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A Message from the Past President

Mary has asked that I write something for her space this month. Her daughter will soon be leaving the hospital and entering a rehabilitation facility affiliated with Mass General in Boston to recover from her devastating car crash. She will be getting the best available care there. Mary is now preoccupied with making those arrangements. I know that the whole family is grateful for all the prayers, cards, postcards and warm wishes of recovery and strength that come their way.

I have had the good fortune to get to know the Cannizzaro family as a tightly knit unit that pulls together whether in crisis or not. Many NSQG members met Joe, Janine and Jennifer as they worked the entire show weekend the last two years while Mary was the show chairman. We still laugh about their team effort in preparing for the Guild's first "NSQG Sweepstakes" last year. They counted the prizes, worked out the math and rubber stamped the back of all the tickets in the family room. Her family, her sewing group, and even those who have taken her classes were recruited to fill the holes where no one else wanted to or could volunteer.

Having given so much to the guild over the past few years she is naturally concerned that she is less available to help our current quilt show chairmen and all the others who have become involved in Guild activities due to her infectious enthusiasm. She asked at the February meeting that all members please volunteer to help where needed at the show and make themselves available to other board members so that various board members can, in turn, do the tasks that she has been doing. Mary always wants to improve our Guild, leaves everything better than she found it and at the same time inspires everyone who works with her with her energy and sense of humor.

I am not going to ask you to sign up to work your obligatory two hours at the show as she did at last month's meeting. I am going to ask you to do more, to show this remarkable woman that we appreciate her efforts and her leadership and that we hope she will be able to continue being involved with the Guild. Her goal for the year was to have more members be on committees so now is the time to show her that we support her goal. Just call us or e-mail and we will find a way that you can help. Our nominating committee will be making phone calls soon and perhaps you would consider serving on the board yourself. None of us knows what the next year will hold for us; all we ask is that you be willing, do your best and when life gets in the way, we will work it out together. Consider being a bigger part of NSQG.

Susie Andersen, Past President

Charitable Activities

Last chance to pick up your raffle books at the March meeting. Those remaining will be mailed to you. You can also make your returns or get additional books at the next meeting.

Comfort Quilts will meet at the Katonah Presbyterian Church on April 4th and 18th.

Thank you,
Carolyn Langevin

Workshops

There are still two spaces left in Nancy Johnson-Srebro's class "Tree of Life" being held on March 21st. Nancy's "Tree of Life" quilt is on the cover of her latest book, "Big Block Quilts By Magic." The workshop will use this one block to make a 35" square "Tree" block using squares, rectangles and a few triangles. To make color placement easy, you'll make a mock-up on a piece of batting.

Call Dorothy Scalice if you are interested in one of the two remaining spots in this class. The cost is \$50.00.

NSQG Challenge Winners

Everything That is Old Is New Again

We had a stunning display of 34 entries in the challenge this year. The winners (alphabetically within category) are:



Best of Challenge: "The Beauties of New York" by Benedicte Caneill

Tradition Renewed:

- "Cabin Fever" by Caryl Castellion
- "Together Forever" by Susan Schrott
- "Renewed Subscription" by Mayann Weinberg
- "Freedom" by Carolynn Young

Tradition Re-Interpreted:

- "Bask, Etc." by Tamar Drucker
- "I'm Sorry" by Norma Schlager
- "Glorified 9-Patch" by Joyce Sullivan

Tradition Transcended:

- "The Beauties of New York" by Benedicte Caneill
- "Tetons at Sunrise" by Georgia Heller
- "Hen and Chicks" by Maria Weinstein

Next the exhibit will go to Quilters Heritage Celebration in Lancaster for the April 12 - 15th show and then the quilts will be displayed at the NSQG World of Quilts in May.

Many thanks to all of the participants for contributing the beautiful and exciting quilts.

Visit the Northern Star website to see color photos of the winning entries.

Committee Coordinator: Georgia Heller
Carol Auer, Melanie Darensod, Karen Maru,
Elizabeth Rosenberg, Norma Schlager, Linda Schoenfeld

Membership

With the addition of our two newest members on Tuesday night, the guild is 248 people strong. You will see a picture of these new members in this newsletter. I hope you will make them feel welcome by introducing yourself at the next meeting.

As of the newsletter submissions deadline, plans for the March meeting are in place for each of the special interest groups. Groups will meet from 5:45 - 6:45 pm in the cafeteria with the exception of the Art Quilt Group which will meet in the teachers' lounge. Please be aware that things sometimes happen in between the newsletter deadline and the meeting over which we have no control, and program topics are subject to change. You are encouraged to bring Show & Tell to all special group meetings. From what I've observed, creative sparks fly at these meetings, and there is always something to learn when members share their work with each other.

Crazy Quilting Group

The group will focus on sharing ideas, techniques and resources for fabric, threads and stitch guides. We will start at the beginning, foundation piecing the base. Bring 4x6 rectangles of non-cotton fabrics to share and, if you are experienced, bring examples of your work to inspire those who wish to begin.

Beading Group

Maxine Oliver is scheduled to do a demonstration - topic to be announced.

Basic Training

There will be two demonstrations. One will focus on binding your quilt and the other on preparing designs for machine applique. There is no supply list. If you have a project at either of these stages, please bring it to the group.

Art Quilt Group

Sonny Reiber's demonstration will involve silk screen printing on fabric.

We look forward to seeing you in March!

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

One Woman Show - March Super Saturday *Nike Cutsumpas*



I was born and raised in Washington, D.C., married and moved to Danbury, CT. I have always dabbled in some form of art - paper dolls, oils, watercolor, pastels - from childhood to adulthood and continued to do so after my marriage and raising my family. It was always a part of my life and included many art classes and art schools.

At some point, when I realized that I could be remunerated for the many volunteer hours of work for civic organizations and activities I was involved in, which very often included some form of art such as flyers, posters, etc., I went back to school to become a graphic designer.

I worked for the local newspaper in the Art Department and also freelanced. Eventually, I took a quilting class. It did not take me very long to understand that fabric, thread, machine and needles could replace brushes, paint, ink and pens, and the tactile pleasure of the fabrics was a special bonus!

Now, making fiber art is my passion - playing with the color and the texture of the fabrics is compelling, along with the desire to create and demonstrate nature in its many forms through a fantasy perspective. The diversity this allows is boundless.

My art is personal. I make it to satisfy myself and hope that it will please the viewer as a visual feast of color, shapes and textures, style and technique. New avenues and directions of expression and craft are always calling. I hope to visit them all.

Super Saturday has come and gone for another year, and what a great time was had by all! About seventy participants arrived early, laden with supplies, and got right to work on a variety of projects ranging from quilt making to jewelry making, with artistry and handwork mixed in. How fortunate our Guild is to have such talented and giving members to teach us new skills.

Holding the event at JFK for the second year has turned out to be a real plus, as it provides plenty of space to hold numerous and varied classes. We can also take advantage of the cafeteria facility, which served what turned out to be a tasty lunch. As smiling participants left at the end of the day, with new projects in hand, only positive comments could be heard. How many people went home and got right back to work on their projects - my 16 blocks for Joe's Quilt were done by 10:30 am Sunday morning!

Ladies - bring your Super Saturday projects to the March meeting for Show & Tell!

Denise Isherwood, Super Saturday Coordinator



New Members

Please welcome the two new members of NSQG who joined the guild in February.



Lisa DiSalvo

Maria Catalano

Sharing Our Love of Quilting

On Saturday January 20th, members of Northern Star took over the ballroom, the great hall and the conservatory of the Stamford Museum and Nature Center to



demonstrate a variety of quilting techniques to the public. The program was called the ABC's of Quilting and included an amazing variety of Art, Basic and Collage Techniques. The event was intended to complement the exhibit of Teresa Barkley's work on exhibit in the main gallery thru March.

It was a great day of fun and friendship while fulfilling the guild's mission - Promoting the Art of Quilting Making. I hope that I can speak for every

member when I say that we all enjoyed a lovely lunch, enjoyed seeing Teresa's quilts and left at day's end very proud to be a member NSQG.

This concludes a year long collaboration between the Museum and our Guild and I want to thank the Museum staff for including us and our many talented members listed here for participating.

Nancy Hantman - Hand Quilting
Carolyn Langevin - Basting
Vicki Romaine Cohn - Hand Piecing
Dorothy Scalice - Rotary Cutting
Denise Isherwood - Hand Applique
Kathy Vanacoro - Machine Piecing
Susan Rooks - String Piecing
Georgia Heller - Fusing
Norma Schalager - Machine Quilting
Jeri Riggs - Paper Piecing
Carolyn Spiegel - Beading
Margaret Phillips - Appliqued Portrait
Mary Cannizzaro - Photo and Image transfer
Linda Ostrander - Rubber stamping and stencils
Fran Osinoff - Paint Sticks
Dana Fuller - Surface Design Techniques
Susie Andersen - Crazy Quilting
Nike Cutsumpas - Post Card Art
Degen Sayer - Couching Fancy Threads

Other members whose work was displayed, contributed to the demos or helped to serve a buffet lunch were Laura Lovello, Violet Burke, Terri Gavin, Fran Phillips, Nancy Goodman, Carole Hoffman and Marie Weinstein.

Susie Andersen

World of Quilts XXVIII Postcard Quilt Display

Reminder: April 1st is the deadline for entries in the Postcard Quilt Display at the World of Quilts Show in May.

Size: An accurate 4" x 6"

Materials: The postcards must consist of three layers - a surface design for the front, a stiff interfacing in the middle and a backing for an address and message. The edges need to be finished with a binding or decorative stitching to hold them together.

Fabrics: Whatever you like.

Embellishments: Anything that will enhance your design.

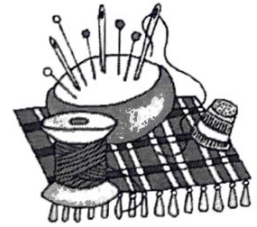
Submit your entries to:

Joan Weth
P.O. Box 697
Croton Falls, NY 10519

with a completed entry form. The entry form can be found in the September, 2006 newsletter and will be available at the March meeting.

*Friends are
like fabric -
you can never
have enough.*

World of Quilts XXVIII
Quilt Show News



Saturday, May 5: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday, May 6: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

It is less than two months until the Quilt Show! Our committee has really been hard at work during the last few weeks taking care of the countless details that contribute to a successful show. Here is some important information.

Quilt Registration is closing on March 15th. If you have not registered by this date you may contact Kathy or Barbara. A waiting list will be compiled once we reach our limit of 200, so contact us even after March 15th. We are trying something new this year. Instead of a ribbon to wear during the show that says "Exhibitor", each quilt entered will receive a small label that says "NSQG Quilt Show 2007". This label can be sewn on the back of your quilt to commemorate your entry into our 2007 show. Once again, we require a 4 inch sleeve on every quilt entered in the show, and also on those hanging in the special exhibits, (for example - the challenge quilts, etc.).

Drop-Off Days: Dates were printed in error in February. Please note the correct dates here:

Pinwheels (Croton on Hudson, NY)	Thursday, April 26th	12:00 noon - 2:30 pm
The Country Quilter (Somers, NY)	Saturday, April 28th	1:00 - 4:00 pm
The Quilt Shop (Danbury, CT)	Sunday, April 29th	2:00 - 3:30 pm

and, of course, quilts can be mailed to Terry Melillo, our registrar.

Postcard Challenge: Entry forms will be available at the Guild meeting. Please pick up a form and enter a postcard or two in our special display! Information and the form can also be found in the September newsletter. No sleeve is needed for these. Deadline is April 1st. Questions? Contact Joan Weth.

Show Posters: We have a wonderful poster this year with the beautiful raffle quilt on it. Please go to the web site and print one for display in your neighborhood.

Sweepstakes: We are once again having this popular booth where most anyone can win a prize. We are accepting donations of fabric: fat quarters, ½ yard pieces or larger are all welcome. Please submit your fabric in either off-the-bolt condition or washed and ironed. We are also accepting unused patterns and books in like new condition, and other quilting related items. Perhaps you could make an extra postcard to be used as a prize. Your donations should be given to Susan Rooks or dropped off at the Quilt Show table. If you have questions about a donation, contact Susan, Barbara or Kathy.

Volunteers: We still need volunteers, especially for the Friday night Supper for set-up, serving and/or clean-up. Contact Susan Wilterding. Also the Quilt-watchers/White glove category is still short handed. Vendor chairman Karen Abramson is asking for volunteers to help on Friday afternoon in getting the school organized for the vendors. If you are interested in Quilt Hanging see Mayann Weinberg, or Frame Set-up or Takedown see Suzanne Sunday.

Publicity: We are looking for someone to contact the local papers in April and get the word out about the show. Please contact Barbara or Kathy.

Workshop: We have a few spaces left in the Monday workshop with our speakers from England, Jan Beaney and Jean Littlejohn. This promises to be a special day as you learn interesting surface techniques and stitching - both hand and machine. Sign up at the Quilt Show table or contact Dorothy Scalice.

Please remember that it takes the contributions of each and every one of you to put on a Great Show. Every member is expected to volunteer at least two hours at the show. Many members volunteer much more than the two hour minimum and we greatly appreciate them. Please join us!!!!

Barbara Sferra gbgca@mindspring.com

Kathy Vanacoro 913quilter@yahoo.com

World of Quilts XXVIII Quilt Show Boutique

To register to be a vendor at the Show Boutique, sign up at the Special Events table at the March meeting.

To sell items at the boutique, please keep the following in mind:

- > Only NSQG members in good standing are eligible to sell items.
- > Vendors must volunteer at least two hours of time to help the boutique, in addition to volunteering two hours at the show to meet your guild obligation.
- > All items submitted for sale must be quilted or constructed of fabric and/or fiber or quilt related.
- > All items must be made by the NSQG member

Information and inventory forms will be available at the March and April meetings.

Please help us keep newsletter costs down

Printing costs and mailing costs continue to rise and the only way we can keep costs down is to have more members read and print the newsletter from the NSQG website.

If you are currently receiving a printed copy of the newsletter by mail and have Internet access, would you be willing to take your name off the mailing list and access the newsletter on our website? This would help the Guild to keep costs down and would also allow you to get the newsletter sooner.

If you would like your name removed from the mailing list, please contact Noreen Graham at Nina1351@aol.com or let her know at the next meeting.

Thank you.



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Tuesday, March 20th
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Special Interest Groups: 5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
Art Quilts, Beginners Quilting, Crazy Quilting, Beading

General Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Nancy Johnson-Srebro

Don't Forget Snacks!
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will be donating the prizes for the raffle table.

Board Meeting: March 13th

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