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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 2009 World of Quilts Show.

The April meeting will be busy and exciting! Ann Johnston is a world-renowned quilter and comes to us from Oregon. She will present samples of her prize-winning quilts and techniques in pattern and dimension in her lecture, "**Texture and Relief for Quilters**". Visit her incredible website at [www.annjohnston.net](http://www.annjohnston.net).

The nominating committee will also present the slate of officers for the 2009-2010 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

## **April Meeting**

**Tuesday, April 21<sup>st</sup>**

JFK High School  
Somers, NY

### **Special Interest Groups**

5:45-6:45

Art Quilt Group-Library  
Not for Beginners Only-Cafeteria  
Hand Appliqué-Cafeteria

**General Meeting: 7:00 pm**

**Guest Speaker:**

**Ann Johnston**

**"Texture and Relief for Quilters"**

**Remember to bring Show and Tell**

**Members who's last names  
Begin with S and T please bring snacks**

**Board meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

**Kennedy Catholic High School,**

**Somers, New York**

**May 19, 2009 7:00 p.m.**

# World of Quilts XXX News

Our Show is but a few short weeks away. The excitement and enthusiasm is contagious and I hope you all catch it. This is the biggest cooperative endeavor our Guild works on all year.

So, work, play, shine and enjoy all the magic this first weekend in May brings our way. We look forward to warm sunshine, wonderful quilts, fabulous vendors, entertaining lectures, informative demos and more!

There are two very big questions that will be answered this first weekend in May. "Who's quilt will be Best in Show"; and "Where in the world will the raffle quilt go?" Come, enjoy the show; get in on the action!

## **Quilt drop off**

**Place:** JFK High School, Route 138, Somers, NY

**Date:** Saturday, April 25, 2009

**Time:** 12:00 - 4:00

Please remember to attach your muslin quilt number and sleeve.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to those who have already signed on for a Show job. June Sahm will be at the meeting for the final volunteer sign up. There are many openings and opportunities to help out.

We still need lots of volunteers, starting Friday afternoon with frames @ noon through evening quilt hanging.

White glove security volunteers are needed to watch the quilts. We also still need Demo room volunteers as well as admissions volunteers.

Please remember that every member is expected to work at least 2 hours for the Quilt Show. Members who work 2 hours get into the Show at no charge one day. Members who work 4 hours get in both days at no charge.

Members who do volunteer will not need a pass to get into the Show. A list of volunteers will be posted during the Show at the cafeteria entrance, to facilitate free admission for member volunteers.

If you cannot be at the meeting to sign up, call or email June Sahm to sign up as soon as possible.

**Friday Night Dinner:** This year, the JFK school cafeteria staff will be preparing and serving the food

for Friday night's dinner. In order to determine the number of people to be served, a wristband will be required for the Friday night dinner.

Wristbands will be provided to volunteers signed up to work from afternoon through the evening. They will be distributed on Friday, prior to dinner, according to the sign up volunteer list that will be posted at the main cafeteria entrance.

**Demonstrations:** Our Guild is so rich in talented members. Susan Osinoff is looking for members to show off those talents by participating in the Demo room. Traditionally, members have stepped forward to volunteer for this activity during our Show.

Demo's can be as easy as an intro to piecing, or hand quilting a project you are presently working on. It does not require a lot of complicated fanfare. Please pitch in to make the "Demo" room a great place for our Show attendees to stop by. Susan Osinoff needs your help. Please contact her as soon as possible.

**Sweepstakes:** Susie seriously needs donations for sweepstakes. Please bring these to the April meeting. Some of the items she is looking for include: fabric, patterns, notions, books, orphan blocks, orphan needlework of any kind, wool, thread & fibers, scraps, misc. gift type items, beanie babies or like-new smallish stuffed animals.

If you have a potential donation for sweepstakes & it hasn't been mentioned above, bring it anyway. I'm sure it will be great.

**Boutique:** Don't forget to sign up for a table to sell your beautiful items at the Show. Contact Stephanie Santangelo or Judy Jones if you want to participate.

**Lectures:** Artz Girls, Tracy & Allison Stilwell, and Sharon Schamber will be giving lectures both Saturday and Sunday. Rumor has it that Sharon Schamber just might do a long-arm demo prior to her lectures. So, be sure to stop by and enjoy the magic.

**Vendors:** Mary Cannizzaro has a great line up of Vendors for your shopping pleasure. If you would like a preview, check our website to see who is coming.

## World of Quilts *(continued)*

**Pins:** Vicki Romaine Cohn has once again designed a beautiful pin for our Show. They will be ready for purchase by members at the April meeting for \$4, after the meeting the price will increase to \$5 .

**Posters:** Print one from the website. Publicity is important to our Show. Consider printing a poster for display at your church, favorite shop or for the bulletin board at your child's school.


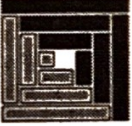
Mayann Weinberg, VP Quilt Show

## Charitable Activities

It is time to nominate charities for the 2010 raffle! Please send me the nomination information this month so that we can vote at our Annual Meeting in May. The quilt is nearly finished and will be completed soon by coordinators Caryl Castellion and Carol Auer. Meanwhile, don't forget to return your sold 2009 raffle tickets to Carolyn Langevin for the drawing at this May's Show.

Comfort Quilters will meet April 1 and 22, (this is a schedule change), May 6 and 20. Bring your machine and your lunch and join us for a day of quilting fun.

Susie Andersen, Charitable Activities Chairperson



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## Membership

A special thank you goes to Micki Tedeschi for her Member Showcase display last month. It's always such a treat to see the work of other Guild members and Micki's quilts are beautiful – from the first almost 34 years ago to the more recent tree series! In April, our Member Showcase theme is "Then and Now" and we have four quilters from the Art Quilt Special Interest Group who have volunteered to display both an early quilt and a recent art quilt. The guild members are Nancy Goodman, Raina Lynn-Knapp, Kendall Storm and Tamar Drucker.

Nancy Goodman writes: "I actually don't have my very first. It was one I made in a Jeffrey Gutcheon workshop and destroyed by my cats through years of use in their cat bed! That one dated from 1978. The next one (which I will be bringing) was made in a week-long workshop with Michael James in the early 1980's. It is hand quilted...and the asymmetrical design was quite a revolutionary idea at the time. My latest quilt isn't strictly speaking an art quilt. I call it *Crop Circles* and it reflects my love of combining many printed fabrics...why use one fabric many times when I can use different ones to create a more interesting composition. It is free-motion quilted."

Raina Lynn-Knapp started as a painter who was doing watercolors when about 6 years ago a friend introduced her to quilting by suggesting she take a watercolor quilt class; after taking many more quilting classes she decided to combine her art with her quilting. "The quilts I create now are my own design...I love to teach quilting and art quilting, sharing my art background with students as well as creating art quilts to show."

Please take some time before our meeting to talk with Nancy, Raina, Kendall and Tamar about their work, their use of fabric and techniques.

I would also like to thank Sheila Gargano and Althea Nolan for spending every meeting at the sign-in table greeting old members, welcoming new members and guests and answering all sorts of questions. I could not do this job without them!

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership

## Education

### Show and Tell

Completed **Mystery Quilts** as well as tops not yet quilted will be featured at the April meeting. Don't forget to bring yours! As always, all quilts are welcome.

### Special Interest Groups

#### Not for Beginners Only

Attention appliqué quilters: Maggie Kolvenbach will show you how to mark your freezer paper pattern so that the pieces can be easily matched on fabric. This technique is especially useful for large appliqué designs such as the 80" x 80" design she is working on now.

#### Hand Appliqué Group

At the March meeting, the Hand Appliqué Group discussed different types of fabric that can be used as backgrounds for appliqué. Some members brought in sets of blocks using similar but not identical backgrounds and others brought in appliqué blocks with pieced backgrounds. Ideas for next year's programming were considered, including the possibility of going to a block of the month format.

At the April meeting, we will have a guest speaker who will demonstrate how to **appliqué two-part leaves to give a feeling of light and shadow** and **how to reverse appliqué veins on leaves** so that the veins recede a little, as they sometimes do in nature. After the demonstration, there will be additional discussion of ideas for next year's programming. Everyone is invited to bring in books and patterns that might work for a block of the month format for next year.

#### Art Quilt Group

Lynda Long and Nancy Goodman will present **alternative methods for making cording**.

Carol Sterk, VP Education

## Library

A record number of books were taken out of the library at the last meeting. It is good to see such enthusiasm by the membership for our library books, new and



old. I absolutely couldn't have managed the busy night without my helpers Marilyn Faust and Jane del Villar.

Thanks to the many members who returned your books on time. There is only one member 2 months overdue: Chris Wolle (1).

Noreen Graham, Library Chairperson

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## Program Notes

Texture and Relief for Quilters is the topic of our April meeting, featuring world renowned quilt artist Ann Johnston. Using samples of her own quilts going back thirty years, Ann will show us how the quilting adds pattern, texture and, most importantly, dimension to a quilt top. Come explore the potential of both hand and machine quilting and the physical realities that accompany each of them.

While enrollment for Ann's workshop, Color by Accident, is currently full up, many members have been successful at getting in from the waiting list. If you are still interested in attending and are available April 19-20, please e-mail me ASAP and we will try to accommodate you.

The fee for this two-day course is \$100 with an additional fee of \$60 payable to the teacher on the first day of class for supplies. This workshop will be held at Lake Lincolndale. Please e-mail me if you need directions.

Sharon Schamber's classes in Stippling Basics, May 4 or May 5 are also currently filled but the waiting list is miniscule and there is a good chance of our getting a cancellation before then. This one-day class for \$50 will be held at the North Salem Ambulance Corps building at 14 Daniel Road in North Salem. Please send me an e-mail if you are interested in attending.

Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs




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## Nominating Committee News

The NSQG 2009/2010 proposed slate of officers was presented to the Board and approved.

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Vice President, Membership  
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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, Mary Cannizzaro, Bernice Strauber, Joan Weth, Carolynn Young



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