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A Message from the President

Welcome back! We all look forward to the first meeting of the year and we are preparing for a great start this year with a lecture and workshop by Karen Stone. Karen is well known for her creative use of color in traditional designs. I took one of her workshops several years ago. She is an interesting combination of artist and engineer, and her work is fabulous. This is a great meeting to bring along a friend who might be interested in the Guild or would just enjoy a night out. Guest fee is \$5.00, which does not apply if the guest joins the Guild.

Last year, the "big" first issue of *On Point* was so well received that the Board again compiled this comprehensive newsletter to give you an overview of the coming year's events and features. Please keep it for reference. You will see a snapshot of all the exciting programs we have planned for 2006-2007. All of your favorite features will be back plus a few new twists. This "big" issue is also your chance to mark your calendars for meetings, workshops, trips, challenge deadlines, Super Saturday and the show.

One of my goals this year is to ask many more Guild members to be involved in the functions of the meetings. A small nugget of help by each member will give all of us a sense of connection to the Guild. For example, this year the library will be manned by a team that will rotate the responsibilities of the library. We will be asking members to sign up to assist this team each month. This will give more people the opportunity to contribute to the Guild in a small way without making a long-term commitment. It will also give your busy board members an opportunity to fully participate in the activities of the meeting. The raffle table, hospitality, education and new member table are also places where you can sign up to help. There will be a sign-up at each table during the September meeting and thereafter. Be thinking about which of these programs mean the most to you.

The Guild had a very successful year in 2005-2006. We had wonderful programs, a great quilt show, and financially we are in good shape. As a result, members can look forward to some reduced fees, additional programs and capital improvements throughout the year. The board will be discussing ways in which we can further expand our educational efforts, improve our programs, upgrade our technology, etc. Stay tuned for more details in *On Point*.

We have a wonderful guild. Come on September 19 and check it all out. I'm looking forward to seeing old friends and welcoming new ones.

Mary Cannizzaro
President

September Meeting
Tuesday, September 19th
JFK High School, Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups: 5:45-6:45 pm
Applique, Art Quilts, Beginning
Quilters

Remember to bring Show n' Tell

General Meeting: 7:15 pm

Guest Speaker:
Karen Stone
Lecture and Trunk Show

The Country Quilter, Somers, NY
will be donating the prizes
for the raffle table.
Clare Oehler, Owner

Don't Forget Snacks:
Members whose last names begin with
A, B, C

Board Meeting: September 12th

Save the
On Point Special Issue
enclosed in the
September newsletter
for reference
throughout the year.

One-Woman Show - September

Judy Gignesi

As a young girl I learned how to sew along with my mother - as soon as my feet reached the treadle. As a young wife, I turned out lots of curtains, drapes and home furnishings. Later, as a young mother, I was fortunate to have two lovely daughters. This gave me the opportunity to create lots of pretty little dresses, prom outfits and costumes over the years. In 1997, we moved to Somers and I attended my first Northern Star Guild show.

I have a few of my grandmother's quilts - all done by hand, all the same Grandmother's Flower Garden pattern. This was my idea of a quilt. I joined the guild that year and took many classes, attended lots of lectures, made wonderful new friends, learned techniques in quilting and fabric art. WOW! A whole new world opened up for me. Not just Grandmother's Flower Garden! I'm from a wonderful large family and have been able to give each of them some of my work.

Recently, a few good friends and I have become more interested in the many different techniques in fabric art. Very interesting stuff, very fulfilling, even though it seems there is never enough time in the day to get together and try out all of the things we'd like to do.

American Folk Art Museum

Once again, we have been invited to participate in the American Folk Art Museum's annual Quilt Weekend on Friday, October 6 and Saturday, October 7. Guild demonstrations are set for Saturday between 11:00 am. and 4:00 pm.

Other activities for the day include a lecture in the auditorium on The Quilts of Gees Bend at noon, a gallery tour of textiles on view in the museum at 1:30 pm and a view of the collection of mid-western Amish Quilts at the Feld Gallery, 2 Lincoln Square.

If you would like to attend, participate in a demonstration and enjoy the activities, let me know. I'll be going on Saturday and taking the raffle quilt to display.

Mary Cannizzaro

Have you changed your address, e-mail address or telephone number?

Don't forget to let the Guild know if you change your contact information at any time throughout the year.

Quilt Pink Project

Have you heard about Quilt Pink? This is a national project of American Patchwork and Quilting to raise money for breast cancer research. The quilts made for this project will be auctioned on the Internet and 100% of the net proceeds will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The foundation was established in 1982 by Nancy Brinker in honor of her sister, Susan, who died from breast cancer at the age of 36. The mission of the foundation is to eradicate breast cancer as a life-threatening disease through research grants, education, community outreach, screening and treatment programs.

Many local quilt shops are participating in this project. Among the quilt shops that advertise with us, the following shops are participating:

City Quilter, New York, NY
Country Quilter, Somers, NY
Hartsdale Fabrics, Hartsdale, NY
Quilt Cottage, Mamaroneck, NY

The Quilt Shop in Danbury carries Quilt Pink Fabrics. You can also check with other local shops in your area.

Make a block with a touch of pink in honor of a friend or simply to get involved in an important project.

NSQG Membership Registration

In order to ensure that the membership list is up-to-date, please PRINT all the information below. In case of an emergency please include a phone number where you can be reached if we need to institute a phone chain. (Please indicate if you don't want it published to the general membership.) Return this form and a check in the amount of \$35 for dues, made payable to NSQG, to: Kathy Vanacoro, 608 S. Lakeshore Drive, Lake Carmel, NY 10512.

Name: _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

New member or Renewal member

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 also grant permission to photograph any of my works that are on display, by visitors of the Guild and/or Guild activities, for their personal use.

Signature: _____

Since the Guild is a volunteer organization, the Guild's policy is that any and 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? Examples include technology, typing, graphic design, finance, legal, travel arrangement, early arrival at meeting, etc.

Is there a future leadership position in the guild that would interest you?

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

Would you be willing to read the newsletter on the website? Yes No

What are you favorite quilting technique(s)? _____

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

Is there a speaker/teacher you would like to see at a future meeting? _____

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

Do you have any other suggestions for improving the Guild? _____

Thank you. Your Membership Co-Chairs
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