
  - Optional- Small embroidery hoop
  - Cotton Pearl Floss



***There is still time to sign up for this workshop so please let Julie or Margreda know by September 8<sup>th</sup> as Kirsten needs time to make the kits.***

## October workshop Preview

**Please sign up at the September meeting or email Julie or Margreda.**



**Reminder to add this to my calendar-**

***I am signed up for***

**Linda Halpin's Pin Wheel Victoriana**

**On October 21<sup>st</sup> Afternoon Workshop**

Step back to a time when no moment was given to idleness. Women created charming treasures out of bits of fabric adorned with fanciful embroidery, pin wheels being one of them. Sewing implements were kept with one at all times in a sewing pocket (worn much like today's aprons), and as a standard pin cushion could prove hazardous in one's pocket, these delightful pinwheels were devised. Points were safely encased, while pin heads were readily available. What more could a proper Victorian lady ask for!

- \$35.00 Fee to NSQG (please pay the month before workshop)
- \$7.00 cash to Linda Halpin for the kit which includes fabrics, ribbon, beads, window template, finishing supplies, and directions

**Supplies to bring for the workshop:**

- Cardboard, wight of a cereal box (it will be covered, so a cereal box will work)
- Scissors for fabric and paper
- Lace, beads, buttons (some beads provided)
- Embroidery floss -variety of colors, embroidery needle or a sharp slender needle with a large eye
- Thimble(optional)
- Basting thread
- Straight pins with glass heads
- Glue stick
- Pencil/pen
- Your Lunch



**NSQG 2027 Show- October 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>, with set up on the 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**PLEASE NOTE change of the dates of our Quilt Show to October 7,8, and 9th, 2027 Be sure to mark your calendars!**

*Start making those lovely quilts for the show. We also would love to hear from you about any ideas you may have for the show.*

*Contact Laurie [ljacobs9073@gmail.com](mailto:ljacobs9073@gmail.com) or Jana [Jgzim3415@Icloud.com](mailto:Jgzim3415@Icloud.com) if you would like to help.*

*Thank you,  
Jana and Laurie*

## Member in the News



Betty Altman did the quilting for the West Suburban Quilt Guild on this quilt which won 1st Place and Best of Show at the Waukesha County Fair. It's in honor of the US 250th anniversary and has a square for each state. Congratulations Betty on quilting this beautiful quilt!



Margaret Fisher is interested in starting up a Featherweight Club. She said 7 people are interested so far and if you're interested, please call Margaret at 262-208-0300.

### North Shore Quilt Guild Programs April 2026 - March 2027

#### 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: Members

##### Demonstrate Skills

Morning Presentations

- Member Round Robin

#### February 17, 2027: Cynthia McChesney

Morning Lecture (Zoom)

- Panel Palooza

#### March 17, 2027: Angelica Sanchez Mora

Morning Lecture

- Cultural Cloth

# Patchwork People: Threads of Our Guild

## Spotlight on One of Our Guild Members



### **Barbara Dowling**

For 18 years, Barbara Dowling has been an active and cheerful presence in the guild and beyond. She's not only a longtime member but also a dedicated volunteer at the quilt museum, where she helps hang exhibits and support special events. Her quilting journey began with traditional styles, though she admits she loves to dabble and sometimes wishes she were an art quilter. Barbara describes her work as nothing fancy, but her quilts glow with color and life, often made with bright Kaffe Fassett fabrics that reflect her upbeat personality. Her inspiration traces back to her grandmother's beloved Flower Garden quilt, a piece that first sparked her love for the craft.

Barbara's community ties run deep. She worked for the telephone company alongside a few fellow guild members, enjoys reading with two book clubs, and stays active in the Ozaukee County Newcomers group. She travels often to visit family in Colorado, and while she jokes that she cooks when required, she never misses a good lunch with friends.

Her advice is to measure accurately and use a ¼ foot. Don't forget to relax and enjoy the process.



## Photos from the July 15<sup>th</sup> Meeting: Mary Reilly Kliss: Botanical Dying



### Upcoming Quilt/Art Shows

Thanks to Julie Trafton for sending these links to 2 shows members may be interested in seeing:

Handcrafted RAM Community Art Show at the Racine Art Museum:  
<https://www.ramart.org/event/handcrafted-ram-community-art-show/>

Stitches Stories Narrative Quilts and Textiles: at the Wustum Museum on Northwestern Ave.  
<https://www.ramart.org/event/stitched-stories-narrative-quilts-and-textiles/>

