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A Message from the President

The energy and comradery at the January meeting were infectious. It was so good to see everyone after the holidays. The sign ups for Lancaster, Super Saturday, the Quilt Show, the 2008 raffle quilt, on and on....kept us all very busy getting caught up. And how nice to receive a gift after the holiday rush. I appreciated being able to thank the person who gave the gift. The vendors who gave demos were well received and if you forgot your scissors for sharpening, don't worry, we are planning to have Ready-Set-Sharp back in the near future.

Teresa Barkley will be our Speaker in February. Her exhibit at the Stamford Museum and Nature Center continues through the end of March. In conjunction with this exhibit, Susie Andersen organized the wonderful demo day at the Museum, "The ABCs of Quilting, the Basics and Beyond." There were about twenty NSQG members doing what they love and sharing their skills, ideas and enthusiasm with the public. Setting up and working at the facility was a pleasure. We enjoyed a luscious lunch, great conversations, new quilters, experienced quilters, and picked up tips from each other. While all of the members knew each other, it was an opportunity to interact with the other members in a smaller, cozy setting that left us all feeling very satisfied at the end of the day. Thank you, Susie.

February is your chance to view the Challenge exhibit and vote for your favorite entries. Georgia Heller and her committee will be compiling the votes and awarding the beautiful ribbons that are part of this year's Challenge. Now is the time to submit ideas for next year's Challenge. We will be choosing a new committee, so submit your ideas to me, the board will consider all of them and we'll be underway for another exciting Challenge for 2008.

Super Saturday is fast approaching (February 24). We have about 75 members signed up, but there is still the opportunity to participate. The cost is \$20.00 for the day which includes lunch. Don't miss out on this fun day. We will have plenty of space for each class at Kennedy High School, so call or write to Denise Isherwood to sign up and receive your supply lists. And if there is no project that appeals to you, sign up for Studio and bring a project that needs finishing. It promises to be a relaxing, enjoyable day. Hope you can join us.

Mary Cannizzaro
President

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February Meeting Tuesday, February 20th

JFK High School,
Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups:
5:45 - 6:45 pm
Art Quilts, Beading
Beginners Quilting
Crazy Quilting (*New*)

General Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

**Guest Speaker
Teresa Barkley**
**"Channeling an Obsession
for Collecting"**

Don't Forget Snacks!
Members whose last names
begin with M, N, O

Hartsdale Fabrics
Hartsdale, NY
will be donating the prizes
for the raffle table.

Board Meeting
February 13th

Membership

Membership booklets will be available at the Membership sign-in table if you didn't pick up your copy in January. In order to remain in the loop as to the latest guild news and information, please inform Noreen of any changes to your mailing or email address since October 2006. She will update the guild database with your new information.

We are aware that some members received the January newsletter in a format (online/mail) other than the one they may have selected. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused. To the best of our knowledge, this problem has been corrected, but please let us know if we can be of any further assistance.

The Board is aware that some members have difficulty walking up the hill to the JFK cafeteria. For security purposes, the school keeps the main entrance locked, but if you have a disability and need accommodation, call Carol to make arrangements to be let in the front door.

We are pleased to announce the debut, by popular demand, of a new special interest group. The first meeting of the CRAZY QUILTING group will take place in February. Susie Andersen has graciously agreed to take on the role of facilitator. She hopes to see you there!

The Art Quilt Group will feature a demonstration by Linda Long of free motion drawing on Super Solvy.

Topics for Basic Training with Linda Ostrander will include Y-seams and machine appliqué. It's not too late to start a sampler quilt using the patterns and techniques presented by Linda. Please call her if you have any special teaching requests.

Look for guest instructor Elizabeth Rosenberg to present a demo at the Beading Group.

The Applique Group is in the process of reorganizing and will not meet in February.

All special interest groups meet from 5:45 to 6:45 pm just prior to the general meeting and encourage you to bring Show 'N Tell. Watch for signs directing you to the meeting place for each group.

Hope to see you in February!

Carol Sterk csterk@optonline.net
Noreen Graham nina1351@aol.com

Sue Wilterding

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts: Comfort Quilts will meet on Wednesdays, March 7 and March 21, at the Katonah Presbyterian Church, 31 Bedford Road, Katonah, NY. Hours are 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. All members are welcome to join. Please remember to bring lunch.

Annual Raffle: You may pick up your raffle books at the next meeting. We are hoping that all guild members will sell at least two books of tickets (6 chances per book) at \$5/book. Extra books will also be available. The prizes are the NSQG member made Sampler Quilt, a Janome Sewing Machine and a package of Skydyes fabrics. The drawing will take place at the Quilt Show. Returns may be made at the next meeting or to me by mail.



Carolyn Langevin

Hospitality



Thanks to everyone for the successful January meeting, with lots of good food at our Hospitality tables.

There was a delicious choice of cookies, cakes and pies, and all sweet teeth were satisfied. One quilter made sandwiches from white and dark rye in squares representing a quilt pattern. And the hot coffee and tea made for welcome warmth on a very cold night.

Thank you also to those participating in the gift exchange. Over fifty lucky ladies went home with some thoughtful, creative presents. Hopefully next year we will have even more who will join in the fun and friendship.

The month of February brings us back to our regular schedule for providers of treats. Please remember to bring some delicious nibbles if your last name begins with M, N, or O. (Those beginning with J, K, and L may choose one of the remaining months to bring food, as they had been scheduled for January.)

A special thank you to all the hospitality hostesses who help make our meetings more friendly and welcoming. We notice and we appreciate it.

World of Quilts XXVIII

Quilt Show News

Saturday, May 5, 2007 - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Sunday, May 6, 2007 - 10:00am to 4:00pm



A successful quilt show relies upon the participation of all members. Some of the information you need is highlighted below.

REGISTER YOUR QUILT: You can download a registration form and instructions from the website. The form and a photo of your quilt should be sent to Terry Melillo, the Registrar. A SLEEVE is required on each quilt. Registration deadline is March 1, 2007. Please call Terry with any questions about the proper category, etc. Quilt categories were listed in the January newsletter and are also on the website.

DROP OFF DAYS: April 26th, 27th and 28th. More information will be available in next month's newsletter or check the website under Quilt Handling Procedures.

VOLUNTEERS: It takes many hands and many volunteer hours to have a successful show. Please remember that this success depends on you. We need each and every member to volunteer **AT LEAST** two hours during the show. Sign-up began at the January meeting and will continue in February and March. If you did not get a chance to sign up on January 16th, please plan to do so at the February meeting. Please review your January newsletter for a complete listing of areas where volunteers are needed, or you can contact Jean Sparacin who has the sign up boards. Kathy Vanacoro or Barbara Sferra will also answer any questions you may have regarding the different assignments. We have jobs where you can sit, stand, walk....let's talk...there's a spot for everyone!

WORKSHOP: The Special Workshop on Monday, May 7 with Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn still has some openings. This full day workshop is entitled "Seductive Surfaces" and will feature hand and machine stitching. Contact Dorothy Scalice to sign up.

POSTCARD DISPLAY: Instead of the block contest, we are going to have a Postcard Display this year. Join the latest rage and submit one or two 4" x 6" postcards and be a part of the show! The postcards consist of 3 layers: A surface design layer for the front, a stiff interfacing in the middle, a backing for an address and message, and an optional inner layer of muslin. They also need a binding (traditional or fused) or decorative edge stitching to hold them together. Fabrics: Whatever you like. You are limited only by your imagination! The deadline for all entries is April 1st (no exceptions)! You can bring your cards to a guild meeting, or mail them to:

Joan Weth,
PO Box 697
Croton Falls, NY 10519

OTHER NEWS: We will have 36 wonderful VENDORS this year spread throughout the entire school, as we did last year. Only food and sweepstake prizes will be served in the cafeteria, no fat quarters here! While you are shopping, please don't forget to visit our classrooms and vendors in the back of the building.

The BOUTIQUE will move to a new location on the other side of the school. Please stop by and visit them in Room 115.

METRO-NORTH: We are in the process of once again working out a special deal for train riders.

SWEEPSTAKES: We will have this popular and successful booth again this year in the cafeteria. Donations of fabric, fat quarters, half yard pieces, books in NEW condition, and other quilt related items are needed. Contact Susan Rooks.

Barbara Sferra & Kathy Vanacoro
Co-Chairs - Show Committee

CALLING ALL TRIPPERS!

LANCASTER HERE WE COME! April 13 and 14th...

Thanks TRIPPERS for getting your checks to me on time! We have a FULL BUS! WOO-HOO!

But it is early times, still two months to go, and it is always nice to have a wait list of 'wannabe' trippers to call on the spur of the moment in case there are last minute, unforeseen cancellations. So, if you didn't sign up, but think you want to go and your calendar is clear for that weekend, give me a call at (845) 849-0458, or via email (dbein@hvc.rr.com), and I'll put you on the waiting list! Hey, you never know!

Trippingly yours, and counting the days....
Debbie Bein

Hartsdale Fabrics is sad to announce the passing of one of their dear quilt shop employees, Pamela Jackson-Mitchell. She was a blessing to everyone who knew her.

If there is anyone interested in filling her place for a full or part-time position in the quilt shop, please call Pat at (914) 428-7780.

Winter has finally arrived so here's a reminder in case of inclement weather

To find out if there is a meeting:

1. Listen to your local radio station for announcements regarding Somers Public School closings. If the Somers Public Schools are closed, there will be no meeting.
2. If the weather is questionable for the evening hours only, we will contact the radio stations to make a public announcement.
3. Check our website: www.northernstarquilters for an announcement.
4. If you cannot find out through any of the above means, please feel free to contact a board member.

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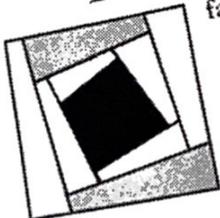
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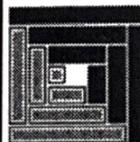
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