



## North Country Quilting Guild News

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Longarm quilting instructor Mandy Applebee will teach two topstitching workshops in Watertown in May 2016. She is seen here at her longarm machine stitching a soon-to-be-released original pattern by paper piecing designer Ron Stefanak. Photo: Yellow House Quilts

### **Longarm Quilting Specialist to Speak and Teach in NNY May 25-26: Public Welcome**

Watertown, NY. Longarm quilting specialist Mandy Applebee of Yellow House Quilts, Port Byron, NY, will be the special guest speaker at the North Country Quilting Guild meeting on Tuesday, May 24. She will lead two workshops in Watertown on Wednesday, May 25.

Mandy Applebee is a former emergency medical services instructor who now teaches machine quilting and how quilters can finish their own works with topstitching.

On Tuesday, May 24, Applebee will speak at the North Country Quilting Guild Meeting and Program at Black River Elementary School, 160 Leray Street, in Black River, NY. Social hour begins at 6:30pm, program at 7pm. The public may attend the event for \$5.

On Wednesday, May 25, Applebee will teach a 3-hour Straight Line Quilting class for finishing quilts and a 3-hour class on Circles and Curves at All Souls Church, 1330 Gotham Street, Watertown. The workshop cost for North Country Quilting Guild

members is \$35 for one session or \$70 for the day, \$45 or \$90 for non-members. To register, contact Tamara Klock, 24214 County Route 32, Calcium, 13616 or Klockie5@yahoo.com.

Applebee is a frequent exhibitor at major quilting shows across the U.S. and won the Genesee Valley Quilt Show Best Machine Quilting Track System Award in 2015. She has offered a freehand longarm quilting service using commercial pantographs and her own unique designs for quilters across the U.S. for 10 years.

"I love to see students creating and exploring and learning to use their quilting skills, and I love to help students quilt things they always thought they could not do," Applebee says.

A mosaic quilt of her two sons made by Applebee won the 2015 New York State Fair Thumbstall Quilt Guild Award. She had three quilts entered into the juried Machine Quilters Exposition in Manchester, New Hampshire in April 2016.

The North Country Quilting Guild will hold its biennial quilt show on June 3, 4 and 5, 2016 in Clayton. The show includes more than 300 quilts, a special 30 Anything exhibit in honor of the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Guild, demonstrations, vendors, and a 60-piece mini-quilt auction to benefit the Gouverneur Business Women's Breast Cancer Walk Fund. Find more information online at [www.ncqg.org](http://www.ncqg.org).