

Susan Fasnacht - President

I am pleased to continue to serve another year as president after being Quilt Show VP for two years. This past year I have worked on trying to move the guild forward to work with today's technology. We have changed how we disseminate news and information to membership, and worked on making use of our website for this purpose. I introduced online payment of quilt registration for the World of Quilts show, which was highly successful with about two-thirds of the registrants taking advantage of this convenience. This coming year I hope to continue that progress and make changes to those things that did not run as smoothly as I wanted them to.

I continue to be grateful for all the wonderful people we have in the guild. When we ran into problems, someone always stepped up to help out. I hope to continue fostering that spirit over the next year.

After I retired several years ago, I wanted to put my sewing skills I learn as a child into making quilts. Since joining the Guild in 2010, I have not only improved my quilting skills, but have met people with similar interests in sewing. It has given me the opportunity to meet many wonderful people and make new friends.

Julie Long - Vice President of Communications

Hello fellow quilters: my name is Julie Long and I am running for VP of communications. I can't believe I have been a member of NSQG for about 30 years!! One of my first friends was Ann Fitzell, while sitting in the cafeteria of the Somers Middle School. I have quilted on and off during that time, raising my family and now I have more time to devote to my own quilting, as well as being a member of Comfort Quilts. Traditional quilting has always been my favorite style, but I also appreciate the time and talent that goes into other styles of quilting. I look forward to serving on the board again in the capacity of VP of Communications. The guild has brought me many great times and memories, and I look forward to giving back.

Donna Chambers - Vice President of Education

I'm Donna Chambers born, raised and educated in Ossining, NY. I learned the magic of working with my hands and creating things at an early age. Mom taught me to sew, my Great Aunt taught me crochet, embroidery and knitting, and my Dad was always building something, fixing something or making mosaic tables.

I had a part time job after school and summers in the art department for renowned textile designer Vera Neumann of Vera Scarves in Ossining. It was the greatest experience ever. Upon HS graduation, Vera awarded me a very nice scholarship and I attended and graduated from Pratt Institute, majoring in fashion art and design, and some jewelry making.

In 1978 I began refining my jewelry skills and I established my award winning jewelry design company, Donna Chambers Designs Inc. I have been creating and manufacturing a line of 14k gold and antique mother of pearl jewelry for over 35 years, exhibiting at major jewelry trade shows and selling to stores, including Fortunoffs, Macy's and Nahoku of Hawaii.

About ten years ago my life slowed down a little and I decided I wanted to pullout my old Kenmore Machine after 30 years and learn to quilt. Like many of you I now have Quilt Fever. I never would have dreamed I'd be introduced to so many types of quilts, quilting techniques, rulers, rotary cutters and wonderful ladies. I have been a member of NSQG for about 5 years. I've participated in NSQG's Quilt Show and I am still excited to have won BEST OF SHOW in 2014 and 2015. I am a member of Comfort Quilts and the Art SIG group. My quilts have been juried into AQS and they have won Honorable Mentions at Mancuso Pennsylvania and New Jersey. I am also a member of FANE . I love creativity and working with my hands, I look

forward to the opportunity to put my talents to work on the NSQG Board for another year. Thank you.

Jennifer Kramer - Vice President of Membership

I will always be grateful to my mother for signing me up for a 6 week Singer sewing class when I was 12, and buying me my first sewing machine. What followed has been a lifetime of pleasure, first in making clothes and starting in 1997, quilting.

Classes at the Country Quilter got me started, and I joined the Guild in 2009. The appliqué SIG, special classes and Super Saturdays have enriched my quilting. I love working on Comfort Quilts and I have enjoyed learning appliqué, landscape and portrait quilting. I am so grateful to Guild members for their generous help as I try new things.

I served for 2 years as Education VP, before serving as Membership VP. I have offered to work as Membership VP for another year if elected.

Helen May - Vice President of Programs

I have been quilting for the past twelve years. In the 80's and 90's I designed quilts for my mother-in-law who was an avid quilter and made numerous quilts for all her grandchildren. I inherited her stash and sewing machine. In 2004 the machine died and when I bought one to replace it, I decided to put it to use by taking a quilting course at Hartsdale Fabrics. I made my first granddaughter that first quilt. Four more grandchildren within the next couple of years kept me very busy as I began inventing my own patterns. I love experimenting with different media and techniques and about three years ago bought a longarm to help enhance my quilting

Since 2011 when I retired, I've been a member of both Village Square Quilters and NSQG. I'm also retiring as treasurer of Village Squares, a position I have held for the past four years.

I have really appreciated the wonderful lectures and workshops offered by our guild and hope to continue the tradition of finding interesting talent to add to our monthly rostrum.

Noreen Lippolis - Co-Vice President of Quilt Show

Working on this year's show with Chris Roche has given me a deeper appreciation our guild members' talents. Everyone on the Show Committee has selflessly given their time to ensure that our show lives up to its wonderful reputation. Who wouldn't want to be co-chair for another year?

Chris Roche - Co-Vice President of Quilt Show

My love for needlework began at 5 years old when my grandmother taught me how to knit. This progressed to needlepoint and finally, after my children were born, to quilting. I love hand applique and wool applique. After years of hand quilting, I am finally enjoying the rewards of machine quilting. After teaching for 33 years I am now retired and have a lot more time to spend in my sewing room.

I have been a member of the Guild since 1990. Just a few weeks after joining I was asked to be the Quilt Show Treasurer. That job was the beginning of many years on the Show Committee and led to many lasting friendships. Besides being the treasurer for several years, I also served as information booth chairperson, volunteers, special exhibits, and JFK liaison. I have also served on the Guild board as Hospitality chairperson and Special Events coordinator. I am very excited to co-chair the show again with Noreen and look forward to working with a wonderful group of volunteers.

Anne Chehebar - Secretary

I started sewing as a young girl, making my own dresses, and worked on my first quilt - an English paper-pieced hexagonal quilt - when I was about 14. When I came to the United States from the UK in 1974, I renewed my interest in quilting, sewing small projects mainly as gifts for family and friends. Two years ago, Julie Long encouraged me to join the Guild. When I retired last year, I joined Comfort Quilts and really enjoy the camaraderie of the group. I have learned more about the joy of quilting from members of this group in the last six months than I can possibly say!

Annette Nash-Govan - Treasurer

I have been sewing since taking a course in home economics in the 7th grade. I've made clothing for myself and family members. My grandmother gave me the inspiration for quilting and had made many quilts for family members and all five of her daughters. I began quilting five years ago after my last daughter graduated from college to carry on a family tradition. My specialty presently is traditional piecing but I am looking to develop skills in paper piecing and art quilting.

I am a senior finance executive and have been CFO of two media/entertainment companies, a cultural arts organization and currently is consulting director of finance for an affordable housing project.

I graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelors of Arts and from the University of Pennsylvania with a Masters of Business Administration.