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Happy
New Year!

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A Message from the President



New Year's is one of my favorite holidays! I usually end the year by sitting by a fire making a list of resolutions in a special blank book that I have kept going since 1983. Each page has a section for each department of my life. It is really my lifelong "To Do" list. My annual evaluation of my life serves to steer me back on course for the following year. Those things which did not get completed or show progress either get moved up on the list for the following year or removed altogether. In good years I keep the list close by and follow my progress monthly... in other years I have to track down the book that got buried under a pile of paperwork in February. No matter what else happens I always find that this ritual tends to get me to bed early on New Year's Eve and up early on New Year's Day organizing my sewing room and preparing to start new projects or finish UFOs. I wouldn't have it any other way.

The Guild as a whole and the Board Members have a few things to resolve before our year ends in June. Speakers and teachers will be hired for next year and for the most sought after teachers even the year after that. These early snow falls have reminded us to consider the weather when scheduling and planning programs. The By-Law Review Committee continues to work toward updating the By Laws for the five year review. Recommendations for possible changes will be going to the Board in the coming weeks. Soon we will be organizing the Nominating Committee and looking for a number of members to lead all the different activities for the 2006-2007 year, so now is also the time to let us know if you would like to start being involved in the Guild in some new way.

I hope more of you will resolve to put a quilt in our 2006 Quilt Show, enter the Shakespearean Challenge, teach or take a Super Saturday class, or go on the trip to Lancaster. January is the time to take action for all these activities.

Membership will soon have three interest groups running before the general meeting and that might be a good way for you to meet other members or learn a new technique.

Have a safe and happy New Year! I hope to see you in January.

Susie



January Meeting: Tuesday, January 17th

JFK High School, Somers, NY

Beginning Quilters, Art Quilt Group:
6:00 – 6:45PM

Doors Open: 6:30PM

General Meeting: 7:15PM

Hands-On Meeting

*See page 2 for a description
of the evening's activities.*



Due this month!

Northern Star Quilters' Guild
2006 Challenge:

"Shakespeare in Stitches"

Board Meeting: January 10th

Raffle Table generously sponsored
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January 2006 Program

If you have been wondering how you can use your computer to help with your quilting, you are in luck. Even if the computer makes you nervous, you'll have the opportunity to see a range of ways that the computer can help you with your quilting. Maybe this will be the push you need to get you started in making the computer-quilting connection. And if you decide to take the plunge, you'll have the opportunity to purchase some of the programs.

You'll have the opportunity to go to three different 20 minutes demos (each will be repeated 3 times). Here's a list of the demos you can attend:

1. **Linda Ostrander: Shorten Your Learning Curve to Understand and Use New Software**
This demo will present tips on how to approach learning a new quilting program (whatever the program might be). Basic computer concepts will be discussed. This demo is appropriate for both new and experienced computer users, but will be especially helpful for the novice.
2. **Elizabeth Poole: Quilting, Communications, and the Computer**
Learn how to find quilt email lists on the web, and how to use Yahoo® and Google™. Find out about both traditional quilting and art quilting quilt groups — what they can do for you, and how to sign up to start using them. You will also find how to look for websites of interest, or possibly create a website of your own. Some designs of websites show “for hire” and “do-it-yourself” options.
3. **Terri Gavin: Managing Your Quilting: QuiltingPro, Software for Managing Your Quilting Business.** QuiltingPro helps you track and organize your quilts, the shows you enter and

costs attributed to your quilting. QuiltingPro Lite is the beginner addition for those who only need to track their quilts and who they were sold to or to whom they were given. QuiltingPro Plus is for those who also teach.

4. **Allan Anderson: Computer-Generated Sewing Stitches Using the Janome DigitizerPro**
Come see this easy to use embroidery stitch editor. Now you can create custom machine embroidery designs without a PhD in digitizing, and combine them into a unique quilt layout. Designs can be saved in Janome and other popular home and commercial embroidery formats.
5. **Elaine Church: Electric Quilt® 5**
Come see this powerful and user-friendly quilt design program. Whether you create your own designs or import existing designs (such as the new RJR EQ5 projects), this software lets you see the endless possibilities for your quilts before you create them with fabric. This program will help you design your quilts and print templates and foundations.
6. **Suzanne Sunday: Computer-Generated Quilt Labels** Get a quick lesson on designing quilt labels with clip art and photos that you can print on fabric with your inkjet printer.

Also at this meeting the Quilt Show Registrar and Judging Team will be available to demystify the registration process and the new categories. See the article under the Quilt Show News for more details.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting!

Suzanne Sunday, PROGRAMS VICE PRESIDENT



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2006 Quilt Show News

According to our JFK Liaison, one of the most requested items at our Quilt Show last year was for a place to check coats and/or packages. Sister Barbara has agreed to provide this service. This will be a wonderful addition to our show. More details will follow in the coming months.

Check out the website for the Quilt Registration Form and instructions. The Registrar and Judging team will be available to help you register your quilt at the January meeting. If you need a photo taken of your quilt, we will have a camera available. The Registration Fee will be \$6.00 for members who register in January, and after January, the fee returns to \$8.00. Your quilt does not need to be completed to be registered, you have until late April to finish.

The voting for the recipient of the funds from the Raffle Quilt will be held in January. The three nominees are listed below. Please read over the details and be prepared to vote.

RAFFLE NOMINEES 2006

Lighthouse International

Lighthouse, celebrating a century of helping people of all ages overcome the challenges of vision impairment, provides vision rehabilitation services to residents of Westchester and five other counties in the Hudson Valley, in their homes, schools, neighborhoods, and workplaces.

More than a thousand people with vision impairment who reside in this six county area have received services during the past year. People who are blind or partially sighted gain

the skills and strategies to lead independent and productive lives. Founded in 1905, this nonprofit organization's work includes rehabilitation services, education, research, prevention, and advocacy.

Support Connection

The mission of Support Connection is to provide emotional, social and educational support services to women, their families and friends, who are affected by breast and ovarian cancer. The Connection offers individual peer counseling, peer run support groups, wellness programs, educational programs open to the public, wellness retreats, a resource library and a resource information service. Since 1996 over 5000 participants have utilized these programs and services.

Community Center

The Community Center, which is located in Katonah, is a not-for-profit organization which provides food, clothing, career support, conversational English classes, word processing instruction and referrals to government and private agencies for people residing in the Northern Westchester area. During the past year there were more than 4800 visits to the Center for assistance. The Center also offers special clothing, school supplies and conducts special drives for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The Center makes a positive impact on thousands of families in Westchester.

Mary Cannizzaro, QUILT SHOW VICE PRESIDENT
AntMaryC@optonline.net

Upcoming Workshops

Collage Appliqué – Shelley Greener *January 21st class is filled.*

Super Machine Stitching – Libby Lehman *Both classes are filled.*

Angle Play – Margaret Miller

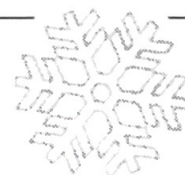
2 day workshop, April 18th and 19th: spaces are available.

Feather Mania 1 – Judy Allen

Tuesday, May 16th: spaces are available, no machine required.

Contact me if you wish to sign up for an available workshop.

Thank you, Dorothy Scalice, EDUCATION CHAIRMAN
qow@charter.net



January Library News

The following member has books outstanding:

Due November 15th: Lois Lober (3)

Thank you, June Sahn, LIBRARIAN



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Hello, Kitty!

I tend to think of myself as a long-distance NSQG member since I live in central New Jersey, but then, I consider member Kayoko Kobayashi, who lives in Japan. She can't make the meetings, but keeps up with Guild events through OnPoint!

Super Saturday is one of the events she wishes she could attend. She does come to our World of Quilts Show almost every year and always enters the Block Contest.

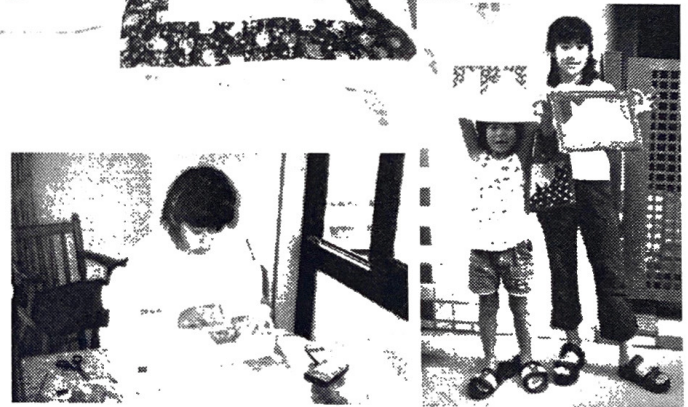
When Kayoko came in 2004, Margaret Phillips presented her with one of her infamous Super Saturday "Cat Quilt in a Day" kits. The "take-out" version of Super Saturday, if you will. Kayoko was thrilled.

Then this October I received a letter from Kayoko with photos of that litter of kittens. There were 88 cats on the quilt she made, but that's just the beginning. She spent time over the summer holiday with her newest students, nieces Riko (12 years old) and Natsuko (8 years old). With her instruction they made cat wall hangings and tote bags. These colorful kitties then went to school to be displayed as summer homework projects. Good work, girls!

Also shown here is Kayoko's mini-quilt *Flower Power 2005* which was shown at *International Quilt Week Yokohama 2005*, November 10-12, 2005. Kayoko went to the show with her sister who also quilts.

What a family!

Fran Phillips



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Membership Report

NSQG membership currently stands at 253. The 2005-2006 Membership List will be available at the Sign-In Table at the January meeting, if you didn't get a chance to pick up your copy in December.

If you need a name badge, see Sheila Gargano at the sign-in table. Free kits for pieced name badges are also available.

Are you a traditional quilter who loves handwork? The first meeting of the Hand Appliqué Group will take place from 6:00-6:45 PM on January 17th prior to the general NSQG Meeting. Bring Show 'n' Tell and your ideas. Members of all ability levels with an interest in hand appliqué are welcome. There is no fee and no participation commitment. This is an opportunity to meet other members with a similar interest in a small group setting. Members will decide upon the format they would like the group to take and plan for future meetings. Meeting area to be announced — look for a sign at the Membership Table.

Other membership-sponsored activities scheduled for the January meeting include:

Art Quilt Group - meeting in the Teachers' Lounge from 6:00-6:45PM Bring Show 'n' Tell. The techniques you've used in your art quilts may provide not only inspiration but springboards for future meetings. Topic: Art Trading Cards, including the steps and materials involved in "building" one.

Beginner Quilt Group - Meeting in the cafeteria from 6:00-6:45PM. Linda Ostrander will be running this group and plans to demonstrate proper use of rotary cutter, ruler and mat. Come with your questions and ideas for future meetings.


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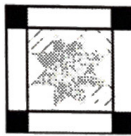
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Registration #: _____
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Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-Mail: _____

NSQG Member? Y ___ N ___

Quilt name: _____

Quilt size: (L) _____ x (W) _____

Predominant Colors: _____

Made by: _____

Quilted by: _____

Computer Guided Quilting/Other (give credit): _____

Category Number (refer to registration info.) _____ To be judged? Y ___ N ___

Design Statement (25 words or less) and/or history of quilt for our catalogue, including any prizes or awards won by your quilt _____

Quilt Return

Your *Quilt Claim Card* must be presented when picking up your quilt. **Please check one:**

___ I will pick up my quilt after the show on Sunday, May 7, 2006 at the JFK High School.

___ My quilt will be picked up by _____ (name & phone of person picking up)

___ I would like my quilt returned to me and I include \$15.00 to cover costs. If you want your quilt insured for more than \$100, please add \$.35 per \$100. Amount of insurance for quilt \$ _____

Special shipping instructions: _____

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Signature _____ Date _____

Please enclose a photograph of your quilt, and a check made payable to NSQG for \$8.00 to cover the Registration Fee. Mail completed Registration Forms, photographs, and fees to:

Caryl Castellion, 66 Stamford Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902

Registration Forms must be received by March 1, 2006

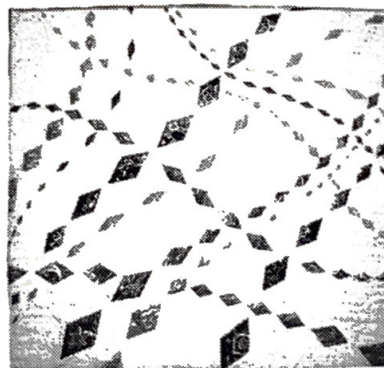
January's One Woman Show – Nancy Mirman

On the spur of the moment in 1984, I signed up for an Adult Ed quilting class taught by Claire Oehler at Somers High School. I was hooked immediately. The goal of the class was to make a 15 square twin bed sampler. I made a 24 square double bed sampler and was the only one finished at the end of the eight week class! Twenty-one years later, I'm still in love with all aspects of quilting - fabric, color, creating, hand stitching, machine work, traditional quilts, art quilts, all of it — except basting, which I didn't like in '84, and still don't like now!

I started working and teaching classes at The Country Quilter when it opened in 1990. After teaching a very popular coat class, I decided to make that coat design into a pattern. The Kandu Coat launched my wearable art pattern business, *Design and Planning Concepts*. It must have been serendipity, because had my next 2 patterns been made first, my business would not have been started! The success of the Kandu Coat allowed me to go on to create new patterns, resulting in a total of 43 patterns over the last 14 years. I get a real kick when Guild members tell me they see my patterns in quilt shops where ever they travel.

In the past few years my life has taken a wonderful new turn. Our three children married within a 13 month period, my husband retired and with the arrival of our grandchildren, we are often traveling to Southern California and South Carolina to spend time with them. This has definitely cut into my quilting time, but I have to say, seeing my grandchildren is worth it!

I joined the Guild in January of 1985 and ever since have actively participated in almost every working part of the Guild — going to workshops and trips, teaching at Super Saturday, being on the Show Committee for many years, Show Chairman, Treasurer, and President. NSQG has been a very important part of my life and I'm thankful for the wonderful friends and inspiration this group has given me. It is really an honor to be recognized in January's One Woman Show.



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