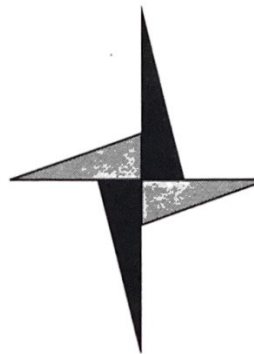


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A Message from the President

It has truly been a memorable year in my life. I have so many things to be thankful for, including wonderful friends at NSQG who stepped up to the plate and helped me when I was most in need. I will never forget their kindness, friendship and support.

There are so many details of our great guild that need attention on an ongoing basis and, without the help of Margaret Phillips, those details would have been in jeopardy of being lost. Thank you, my Assistant to the President. Another important part of the board was the invaluable experience of Susie Andersen. I know that she was instrumental in so many areas and details that the immediate past President would know well. Each and every board member did their share plus and I can't thank them enough.

I look forward to the June Salad Supper and Book Sale. It's always a pleasant way to end the season. At the June meeting, you should fill out the membership renewal form so that membership will have a jump start on the fall, sign up for a class in the fall with some great teachers, make plans to join Comfort Quilters during the summer months at JFK, and choose a book from the sale, as well as enjoy the company of our friends.

Please welcome the new board with enthusiasm and spirit. They are ready, willing and truly able with experience and talent that will make next year another great one

Mary Cannizaro
President

Remember our thanks to the President

Please remember to bring your contribution for Mary's basket to the membership table at the June meeting. Mary was seen collecting batiks and polka dots for upcoming projects at the Lancaster show so we know that those will be most appreciated. The basket will be presented at the June Salad Supper.

Education

The last workshop of the year ended with great fun and lots of new ideas. Rayna Gillman had us thinking "out of the box" and put us on the path toward new ideas.

I'd like to thank all the members who signed up for workshops during this past year and to thank all of those who were so helpful to me at Lincolndale. We definitely couldn't have done it without you all.

September starts with a heavy of new lectures and workshops and an incredible calendar of exciting visitors. I hope you'll all try to take part in sharing their knowledge, tips and techniques.

Dorothy Scalice

Please remember to bring your checks or cash to the June meeting to sign up for Jane Townswick's Hand Applique workshop on September 19th and/or Carol Taylor's Arc-i-Textures workshop on October 17th.

Any member who is interested in either of these workshops should feel free to call me at (914) 238-5728 for more information.

Carol Mayefsky

Membership

Membership registration forms for 2007-2008 will be available at the membership table this month. If you are not able to attend the meeting, you will find a form included in this month's newsletter. Look for the newest version to be posted on our website, *northernstarquilters.com*, in the near future. To encourage you to renew early, there will be a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate to The Country Quilter open only to those who have paid their dues before the evening of the September meeting.

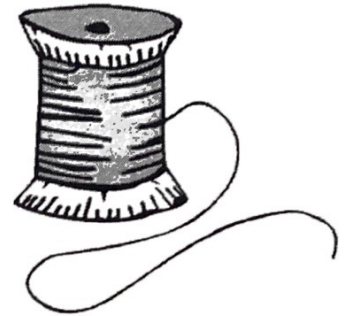
Special interest groups will not meet in June due to the early start of our annual Salad Supper meeting. They will resume in September. We are delighted to announce the return of the Applique Group this Fall under the able leadership of Judy Mayer. If you have an idea for a special interest group, please don't hesitate to call or email Carol Sterk. You never know who else might share your fascination with a particular topic. We'd like to extend a special thank you to Susan Osinoff, Fran Osinoff, Linda Ostrander, Degen Sayer and Susie Andersen for accepting the challenge of getting this year's groups up and running. Without your willingness to give freely of your time, energy and talents, this program would never have become a reality!

As we move on to other positions on the Board, Noreen and I would also like to thank our fantastic Membership Committee consisting of Althea Nolan, Sheila Gargano, Janice Nastasi, Melanie Darensod and Diana Sharkey for their dedication and a job well done. It was a pleasure to work with each and every one of you!

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

Charitable Activities

The Annual Raffle, which was held at the Quilt show, was a big success. Nancy Cook of West Oneonta, NY won our beautiful quilt. Nancy was sitting in the auditorium when her name was called and she was thrilled with her prize.



Comfort Quilter Althea Nolan won second prize, the Janome machine. Althea tells us that she will be taking lessons at Nimble Thimble to master her new machine. Another one of our members, Helene Cenci took home the package of Sky-Dyes. It was great to see two Northern Star members win those prizes.

I want to thank all of those who volunteered at the raffle table. They made selling tickets a lot of fun. We also were honored to have three doctors selling tickets at the show. They got to see first hand how much NSQG supports the Behavioral Unit at the Hospital. We won't know how much money the raffle raised until the June meeting. Dr. Grae (the director) will be present at the meeting on June 19th.

"Friends of Karen" has asked us for help. They are looking for donations of sports related fabrics in one-yard pieces. I will collect all donations at the next meeting.

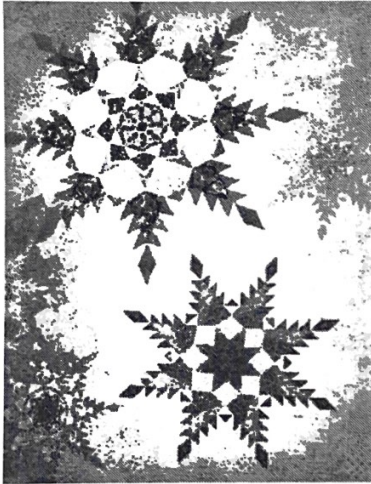
The Ronald McDonald House needs help decorating their new facilities at Maria Ferari Hospital.

**Please donate 2 blocks (9 1/2" edge to edge)
and Comfort Quilts will use them
to create new twin-sized bed quilts.**

Last month, Pat Baker told us how Comfort Quilts got started in 1993 with just a few members. In September, after 14 years, Pat will turn over the running of CQ to Carol Auer. NSQG is proud of the work that all the Comfort Quilters do and says a big "Thank You" to Pat for her years of dedication.

Comfort Quilts will be meeting at Kennedy High School every Wednesday from 9am to 3pm beginning July 11th. This will be a good time to join the group in making quilts for charity.

Carolyn Langevin



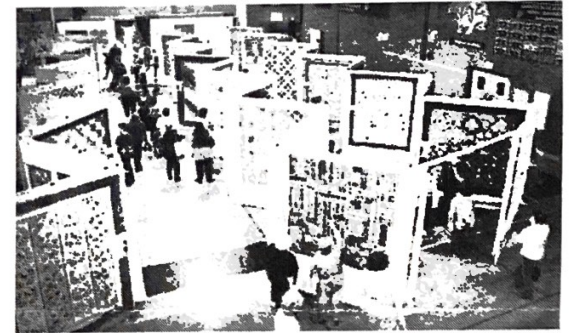
What a beautiful show full of spectacular quilts! We must first say THANK YOU again to our WONDERFUL SHOW COMMITTEE who worked so hard and gave up so many hours to insure the success of the show. You are a wonderful group and you deserve the thanks of the Guild, and our gratitude. And of course, a BIG thank you to Sr. Barbara, the JFK staff and students. We couldn't do it without them!

Thank you also to all the volunteers who are a big reason that the show was a success. Many of you gave us much more than the required two hours and stepped up to the plate when we needed you.

A few statistics: We hung over 200 quilts, we had 37 Vendors, three great speakers and one very worthwhile workshop, all making for a great weekend. We awarded 68 ribbons, and 41 of these ribbons were won by guild members! BRAVO! Special congratulations go to guild members Maggie Kolvenbach for winning Best of Show for her quilt "Feathered Stars - Free to Be As They Like", and to Diana Sharkey for winning Viewers Choice for her quilt "Cat Under the Sun".

We had approximately 2,350 attendees, about the same as last year, with nine bus groups. The Sweepstakes was once again a popular spot and quite a success. Thank you everyone for your donations. Special thanks to everyone who helped make the new process of quilt return on Sunday a calm and easy event. The feedback we have received was that, once the initial wait was over, the quilt return went smoothly and quickly.

Over the summer, we will be organizing our committee for next year's show. If you would be interested in joining our committee, please contact us. There's a place for everyone and we welcome you with open arms! Be part of the fun and excitement and make some new friends along the way too.



Barbara Sferra and Kathy Vanacoro - Quilt Show Co-Chairs

A World of Quilts XXVIII First Place Winner's List

BEST IN SHOW -Feathered Stars Free To Be As They Like
Maggie Kolvenbach*

100 HAND QUILTED BED QUILTS

Feathered Stars Free To Be As They Like -Maggie Kolvenbach*

200 MACHINE QUILTED BED QUILTS

Hatbox Fabric Fantasy - Georgia Heller *

300 PROFESSIONALLY QUILTED BED QUILTS

Hayley's Flowers & Butterflies - Barbara Powers *

400 TRADITIONAL DESIGN APPLIQUE WALL QUILT

Fantasy Florals - Karen Strang *

500 TRADITIONAL DESIGN PIECED WALL QUILTS

On The Sunny Side - Susan Limatta Horn

600 INNOVATIVE DESIGN APPLIQUE WALL QUILTS

Octopus's Garden - Diane Evans

700 INNOVATIVE DESIGN PIECED WALL QUILTS

Positive Energy #4 - Karen Eckmeier *

800 ART - PEOPLE, PORTRAITS, FIGURES

Musicians - Tamar Drucker *

900 ART - PICTORAL

Salad Days - Georgia Heller*

1000 ART - ABSTRACT

Circle Composition - Benedicte Caneill*

1100 PROFESSIONALLY QUILTED WALL QUILTS

Cat Under the Sun - Diane Sharkey *

1200 GROUP QUILTS

Quilting Friends Make Magic Out of Ordinary Day -

Maria Weinstein* and Susan Osinoff*

1400 SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

My impression of Street in Saintes-Maries - Georiga Heller

BEST HAND APPLIQUE

Kimono - Rene Bracken*

BEST HAND QUILTING

Cath's Quilt - Jeannette Rindge

BEST MACHINE APPLIQUE

Water Lilies - Louise Gibson

BEST MACHINE QUILTING

On The Sunny Side - Susan Limatta Horn

BEST USE OF COLOR

Hatbox Fabric Fantasy - Georgia Heller*

BEST ORIGINAL DESIGN

Musicians - Tamar Drucker*

JUDGE'S RECOGNITION AWARDS

Molly Waddell - Dizzy - Diane Evans

Sandra Dorrbecker -My Own Victorian Vision -Ellen Purdy*

Carole Peterson - Colorado Aspens - Carolyn Cooney*

* Denotes NSQG Member

One Woman Show - Mary Anne Ciccotelli

Mary Anne Ciccotelli is not sure how long she has been quilting because she cannot remember a time when quilting was not a part of her life. During her lecture "The Legacy Lives On - Five Generations of Quilters" she shares a little about the lives of the quilters who came before her and explains how she is passing on the love of quilting to her daughters and granddaughters. She also shares the five generations of quilts that she has in her home. Her story was featured in *The Quilting Quarterly*, Fall 2006 (published by NQA) in an article written by Sylvia Landman Rasmussen.

After the attacks on the World Trade Center in 2001, Mary Anne felt compelled to reach out to those families affected in her community. Being a quilter, she decided to make a quilt for each of the 10 families that had lost someone in the tragedy. She posted a request on the internet asking for quilters to send her blocks to be used in the project. The response was overwhelming! From the help of many wonderful quilters all across the world, over 30 quilts were made and distributed to local families in the Westchester, New York area including the ten families in Pelham. Her work was featured on the local television station and in several local newspapers.

She is excited about opportunities to share her life-long sewing and quilting talents and experiences with others. She presents lectures and workshops in the tri-state area to quilt guilds and other interested parties and continues experimenting with high-tech methods to enhance these presentations. She has designed several styles of Hexabags™ and offers patterns for these unique bags. She is also developing a class that will be offered on the Internet through Quilt University later this year or early 2008.

Mary Anne is striving to keep the love of sewing (and quilting) alive and well by teaching children's sewing classes on a weekly basis in her studio. Additionally, she teaches hand-sewing to young children during their lunch-time enrichment hour program in the local grade schools. To see pictures of her proud students visit

www.sewingandbeyond.com

Mary Anne lives in Pelham, New York with her husband Tom. She is a mother and grandmother to three beautiful grandchildren.

Hospitality

This year I have been fortunate to have had many enthusiastic volunteers to assist with hospitality. Northern Star Quilters' Guild is becoming known for the friendly members, and their welcoming spirit. Thank you all!

To celebrate a successful year, we are having our traditional June Salad Supper on Tuesday, June 19. Please bring a salad to serve 6 to 8 people. There are endless possibilities: fresh fruit, vegetable, tuna or chicken, pasta, taco, tossed spinach salads.

Dinner will be served at 6:30. We will accept the salads starting about 6:00, giving us a bit of time to set up the tables. Please bring a serving spoon. Also attach a card listing ingredients of your salad, for those who are allergy prone.

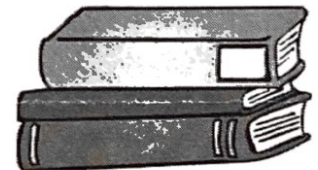
Dessert, cold drinks, coffee and tea will be provided.

Congratulations to all members for a successful 2006/2007 guild year.

Susan Wilterding

Library News

Everyone looks forward to the June meeting, which gives us all a chance to celebrate another successful year with good company and good food, and to participate in the annual sale of books, magazines, and notions.



Please bring your donations as early as you can - we'll be available from 5:30pm. Thanks to Cathie Billings, Jane del Villar, Judy Jones, Jennie O'Shea, and June Sahn for volunteering to help with the sale.

As you know, all library items must be returned this month. If you have borrowed books or magazines and will not be able to attend the meeting, please send them in with a friend or mail them to Andrea Winter as soon as possible. JFK is renovating the teachers' lounge this summer, so we need to inventory the library and remove the books by the end of the school year.

As a reminder, these are the items that are outstanding: due March: Susan Schrott (2); due April: Chris Fredericks (1), Barbara Jay (1), Carol Kilian (1); due May: Carole Burton (1), Lisa DiSalvo (3), Sharon Honegger (1), Lois Lober (1), Patricia Loquet (3), Fran Osinoff (2), Elizabeth Poole (3), Lois Scofield (2).

The Library Committee wishes you a great summer!

Cathie Billings Jane del Villar
Patricia Loquet Andrea Winter

2008 Initial Challenge

Produce a quilt using your initials (first name and last name) as the initials of the title.

The quilt should reflect some aspect of your personality. Examples: CL could be Chocolate Lover; ST could be School Teacher.

The quilt must be 18" wide x 22" long.

It must have three layers and be quilted.

A 4" sleeve must be attached to the back of the quilt.

The quilt must hang easily and have no special handling or packing requirements, keeping in mind that these quilts travel to the Lancaster Show.

Keep your quilt a secret so the voting will be fair and unbiased.

First Place will be awarded to the quilt with the most votes.

Second Place will be awarded to the quilt with the second highest vote count.

Third Place will be awarded to the quilt with the third highest vote count.

Honorable Mention will be awarded to to the quilt with the fourth highest vote count.

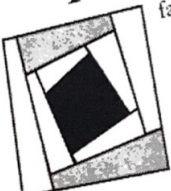
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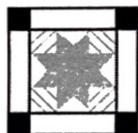
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Please check here for special request to receive newsletter by mail.

NSQG depends upon the talents and generous participation of all members.

- **Please choose at least two committees you wish to serve on this year.**

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- **What skills or services would you be willing to volunteer to help the guild this year?**

Graphic Design Web Design Kitchen Assist Speaker Hostess
 Technology Assist Accounting Photography Early Meeting Arrival
 Other _____

- **Please list any speakers that you would recommend for a future Guild program.**

- **Please indicate any technique or project you would like to teach at Super Saturday.**

Special Interest Groups meet prior to our regular meetings, and any member may participate.

- **Which Special Interest Group do you plan to attend?**

Quilt Basics Hand Quilting Applique
 Beading Crazy Quilting Art Quilting

- **Please add any suggestions you might have for future groups.**

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June Meeting
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Salad Supper and Book Sale

Bring a salad to share.

Bring books and magazines to sell.

Buy books.

Have a relaxing evening before we all say
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Board Meeting: June 12th

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