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A Message from the President

Spring has sprung! As I take my walks, I discover crocus and daffodils blooming with refreshing color. Another true sign of Spring is that the Quilt Show is just around the corner. Quilts are ready to be hung, volunteers engaged, and final plans confirmed. We look forward to a spectacular 2008 World of Quilts Show.

The April meeting will be busy and exciting. Sharon Pederson comes to us from British Columbia, Canada, and presents a lively and humorous trunk show called, "**Stories from the Road**". There are still spaces left in her workshop on **Sensational Sashiko**, for anyone who can squeeze in another activity. Visit her website at www.sharonquilts.com.

The nominating committee will also present the slate of officers for the 2008-2009 Guild year. Remember that the membership can nominate a candidate (check with them first) for any elected office at this meeting. Refer to the Nominating Committee article in this newsletter.

Whatever you love doing this month, celebrate the end of a long Winter! Celebrate Spring. Our Show is just around the corner. See you there!

Carolynn Young, President

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers
May 20, 2008 7:15 pm
Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers New York

April Meeting

Tuesday April 15
JFK High School,
Somers, NY

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Sharon Pederson,
British Columbia, Canada
"Stories from the Road"

Sharon's lecture is one part trunk show, one part comedy routine. She has performed to universal acclaim all over California and Western Canada.

Special Interest Groups

Art Quilts: Foiling demo by Susan Osinoff
Hand Applique: Demos by Diane Linker & Inge Stahl. Also intro to Rose challenge.
Beading: Demo by Judy Jones
Basic Training with Linda Ostrander

Don't Forget Snacks:

Members whose last names begin
with S

Remember to bring Show and Tell

Board Meeting: April 11

Didn't get to Lancaster?

You will have your chance to partake of some fun items from Lancaster with this month's raffle.

Our special thanks to our President, Carolynn Young for coming up with this special raffle. At just a dollar for three chances, you can't miss it!

MEMBER SHOWCASE: *Mary Cannizzaro*



I've always enjoyed this portion of our monthly meeting. It's so interesting to see how a member approaches our common interest. I'm looking forward to exhibiting my quilts. I recently came across the first quilt I made and will include it.

I began sewing as a child. Our sewing machine was always set up and ready to use. My sister Kathleen is 11 years older and I loved to watch her make clothes, always thrilled when she taught me how to make tailor tacks and 'allowed' me to do them on her patterns. Only when I was older did I realize what an annoying thing it was to make tailor tacks and how smart she was to get me to do them!

I have been sewing professionally with another sister, Claire, for many years making draperies and learned the accuracy that I love.

There have been a few teachers in my quilting life who have influenced my work. I was lucky enough to have taken my first machine quilting class from Harriet Hargrave and a few years later refined my own technique with Elizabeth Rosenberg. Mary Sorensen gave me a love of appliqué. Karen Stone helped my color sense and this year's class with Philippa Naylor brought me to a new enthusiastic level.

Hope you enjoy seeing my quilts.

Mary Cannizzaro



Membership

Welcome Spring! The Guild year has been full of creative activities, with many more yet to come. We are working to integrate our newest members into our group, and know that the Quilt Show is one way to meet more quilters. Involvement translates into belonging, and everyone benefits. Please join in.

For all our members to note, the Guild information online has become a go-to site. Deirdre Abbotts has been diligent in providing current news, and all photos are in color. Be sure to add NorthernStarQuilters.com to your Favorites list and check it anytime during the month for news and updates. Then when you register for Membership in May, check the box for receiving the newsletter online. Thank you to Pooa Bloomberg for her Member Showcase display in March. We look forward to seeing quilts from Mary Cannizzaro in April.

Susan Wilterding, V.P. Membership

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Show and Tell

Everyone looks forward to show and tell. All quilts are welcome whether they are your first effort or you've just won a ribbon in Houston. This guild is about learning, sharing and inspiring one another; that quilt you're not sure is worthy of display may just spark another member's curiosity or creativity! To encourage you to take a risk, all first time participants in show and tell will receive an NSQG pin.

Deirdre Abbotts, one of our hardworking "in-house" technology experts, will be ready to project details of your small crazy quilts, art quilts, etc. onto the projection screen in the auditorium. This will be a great month for all of our crazy quilters and art quilters to bring their latest creations to the meeting.

Did you purchase a template, tool or other equipment at the January meeting? If you did, we'd like to see how you've put it to use in a quilt.

Special Interest Groups

Hand Appliqué Group

Diane Linker will demonstrate the Overlay Method of hand appliqué, and Inge Stahl will show participants a technique she's developed using a hera marker and foam board. This group is embarking on an optional rose challenge. Come and see what it's all about.

Art Quilt Group

Susan Osinoff will demonstrate foiling techniques.

Beading Group

Judy Jones will present a demonstration on **bead knitting**. Come and take this opportunity to learn an exciting new technique taught by a master beader.

Supply List:

- 1 skein DMC Metallic silver thread
- 4 mm cube beads (150 main color, 100 contrasting color A, 50 contrasting color B)
- 1 clasp 3 strand slide
- knitting needles size 000

Basic Training

Linda Ostrander is back this month offering a tune up on the basics. Have a question about set-in seams, quilt settings, blocking or binding your quilt? Linda can help you with these problems and many more. Both beginning and more advanced quilters are welcome.

Carol Sterk, VP Education
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Library



It was another busy evening at the library. I have many people to thank this month. First of all is my helper Marilyn Faust who always arrives with a smile and ready to pitch in. Second are the many members who remembered to return their overdue library books. More than two thirds of the overdue books were returned and I do appreciate it. Finally thanks go out to all the generous women who have donated beautiful books to the library. I'm sure all of our members appreciate it. Have a good month, and see you at the next meeting.

Noreen Graham,
Librarian

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As we go to print, there are still a few spaces available in Sharon Pederson's "Sensational Sashiko" class (Wed., April 16, 2008.) If you decide you'd like to come at the last minute but don't have time to scrounge around for supplies, she'll have kits available for \$25 without her book and \$53 with her book. This quick and easy machine quilting technique will enable you to achieve delicate undulating patterns perfect for traditional as well as modern quilts. Her lecture, "Stories from the Road", promises to be a hoot.

We're anxiously awaiting our Show's featured speakers, Britain's Barbara Barber and our own Marilyn Belford. Barbara's lecture will be "Award Winning Quilts and How to Make Them." Her workshop, "Really Sharp Piecing", offered **Monday**, May 5, 2008, will introduce us to her distinctive foundation piecing method for achieving really sharp points in curved designs. Learn more about this world renowned quilt artist by visiting her website: www.barbarabarberbritishquilts.com. Marilyn's Show topic, "Techniques of the Art Quilt", will include her step-by-step method for making realistic fabric portraits. While her workshop won't take place until **Saturday**, October 18, 2008, spaces are going quickly! You can see samples of Marilyn's work at www.marilynbelford.com.

For our regular May meeting, we are delighted to have Trish Hodge of Batik Tambal to explain the meaning of various batik panels and fabrics and how to use them in our quilts. Many of you will remember Trish's fabulous collection of copper stamps and oil sticks from our January meeting. Find out more about her craft at: www.batiktambal.com.

Believe it or not, Ann Johnston's 2-day fabric dyeing workshop (April 19-20, 2009) is already half full. If you are interested in attending, please contact me ASAP. Thank you.


Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs
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Trip Update


VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL and SHELBURNE MUSEUM
 June 27, 28, 29.
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Debbie Bein, Trip Coordinator

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World of Quilts XXIX

Quilt Show News

Saturday, May 3, 2008 - 10:00am to 5:00pm
Sunday, May 4, 2008 - 10:00am to 4:00pm

By the time you read this article, the show will be about 3 weeks away! We hope everyone is getting ready for a wonderful weekend! Everyone should have volunteered their two hours (or more). Remember that this is not MY Show, or THEIR Show, but OUR Show. We should all be proud of the wonderful show we put on and help to make it special. Here are some things you need to know:

Appraisals: This year we are having a quilt appraiser at our show. Sign ups must be paid for in advance to hold your spot and any open slots may be filled the days of the show. Quilts made prior to 1975 can get a verbal appraisal for \$20. Quilts made after 1975 will receive a written appraisal for \$40.

Show Pins: Pins will be available for \$4 at the April meeting. After this meeting, the price will be \$5.

Quilt Drop Off Dates: This year we have only one drop off location, so mark your calendars to join us on this day (unless you plan to mail it to Margaret Phillips). Be sure it is totally clean of all pet hair and has a 4" sleeve!
Saturday, April 26th from 12:00 - 4:00 pm @ The Country Quilter in Somers, NY

Raffle Quilt Tickets: Hope you have sold lots of tickets for our beautiful quilt and turned them in to Carolyn Langevin.

Volunteers: Every Guild member is expected to volunteer two hours at the show. Two hours gets you a free pass into the show for one day. Four hours gives you both days free. Your pass(es) will be mailed to you with a reminder of the hours you signed up for. Use these passes to enter the show. We still have some spots to fill: we are looking for some hard working people for set up on Friday afternoon and evening. Great time to involve your children, spouses, etc. to see "what it takes to get a quilt show going." We also need help in the kitchen on Friday. *Just think, if you volunteer on Friday, you have all day Saturday and Sunday to shop, shop, shop and listen to a lecture or two!*

Lectures: Be sure and take time to listen to our wonderful lecturers, Barbara Barber and Marilyn Belford. These amazing women will delight you with their talent.

Shopping: Remember that the show will open on Saturday at 9:00 a.m. for Guild members only. No one other than chairpersons will be admitted before this time, no exceptions! Please don't harass the ladies at the admissions desk.

Sweepstakes: Come to this fun booth and buy some tickets. We will have lots of wonderful prizes for you.

Quilt Pick-up: The show closes at 4:00 p.m. Sunday and the process of taking down the quilts will start at this time. NO ONE will be allowed in the gym area (including the stairwell) during takedown except those taking the quilts down and getting them ready for return. Quilters waiting to pick up their quilts should proceed to the CAFETERIA where you will each receive a number in the order in which you arrive. If your quilt(s) was judged, your Judges Comments will be available here. Please sit in comfort and when your number is called you may proceed to the gym and retrieve your quilt(s). NO ONE will be admitted into the gym without a number and NOT before your number is called. You will also need your QUILT CLAIM CARD to receive your quilts. This process worked very well for us last year to speed the return of quilts, keep everyone comfortable and keep the quilts secure. Please note that the busses will continue to run until 5:30 on Sunday.

Vendors: We will have 37 vendors this year for your shopping pleasure.

Barbara Sferra and Kathy Vanacoro Co-Chairs – Show Committee

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Raffle Quilt 2008

A World of Quilts XXIX is just around the corner and we can hardly wait to see who will win the Raffle Quilt this year! At this time Laura, Cathy and I would again like to thank all the NSQG members who contributed to this year's quilt by completing one or more of the blocks. They are: Carolyn Langevin, Rosemary Mahoney, Suzanne Sunday, Linda Ostrander, Carolyn Salon, Mary Cannizzaro, Carrie Vollrath, Linda Gidos, Maria Weinstein, Rene Bracken, Karen Strang, Caryl Castellion, Mary Gall, Jeri Riggs, Joan Citron, Jane Eyes, Kim Hyde, Maxine Oliver, Connie Weiss, Sonia Rieber, Pat Baker, Ann Fitzell, Pat Lightner, Joan Doggett, Micki Tedeschi, Amy Trompetter, Carol Auer, Linda Schulz, Lois Lober, Mary Gall, Christine Wolle, Marsha Henderson, Patricia Loquet, Althea Nolan, Maggie Kolvenbach, Cathie Billings, Barbara Howard, Marie Pedlow, Lorraine Mioducki, Carole Hoffman, Kathy Kaplan, Karen Abramson, Lynnette Clemens, Betty Buccino, Terri Jannelli, and Meg Moorar.

We would also like to thank Susan Wilterding for the time and energy that she spent researching fabrics, sharing fabric from her own Asian stash and consulting with us on design issues.

We thank Pat Baker and the Comfort Quilters for generously inviting us to 'shop' in their stash – a perfect example of 'the more you give, the more you receive'. And last but not least, thank you to Jane Davila and Mary Gay Leahy at The Country Quilter for their technical assistance.

It goes without saying that our Raffle Quilt was a labor of love and we are very appreciative of everyone's time and effort. As many of you know, the recipient of this year's Raffle Quilt proceeds is **Jess Because, Inc.** which is a wonderful organization that provides opportunities for people with disabilities to experience art that they create without rigid prescriptions; in many ways it is not so different from our own Art Quilt movement. What makes this organization so very special to Laura, Cathy and me is the fact that Laura's son Seth, Cathy's daughter Jessica (she's the Jess in Jess Because) and my son Scott all participate in a variety of the classes that are offered – music, drama, dance and art; these classes give each of them a chance to use artistic expression to continue lifelong learning.

So, with that in mind, we ask for your support by selling as many raffle tickets as you can – and you might just win that great quilt!!

Jackie Fowler

Sweepstakes

This will be the last meeting before the show so please try to remember to bring in any things you have for the sweepstakes. We want to have a pool of scraps so this is your chance to rid your sewing area from all those unused triangles, started projects and any small pieces that are too precious to be thrown out but never seem to get used.

Threads or notions of any kind are still needed!
Thanks to all those who have contributed so far!

Susie Andersen Manderse@optonline.net
and Noreen Graham Nina1351@aol.com,
Sweepstakes coordinators

Spring Boutique

Any NSQG member in good standing may sell items at the upcoming Quilt Show Boutique. Items submitted for sale must be made by a NSQG member and can be quilted, constructed of fabric and/or fiber, or quilt-related. Explore new techniques and stretch your imagination as well as stocking up on your usual big sellers.

Vendors must volunteer at least two hours of time to work at the boutique, in addition to volunteering two hours at the show to meet your guild obligation. Information and inventory forms will be available at the general meeting.

Stephanie Santangelo and Judy Jones,
Boutique Coordinators

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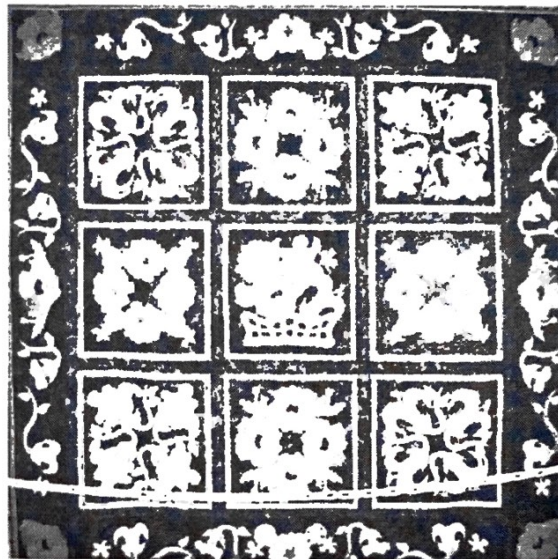
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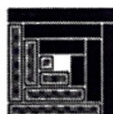
Northern Star Quilter's shined at Lancaster. In addition to our challenge quilts, Margaret Philips and Georgia Heller both represented the guild with incredible quilts. For those of you who could not get to the show, we wanted to share them with you.



Marbles by Margaret Philips



Winter Garden by Georgia Heller



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Nominating Committee News

The NSQG 2008/2009 proposed slate of officers was presented to the Board and approved at its March meeting:

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*Incumbent

The candidates will be introduced to the membership at the April general meeting, at which time nominations from the floor will be accepted. The election will take place at the May general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Susie Andersen, Fran Osinoff,
Sue Wilterding, Andrea Winter,
Nominating Committee



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