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A Message from the President

Welcome back to Northern Star! I hope everyone is looking forward to our first meeting of the year. There will be a speaker, a One Woman Show, a chance to see the Library while all of our wonderful books are on the shelves, tasty snacks and show and tell from everyone's summer quilting retreats. Most of all it is exciting to see friends after the summer vacation.

The new Board met for the first time in June and we are all honored and enthusiastic about the prospect of planning your meetings for the coming years. It is a diverse and talented group of members that will be representing you. I am really looking forward to getting to know and working with each of them.

We are dedicated to giving you even more education, entertainment and quilting opportunities for the same dues dollar in the future. We strive to do this by developing better relationships with other guilds and quilt-related businesses, creating new ways to raise revenues for programs and being more creative in how we plan our budgets.

This Special Issue of *On Point* is our first major step in controlling cost. We hope you enjoy having this pull-out section with the outline for the whole year's activities in one place. All the programs, the workshop schedule, dates for meetings and activities, and reference information are contained within. Please save it as shorter, more detailed-oriented newsletters will follow throughout the year. Mark all these dates on your calendar, send in the membership form with your dues and be ready to join us for another great year of fun, fabric and friendship.

Susie Andersen
PRESIDENT

September Meeting: Tuesday, September 20th

JFK High School, Somers, NY
General Meeting: Doors Open: 6:30pm

Bonnie McCaffrey: "Portrait Quilts"

Board Meeting: September 13th

Museum Report

Rumors circulating over the summer about the **New England Quilt Museum** closing its doors are untrue. The Director of the Museum was eager to get back to us to confirm they are not closing! She did add that funding is tight for all museums now due to serious cuts in federal funding for the arts.

Fifty of our lucky members will be visiting the NEQM on their way to *The Quilters Gathering* in November. (See the *On the Road* article on page 3 in the Special Issue.) Several of our members have work hanging there right now in the Fiber Revolutions exhibit.

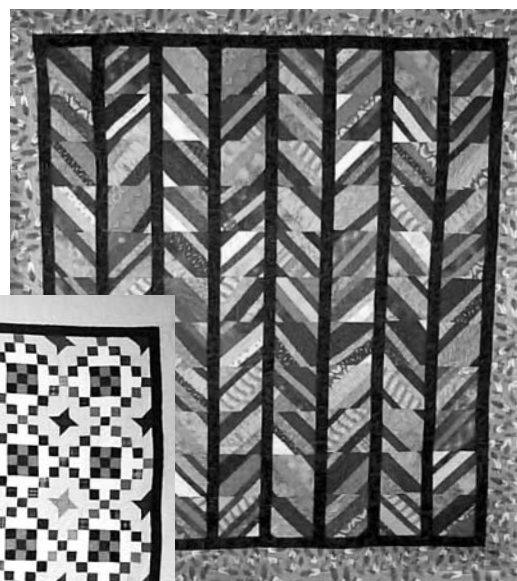
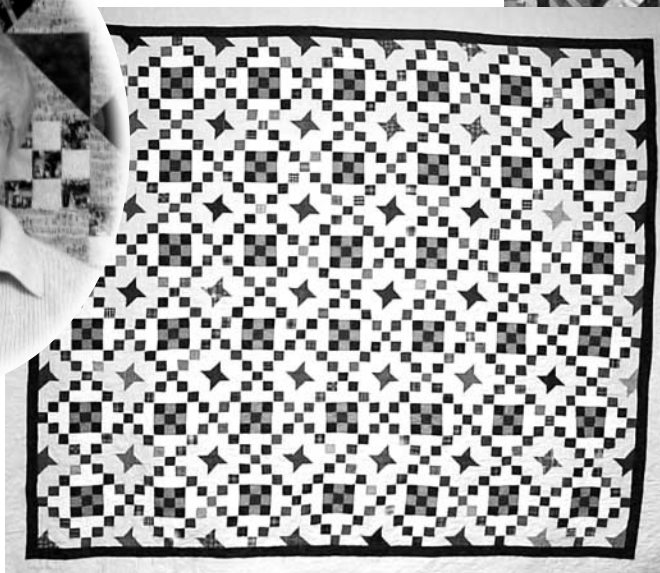
Joining the museum as a Member Guild is a tremendous bargain at \$15.00! Teacher and Service Directories, free passes, access to IMAGES class brochures, the online *Quiltfun* newsletter, and the Museum newsletter are some of the benefits that we will receive.

The closing of **The American Textile History Museum**, also in Lowell, MA, was reported in *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*. However, recent reports are that the ATHM has accepted a \$1,000,000 challenge grant from an anonymous donor to keep limited hours until a capital campaign or relocation can be explored.

The American Folk Art Museum will again be hosting their Annual Quilt Weekend October 1st in New York City. We have taken part in this event for the past several years as it is a great opportunity to handout membership material, quilt show flyers, and to sell quilt raffle tickets. There will also be a free lecture about the collection of quilts recently donated to the Museum by the estate of Cyril I. Nelson. Please let me know if you would like to help represent NSQG at this event.

Susie Andersen, PRESIDENT

September's One Woman Show: Susan Rooks



My quilting obsession began quite serendipitously. In 1988 I was looking for an art gallery and was misdirected to a quilt shop. I took this as a sign that I was supposed to learn to quilt. I had sewn clothing before but greatly disliked the hand work of finishing garments. I had also done cross stitch, knitting and crochet, but was never totally enthralled.

My first quilt class was a hand pieced fan – it is still not finished – and ever since then, I have been hooked. After the class, my teacher was forming a guild and I also became active in that guild. I served as Membership, Program Chairman, did the Newsletter, and eventually became President for two years. During those years, three area guilds got together and decided that the time was right to have a quilt show. I got involved with that effort doing such jobs as Hostess Scheduling, Vendor Co-Coordinator, Treasurer and President.

I started hand piecing and hand quilting, not having a very good machine. I found I had too many ideas in my head to continue hand work, so for my birthday, my husband surprised me with a good machine and I was off on new adventures.

I helped organize a statewide quilting association in

Florida and became the founding Treasurer. I enjoyed meeting quilters from around the state at the quarterly meetings and one of those members moved to New York and we are still members of the same small quilting group.

Being so involved in organizing and promoting various groups, my UFO pile built up to an almost insurmountable number. Then, good news – my husband got the opportunity to have a great job in Connecticut. We had never lived north of the Mason-Dixon Line, so we looked on this as another grand adventure.

Quilting has helped me adjust to my new home and a completely different environment. I joined NSQG and immediately felt a warm welcome. I also had much more free time to work on those pesky UFOs. I finished some, but have added others, so the number remains pretty much the same.

I enjoy rotary cutting and machine piecing. I send most of my quilts to a long-arm quilter to be finished. Much to my surprise, I find that I really enjoy sewing on the binding. I think appliqué is very beautiful and my fondest hope is that someday I will learn to like doing the actual appliqué.

2005-2006 NSQG Membership Registration

In order to ensure that the membership list is up-to-date, please PRINT all the information below. Include a phone number where you can be reached if we need to institute a phone chain in case of an emergency. (Please indicate if you don't want it published to the general membership.) Return this form and a check made out to NSQG for dues of \$35 to: Degen Sayer, 180 Wildwood Road, Stamford, CT 06903

Name: _____

Street or P.O. Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone:() _____ Cell phone () _____ Email: _____

New member _____ or Renewing member _____

Do you need a membership name badge? _____ Do you want a fabric name-tag kit? _____

I grant Northern Star Quilters' Guild permission to photograph my work for local or regional use in media advertising, promotion, and publication in newsletters, magazines, the internet, and other appropriate media. I grant visitors to the guild and its activities permission to photograph, for their personal use only, any works of mine that are on display.

Signature: _____

Since the guild is a volunteer organization, the Guild's policy is that all members A) "participate and share in Guild tasks by either serving on a Committee, or holding a position on the Board, or assisting those who do in some way or B) work a minimum of 2 hours at the annual Quilt Show."

What skills or services do you have that you would like to volunteer to help the guild? For Example: technology, typing, graphic design, finance, legal, travel arrangement, early arrival at meeting etc.

Are you interested in serving on any of the following committees?

Membership Programs Quilt Show Charitable Donations Education
 Library Monthly Raffle Hospitality Special Events Newsletter
 Boutique Challenge Super Saturday

You will receive the monthly newsletter online unless you request a printed copy by checking here _____

Is there a technique you would like to learn more about? _____

Would you be interested in joining a small group to develop your skill/talent in a particular area? Indicate below:
Appliqué _____ Art quilting _____ Beginning quilting _____ Quilting basics _____ Other _____

Would you be willing to occasionally teach or supervise one of the above-mentioned groups? _____

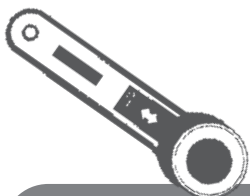
Is there a technique/project you would like taught at Super Saturday? _____

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Do you have any suggestions for additional programs or membership activities? We'd love to hear from you:

Thank you! Your Membership Co-Chairs:
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