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A Message from the President

Happy New Year! New Year's is a time of reflecting where we have been and making plans for the future.

*The January meeting will be a bustle of activities. The Education Committee has organized a special night where 9 quilt shops are giving demonstrations on various tools & techniques featuring: **The Cutting Edge: What's Hot for 2008**. I hope you are ready to hand in your Challenge quilt or to sign up for a Super Saturday class. Linda Ostrander will be our featured One Woman Show.*

The NSQG Board has been busy. Policies continue to be reviewed & revised. Speakers are being hired for next year. The Nominating Committee will be looking for members to lead in different activities so now is the time to let us know if you would like to get involved in the Guild in some new way.

January is the time to take action for all these activities. It is a time for you to meet other members, learn a new technique, sign up to volunteer for the Quilt Show and be a part of the great tradition of quilting.

Have a safe and Happy New Year! See you in January.

Carolynn Young, President

January Meeting

Tuesday, January 15
JFK High School
Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups
5:45 – 6:45 pm

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

**"The Cutting Edge:
What's Hot for 2008"**

Due this Month!
2008 INITIAL Challenge

**Members whose last names
begin with J, K or L please bring snacks**

Board meeting January 8

Announcing:

Our New and Improved Website

We are starting the New Year with a new design and a new host for more reliability! Deirdre Abbotts did an incredible job with the redesign. We hope you will check it out and make it your first stop for guild news.

Don't forget to redo your bookmarks or favorites.

January Special Interest Groups Topics

Art Quilt Group: *Painting Techniques on Fusibles.*
Meet in the library in January and February.

Basic Training: *Double Half-Square Triangles (aka Flying Geese).* Suggested preparation (but not required):

1. For one unit, using two contrasting fabrics: cut one 4 1/2" x 2 1/2" rectangle of one fabric and cut two 2 1/2" squares from the other fabric.
2. On the squares, draw a diagonal line (corner to corner). You can stop here... or
3. To stitch the unit: a) align a square to one end of the rectangle, right sides together. Stitch on the diagonal line, press seam towards the square, trim to 1/4"; b) align the other square to the other end of the rectangle so that the diagonal lines meet and cross in the center of the rectangle. Stitch, press and trim as before.

For a sample block, make 12 double half-square triangles.

Appliqué Group: Please bring something you're working on to share with the group.

If The Weather Outside Is Frightful....

please do the following:

1. Check our website at www.NorthernStarQuilters.com for an announcement.
2. Listen on radio station WHUD (100.7 FM or online at www.whud.com) for Somers Central School District closing announcements or log on to their website. If the Somers Central Schools are closed, there will be no meeting.
3. In case the weather is questionable for the evening hours only, we will contact WHUD to make a public announcement.
4. If you cannot find out through any of the above methods, please feel free to contact a Board Member.

NSQG INITIAL CHALLENGE 2008

Quilts are due at the January 2008 meeting!
Entry forms will be available at the January meeting If you cannot be at the meeting, please fill out the form (available on the Northern Star website) and give the quilt and your entry form to a friend to bring to the meeting.

If you have any questions or have a problem finding the entry form, please contact either Margaret Phillips or Janis Tobias.

Margaret Phillips, Challenge Coordinator

2009 Challenge: ORGANIZERS WANTED

Job includes:

- Idea for theme
- Collecting the quilts
- Hanging the quilts at the NSQG Show
- Possibly coordinating for display at Lancaster Quilters' Heritage Show.

Janis Tobias, Special Events

TRIP UPDATE

LANCASTER: March 28, 29 2008. Payment is DUE JANUARY 15. Mail to me before or give to me at the meeting. We have TWO SEATS LEFT and we ACCEPT SIGN UPS for a WAIT LIST! Don't be shy about this, we NEED a wait list to cover last-minute cancellations as we plan trips months in advance.

Sauder's and Zook's have increased their discount to 15% this year, over and above their already FANTASTIC prices on FABRIC and BATTING (and they now carry SILK BATTING!). We will also be visiting Burkeholder's Fabrics and Kitchen Kettle Village.

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL and SHELburne MUSEUM: June 28-29 2008. Expect to hear final details on this fabulous TWO-NIGHT/THREE-DAY trip at the February meeting. We will be spending all day at the Quilt Festival on Saturday, and four or five hours at the Shelburne Museum on Sunday morning before we head back home.

Also on the agenda is a stop at Manchester Village for lunch on Friday and a new Quilt Shop in VT on Friday night! JAM-PACKED QUILT/ SHOP/ EAT/ FUN!

Debbie Bein, Trips Coordinator

Membership

The December meeting was well attended, and everyone seemed in a festive mood. Special thanks to *Sandy Waldman* for her helping hands at the Membership table.

Please claim your copy of the NSQG name and address booklet with the green cover for 2007-2008. Any changes to your information can be written on the month's sign-in sheet for updating.

Look for *Linda Ostrander's* featured quilts in January for the Member Showcase. They promise to be colorful and personal.

Because we are now in the snowy season and some members might need to use the main entrance instead of the steeper cafeteria entrance, please call or email me at least one day before the meeting to make arrangements. For security reasons the main school entrance is kept locked in the evening.

Hope your New Year is a happy and healthy one. Hope all your quilting projects are winners in 2008!

Susan Wilterding
Vice President, Membership

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Library

Just a reminder to all those with outstanding books, please remember to bring them in to the January meeting. I will be contacting all those people before then. Thanks go out to Jane Del Villar, Fern Nadel and Marilyn Faust who so willingly helped at the library table.



Best wishes to everyone in 2008!
Noreen Graham, Librarian

Sweepstakes

If you are making a New Year's Resolution to unclutter your sewing studio, remember that the Sweepstakes can use any unwanted items. Take one of those handled shopping bags that you got last month and hang it on your door knob to collect books, patterns, fabrics or notions and bring it to the next guild meeting.

We will also be offering a collection of non-sewing items for those who attend the show with a friend so keep in mind that a gift item that wasn't perfect for you might be nice for other women. *Noreen Graham* will be collecting at the Library table for the months of January and February.

Thanks for the nice things that were donated last month, everything will find a place either as a prize or in one of the collections, baskets or scrap bags.

Susie Andersen,
Sweepstakes Coordinator

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MEMBER SHOWCASE: LINDA OSTRANDER

I was lucky to have a very patient mother who taught me to sew. She cheerfully ripped so I could re-stitch until I got it right. My first memory of sewing is making pajama pants for my doll. My mother just cut the fabric, she did not use a pattern.

In the mid-80s, quilting was beginning to be popular, but I wasn't sure that I would stick with it. So rather than investing in the new quilting tools (read rotary cutter and mat), I decided to make a Lone Star quilt using a template and scissors. Needless to say, I have not finished that quilt (it is partly quilted). And then in the early 90s, I met Teresa Fusco who was offering quilting lessons in the course of making a quilt to raffle for the benefit of the South Salem Library. I was hooked, and that's when I met my quilting friends, with whom I still meet weekly to quilt.

I am inspired by traditional quilts and am always looking for an excuse to try a new-to-me block pattern. Since most of the quilts I make are for occasions for my family and friends, you will not see many of my finished projects. Furthermore, I am prone to start a quilt project, and as soon as I complete enough to imagine the result, I start another project. So my display will show lots of UFOs and I'm proud of them!



CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

RAFFLE QUILT. We will have 2 raffle books for all members at the next meeting. Price: \$1/ticket or \$5/book (6 tickets). The charity is "Jess Because."

COMFORT QUILTS meets on January 16, February 6 and 20 at the North Salem Ambulance Corp, 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. All are welcome.

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Education

Show and Tell

I'd like to thank our technical wizard, *Deirdre Abbotts*, who was "at the controls" of our new projection equipment last month. Wasn't it great to be able to see the details in all of the small art quilts that our members brought to Show and Tell?! Bravo! In January, think about bringing your quilt to the meeting for everyone to enjoy. Quilts with a winter theme will be featured, but all quilts are welcome.

January Meeting

Our January meeting, **The Cutting Edge: What's Hot for 2008**, will feature a fantastic lineup of 9 shops. Each shop will offer ongoing 15-minute demonstrations of a great new quilting tool or technique, and you will be able to purchase these tools and related items at the meeting. Don't forget to bring your checkbook!

Please note: Matt Welstall, the scissors sharpener, will be back again this year by popular demand. Remember to bring all of those scissors that need a tune up.

For more information about the shops that will be participating or the tools/techniques they will demonstrate, please consult our website, northernstarquilters.com, under Education.

Coming in February: HOW did she do THAT?

This meeting will showcase the work of ten of our own very talented 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. In offering a brief demonstration (5 – 10 minutes) of a particular technique followed by the opportunity to ask questions (5 - 10 minutes), the Education Committee hopes that you will go home with some answers, inspiration and a few new techniques to try. The program will be divided into five 15-minute segments; you get to choose which 5 demonstrations you'd most like to watch.

Participating Members and their Demonstration Topics:

- Nancy Goodman* – use of felting machine to create felted quilts
- Georgia Heller* – thread painting
- Maggie Kolvenbach* – original "computer-free" technique for piecing images
- Barbara Powers* - machine appliqué technique based on a stabilizer-free method taught by Jane Sassaman.
- Ellen Purdy* – Japanese Ribbon Stitch, Fargo Stitch, Spider Web Rose
- Jeri Riggs* – Facings – quilt binding alternative
- Elizabeth Rosenberg* – fusible-free fabric collage
- Diana Sharkey* – use of digital photography in quilting
- Joyce Sullivan* – double-sided faux Tiffany window technique
- Maria Weinstein* – postcard quilts

I would like to express my appreciation to each of our featured quilters for their willingness to share not only their time but their creative ideas with their fellow guild members. Their generosity of spirit is a wonderful gift to all of us!

Many thanks to my fellow committee members, *Janice Nastasi* and *Georgia Heller* for their **great ideas and hard work** in helping put together both the January and February programs. It really is true that many hands make light work!

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World of Quilts XXIX Show

January 2008 is here and now we hope everyone is starting to think: QUILT SHOW. Here are some things to start thinking about.

Quilt Appraisal: a quilt appraisal service will be offered at the Show this year. Cost for most quilts (any quilt made after 1975) will be \$40. Sign up will begin in February.

Quilt Registration: Early registration for member's quilts will begin in January. If you register their quilt before Jan 31, the fee is \$6 per quilt. After that date the fee for members is \$8 and non-members is \$10.

Registration forms and descriptions of categories for entry will be on the website (in January) and available at the January meeting. Please take time to review them, as some categories have changed. Also note that there will not be a photo service offered this year. When you register their quilt, it must be accompanied be a photo.

Sweepstakes: Donations of fabric, thread and quilt related items are greatly appreciated. *Noreen Graham* will be receiving the donations in January (at the library).

Lecturer: And don't forget the workshop with Barbara Barber on the Monday after the show. Sign up and learn all about "Really Sharp Piecing."

Volunteer Sign-up: This will begin in January as well. Look for *Marie Sugar* and her sign-up sheets. Descriptions of the volunteer positions are included in this newsletter. Two hours of service gives you free admission to the show for one day. Four hours gives you both days free. It is every member's responsibility to work at least 2 hours at the Show. It takes everyone in the Guild to make the Show successful. Please join us!!

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CALLING ALL SHOW VOLUNTEERS

The time has come to start planning their volunteer time for The World of Quilts. Every member is expected to volunteer at least two hours of their time to ensure a successful show. A two-hour block of volunteer time will provide you with one free admission for the entire day. If you work two hours on either Wednesday or Friday, you will receive a pass for the admission day of their choice, and four hours of time before or during the show will get you a second day's pass.

The Quilt Show is fun. Most of the jobs are simple and interesting, you meet new people, and you learn more if you choose an activity you have never done before. Whatever you choose, you will be making an important contribution to the success of the show.

There will be a sign-up table at the January meeting and members can choose from the following:

- **1. Admissions:** We have two admission entrances and need several volunteers at each entrance at all times. Volunteers collect money, stamp hands, hand out programs and answer questions. (You get to sit, and it is fun meeting and greeting visitors.)
- **2. Quilt Frame Setup:** The quilts cannot be hung until the frames are in place. This is a very important Friday afternoon job. It's a wonderful way to introduce their husband and teens to the "World of Quilts".
- **3. Quilt Hanging:** After the Frames are up, the beautiful quilts need to be hung. Climbing ladders and holding heavy quilts are part of the job.
- **4. Quilt Watchers/Monitors:** These volunteers are our show hostesses. They wear white gloves and show the quilt backs to interested visitors. While no experience is necessary, this is an extremely important job, since you help protect the quilts from being handled. (1 hour time slots)
- **5. Quilt Takedown:** Quilts need to be removed in an orderly manner, and their ownership verified.
- **6. Quilt Frame Takedown:** Muslin needs to be removed from the frames, and the frames disassembled. You can be free all weekend to enjoy the show and just work Sunday evening! Husbands, significant others, sons and daughters are most welcome.
- **7. Information:** Volunteers will be based in the main office of the school to assist with general questions and lost and found. This is a sit-down job with lots of personal interaction.

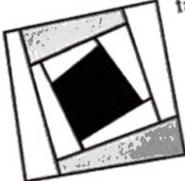
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VOLUNTEER JOBS (continued)

- **8. Lecture Monitors:** At each lecture volunteers are needed at the entrance doors and to assist the lecturer. This is a very popular job since you get to hear a lecture while fulfilling their volunteer time. This is usually a 1 hour position. We ask that you sign up for only one lecture.
- **9. Judging:** Judging takes place the Wednesday prior to the show at the Lake Lincoln Dale Clubhouse. Professional judges critique the quilts, while volunteers hold and fold them, and write the judges' comments. It is a very educational job. See *Janis Tobias* or *Margaret Phillips* to sign up.
- **10. Raffle Table:** We sell about 5,000 raffle tickets for our quilt show and volunteers are needed to sell them. This is a money-collecting job and you get to sit down.

- **11. Sweepstakes** – Volunteers are needed to work at the sweepstakes tables, selling tickets, giving out prizes, etc. A very fun job.
- **12. Friday Night Supper:** After several hours of work, volunteers and vendors are hungry. Volunteers are needed to set up, serve and clean up after the feast.
- **13. Demo Room** – During the course of the day we will have several demonstrations taking place in the demo room. We need one volunteer to be there in case the demonstrator needs anything.
- **14. Boutique:** Guild members may sell their handmade items at our show. Anyone who participates in the boutique must work two hours in the boutique in addition to their two hours elsewhere in the Show.

Don't forget to sign up in January!



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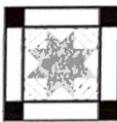
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Super Saturday - FEBRUARY 23, 2008

Registration for Super Saturday began at the December meeting, with a strong showing! Don't miss out on this day of fun – you can sign up over the next month by contacting me directly, or stop by at the registration desk at the **January** meeting. The \$20 participation fee includes lunch and your choice of class. Enrollment is limited – sign up soon! If you are not interested in taking a class, you can always bring a UFO to the studio class and participate in the fun.

One special addition to the Super Saturday line-up: For anyone wanting to learn to fit clothes and patterns to their body, Dana Fuller will be in the studio class to help you. When you sign up, please indicate this interest.

*Denise Isherwood,
Super Saturday Coordinator*



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