

Details about the 2019-2020 Board candidates

Co-President: Anne Chehebar



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. Julie Long encouraged me to join the Guild in 2015 and two years later, when I retired, I joined Comfort Quilts and found my quilting home, enjoying both the camaraderie and the opportunity to learn from experienced quilters. I became Secretary of Guild that year. I have learned so much from Guild members who have so willingly shared their knowledge, expertise and encouragement at Board and Guild Meetings, Comfort Quilts, in the SIGs and Super Saturdays -- that being a member of the Guild has been one of the happiest parts of my retirement.

Co-President: Karen Carlson



I began sewing at 8-9 years old making Barbie doll clothes, a lot of my clothes during high school and college, then on to home dec and kid stuff. I started quilting and got involved with NSQG via Comfort Quilts about 20 years ago. Comfort Quilts is still my favorite Guild activity although I have also overseen making raffle quilts and Super Saturday, gone on quilt trips and taken workshops, and volunteered at guild meetings and the quilt show. The world of quilting has been a rewarding experience for me and I wish the same for all of you.

Secretary: Rona Spar



I started sewing when I was 5 years old on my mother's Singer treadle machine, where I made doll clothes and dirndl skirts. My Aunt Becky owned a dry goods store in a tenement on Pitkin Avenue in Brooklyn. To me, the array of colorful fabrics, zippers and buttons was a wondrous treat, especially since I could have whatever fabric I wanted. I was devastated when her building was condemned. When I was teaching, I used quilting to teach transformational geometry to my students using both paper patterns and fabric. I made my first full size quilt from double knits left on my doorstep by a neighbor who manufactured children's clothing. I can't begin to say how many log cabin quilts I have made and given away as gifts over the years. But, I did not learn the intricacies of quilting until I retired in 2003 and joined NSQG, after having taken a class with Claire Oehler, making an 'Honoring

the Seasons' quilt. Then I joined the 'Dear Jane' group and made one of those, also, meeting more NSQG friends. Recently, I have been inspired by Rayna Gillman, Cheryl Lynch, Anita Grossman Solomon, and Carole Lyles Shaw.

The speakers and workshops at our guild are top notch, inspiring but not too intimidating. I have many college degrees, but they pale in light of the joy and creativity I have experienced here at NSQG. Because I have learned so much, I want to give back to the guild by joining the board as secretary.

Co-Treasurer: Rebeka Glacy



I joined the Guild over three years ago. I started quilting in 2005. Since I am always on the go and don't get to sit at my sewing machine as much as I would like to, I prefer hand sewing projects such as English Paper Piecing, Cross stitch, wool applique and have a newly found love for sashiko and embroidery . I have my Bachelors in Accounting and look forward to serving the guild in the coming year.

Co-Treasurer: Karen Martinez



I joined NSQG over 3 years ago to establish relationships with others who share a passion for fabric (lots of it!) and all things handmade, while learning new skills. I tend to have more traditional tastes and basic skills, and I appreciate that the guild exposes its members to many techniques and ideas, enabling us to grow creatively. I have over 20 years of experience as a bookkeeping assistant and look forward to serving the guild in the capacity of co-treasurer.

Vice President - Membership: Rosemary DePaola



I have been sewing since I was 10 years old (1957) and started quilting in 1997 and immediately fell in love with the designs and hand quilting. I have been in Northern Star Quilters' Guild since 2013 and my passion grew with my fellow quilters' encouragement. Comfort Quilts has been a huge part of my life for the past 6 years. I was asked and accepted the nomination for Secretary in 2015 and held that position for 2 years. I have been your Vice President of Membership for the 2018-2019 year and would be privileged to hold this position for another year.

Co-Vice President - Communications: Daisy Dodge



Born and raised in Michigan, I have been quilting since 1992, when I took a beginner quilting class with my Mom as a Mother's gift to her. Instantly I was hooked. At that time, I had no idea quilting would become such an important part of my life for the past 25+ years. With a degree in Fine Arts, I love to bring my sense of design to my quilts. My latest endeavors include creating my own patterns, quilting with tiny pieces, and portrait art quilts. I have been part of the NSQG family for 5 years now. I have enjoyed being a Board Member as Quilt Show Co-Chair for 2019, and look forward to serving on the Board again next year in the role of Communications Vice President.

Co-Vice President - Communications: Deborah Warren



I have been a member of NSQG for 2 years and served as Co-VP for the 2019 Quilt Show which has been an exciting journey. I am looking forward to completing some lingering quilt projects in the coming year as well as one for the 2020 show. I am excited to take on the new challenge of Communications for the Guild and to strengthen the Guild's presence in all social media arenas.

Vice President - Education: Linda Finegan



My love of quilting began in high school when I went with my mother to a neighbor's house for a beginners quilting class. NSQG has shown me new worlds of styles and techniques.

I am a mother of three, a violinist and teacher. I have performed in many genres including chamber music, orchestra, opera and Broadway.

I currently divide my time between performing in the Greater Metropolitan Area and playing with the Long Bay Symphony which is the Regional Orchestra of South Carolina.

Vice President - Programs: Linda Stern



I started quilting when my son was born 26 years ago. At the time I was creating on air graphics for ABC television and found the tactile sense of working with fabric a nice change from working on a computer. I currently teach Digital Photography, Graphic Design, and run a Student Internship Program at the Bronx High School for the Visual Arts. I create the occasional bed quilt but have drifted to surface design and using my quilting to artistically interpret the world around me. I am someone who feels there is always something new to learn. As the Board Member in charge of Programs, I hope you will share with me techniques and speakers you would appreciate a chance to be exposed to.

Co-Vice President - Quilt Show: Narcita Medina



I joined Northern Star Quilters Guild in 2017, upon retiring from the White Plains School District as an assistant principal. Prior, in New York City, I was a reading specialist and English teacher at the secondary level. I have two sons who, with their amazing daughter in laws, gave me five grandchildren. I reside in Cortlandt Manor but consider myself a Bronx girl.

Joining the guild fulfilled a desire to be a quilter. Quilting fulfills my artistic sensibilities while posing creative challenges. In my short time at the Guild I have actively participated in all aspects of Guild life: attending meetings, enjoying two Lancaster road trips, participating in Guild workshops, volunteering at our Quilt Show and at the Guild library.

I accept my new role as the co-chair of the Quilt Show committee, with enthusiasm. I am a lifelong learner, a problem solver, a tireless worker, and a voracious reader. I hope, as Quilt Show co-chair, that I maintain the legacy of my predecessors while bringing a fresh perspective. I look forward to working with co-chair, Julie Long, with the committee members.

Co-Vice President - Quilt Show: Julie Long



I have been a guild member for over 30 years and have participated in a wide variety of activities. I am currently finishing my term on the board as VP Communications. I am also a member of the Comfort Quilt group. I love how quilting has evolved from traditional utilitarian quilts to a contemporary art. I currently enjoy making traditional quilts with a contemporary design. I am looking forward to serving on the board in a new and challenging area. I would also like to encourage everyone to volunteer, you will be pleasantly surprised that you will get back much more than you give.