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A Message from the President



While quilting is what we all think we love, it is really the other quilters that we hold most dear. The friends that we make, the groups that we form, and the inspiration that we receive, is what this is all about.

Bringing a new quilter into the fold is my favorite high. A few years back I decided that I would entice my own mother into quilt-making. I was her junkie! I gave her the enticement needed, a little at a time. At the time I wrote her letters, as there was no e-mail, and no free minutes. Each week I addressed a letter containing a square of red fabric and a few strips of light and dark blue fabrics, along with basic directions.

Because she would not disappoint me, she responded by making log cabin blocks. Block after block, and letter after letter, we began to correspond more regularly. A king-size quilt, quilted by hand, was the result of this initial effort. A mystery quilt, and a scrap quilt, were also accomplished through this method. A trip to Houston together followed, and a favorite quilt was chosen as a duel project. That quilt, and several to follow, won ribbons in the NSQG show, and others. I credit all this to her and others, as working in groups raises the standards of all that participate. A special quilt for each of her grandchildren is her legacy. The relationship I nurtured with her is mine.

She attended our December meeting, as she was visiting for Christmas, and was inspired by the Paula Nadelstern talk. She was ready to take on a kaleidoscope challenge. A couple of weeks later, in the middle of the night, I received news of a heart attack that she was not expected to survive.

This is why I missed our January meeting.

I am happy to report that modern medicine, sheer determination, stents, balloons, drugs, and miracles contributed to her recovery. We are going to enter another quilt in World of Quilts! Look for us in the group category in 2006 or 2007!

Many of my other quilting friends suffer each month from loss of friends and family. Several are celebrating monumental birthdays, and have professed that quilters and quilting relationships are the most important aspects of their lives. Lets all embrace these friends and relationships, and do what we can together to continue the mission of our Guild.

I don't know how many other things can happen that can distract me from being the best President of NSQG that I can be. While it may not be apparent, I promise all of you that I will continue to do my best to put this Guild on the best track for the future.

Susie Andersen, PRESIDENT

February Program: The Legacy Lives On— Five Generations of Quilters

In addition to seeing and voting on our amazing challenge quilts, we have the treat of listening to one of our own members during the February meeting. During this presentation, Mary Anne Ciccotelli will share the quilting legacy of her family with us. She will discuss a little about the lives of the quilters who came before her, and explain how she is passing on the love of quilting to her daughters and granddaughter (who is not yet a quilter). During the presentation, she will show five generations of quilts (more than 20 in her trunk show!) that she has in her home. Also, she will talk about her discovery of how you can do more than just put sashings between blocks.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting.

Suzanne Sunday

Upcoming Programs

March: Rachel Clark

Fashion Show and Lecture

April: Michele Scott

"Quilt as Desired: Ideas for Machine Quilting Your Quilt"

May: Margaret Cusack

"Illustrating the Fabric of Life"

June: Salad Supper

Membership

Please welcome our new members Carol Harding from Danbury, CT and Kim Ann Hyde from Mohegan Lake, NY.

If you would like to sign up to receive your newsletter on-line, please stop by the Membership Table and fill out the little blue forms, and you'll also be entered in the drawing for a free class. CONGRATULATIONS to this month's winner "Dorothy Fiederlein."

Thanks again, and happy quilting to all, Kathy Vanacoro, VP MEMBERSHIP

Library News

Including this month's additions, 48 books have been added to the NSQG library this year. Most of the books were purchased with Guild funds set aside for this purpose, and some were generously donated. Each month, we add magazines from our subscriptions to *Quilter's Newsletter* and *Australian Patchwork & Quilting*.

Unlike politicians, each committee has an operating budget, and I have tried to use the library's allotted funds to purchase books on a wide range of topics and techniques. It's your money and your library, so I hope you continue to use it and enjoy what it has to offer.

Our new books this month are from Amazon.com:

Magic Quilts by the Slice: Another Magic Stack-n-Whack Book
by Bethany Reynolds

Classic English Medallion Style Quilts by Bettina Havig

Applique Masterpiece: Affairs of the Heart by Aie Rossmann

Phenomenal Fat Quarters: New Projects with Tips to Inspire & Enhance Your Quilting by M'Liss Rae Hawley

American Quilting: 1970-2000 by Eleanor Levie

Spirits of the Cloth: Contemporary African American Quilts
by Carolyn Mazloomi

Just a reminder for the following members who did not make it to the meeting on that bitter cold January night, please return your library books next month: C. Castellion (1), J. DiStefano (1), B. Jay (2), J. Long (1), H. Reed (2), S. Rieber (1), D. Sperrazza (3), C. Young (1), G. Zipprich (1)

Andrea Winter, LIBRARIAN

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2005 Challenge: PORTRAITS

...was a wonderful success! I don't know how many quilts there will be as of this writing, but we will hang them and display them at the February meeting, for your viewing and judging pleasure. After that, the quilts will be packed up for shipping to the Lancaster, PA. Quilters' Heritage Show (www.qhconline.com), where thousands will get to enjoy them. Then, back to our own quilt show in May. What a great touring show! I hope you will all come to the February exhibit and see your favorite quilts win fabulous ribbons. We hope you like the quilts as much as we do!

Questions? Suggestions? Please let us know what you think!

Jeri Riggs, 2005 CHALLENGE COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON

COMMITTEE: Norma Schlager, Elizabeth Poole, Suzanne Sunday, Carole Hoffman, Melanie Testa, Linda Schoenfeld

A WORLD OF QUILTS XXVI: April 30th & May 1st



Quilt Show Committee News

The background work of the show continues. Our raffle quilt is almost completed, looks great and will make it easy to sell your tickets.

The brochure is available and has been sent out. If you are going to a shop or show or other facility that might be interested, please take some to distribute. Don't limit it to quilt related places, maybe take it to your local school's art teacher, an art museum, a community room at a facility, etc.

Help Wanted:

- One of our vendors, That Thread Shop, needs someone to work at their booth. If you are interested please contact Elizabeth Rosenberg at elizquilt@optonline.net for more information. The only guild requirement is that you fulfill your volunteer hours in addition to working for the vendor.
- The Frames Set Up needs someone to donate one more card table for their use. Does anyone have one sitting in the garage or attic that they would like to see gone? It doesn't have to be pretty or in perfect shape. If it stands up and doesn't have any sticky or toxic droppings, we can use it. Contact Karen Abramson at Karen.Abramson@att.net.
- We would like to have more publicity in newspapers about the show. Does anyone have any knowledge about the workings of just how that can be accomplished? It is very difficult to get them to publish stories, but someone out there must know some of the inside tips. You don't need to do the job, just advise. Please contact me at antmaryc@optonline.net.

Mary Cannizzaro, VP QUILT SHOW

**Sign up now to
volunteer for our
Quilt Show!**

Raffle Quilt Tickets 2005

If you picked up your raffle tickets at the January meeting, you know that our Grand Prize is a hand-quilted queen size quilt. We have two drawings for 1st Prize, one winner will receive a Bernina sewing machine, and the second winner will receive a Pfaff sewing machine. The 2nd Prize consists of Dear Jane® and Dear Hannah® software and books. Proceeds from the raffle will benefit the Alzheimer's Association.

Thank you to all members who picked up their raffle tickets. Please return the stubs and a check payable to "NSQG" as soon as possible to:

Nina Primer, 25 Hickory Lane, Bedford, NY10506.

If you have not already done so, please look for the Raffle Table to pick up your tickets. We will also have additional tickets available at that time. If you cannot attend the February meeting, please e-mail Nina at milt_primer@hotmail.com, or call 914-234-7122, and the tickets will be mailed to you.

Nina Primer and Linda Schulz

Volunteers Needed

To make our quilt show a success, every member needs to lend a hand. There are many jobs to fill and your help is needed. EVERY MEMBER IS EXPECTED TO VOLUNTEER TWO HOURS. For each two hours of volunteer time, we earn a one-day free admission. Four hours earns free admission both Saturday and Sunday. A sign-up table will be set up in the cafeteria so you can select your hours, the day(s) you choose and the place where you would like to volunteer. Refer to the January Newsletter for descriptions of the various tasks.

THE GUILD NEEDS YOU!

Eleanor Hibben

Square Robin

Can you believe it? This month is the final block. Please make a star, any pattern you wish. It can be a standard pattern, paper-pieced, or a star you design. I hope you still have some designated fabric left to use.

Since this is the end of block making, it is important that ALL BLOCKS are exchanged by the March meeting. Everyone should end up with 25 blocks to be made into a quilt top. Be sure to contact the necessary people to arrange exchange if you can't be at the meeting. We hope to have a huge Show & Tell of all the completed quilt tops at the April meeting. More on putting the blocks together next month.

Questions? Joyce Sullivan, 914-277-3832
mamabird@worldnet.att.net



On Valentine's Day
buy and oil your
sewing machine!

Hospitality: K, L, M, N



Thanks to those who remembered to bring snacks to the January meeting. If your last name begins with one of the above letters, then it's your turn to bring a snack to the February meeting.

If you don't have time to bake, store-bought is just fine. Or, you could bring fruit, chip & dip or cheese & crackers. If you can't make it to a meeting when it's your turn, please switch with someone, or give a friend something to bring. We provide all the beverages but really count on the members to provide the food. Don't forget to bring your coffee cup!

Many thanks, Degen Sayer

P.S. Please don't bring your offering in anything of value. All containers and plates are discarded before the end of the meeting.

Help Wanted

- **Members** to serve on the 2005 Nominating Committee. Should be social types who know and like to talk to a lot of people.
- **Scholars, lawyers and seasoned leaders** to do the five-year review of the NSQG By-Laws.
- **Financial wizards** to help discuss audit preparation, record keeping, budget planning and reviewing the monetary policies.
- **Program/Education Assistants** to help with transportation and speaker hospitality.
- **Clerical Assistant** for workshops. Work can be done from home and at the general meetings.
- **Typist** to prepare policy and procedure manual and job descriptions for website. Can also be done from home and on the computer.
- **Members who want to be more involved in 2005-2006.** Many jobs will need to be filled. Co-chairs and helpers are always welcome.

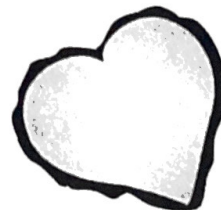


Let us know what you would like to do! It is your Guild!
Please contact Susie Andersen or Andrea Winter

Silent Auction

The members of the Guild have decided to use half the money earned from the Silent Auction for charitable causes, and half for educational projects. Now is the time to help this cause by contributing a small quilt for the Auction. The theme is "Everything I Needed to Know I Learned From...". As a suggestion, you may want to use one of the following ideas: From School (a schoolhouse block), From Nature (a landscape or animal), My Dog, My Cat, My Kids, My Family, from the Past, etc. I hope you will call ASAP. Time is getting short and only ten quilts have been promised thus far. Check our website for more information.

Carolyn Langevin
CarolynLange@aol.com



EDUCATION WORKSHOPS

RACHEL CLARK

Monster Purse, \$40

Wednesday, March 16th

This project gets its name because the center of the purse is based on what has been called a "monster block", the beautiful Feathered Star. Rachel will show you how to master this block using paper-piecing techniques. You can substitute another block for the center if you wish. Students will use Rachel's pattern to make a really big purse, a smaller purse, or a small quilt. Rachel is a wonderfully entertaining teacher and you will have a ball in this class.

Picture This Vest, \$40

Thursday, March 17th

You will use Rachel's pattern or your own to make a unique piece of wearable art. Website: www.rdkc.com

MICHELLE SCOTT

Machine Quilting 1.5, \$40

Saturday, April 20th

This class is the perfect fusion of basic and advanced machine quilting. If you have a little experience, but would like to enhance your skills with some decorative threads such as rayon and metallic, this is the class for you.

If you are experienced and would like to take your quilting to the next level as you work with a variety of beautiful decorative threads, this is also your class.

Website: www.piecefulquilter.com

MARGARET CUSACK

The Art of the Commission, \$40

Wednesday, May 18th

For many years Margaret has energized and enlightened artists, students, and the general public with her slide lecture/workshops.

This class addresses the following questions:

- How do you get a commission?
- How to negotiate the best price?
- How do you follow through so that both client and artist feel they have succeeded?

Her timely suggestions will help advance your career as an artist. Benefit from Margaret's experience as an award winning illustrator/artist.

Website: www.margaretcusack.com

Thanks to our hardworking Quilt Show Committee, we have some terrific classes lined up in conjunction with the show.

FAYE ANDERSON

Elegant Beaded Pin, \$25

Sunday, May 1st

Create intricate patterns of color and texture on a silk square using basic beading techniques. No previous beading experience necessary. Then, mount the finished work on a small square board with suede backing, and a clasp for a beautiful pin that you will enjoy wearing or giving as a gift. There will be a \$12 kit fee.

Stitch Sketched Portrait, \$45

Monday, May 2nd

Learn Faye's exciting new technique for creating realistic portraits in free motion machine stitchery. Drawing skill is not required because the face is traced from a photocopy onto the background with the use of a light box. The features and outlines are stitched in black thread to resemble an artist's sketch. The hair and background are cut from fabric and fused in place. The completed portrait is interesting on its own, or can be incorporated into a larger composition or memory quilt.

MELODY JOHNSON

Bodacious Bloomers, \$45

Monday, May 2nd

Melody's whimsical floral quilts have delighted her students and collectors for years. Learn Melody's easy techniques for producing several flower shapes and innovative backgrounds for your petite quilt. Decorative rotary cutter blades, fused applique, and a vibrant hand-dyed fabric kit (purchased in class for \$20) make for quick and exciting results. Hand-stitched embellishments and finishing alternatives complete the quilt in one day.

Tiny Art Quilts, \$45

Tuesday, May 3rd

You will learn to incorporate fabric, strip fusing, and hand stitching to make contemporary designs. This quick method will give the student an opportunity to freely improvise with color. A kit of hand-dyed rainbow fabric, costing \$20, is required for this class.

Thank you, Norma Schlager, EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

Visit the Northern Star Quilters Guild website

WWW.NORTHERNSTARQUILTERS.COM

Road to...

Shows and Exhibitions

- Morrisville, NY: Quilting by the Lake (includes quilt show), July 24-August 6, SUNY-Morrisville. Contact: 315-255-1553; www.quiltingbythelake.com; Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center, Auburn, NY.
- New York, NY: "Blue" and "Folk Art Revealed" (both include quilts), now through March 6, "African-American Quilts from the Collection," February 15-September 4, American Folk Art Museum, 212-265-1040; www.folkartmuseum.org.
- Hartford, CT: "Traditions/Transitions: The Changing World of Fiber Art," now through March 6, Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, 860-278-2670. www.wadsworthatheneum.org/
- Windsor, CT: "Ed Johnetta and Friends," now through March 27, Hunting House Museum, Inc., www.huntingtonmuseum.org.
- Morristown, NJ: "The Art of the Quilt," now through March 20, Morris Museum, 6 Normandy Heights Road; 973-971-3700; www.MorrisMuseum.org.
- Somerset, NJ: The Quilt Fest of New Jersey, March 3-6, Garden State Exhibit Center, Exit 10 of I-287. www.quiltfest.com, or send \$2.00 to Mancuso Show Management, QFNJ, Dept. QN, P.O. Box 667, New Hope, PA 18938.
- Allentown, PA: "Toiles for All Seasons: French and English Printed Textiles," now through February 27, Allentown Art Museum, 610-432-4333, ext.13; www.allentownartmuseum.org.
- Greensburg, PA: "Man Made: An Invitational Juried Exhibition," February 27-April 17; 724-837-1500; www.wmusemaa.org.
- Lancaster, PA: Quilters' Heritage Celebration, March 31-April 3; www.qhconline.com

- Philadelphia, PA: "Random Patterns" Joanie San Chirico, now through March 2, Pringle Gallery, www.pringlegallery.com.
- Washington, DC: "Home and Country: American Quilts and Samplers," now through February 26, DAR Museum; 202-879-3241; www.dar.org/museum.
- Hampton, VA: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, February 23-27; www.quiltfest.com.

Other Events

- Bronx, NY: "Garden Fibers" demonstration (including cotton and linen), February 27; "Nature Might Have Been Responsible" (includes textiles), now through February 28, Wave Hill, 718-549-3200; www.wavehill.org.
- Allentown, PA: P&B "A Season of Toiles" Challenge, deadline May 15 for July 10-September 11 exhibit. Contact: 610-432-4333, ext. 13; www.allentownartmuseum.org.
- Lincoln, NE: Call for entries for "Uncoverings 2006: Research Papers of the American Quilt Study Group," deadline July 1, 2005. Contact: American Quilt Study Group, P.O. Box 4737, Lincoln, NE 68540-0737; 402-472-5361; www.h-net.org/~aqsg.
- Washington, DC: Quilts needed for soldiers at Walter Reed Medical Center. Wheelchair/Stretcher size (at least 36" x 36") and patriotic colors preferred. Attach label (location, Guild, date) and thank soldier for his/her sacrifice. Send completed quilts to American Red Cross, Heaton Pavilion, 3rd floor, Room 3E05, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20307-5000.

Nancy Hantman

On The Road Again

Lancaster Trip - April 1st and 2nd, 2005

The trip is full. If you signed up and did not send in your deposit, you will be put on the wait list. The cost of the trip will be \$150. This includes busfare, hotel, continental breakfast on Saturday morning, and dinner at Millers' both nights.

And, of course, you don't want to miss the great fabric bargains at Sauders' and Zooks' on Friday, or the show on Saturday.

Don't forget our challenge quilts will be there. It's a great trip!



Reminder: A deposit of \$50 should have been sent to Susan Chapman, P.O. Box 8186, New Fairfield, CT 06812. The balance will be due in March. When you send your check, please include a note saying where you want to be picked up and with whom you would like to room. Call Susan Chapman at 203-746-1150 or e-mail

susanc@juno.com.

Leslie Forrest and Susan Chapman
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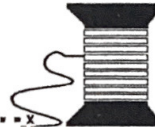
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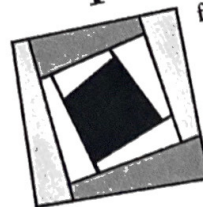
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**February Meeting:
Tuesday, Feb. 15th**

JFK High School, Somers, NY
Doors Open: 6:45pm
Meeting Begins: 7:15pm

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Raffle

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"The Legacy Lives On:
Five Generations
of Quilters"
Mary Anne Ciccotelli

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Show & Tell

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Adjournment

Save These Dates!

General Meetings

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April 19th
May 17th
June 21st

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March 22nd
April 26th
May 24th
June 28th



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