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A Message from the President

The energy and camaraderie at the January meeting were infectious. We learned new techniques from ***The Cutting Edge: What's Hot for 2008.*** Congratulations to Carol Sterk and her committee for coordinating an incredible program. All through the meeting, we kept busy with sign-ups for Lancaster, Super Saturday and the Quilt Show. Thank you to Norma Schlager for collecting the Challenge Quilts and to Theresa Kratschmer for helping out with Super Saturday registrations.

February is your chance to view the 2008 Quilt Challenge exhibit and vote for your favorite entries. Margaret Phillips and her committee will compile the votes and award the ribbons. Now is the time to submit a theme for next year's Challenge, so if you have a great idea and would like to be considered to coordinate the 2009 Challenge, let Janis Tobias know.

As a special feature, the February program will showcase the work of ten of our own talented members and their special quilts that inspire ***How Did She Do That?*** It is another meeting not to miss.

Super Saturday is fast approaching (February 23). We have about 75 members signed up. 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 day.

The nominating committee is already working on a slate of officers for next year. Please consider giving your time and talents to the Guild. Being an apprentice is a great way to meet other quilters and get connected. With many hands, the Guild runs smoothly.

Carolynn Young, President

February Meeting

Tuesday, February 19
JFK High School,
Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups:

Art Quilts, Beading 5:45 pm
Hand Applique 6:00 pm

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Guild Challenge

Come and vote for your favorites.

Don't Forget Snacks:

Members whose last names begin
with M, N, O

Remember to bring Show and Tell

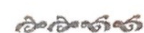
Board Meeting: February 12



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information on their shop and the
Exhibition of City Quilter Students
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Education

I hope you enjoyed the demonstrations and shopping opportunities presented at the January meeting by several area quilting shops as much as I did. When you stop by these shops, please let them know that their efforts were appreciated.

The February program, "**HOW DID SHE DO THAT?**" promises to be equally exciting. This meeting will showcase the work of ten of our own very talented, prizewinning members. The idea is to give us a chance to view "up close and personal" a group of special quilts that inspire the question "How did she do that?" and to learn something about how the quilt artist accomplished a particular effect or outcome. After watching a brief demonstration of a technique that was used in the maker's quilt, you'll be given an opportunity to ask questions. The Education Committee hopes that you will go home with some answers, inspiration and a few new techniques to try. There will be five 15-minute segments, and you can choose which five demonstrations you'd most like to watch. Please join me in thanking **Nancy Goodman, Georgia Heller, Maggie Kolvenbach, Barbara Powers, Ellen Purdy, Jeri Riggs, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Diana Sharkey, Joyce Sullivan** and **Maria Weinstein** for their willingness to share their formidable talents with us. Demonstration topics were listed in the January newsletter, available on our website, at <http://northernstarquilters.com/education-feb08.html>.

Show and Tell

Apologies if you brought your quilt for Show and Tell last month and didn't have a chance to let everyone see your work. After the newsletter had gone to print, it was decided that there wouldn't be enough time for this event. Show and Tell will resume at the February meeting, so I hope you'll bring your quilts back for another try. Quilts with a winter theme will be featured, but all quilts are welcome.

Special Interest Groups

Basic Training will **not** meet in February, but Linda Ostrander will be back in March to answer all of your quilting questions.

Hand Appliqué Group

In February the Appliqué Group **will meet at 6:00pm rather than 5:45**. Members will share favorite tools they use as well as discussing solutions to problems they encounter. Bring something you're working on.

Art Quilt Group

Maria Weinstein will demo creating "faux Mickey Lawler-style skies" using fabric crayons. Bring fabric crayons and white paper if you'd like to give it a try.

Beading Group

The newly revived beading group, facilitated by Judy Jones, will meet in the cafeteria. Judy will give a lesson in right angle weave at this first group meeting. She will be discussing with you what topics you would be interested in exploring at future meetings and plans to line up some other beaders to do demos depending on your interests.

Supplies to bring to the meeting: Size 11 seed beads, needle and thread.

Carol Sterk, VP Education

Membership

The January meeting was such a treat! We all enjoyed the opportunity to stretch our minds with the great products demonstrated. This month our own Members will be sharing techniques in the same venue. Thanks to nametags, we can connect names to faces as we learn.

If you are noticing new faces among the familiar it is because we have 40 new members since June. We are a growing guild that is currently 267 members strong. Be sure to introduce yourself to others at the February meeting as you meander around the tables.

Thanks to Linda Ostrander for providing a wonderful display of her work in January. Jennie O'Shea has been most helpful this year as the coordinator for the Member Showcase. Along with her daughter Susie, she has been ever attentive to the needs of our Showcase participants. The One-Woman Show has evolved as we have presented more multiple-women shows this year. Consequently the monthly display that we always anticipate has morphed into the Member Showcase. It allows us to use the forum for more than just one woman at a time. And Jennie is one key to its success. Effort appreciated!

Susan Wilterding, Membership

Programs

Spaces for spring workshops are filling up rapidly so if you are interested in attending, please e-mail or call me as soon as possible. This March, we are delighted to have **Christine Fries-Ureel** to help us create small, individualized nature scenes. She will teach us how to make adorable thread-painted little animals and diaphanous 3-D insects, leaves and trees using a sewing machine. This workshop will be held at Lake Lincolndale on Wednesday, March 19, 2008 from 10am – 6pm. (Note the extended time!) Her website is www.loveabideth.com. This workshop is full right now, but many members have had great success in getting into classes from the waiting list. Don't be discouraged!

Next we have **Sharon Pederson** coming to us on Wednesday, April 16, 2008 also at Lake Lincolndale. Her quick and easy *machine* quilting method for doing Sashiko lends itself as easily to modern quilts as to traditional ones. Sashiko is an ancient Japanese quilting technique incorporating gently flowing geometric designs. Visit Sharon's website at www.sharonquilts.com to see examples of the process we'll be learning.

On Monday, May 5, 2008 we will be presenting **Barbara Barber's Really Sharp Piecing**. Barbara will be one of our featured speakers at this year's Quilt Show. Her workshop will focus on a simple step-by-step technique for foundation piecing exquisitely sharp points in a curved design. We will be creating an 18" x 18" block based on her *Fishy Affair* pattern. You can see a sample of this block at her website: www.barbarabarberbritishquilts.com.

Thank you to everyone who responded to my request about bringing in Ann Johnston and Marilyn Belford for a workshop. We've gotten Ann for April, 2009 and are working on getting Marilyn for this coming fall.

Carol Mayefsky, Programs

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Here are the requirements:

- ❖ 25 words or less, plus your name, phone number and/or email address
- ❖ Ads must be ready to just be copied into the column
- ❖ Ads must be quilt related
- ❖ Due by the Friday after the meeting,
- ❖ Email it to:
newsletter@northernstarquilters.com or give a written copy to a Communications Committee member at the monthly meeting

Due to limited space, it will be on a 1st come, 1st served basis. If you don't get in the month you send your ad in, you will have the option to run it the following month.

This Month

WANTED: McCalls Quilting Magazine June 2007 and October 2007. Need pattern "Hearts All-AFlutter", copy or buy.

Sharon Honegger, (914) 769-4311

FOR SALE: New Janome Memory Craft 350E embroidery-only machine. 100 embroidery designs pre-installed, USB and memory card connection, auto thread cutter, stitch counter, design tracing. Price: \$1,300.00

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Special Events

SUPER SATURDAY – FEBRUARY 23, 2008

It's not too late to sign up for Super Saturday, if you haven't already done so! It's going to be a fun event you don't want to miss. Contact me by mail, email or phone by February 14, 2008 to register. If you'd like to join the Studio Class, we may be able to fit you in right up until two days prior to the event. Also, don't forget that Dana Fuller has offered to teach how to fit clothes and patterns to your body in the Studio – let me know if you are interested.,

Denise Isherwood, Super Saturday Coordinator

TRIPS - UPDATES

LANCASTER (March 28-29): SEVERAL VACANT SEATS. Cost is \$150. We have a BALL!

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL and **SHELBURNE MUSEUM** (June 27-29):



So far we have 24 trippers, but we need at least 35 people to cover the bus charge. The trip fee of \$250 covers hotel, bus, entrance to both the show and the museum, and breakfast on Saturday and Sunday. Lunch and dinner costs are on our own with many choices avail-able. Sign up soon! Payment is due April 15.

Non-members are welcome on both trips. To sign up or for more info about either trip, phone or email me at dbein@hvc.rr.com.

Debbie Bein, Trip Coordinator

GOT IDEAS?

Submit them for next year's challenge!

- Any guild member can submit a proposal. It should include a topic idea with a name for the Challenge, the rules for the Challenge, and the judging categories for which ribbons will be awarded.
- Write down these ideas and submit your proposal to Janis Tobias, Special Events Chairperson (paper or emailed proposals are fine!).

The next steps:

- Janis will present the proposals to the board (without the submitters' names) and the author of the winning idea will be selected as next year's Challenge Coordinator.
- The Coordinator gathers a committee of about 5-7 people to help collect Challenge entries, hang the quilts at the February 2009 meeting, count the ballots, and award the ribbons. The committee also hangs the quilts on Friday night before the NSQG show in May.

This is a great opportunity to apply for one of the most creative and fun jobs in the guild! Please contact me if you have any questions. I'd like to present all proposals at the April board meeting so get your idea in by the end of March!

For more information, please see Margaret Phillips or Janis Tobias.

SPECIAL THANKS to Norma Schlager for collecting the 2008 Challenge Quilts and to Theresa Kratschmer for helping out with Super Saturday class registrations at the January meeting. Thank you!!

Janis Tobias, Special Events

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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

Three months and counting.... Last month we started signing up volunteers and registration of quilts. The following are some reminders:

REGISTER YOUR QUILT: You can download the Registration Instructions/Quilt Handling Procedures form from the website or pick one up at the registration table at our general meeting. The form and a photo of your quilt, as well as your registration fee, must be sent to our registrar, Margaret Phillips. The registration deadline is Monday, March 31, 2008 and once again, 200 quilts is our limit. The quilt categories are listed on the registration form and if you have any questions about the proper category, please contact Margaret or drop an e-mail to registerquilt@optonline.net

DROP OFF DAY this year is Saturday, April 26 at the Country Quilter from 12:00 to 4:00. 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 in January, 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 Marie Sugar who has the sign up boards. The volunteer table also has a description of all the job details. Kathy and Barbara will also answer any questions you may have regarding the different assignments. We have jobs where you can sit, stand, walk.... there's a spot for everyone! If you are interested in judging day, please see Janis Tobias. and if you want to be part of quilt frame setup on Friday night, see Mayann Weinberg.

POST CARD DISPLAY: Once again we are going to have a Post Card Display. 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! If you don't know how to make one, sign up for Joan and Lori's class on Super Saturday.

You can bring your cards to a guild meeting, or mail them to:

Joan Weth
PO Box 697
Croton Falls, NY 10519

The members' **BOUTIQUE** is moving to a new location this year in the library. Please stop by and support your fellow guild members and see the many items they will have to offer.

SWEEPSTAKES: Susie and her committee have been working hard and we are happy to continue this popular event in the cafeteria this year. Any donation of fabric, patterns, books in NEW condition, and other quilt related items are needed. Contact Susie Andersen with questions.

QUILT APPRAISALS: Karen L. Dever, an AQS certified appraiser from New Jersey, has her own business entitled *Stitches through Time*. Deirdre Abbotts will have a signup table this month at the general meeting. All appraisals must be paid for in advance to hold your spot. Any quilt made after 1975 will be given a written appraisal. All written appraisals cost \$40. Quilts made before 1975 can be verbally appraised for a cost of \$20. Quilts that are hanging in the show may be appraised.

Barbara Sferra and Kathy Vanacoro
Co-Chairs – Show Committee

QUILT SHOW 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

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilters need batting. If you have any large pieces of any type (poly, cotton, wool, etc.), please bring them to the next meeting.

Comfort Quilts meet at the North Salem Ambulance Corp on Daniel Road, North Salem, on February 20, March 5 and March 19.

Please pick up your raffle tickets at the next meeting. This will save us the cost of mailing. Every member is expected to sell two books. Tickets are \$1 each and books of 6 can be purchased for \$5.00. There are always more books available if needed. Returns can be made to me by mail or at the meeting.

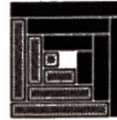
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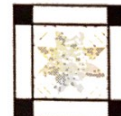
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Percentage of registration fee will go to Ovarian Cancer Research.

Registration starts February 1st, 2008 at any of the following stores:

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- Quilt Basket- Wappingers Falls, NY: www.quiltbasket.com
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So please do what you can. Thanks. See you next month.

Noreen Graham, Librarian



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