

On Point!

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A Message from the President

Thanks to all who expressed their understanding about the cancellation of the December meeting. Hope you enjoyed your free evening. This month's twist of fate is that June Sahn, our newsletter editor, is recovering from an accident, so this newsletter looks a little rough around the edges. Get well soon, June.

The January meeting will catch us up on all the activities. We'll have a gift exchange for the Chinese New Year celebration at the Hospitality table. Denise Isherwood will have the samples of the classes for Super Saturday and will continue with sign-ups. Susan Wilterding will be the One Woman Show.

Teresa Barkley, our scheduled speaker for December is trying to arrange her schedule so that she can be our February guest. Her exhibit at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center continues through April 1. In conjunction with this exhibit, *The ABCs of Quilting, the Basics and Beyond*, a day of demos, has been organized by Susie Andersen. Several members of the guild will be giving demos as the title suggests...from hand quilting to art techniques. The public is invited to this hands-on demo on January 20. If you would like to participate, give Susie a call. It should be a fun day from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The Raffle Quilt team of Jackie Fowler, Laura Goldstein and Cathy Jankus will have kits available for the 2008 quilt. The board was delighted to approve the project. It's going to be another wonderful quilt.

As I well know, thoughts about the Quilt Show are never far from the minds of our quilt show chairmen, Barbara Sferra and Kathy Vanacoro. The show is a huge endeavor that we pull off each year with aplomb, style and composure. Please step up and sign up to do your part. Quilt registration form is attached.

Mary Cannizzaro
President

January meeting
Tuesday, January 16th

Demos

Local shops will be giving demos on various tools, gadgets, machines and a scissor sharpener will be at the meeting.

Hospitality

The January meeting will join our holiday celebrations with Chinese New Year festivities. It will be a multi-cultural approach, and should be fun. Watch for the presentation of the new raffle quilt kits with a Chinese theme too.

Everyone please remember food for the hospitality table (A to Z) and we will exchange gifts as planned for last month. We can begin 2007 in a more relaxed mode.

Just bring your food, a gift, and a joyous spirit. We will all celebrate our friendship and mutual interest - QUILTING!

Susan Wilterding

Special Events

Super Saturday...

Denise Isherwood will have all the samples at the January meeting. You can check out the projects on the website. If you can't make the January meeting, send her your check and first and second choices to sign up.

Trips.....

LANCASTER, HERE WE COME!

NSQG BUS TRIP to Lancaster, PA, Quilter's Heritage Show, April 13 and 14, 2007

GOOD NEWS! We've crunched the numbers and the cost for the trip will be \$150.00. Includes round-trip bus, hotel and dinner on Friday, admission to the quilt show on Saturday, and all the incidentals that make for a fun and comfortable trip! (If you have sent me your check for \$160 already, please send me another, I'll destroy your original check. Thanks.)

If you have signed up for the trip, your check is DUE BY JANUARY 16 – I'll be stationed at the TRIPS TABLE at the January meeting to take your checks, answer your questions, and sign up anyone who isn't on the list yet. You don't want to wait, we are filling up fast, and after February 15 we open any vacancies on the bus to a wait list of non-members.

If you can't make it to the meeting in January, please send your check via the mail: Debbie Bein, 19 Gables Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12503. Call me with questions or to tell me it is on the way: 845-849-0458, or email me - dbein@hvc.rr.com.

Challenge.....



NSQG
Challenge
2007



***Everything
That is
Old is New
Again***

Quilts are due at the January 2007 meeting!

We will have entry forms at the January meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting, please fill out the form (available on the Northern Star website) and give the quilt and your entry form to a friend to bring to the meeting.

When you submit your entry you will select the category in which it will be judged and provide the name of your quilt along with the name of the traditional pattern that inspired your quilt.

If you have any questions or have a problem finding the entry form, please contact one of the committee members.

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

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Membership Report

The good news is that you will be able to **pick up your NSQG Membership Booklet** for 2006-2007 at the January meeting. You can stop by the membership table to pick up your copy. Please note that those members who didn't pay their dues by the October meeting are not listed in the booklet but are included in the guild database. If either your email or mailing address changes, please let us know.

All special interest groups will meet in January. The **Appliqué Group** will offer a demonstration of two techniques for achieving sharp points.

At the January **Art Quilt Group** meeting, Fran Osinoff will demonstrate the use of Shiva Paintsticks. Demonstrations in silk screening and in free motion embroidery using Solvy are planned in the upcoming months. Please bring any quilts you have made using the techniques that have been taught at previous meetings in addition to the usual show 'n tell.

Linda Ostrander will teach a class on Y Seams (a.k.a. set-in seams) for the **Basic Training Group**. Special thanks to Joyce Sullivan who had prepared lesson plans for teaching this class in December in Linda's absence.

Supply List for Basic Training:

3 complementary fabrics, light to medium solids or small prints as fat quarters or 4 ½" strips

Rotary cutting tools: mat, cutter, ruler with 45° and 60° lines and ¼" marks

Pencil with sharp point or other marking tools that will show up on your fabrics

Silk pins

Thread & needle for hand sewing – optional

Sewing machine & thread – optional

The newly organized **Beading Group** will offer a workshop by Mayann Weinberg on "Beading up your fabric" which will focus on adding beads to your garments and quilts.

Supply List for the Beading Group:

1. 12" square of cotton fabric (with or without pattern) backed with iron-on stabilizer or interfacing

2. a variety of beads such as #11 seed beads, #6 or #8 beads, bugles, etc. Anything with a hole is fair game for sewing down!

3. Nymo or Sylimide thread (neutral color)

4. Bee's wax

5. Beading needles that will fit through the smallest beads you bring

6. Scissors

7. 6" hoop (optional)

Don't forget to **bring Show 'N Tell** to both the Special Interest Group meetings and to the general meeting. Everyone wants to be able to see and appreciate your work!

Carol Sterk csterk@optonline.net

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Programs

The January program will feature demos by:

- ***Nimble Thimble*** – JoAnn Pellicano-Alvarez will demo the Janome 6600 and use of new threads.
- ***City Quilter***- will demo two techniques: Punch Needle Embroidery for appliqués and Locker Hooking (a/k/a "the Stashbuster"). The Punch Needle technique could be used for appliqués for quilts. The Locker Hooking technique involves weaving fabric strips from your stash onto a canvas to create rugs, placemats or pillows.
- ***Woodstock Quilt Supply*** – Jim Helms has developed and will demo his "Fan Quilting Templates" which will be featured in the March issue of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*, Product Section, "Shop Talk".
- ***Quilt Mart*** – Linda Speidell will demo Piping Hot Binding as well as the Lazy Angle Ruler.
- ***Quilt Basket*** – Cathy Anderson will demo a felting machine.
- ***The Quilt Shop*** – Lois and Roni will demo Marti Michele's Rulers, Log Cabin, Miter and Short Cut Rulers.
- ***Ready-Set-Sharp*** – Matt Welstalls will sharpen all size and type of scissors. His fees are reasonable and depend on the scissor. They will be sharpened and returned to you at the meeting. So bring one or more pairs of scissors.

The demos will be repeated 4 times and will each last about 15 minutes. There will be time in between sessions if you wish to purchase any of the items. We will rotate groups of members so that the demos will be easily viewed.

Carol Mayefsky

Charitable Activities

On December 22, a group of Comfort Quilters traveled to the Behavioral Health Unit at Westchester Medical Center to present their gift of comfort quilts to the children. They also included a donation from the 5th grade children at Meadow Pond School, South Salem, of twenty adorable pillows to complement the quilts.

Annual Quilt Raffle Tickets will greatly benefit these needy kids. Please remember to get your books of tickets at the January meeting.

Comfort Quilts

In February, Comfort Quilters will meet on Wednesdays, the 7th and 21. If you would like to join the group, give me a call for details.

Carolyn Langevin

WORLD OF QUILTS XXVIII

Quilt Show News

Kathy Vanacoro
Barbara Sferra

Our show is really starting to come together! Our lecturers are in place: Anita Grossman Soloman on Saturday, and Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn on Sunday. We will have 37 vendors with a wonderful choice of goodies for sale. The boutique will be overflowing with beautiful handmade items made by our members, and we will have special exhibits at the show from “The Salon Seven”, the “M” artists, SAQA New York, and the Guild Challenge.

January starts the countdown to the show, and we want you to be aware of some of the important things that will occur this month:

- **Quilt Registration:** NSQG members can register their quilt for a reduced rate of \$6.00 (per quilt) up to January 16. A Polaroid camera will be available to take a picture of your quilt if you need one. The Registration Form is on the last page of this newsletter, available on line, and at the January meeting. Thereafter, the registration fee will be \$8.00 for guild members. Registration for non-members is \$10.00. Registration closes on March 15, 2007. See list below for categories. For more details, consult website.
- **Education Table:** On Monday, May 7 our show speakers Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn from England will be conducting a workshop entitled “Seductive Surfaces”. Sign up begins at the January meeting.
- **Volunteer Table:** Join the fun and make sure to visit Sondra Shapiro and Jean Sparacin at the Volunteer Table! The time has come to start planning your volunteer time. As seasoned Guild members know, every member is expected to volunteer at least two hours of their time to ensure a successful show. A two-hour block of volunteer time will provide you with one free admission for the entire day. If you work two hours on either Wednesday or Friday, you will receive a pass for the admission day of your choice. Four hours of volunteer time, either in two hour increments or altogether, will give you a free pass both days. See below for descriptions of the jobs.

Quilt Categories:

Bed Quilts (*Quilts made to go on a bed, regardless of size*)

- 100 Hand Quilted Bed Quilts (Predominantly hand quilted bed quilts)
- 200 Machine Quilted Bed Quilts (Predominantly machine quilted bed quilts)
- 300 Professionally Quilted Bed Quilts (the maker or makers of the top paid someone else to have it quilted)

Wall Quilts (*Quilts made to hang on a wall, regardless of size*)

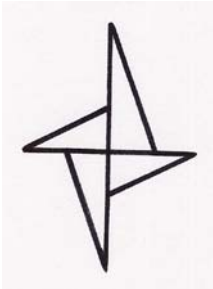
- 400 Traditional Design Appliqué Wall Quilts (predominantly appliquéd wall quilts based on traditional patterns and sets)
- 500 Traditional Design Pieced Wall Quilts (predominantly pieced wall quilts based on traditional patterns and sets)
- 600 Innovative Design Appliqué Wall Quilts (predominantly appliquéd wall quilts with fundamental deviation from traditional patterns and sets)
- 700 Innovative Design Pieced Wall Quilts (predominantly pieced wall quilts with fundamental deviation from traditional patterns and sets)
- 800 Art – People, Portraits, Figures (wall quilts that illustrate some recognizable aspect of the human form)
- 900 Art – Pictorial (wall quilts that illustrate a recognizable image [other than human –see 800, above] such as animals, aliens, naturescapes, landscapes, cityscapes, still-life, flowers, rooms, etc.)
- 1000 Art – Abstract (wall quilts of original forms and compositions, non-literal designs)
- 1100 Professionally Quilted Wall Quilts (The maker or makers of the top paid someone else to have it quilted.)

Special Category Quilts

- 1200 Group Quilts (any quilt that was worked on by more than one person, but not professionally quilted)
- 1300 Miniature Quilts (a scaled-down version of a full size quilt; perimeter is not to exceed 96")
- 1400 Special Techniques (unusual techniques such as yo-yo's, crazy quilts, cathedral windows, and whole-cloth quilts)
- 1500 Young Quilters (all sizes and techniques. Quilt must be made by a 14-year old or younger with little or no help from an adult. Please state age on registration form. First 15 entries will be accepted.)

Job Descriptions

- **Judging - Assisting on Quilt Judging Day**: Judging takes place the Wednesday prior to the show at the Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse. Professional judges critique the quilts, while volunteers hold and fold them, and write the judges' comments. It is a very educational job; you are up front and personal with the quilts.
- **Boutique**: Guild members may sell their handmade items at our show. Anyone who participates in the boutique must work two hours in the boutique. This block of time is in addition to your two hours of volunteering elsewhere in the show. Boutique volunteers are needed to set up on Friday evening and sell items on both days.
- **Quilt Frame Setup**: The quilts cannot be hung until the frames are in place. This is a very important Friday afternoon job. It's a wonderful way to include your husband and teens.
- **Quilt Hangers**: The quilt acquisition committee needs helpers to climb ladders to hang muslin, and then the quilts. (You get to examine the quilts without being scolded.)
- **Friday Night Supper**: After several hours of work, volunteers and vendors are hungry. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up after the feast.
- **Information Booth**: The Information Office is in the main office of the school. Information will be placed at the admissions tables and further guidance will be available in the office, i.e. lost and found, etc. Important questions such as "Where is the bathroom?" or "Where are the quilts?" need answering. (This is a sit-down job with lots of personal interaction.)
- **Admissions**: We have two admission entrances and need several volunteers at each entrance at all times. Volunteers collect money, stamp hands, hand out programs and answer lots of questions. (You get to sit-down, and it is fun meeting and greeting visitors.)
- **Lecture Monitors**: At each lecture volunteers are needed at the entrance doors and to assist the lecturer. This is a very popular job since you get to hear a lecture while fulfilling your volunteer time. We ask that you sign up for only one lecture.
- **Raffle Table**: We sell about 5,000 raffle tickets for our quilt show and volunteers are needed to sell them. This is a money-collecting job and you get to sit down.
- **Demo Room** – During the course of the day we will have several demonstrations taking place in the demo room. We need one volunteer to be there in case the demonstrator needs anything.
- **Sweepstakes** – Volunteers are needed to work at the sweepstakes tables in the lobby, selling tickets, giving out prizes, etc.
- **Quilt Watchers/Monitors**: These volunteers are our show hostesses. They wear white gloves and show the quilt backs to interested visitors. While no experience is necessary, this is an extremely important job since you help protect the quilts from being handled.
- **Quilt Takedown**: Quilts need to be removed in an orderly manner, and their ownership verified.
- **Quilt Frame Takedown**: Muslin needs to be removed from the frames, and the frames disassembled.



Northern Star Quilters' Guild

World of Quilts XXVIII
Quilt Registration Form 2007

(please print legibly)

Registration #: _____
Postmark Date: _____
Official Use Only

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSQG Member? Y___N___ Design Source: _____
_____ Traditional (pattern name)

Quilt name: _____ Commercial Pattern (give credit)

Quilt size: (L)_____ x (W)_____ Original

Predominant Colors: _____ Combination

Made by: _____ Quilting: ___Hand ___Machine

Quilted by: _____ Stitch Regulator Used: _____

Computer Guided Quilting/Other (give credit): _____

Category Number (refer to registration info.)_____ To be judged? Y___ N___

Design Statement (25 words or less) and/or history of quilt for our catalogue, including any prizes or awards won by your quilt _____

Quilt Return

Your *Quilt Claim Card* must be presented when picking up your quilt. **Please check one:**

___ I will pick up my quilt after the show on Sunday, May 6, 2007 at the JFK High School.

___ My quilt will be picked up by _____ (name & phone of person picking up)

___ I would like my quilt returned to me and I include \$15.00 to cover costs. If you want your quilt insured for more than \$100, please add \$.35 per \$100. Amount of insurance for quilt \$ _____

Special shipping instructions: _____

Important: I grant the Northern Star Quilters' Guild permission to photograph my work for local or regional use in media advertising, promotion, and publication in newspapers, magazines, 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 on display.

Signature _____ Date _____

Please enclose a photograph of your quilt, and a check made payable to NSQG for \$8.00 (non-members \$10.00) to cover the Registration Fee. Mail completed Registration Forms, photographs, and fees to:

Terry Melillo, 9 Franklin Drive, Mahopac, NY 10541

Registration Forms must be received by March 15, 2007

January Meeting
Tuesday, January 16, 2007
JFK High School, Somers, NY

General Meeting 7:15 p.m.

**Demos of new gadgets, machines and
scissor sharpening**

Don't forget snacks.....everyone this month

Fabric Mart, Yorktown Heights
will be donating the prizes for the raffle table.

Board Meeting: January 9th

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