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A Message from the President

While quilting is what we 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.

The January meeting brought an excitement of learning new techniques from local shops and vendors. Thank you to each for being a part of our Guild program. I would encourage members to continue to shop and support our local shops in these challenging times. We rely on each other to weather this uncertain time.

As a special feature, the February program will be an inspiration on **The Use of Color in Quilts**. Come and learn how color brings a quilt to an exciting new level. It is another meeting not to miss.

February is your chance to view the **2009 Quilt Challenge** exhibit and vote for your favorite entries. Norma Schlager and her committee will compile the votes and award the ribbons.

Super Saturday is fast approaching (February 28th). We have about 40 members signed up. Denise Isherwood is accepting registrations via email, snail mail or at the meeting. It promises to be a relaxing day to refresh your spirit of belonging.

Think Spring! There are several spaces available in Diane Rode Schneck's class, **Scraps, Crumbs, Strings and Things** on March 14th. This is a Saturday class for those who work, a day of inspiration, creativity, and fun!

The nominating committee is already working on the 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 17th

JFK High School

Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups

5:45-6:45 pm

Art Quilt Group-Library

Not for Beginners Only-Cafeteria

Hand Appliqué-Cafeteria

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Guild Challenge

Come and vote for your favorites

"The Use of Color in Quilts"

Remember to bring Show and Tell

Members who's last names

Begin with **M, N, O** please bring snacks

Board meeting February 10th



Program Notes

Great news! We were able to change Diane Rode Schneck's workshop, Scraps, Crumbs, Strings and Things, to SATURDAY, March 14 to accommodate more of our working members. This class will introduce students to some of the basic techniques of String Quilting. "Strings" are long, skinny leftover pieces from other projects or new yardage cut into various widths. Diane will show us many types of string quilting and demonstrate how you can use them in your own quilts. The possibilities are endless whether you're a fan of old fashioned, scrappy quilts, graphic, sophisticated art quilts or anything in between. Expect to complete anywhere from 10 to 20 blocks by the end of class. Diane has been teaching at The City Quilter in Manhattan for years. She was unanimously recommended to us by many other guilds at last year's MAQGNET meeting.

In other exciting news, we are examining the possibility of holding a second workshop with Sharon Chambers on Tuesday, May 5 as so many of our members were wait-listed for the Monday session. While we are still awaiting confirmation, please e-mail me as soon as possible if you would be interested in attending.

Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs



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Help Wanted-Hospitality

If you have said to yourself, "How can I get involved?" or "I wish I knew more members' names?", here is your chance.

The Board has been without a hospitality chairperson since September. With the help of several members who have generously given their time and assistance, I have been organizing the hospitality table set-up and beverage service at our monthly meetings. I'm happy to announce that Joan Citron has come forward to fill this position for us, but she cannot do it alone.

We need someone to help Joan in bringing the hospitality supplies to meetings, setting up the hospitality table and support in the Show Friday Night Supper and June Salad Supper.

Providing hospitality to our members has a long tradition. If you agree that it is worth preserving, please contact me or a Board member to volunteer.

Thank you!
Carolynn

Education

I hope you enjoyed the demonstrations and shopping opportunities presented by several area quilt shops at the January meeting as much as I did. When you stop by these shops, I'm sure they would appreciate a word from you letting them know that their efforts were appreciated.

Our February meeting, **The Use of Color in Quilts**, will be an exciting new take on a theme that many quilters find challenging. It has been designed to appeal to both beginning and advanced quilters and everyone in between. The idea of this program is to give our members a chance to view "up close and personal" a group of outstanding quilts that illustrate exceptional understanding of how color can be used to achieve maximum impact, and, in the process, bring a quilt to a new level. By learning something about how each quilter went about conceptualizing and planning her use of color to achieve the desired effect and having a chance to ask questions, the Education Committee hopes that participating members will go home equipped with inspiration and some concrete strategies for approaching color choices in their future quilts.

Program Topics and Presenters:

Susie Anderson – Color Strategies for Scrap and Charm Quilts

Melanie Darensod – Variable impact of the use of warm and cool colors in quilts

Jane Eyes – Monochromatic color schemes

Lynda Long – Creation of color gradations using tulle

Nancy Mirman – Effective selection and use of clear and muted color palettes

Maxine Oliver - Creating depth in landscapes quilts through the use of color

Jeri Riggs – "Color without Fear"

Suzanne Sunday – Use of multiple threads to create shading

Joanna van Ritbergen and Lori Light – Black and White: Make your quilt sing!

Sue Wilterding – The meaning and use of color in Japanese quilts and clothing

Please join me in thanking all of our very accomplished members for their willingness to share their formidable talents with us.

Show and Tell

Don't forget to bring show and tell! I'm sure that everyone present will welcome the opportunity to see what you've been working on over the past few months. Please note that the AV equipment will not be set up this month; art quilters whose quilts include small details might want to consider saving their work for March.

Special Interest Groups

Not for Beginners Only

The demonstration for this meeting is entitled: **Machine Quilting Designs for the Artistically Challenged**. This is a session for those of us who can't draw freehand and stitch at the same time. Linda Ostrander will show you some techniques for making it fun to machine quilt to enhance your quilt design.

Hand Appliqué Group

At the January meeting of the Hand Appliqué Group, Amy Trompetter did a wonderful and informative demonstration of the way in which she appliqués inside and outside points. If anyone would like to receive a copy of notes taken at Amy's demonstration, please e-mail Kathy Kaplan to have your name added to the e-mail list.

At the February meeting, **Judy Mayer** will be showing us examples of antique appliqué quilts from her collection.

Art Quilt Group

Carolyn Salon will offer a demonstration on the topic of Convergence Quilts.

Carol Sterk, VP Education





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Special Events

Challenge: Going Green -- As usual, our members have turned in some fabulous quilts for the challenge. They will be voted on by the members at the February meeting. Be sure to see them and cast your vote for: The Best Use of Recycled Materials, The Best Use of the Color Green, the Best Environmental Message, and Best of Challenge.

These quilts will travel to the Quilter's Heritage show in Lancaster, PA in April and will be shown at our own quilt show, World of Quilts XXX in May. Norma Schlager, Challenge Coordinator

Super Saturday -- Don't miss out on registering for **Super Saturday!** You can register by mail or at the February meeting for this fun day of learning and socializing. Class descriptions and a registration form are on the NSQG website. Mail your registration form with check (including any kit or pattern fee) to Denise Isherwood, Super Saturday Coordinator.

Trips -- Checks made payable to NSQG are due on or before the February Guild meeting! It's not too late to sign up with Debbie Bein, our Trips Coordinator, for our trip to Lancaster (April 3-4, 2009) -- Cost: \$150. This trip is presently filled, but Debbie is still accepting names for the waiting list so don't delay (there are always some last-minute cancellations)!

Janis Tobias, Special Events Chairperson



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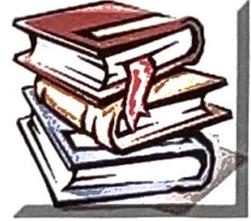
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Library

After the quiet meeting in December, the library was very busy in January.

Thanks to all members for returning your overdue books. Members with books 2 months overdue are: Barbara Oudheusden (2 books), Barbara Jay (1 book), Jackie Schiller (1 book) and Barbara Glab (3 books)



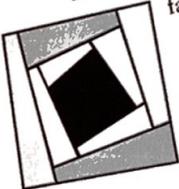
It is so good to see such interest in our new titles. This month we have Jane Davila's new book to look forward to as well as a couple of others I will hopefully have on time.

Thanks to my fabulous helpers, Marilyn Faust and Jane del Villar, and to those others who generously volunteer to help out. You are greatly appreciated.

Noreen Graham, Library Chairperson

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Membership

Many thanks to Debbie Bein for sharing her creative journey into the world of art quilts with us at the January meeting. From "serious to whimsical", her quilts showcased her artistic talents as well as her sources of inspiration! Thank you, Debbie!

This month we will again have copies of the new 2008-2009 Membership Directory available; if you did not pick up your copy at the December or January meeting, please be sure to do so this month. For those members who are not able to attend meetings and who would like to have a copy sent to them, please email me at jfowler8@verizon.net. Since there are some changes to the information that appears in the Directory, I am asking each member to check their entry for accuracy and to write or email me with any changes or corrections. I will write an addendum with the new information that can then be kept with your Directory.

I would like to remind all our members that there is a table at each of our meetings for distributing information about classes, shows, exhibits and more in our area and beyond so if you have any brochures, postcards or flyers about upcoming events, please take the opportunity to advertise them here.

Don't forget to visit the Quilt Challenge display this month. Our Member Showcase will resume next month with quilts by Micki Tedeschi; April's topic is "Then and Now" featuring members of the Art Quilt Special Interest Group; Pat Baker will be our featured quilter in May and Yvonne Clayton in June. If there are any members who might be interested in participating in the Member Showcase for the 2009-2010 Guild year, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership

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Shows and Exhibitions

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* "Urban Inspirations," March 21-22, 2009, Fashion Institute of Technology, 28th Street and Seventh Avenue, New York, NY; <http://www.empirequilters.net>.

*"Textural Rhythms: Constructing the Jazz Tradition— Contemporary African-American Quilts," March 24-August 23, 2009, American Folk Art Museum, Lincoln Square Gallery, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.

*"Sharing the Quilts XXVI," March 28, 2009, Willow Grove Presbyterian Church, 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, NJ; 908-755-7653; aeelman@gmail.com; <http://www.harvestquilters.com>.

*Three Rivers Quilt Festival, April 16-18, IBEW Circuit Center, 5 Hot Metal Street, Pittsburgh, PA; 412-835-2395; <http://www.threeriversquilters.com>.

*Machine Quilters' Exposition LLC, classes begin April 13, show April 16-18, 2009, The Center of NH/Radisson Hotel, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH; 603-778-6994; MQXShow@comcast.net, <http://www.MQXShow.com>.

*"Reach for the Stars!," April 18-19, 2009, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Route 9W, Ravena, NY; <http://www.timesunion.com/communities/quilt>.

*"Kaleidoscope Quilts: The Art of Paula Nadelstern," April 21-September 6, 2009, American Folk Art Museum, Lincoln Square gallery, 66th Street and Columbus Avenue, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.

*Genesee Valley Quilt Festival, June 5-7, RIT Gordon Field House, One Lomb Memorial Drive, Rochester, NY; 585-313-8949; mikeshold@yahoo.com, <http://www.geneseequiltfest.com>.

Other Events

* "The Philippe de Montebello Years: Curators Celebrate Three Decades of Acquisitions" (includes quilt and dresses), through February 1, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Ave. at 82nd Street, New York City; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

* Quilters' Quest Shop Hop, March 28-31, 2009; <http://www.quiltersquest.info/>.

* Hudson River Valley Fiber Art Workshops, March-December 2009; 1-888-865-0044; <http://www.fiberartworkshops.com>

* *The Little Giant of Aberdeen County* (a quilt figures in the novel), by Tiffany Baker, Grand Central, 2009.

World Wide Web Sites

The websites of our upcoming speakers and workshops

* Diane Rode Schneck www.geocities.com/quilttdiner/

* Ann Johnston (www.annjohnston.net)

* Sharon Shamber www.sharonschamber.com/

* Meg Cox www.megcox.com/

Nancy Hantman

World of Quilts XXX News

The notes in brief:

- We have started quilt registration for the Show. **Correction: January 2009 Newsletter should have read: “Members may enter four (4) quilts in the Show”.** The form is now available on-line. If you have any questions, please contact Margaret Phillips at: registerquilt@optonline.net.
- Volunteer sign-up will be at the February meeting. Only member volunteers get into the Show at no charge.
- Susie Andersen is still collecting goodies for the Sweepstakes. Call or e-mail her if you have any questions on this.

Mayann Weinberg, VP Quilt Show



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