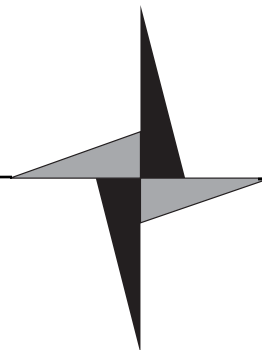


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A Message from the President

Thank you to those who came out to our October meeting. We received a nice treat from Annette Ornelas. Despite her lost luggage, Annette was able to use her small quilt samples to inform, teach and entertain us.

Another group of new members was welcomed. Their photo is in the newsletter. Hope they will enjoy our friendship and company.

I want to thank the members who came through with the copies of the missing newsletters. I knew they were out there. We just need some early members to dig deep....we're missing February 1982 and October 1990. And a special thank you to Gerry Kane who generously donated the 1995 and 1996 show pins that were missing from our collection. 1994 is our only illusive one.

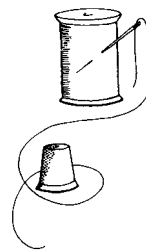
The November meeting promises to be another wonderful night. The meeting is an open meeting, no guest fees, and will begin with our member Boutique at 6:00 p.m. The highlight of the evening will be a lecture by Judith Baker Montano which I am sure will be a winner. We have invited the members of the local guilds to join us. It's a great time to bring a friend to check it all out. I'll keep the business meeting short so that we can all enjoy the camaraderie.

Mary Cannizzaro
President

Special Events

Holiday Boutique 2006

November 14, 2006
6:00-7:00 p.m.
JFK Commons



Prior to the guild meeting, come and buy some beautiful creations made by NSQG guild members. Remember, there is NO guest fee. Bring your friends!

Carolynn Young, Boutique Chair

Super Saturday

Plans are underway for Super Saturday, which will be held on February 24, 2007 at JFK High School. We should have a nice mix of classes, including some popular repeats from last year as well as several new offerings.

Super Saturday is a great opportunity to get to know one another and have a fun day, while learning a new and fun technique.

We are really encouraging everybody to attend this year. If a class offering doesn't pique your interest, plan to participate in a "Studio Class" where you can finish a UFO, get help with a technique, work on a raffle quilt for a future show, or just chat! Class registration will begin in December.

Denise Isherwood

Happy Thanksgiving to all our members.



NSQG Challenge 2007

Everything That is Old Is New Again

The months are flying by, and we want to remind you that to celebrate the start of NSQG's second quarter century, this year's challenge will be to make a quilted wall-hanging that takes a traditional pattern and updates it for the 21st century. Your quilt must be inspired by one or more traditional pieced or appliquéd block(s) or pattern(s). When you submit your challenge entry, you will select one of the following three categories:

1. **Tradition Renewed:** Take one or more traditional block(s) or pattern(s) and make them new by using contemporary fabrics, colors, embellishments or techniques. The blocks or patterns must be in their traditional proportions.
2. **Tradition Re-interpreted:** Take one or more traditional block(s) or pattern(s) and stretch, skew, or manipulate them. Or use the block(s) or pattern(s) within a different design or setting. The blocks or patterns must be recognizable.
3. **Tradition Transcended:** Create an innovative vision of one or more block or pattern name(s). Your entry may be pictorial or abstract. The quilt may or may not include a recognizable version of the block(s) or pattern(s). Think of the fun you could have using names such as Lady of the Lake, Storm at Sea, Wild Goose Chase, Jacob's Ladder, Radical Rose, New York Beauty, Old Tulips, or Trip Around the World as inspiration.

The quilts are due at the January 16, 2007 guild meeting and you will select the judging category for your entry and provide your inspiration source. The entry form can be printed from the NSQG website and copies will be available at the January meeting. At the February meeting, quilts will be hung by category and guild members will vote, by category, for the winning quilts. The Challenge quilts may be in the Lancaster show and they will be exhibited at the May 2007 NSQG World of Quilts.

To take the old and make it new again:

1. Your entry must not exceed 100" in perimeter and no side can be smaller than 15."
2. The quilt must hang easily and have no special handling or packing requirements, keeping in mind that these quilts may travel to Lancaster.
3. You may use any hand or machine techniques you like, but the quilt must be 3 layers and quilted, not tied.
4. The quilt must have a four inch sleeve attached to the back.

Let your imaginations fly. We would like to have a wide variety of traditional and contemporary entries in our challenge.

Committee Coordinator: Georgia Heller
Carol Auer, Melanie Darensod, Karen Maru, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Norma Schlager, Linda Schoenfeld

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts will meet on Wednesdays, November 1 and 15, and on Thursday, December 7 at the Katonah Presbyterian Church, 31 Bedford Road, Katonah, NY. New members are always welcome to join. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Quilt for charity and to give comfort to others and don't forget to bring your lunch.

Annual Raffle

Five charities have been nominated for the money earned from sale of tickets for our Raffle Quilt. The following is a brief description of each one. Detailed information can be found for each on the Internet. Please consider carefully and vote for one at the November meeting.

American Cancer Society's Relay for Life is an overnight event that brings together teams from towns all over the area for the purpose of raising money to help the American Cancer Society save lives, help those who have been touched by cancer and empower individuals to fight back against the disease.

Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Program (CAP) at Westchester Medical Center serves the mental health needs of children and families of Westchester and beyond. Many of these children are quite ill and disadvantaged with histories of abuse or neglect. They are among the most at risk to grow up with significant life problems.

Hudson Valley Make A Wish Foundation gives strength, hope and joy to children with life-threatening medical conditions. It has enriched the lives of children through its wish-granting work.

Putnam/Northern Westchester Women's Resource Center provides advocacy, education and services to the community in order to create a safe, supportive environment that eliminates violence against women and children and promotes gender equality.

Westchester Jewish Community Services (WJCS) is Westchester's oldest, most comprehensive licensed multi-service agency. A wide range of clinical and community based mental health and counseling programs, home health services, assistance with learning difficulties and services for people with developmental disabilities help children, adults and families who live or work in our county.

Carolyn Langevin
Charitable Activities

"Quilts=Art=Quilts" will feature three NSQG Members

The 25th Annual Juried Exhibit of "Quilts=Art=Quilts" at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, NY, will feature three NSQG members. Congratulations to Beth Carney, Carolyn Cooney, and Tamar Drucker for having their work chosen to be included in this exhibit. The exhibit will run from November 4, 2006 to January 7, 2007.

New Members

Please welcome the three new members of NSQG who joined the guild in October.



Chris Wolle

Jane Eyes

Theresa Kratschmer

World of Quilts XXVIII Quilt Show News

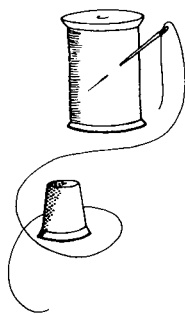
Many thanks to all the creative and dedicated Guild members who have joined our committee. We welcome all of you to an exciting and fun year! How nice to see some new faces this year! Some of our committee members are already hard at work. Karen Abramson has sent out the contracts to our vendors, Caryl Castellion is hard at work getting the catalog in order and Lynnette Clemens is taking care of publicity in our favorite quilt magazine, and the list goes on and on.

Sondra Shapiro and Jean Sparacin are in charge of our volunteers this year and we would like to remind everyone to sign up for two hours when the list comes out.

Just a reminder that we will meet at 6:30 p.m. on the first Thursday of every month at JFK. We are looking for a few more good quilters and there is still time to join us! Please contact us!

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Membership Report

Work is well underway on the Membership List for 2006-2007. Special thanks to Noreen Graham for the many hours she's spent at the computer keeping membership information updated, and to Lynnette Clemens for taking on the formidable task of formatting all of this information into an easily readable booklet.

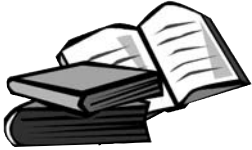
We'd like to keep all members in the loop with regard to Guild news and activities. It's, therefore, important that you let us know about any changes in your mailing or e-mail address over the course of the year.

We have welcomed 11 new members into our quilting community since September. As you can see above, the membership committee has followed up on a suggestion that we introduce our newest members by including their pictures in each newsletter. Isn't it great to be able to put a name with a face? Many thanks to Diana Sharkey who made our goal a reality by agreeing to share her digital photography skills with us.

Please note that the Special Interest Groups will not meet in November but will resume in December. Watch for news in the next newsletter of demonstrations being planned by these enthusiastic groups. But beware, their energy may be contagious!

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Library News



The Library has been doing a brisk business since September, thanks in part to the many new books purchased and processed by Margaret Phillips and Susie Andersen. There will be additional new books displayed this month at the library table, so do come by.

If you are able to help at the library during one of the meetings, please add your name to the volunteer sign up sheet at the table. It's a great way to meet new members and greet old friends.

As always, members in good standing (dues paid; no books outstanding) may borrow up to three items at a time, which are due back at the next meeting. As a reminder, the following members have books which were due at the October meeting: Pat Bobletz (1), Barbara Drillick (1), Claire Hibbard (3), Barbara Jay (1), Caroline Naddeo (2), and Pat Slaven (2).

Andrea Winter
The Library Committee

Hospitality

Please remember that the November and December meetings are a week earlier than usual. They are November 14 and December 12, so if you're baking, think early!



If your last names begin with G, H, I, please bring goodies for the hospitality table at the November meeting.

Our December meeting festivities will include a holiday gift exchange. Please bring a quilt-related gift worth approximately \$10.00. Good sources for gifts are the November boutique (everyone loves personal handmade items) as well as the advertisers in our newsletter who support us with their advertising fees as well as their raffle tables.

Sue Wilterding
Hospitality Chair

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November Meeting
Tuesday, November 14th
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Holiday Boutique: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

General Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Judith Baker Montano
“Crazy Quilt Affair”

Don't Forget Snacks!
Members whose last names begin with G, H, I

The Quilt Shop, Danbury, CT
will be donating the prizes for the raffle table.

Board Meeting: November 7th

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