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A Message from the President

I am writing my last President's column with a grateful heart. I leave my Presidency with wonderful memories of working with exceptional, talented and dedicated women. NSQG could not function without the tireless work of these women who serve on the Board and those who coordinate special activities. All took their responsibilities seriously and dedicated themselves to seeing that NSGQ functions properly. In addition, there are so many members that work on and on, behind the scenes, to make the Guild the success it is.

THANK YOU!

There are so many details of our great Guild that need attention on an ongoing basis and, without the help of **Andrea Winter**, 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 **Barbara Jay**, Secretary. Barbara recorded all Board meetings with accuracy and efficiency.

THANK YOU!

A *Huge* Thank You to **Mayann Weinberg** and the Quilt Show Committee for the monumental task of producing this year's outstanding World of Quilts XXX. The hours of work in handling the details, decisions and problems deserve special praise.

Thank you to **Leslie Forrest** and **Patricia Loquet** who coordinated the wonderful Raffle Quilt and to **Carolyn Langevin** who worked diligently organizing the raffle tickets and ticket sales. And finally, Thank You to **Susie Andersen** who coordinated the many aspects of Charitable Activities and the Quilt Show Sweepstakes.

THANK YOU!

Carol Mayefsky provided us with renowned and inspiring speakers for our monthly meetings and workshops. **Carol Sterk** engaged us with a variety of Special Interest Groups and, with the assistance of her committee, organized the January and February programs. **Noreen Graham** and her committee helped us keep track of all our books in the library and brought us new books & magazines from the quilting world. (continued on page 2)

June Meeting

Tuesday, June 16
JFK High School,
Somers, NY

Annual Salad Supper

Dinner will be served at 6:30PM.

Please bring a salad to serve
6 – 8 people and plan to arrive
as close to 6 o'clock as you can.

Remember a serving spoon
for your dish.

Make a card listing your salad's
ingredients to accommodate members
who might have food allergies.

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

Annual Book Sale

Remember to bring your books
and other quilt-related items to donate
to the Annual Book Sale.

General Meeting: 7:30



*Have a relaxing evening before we
all say goodbye for the summer.*

President's Message (continued from page 1)

THANK YOU!

We are fortunate to have accurate record keepers. **Cathy Jankus** kept close tabs on our finances so that we stayed within budget. **Terri Gavin** and **Deirdre Abbotts** brought Communications to a new level. The website & newsletter have exploded with color and information. Thank You to **Jackie Fowler**, who ensured that Membership records were up-to-date, and organized member exhibitions through Member Showcase, reminding us that the joy of quilting begins with our very first quilt.

THANK YOU!

And a huge Thank You to **Janis Tobias**, who juggled the responsibilities of Special Events, making Northern Star Guild a Best Guild: Super Saturday-Thank You **Denise Isherwood**, Challenge-Thank You **Norma Schlager**, Trips-Thank You **Debbie Bein**, and Boutique-Thank You **Judy Jones** and **Stephanie Santangelo**.

THANK YOU!

Thank You to **Carol Auer** and **Caryl Castellion** who coordinated the 2010 Raffle Quilt. Congratulations to the **Alzheimer's Association**, the charity chosen at the May meeting to receive the proceeds of the 2010 raffle quilt. And finally, Thank You to all the **Comfort Quilters** for their dedication, caring and love in making the many quilts that are donated to charity.

As you can see, there are many people mentioned and just as many or more working with them to make our Guild great! Thank you to all!! But we always need more help, so make a resolution to *Get Involved* with your Guild next year. Remember, you get out what you put in and most times more, especially with this group of talented and giving people.

I look forward to the June Salad Supper and Book Sale. It's always a pleasant way to end the season, to celebrate the time and talents of our members, and to welcome the new board with enthusiasm and spirit. We will present the check from the Raffle Quilt to representatives of *the Ronald McDonald Family Room facility at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, at Westchester Medical Center.* Remember to hand in your membership renewal form so that membership will have a jump-start on the fall. Check out the Comfort Quilters new summer schedule and home and make plans to join the Comfort Quilters during the summer months. It is a way to enjoy the company of quilting friends.

Thank you to all and I'll see you at the Salad Supper on the 16th.

Carolynn Young, President

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Special Events

TWENTY-TEN Quilt Challenge

Theme: The year 2009 was a hard year for many people around the world, but it was also a year of renewed hope. This challenge is an opportunity to create a quilted expression of what you hope the year 2010 will bring to you, your family, your country or your planet.

Rules:

- Finished quilt is to measure 20 in. high by 10 in. wide. (Vertical orientation ONLY!)
- The number 2010 must be incorporated in the quilt design.
- Incorporate ONE or BOTH of the following words in the design of your quilt: "HOPE" "WISH"
- Each quilt must have a four-inch (4") hanging sleeve attached to the top of the quilt back.
- Each quilt must be labeled on the back with the following: Title of quilt, '2010 NSQG Challenge,' quilter's name, address, telephone and/or email address.

2010 Challenge quilts will be submitted at the January 2010 meeting.

Challenge quilts will be displayed anonymously at the February 2010 meeting; awards will be granted based on the secret ballot of NSQG members in attendance at the February meeting. Quilts will be awarded ribbons of achievement based on the following attributes:

- Best Expression of Theme
- Best Title
- Best Use of Color
- Best Representational or Pictorial Design
- Best Art or Abstract Design
- Best Traditional Quilt Design
- Best of Challenge

Challenge quilts may be exhibited at Quilter's Heritage quilt show in Lancaster, PA, in April, 2010, and will be displayed at NSQG quilt show in May, 2010.

Deborah J. Bein, Challenge Coordinator

Education

This is my last report as Vice President of Education. I'd like to express my thanks and gratitude to all of those Guild members who generously volunteered their time and talent to make our February programs a huge success both this year and last year. You made my job much easier! I'd also like to thank my creative, talented and ever dependable committee, **Janice Nastasi and Georgia Heller**, for their support and "can do" approach to any tasks that were set before them. Who says volunteering is no fun?! Finally, a huge thank you goes out to **Kathy Kaplan, Diane Linker, Susan Osinoff and Linda Ostrander**, our Special Interest Group facilitators, who entered uncharted waters, stuck with it, and, in the process, created an opportunity for members with common interests to come together, make friends and share their expertise in a more intimate environment.

Show and Tell

Thank you to each one of you who has brought a quilt for Show and Tell this year.

It's been a treat to see the wide range of styles, techniques and color palettes represented in your work! This month is the grand finale. Without the need to worry about holding up the speaker and ending the meeting too late, there will be plenty of time for Show and Tell. I hope you'll consider sharing your latest creative endeavor with the rest of us!

Special Interest Groups

Please note that the **special interest groups will not be meeting in June** due to the early start time of our salad supper meeting.

Carol Sterk, VP Education

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Comfort Quilters

Thanks to the efforts of Ellen Belson and Carolyn Salon, we are again able to meet over the summer at the temple (Congregation B'nai Yisrael, 2 Banksville Rd, Armonk). Starting with our next meeting, Wed. June 3, we will be meeting there every Wed. 9:30-3:30 through August or the beginning of Sept (exact ending date still to be determined). We will announce our SIXTH SUMMER SURPRISE EVENT with the intent of displaying the quilts made and raffling off one (Winner's Choice) at the Guild's October meeting, as we have done in past years to help defray Comfort Quilt expenses.

2009 Community Service Project

Many thanks to Leslie Forrest and Patricia Loquet for making the red, white and blue log cabin quilt which was raffled at the close of the Show. We especially appreciate the donation of a Pfaff Select 4.0 Sewing Machine donated by Linda Speidel of Fabric Mart-NY, Yorktown Heights, NY and a Plantation Road Fabric Kit and Pattern donated by Traditions at the White Swan, Hagerstown, MD. The check for the raffle proceeds will be presented at the June salad supper to the Ronald McDonald Family rooms at Westchester County Hospital.

2010 Raffle

The membership overwhelmingly chose the Alzheimer Association, sponsored by Nancy Hantman, to be the recipient of the 2010 charity raffle.

2011 Raffle

If you have an idea for the next (2011) Quilt or would like to nominate a charity to be featured at the 2011 show please contact me or the next director of Charitable Activities. We are now on a schedule of choosing the charity in May at our annual meeting, a full year ahead of the drawing.

It has been my pleasure to serve as the director of Charitable Activities. Thanks to everyone for selling raffle tickets, making comfort quilts and for contributing blocks for each year's raffle quilt. Thanks to Caryl Castellion and Carol Auer for making the top for 2010 and I hope all of you will join me in thanking Karen Carlson for donating her professional machine quilting skills to both the 2009 and 2010 raffle quilt. She also quilts hundreds of small quilts for the comfort quilt effort.

Susie Andersen, Charitable Activities Chairperson

Quilt Show

First order of business, visit the website. Thank you Web Guru Deirdre Abbotts for taking the photos and doing such a nice job posting them. The quilts from our show are amazing!

The show is wrapped up. The committees have reported. The numbers are in, including another record set in 2009: there were only 2 show committee meetings and each was less than one hour. A round of applause should go out to all the committee coordinators for a job well done.

Deirdre Abbotts	Web-site Coordinator, Photography, Publicity
Susie Andersen	Sweepstakes
Barbara Glab	Signs
Mary Cannizzaro	Vendors
Vicki Romaine Cohn	Show Pin
Marie Hodukavich	JFK liaison, Facilities, Parking
Judy Jones	Winners List
June Sahn	Volunteers
Linda Ostrander	Frames
Meg Mooar	Admissions/office
Margaret Phillips	Quilt Registration/Ribbons
Carolyn Salon	Judging
Diana Sharkey	Publications
Bernice Strauber	Security, white glove
Susan Osinoff	Demo Room
Janis Tobias	Judging, Boutique
Mayann Weinberg	Show Chair, Quilt Display, Special Exhibits, Equipment

So, you think you know how the show should go? Open call for key Show team volunteers, so drop me an email or give me a call and be part of the team from the beginning.

Mayann Weinberg, VP Quilt Show

Membership

I'd like to begin by thanking Pat Baker for a wonderful Member Showcase display last month. From her first, "before there even was a guild", hand-tied corduroy quilt to her "Dot's all, folks", Pat gave us a great visual treat of traditional quilts and we thank her!

As many of you know, the 2009-10 Membership Registration forms were available at the May meeting and will be at the June Salad Supper as well. There are a few changes and additions to the new form: the Special Interest Group (SIG) category has three ongoing groups and is looking for suggestions for other groups that Guild members might be interested in attending prior to our meeting each month; there is a new category under "skills or services" – **Teacher** _____ - for those members who would like to teach a particular technique or pattern to others; and there is a place to indicate whether there are any classes that you would be interested in taking.

Please remember to check the box under new or renewing member only if you want to have a copy of the newsletter mailed to you; otherwise, you will be able to access it **in color** on the website!

I would like to thank all the members who have already renewed their membership for the coming year and remind everyone else that we will have a drawing for four \$25.00 gift certificates to area quilt shops at the September meeting for those who have registered **prior** to that meeting. (And who couldn't use another yard or two of fabric along with some notions!)

If you are unable to be at the June Salad Supper, then please download the 2009-10 membership registration form from the website and send it to me; my name and address appear at the bottom of the form. If you are unable to access the form online, you may contact me at: jfowler8@verizon.net.

One last thank you to everyone on the Membership Committee who helped me throughout the year; I am very grateful for all your assistance.

And for all our members, don't forget to take time for yourselves this summer!

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership

Member to Member

Are you stuck on a quilting project? Help is around the corner at the home of Nancy Mirman. **Are You Stuck? Days** are being held once a month from 10 to 4 on a Wednesday or Saturday. Send your email address to Nancy at nmirman@optonline.net for more information.



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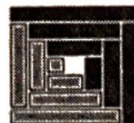
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Communications

It has been a great 2 years with Communications. I want to take a moment to thank a few people who helped me bring all of you the newsletter and the website.

First, the work that **Deirdre Abbotts** did on our website this year has truly been exceptional. She has kept the membership up to date on all the Guild news and portrayed the Guild in its most positive light with pictures of member's quilts and upcoming events. Thank you Deirdre!

I also want to thank **Deirdre Abbotts** and **Diana Sharkey**, for the pictures that have appeared in both the newsletter and on the web, particularly the pictures and slide show that Deirdre took of the Show and the spectacular slide show.

Lynnette Clemens has once again handled the ad sales for the newsletter and I am very grateful for her excellent job. She has managed to keep the number of advertisers up despite the economy and the sad loss of 2 of our local quilt shops and advertisers.

I would like thank **Nancy Hantman** for all her work on the Shows and Exhibitions highlighting upcoming shows and events, particularly ones that our members are in.

Finally, I would like to wish Mary Cannizzaro the best of luck as she assumes this chairmanship for the 2009-2010 year.

Terri Gavin, VP Communications

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Library

Last chance to return your library books before the summer break. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please ask a friend to bring them for you, or mail them to me before the June meeting.

It was a hive of activity at the library at the last meeting. I could tell members were thinking ahead to June's **Annual Book Sale** by all the generous donations brought to us. Thank you all so much, and thanks to Judy Jones and Carol Sterk for dealing with all the books, magazines and quilt related items that were left for us by our members. Also special thanks to Marilyn Faust for coming in early to help out.

So, come to our meeting in June, bring books, buy books and have some fun!

Noreen Graham, Librarian

Program Notes

Sign-up sheets are available for the first three workshops of the fall:

Pamela Allen~Inspiration and techniques for art quilting on September 16th 2009.

Sally Collins~Precision piecing miniature quilts, a 2 day workshop on Sunday October 18th and Monday October 19th 2009.

Debbie Caffrey~Power cutting on November 18th 2009.

Check out these teachers on-line at:

pamelart.homestead.com/titlepage.html

www.sallycollins.org

www.debbiescreativemoments.com.

Please remember to bring cash or a check to the June meeting as you'll need to pay upon signing up. Also, be sure to check your calendars carefully as workshop fees are not refundable.

Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs

Carolynn Young, VP Programs (2009-2010)

Northern Star Quilters' Guild

2009-2010 Membership Registration

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Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

New Member

Renewing Member

All members may access our monthly newsletter online at NorthernStarQuilters.com

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

- **Please choose at least two Committees or Activities you wish to volunteer for this year:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Charitable Activities	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Challenge	<input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Education for Children
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<input type="checkbox"/> Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Boutique	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum Events	

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

Graphic Design Web Design Kitchen Assist Speaker Hostess
 Technology Assist Event Planning Photography Data Entry
 Professional Quilter Publicity Accounting Early Meeting Arrival
 Teacher _____ Other _____

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

- **Please list any classes you would be interested in taking.**

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

- **Which Special Interest Group (SIG) do you plan to attend? Please choose one.**
 Appliqué Art Quilting Not Just for Beginners
 Suggestions for other SIGs (ie., Dear Jane) _____

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Signature: _____

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Last Chance to Thank the President

If you didn't bring fabric for Carolynn in May, the June meeting is a second chance to contribute to our traditional expression of thanks to the outgoing president. We'll add your fat quarter (or whatever) to the basket of fabric that will be presented to Carolynn at the meeting. If possible bring batiks -- bright colors and any shade of green --- representing the garden of friends and relationships that Carolynn has developed as President. Thank you, NSQG!

Barbara Jay, Secretary

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