

On Point!

March 2009
VOLUME 27, No. 7

PUBLICATION OF THE NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD
www.northernstarquilters.com SOMERS, NEW YORK

A Message from the President

As I am driving home, I am blessed by wonderful, talented NSQG members who give of their time, talent and enthusiasm in making

The Use of Color in Quilts a success. Thank you to **Carol Sterk, Janice Nastasi** and **Georgia Heller** for their great ideas and hard work in making the January and February programs incredible. I would also like to thank **Denise Isherwood** and **Janis Tobias** in making Super Saturday a success. It was a spectacular day of quilting, fun and friendship.

Congratulations to all of the winners of this year's **Challenge**. A list of winners is published in this newsletter. Many thanks to **Norma Schlager** for coordinating the event. I look forward to viewing the exhibit at Lancaster and at our Quilt Show in May. I hope all participants will bring their entries to the May meeting where we can applaud all quilters and their entries at Show and Tell.

The Ides of March will soon be upon us and the first day of Spring. We will have our own "happening" at the March meeting when we welcome **Diane Rode Schneck** from Manhattan. We are thrilled to have her as our March speaker and workshop teacher.

The **Quilt Show** is less than 2 months away. Sign up for your special volunteer opportunity (my favorite is white gloves). Remember that each member is expected to volunteer *at least* 2 hours at the Show.

And now, a word on volunteering in general: Our Guild has grown tremendously. We all need to find a way to contribute a portion of our time to the Guild. I hate to sound like a broken record, but **Many Hands Make Light Work and Good Friends**. We hope you will share your successes (and trials) with us. Our nominating committee will be making phone calls soon and perhaps you would consider serving on the Board yourself. 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.

Carolynn Young, President

March Meeting

Tuesday, March 17th

JFK High School
Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups

5:45-6:45

Art Quilt Group-Library
Not for Beginners Only-Cafeteria
Hand Appliqué-Cafeteria

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Diane Rode Schneck
Confessions of a Phabric Phantom

Remember to bring Show and Tell

Members who's last names
Begin with P, Q, R please bring snacks

Board meeting March 10



A big thank you to
Country Quilter
Our March raffle sponsor.
Visit their website for
more information
www.countryquilter.com

Program Notes

March brings us Confessions of a Phabric Phantom starring nationally renowned teacher/author Diane Rode Schneck. Diane, also of City Quilter fame, will treat us to between 25 and 30 of her actual quilts in this highly entertaining trunk show. These run the gamut from time-honored classic scrap quilts to one-of-a-kind humorous works of art. She'll discuss influences on her development and her philosophy as a quilter and lifelong fabric fanatic.

Just a few spots remain in her SATURDAY workshop: Scraps, Crumbs, Strings and Things. The supply list is cheap and simple. But the opportunity to learn variations of string blocks, crumb piecing and Crazy Cabin is priceless. (OK... it's \$50, but it's worth it!) All of these processes can also be done in a small format for miniature-quilt enthusiasts.

Diane's class will be held at the North Salem Ambulance Corps, 14 Daniel Road in North Salem from 9:30-3:30 on SATURDAY, March 14, 2009.

For those lucky enough to have secured a place in Ann Johnston's Color by Accident class, the supply list is a doozie. Please start gathering your supplies immediately. We hear from a reliable source that Walmart has everything on her list for less. Ann's class will be held Sunday and Monday, April 19 and 20 at the Lake Lindale Clubhouse from 9:30 to 3:30 each day.

Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs

World of Quilts XXX News

THINK SPRING

Volunteer Sign up for your favorite job. Sign up's are in progress.

Remember, only our volunteers get admitted to the Show at no charge. 2 hours minimum gets you in.

Frames chairperson needed: We now have tents so its rain or shine starting @ 12:30.

Registration is in process: Members get 4 chances to shine. The form is currently on the website.

"Call for Talent" Demonstrators needed. If you want to show your talent & get your name out there – call or write to Susan Ossinoff and get in on the demo room. She is the Casting Director for this event! Small or large project or topic.

It would be great to have some art type demos as well as some basics, such as hand and machine quilting, and some embellishing techniques. If you have a teaching talent or product you want to promote – contact the Casting Director for details!!! Susan Ossinoff, sosinoff@mac.com

Members Boutique: Call for finished sale products - contact Stephanie Santangelo and/or Judy Jones to book your table and go over the current rules of operation.

Sweepstakes: Donations still being accepted, contact Susie Andersen.

Mayann Weinberg, VP Quilt Show

PIECEFUL QUILTING
Creative Inspiration
One Block at a Time
31 McDermott Avenue
Riverhead, NY 11901
(631) 727-5909
Join us for classes
(Beginner to Advanced, Kids and Adults)
Thousands of bolts of your favorite fabrics.
Special events.
Frequent Buyer Club.
Janome Dealer, Repair/Service
VISIT US ON LINE:
www.piecefulquilting.com
Monday thru Friday 10 – 5
Open late on Thursday until 8 pm

Hartsdale Fabrics
Westchester's Most
Complete Sewing Center
Fabrics - Notions - Patterns
Quilting - Knitting
Home Decorating
Lessons - All Types & Ages
Sewing Machine - Sales & Service
914-428-7780
www.Hartsdalefabrics.com
275 S. Central Ave. Hartsdale, NY 10530



Quilt Basket, Ltd.
Classes Fabrics Supplies
Shop online at
www.quiltbasket.com
Cambridge Commons
939 Route 376 #4
Wappingers Falls, NY 12590
(845) 227-7606
JANOME
Authorized Dealer

Special Events

Going Green Challenge

Every year I am amazed at the creativity, imagination, and skill evident in the Challenge entries. This year's 26 participants in Going Green did not disappoint. The exhibit was terrific and I want to thank all who entered and those who helped on the committee throughout the year.

The winners are:

Best of Challenge---Jen Cannizzaro---The Green Monster

Best Use of Recycled Materials:

First--Norma Schager---Something's Fishy

Second--Mayann Weinberg --The Resale Shop

Third---Carolyn Cooney---Winter Solitude

Third---Judy Gignesi---Greenman Browning

Best Use of the Color Green

First---Nike Cutsumpas---Primeval Green

Second---Benedicte Caneill---Green Minds Think Alike

Third---Jeri Riggs---Rescue Plan

Best Environmental Message

First---Nike Cutsumpas--Renewable Energy

Second---Nike Cutsumpas---Green.....Or the Alternative

Third---Georgia Heller---Protect, Save, Enjoy

Committee: Barbara Drillick, Carolyn Cooney, Nike Cutsumpas, Georgia Heller, Jeri Riggs

Norma Schlager, Challenge Coordinator

TRIPPER ALERT! PLANNING BUS TRIP for SEPTEMBER PENNSYLVANIA National Quilt Extravaganza XVI.....this is the old Mancuso show that moved to Harrisburg for a few years, it will be back near Philadelphia (The OAKS) in September.

Due to the summer break, this is the plan: DATE for the TRIP is SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2008. Trippers must SIGN UP by submitting your check to Debbie Bein for \$60 to NSQG by the MAY MEETING. \$60 will cover bus, admission to the show for one day and miscellaneous items like water and snack on bus...it will NOT COVER ANY FOOD ITEMS OR MEALS. If we get a full bus for this trip, the price will go down and we'll all share in the savings, so talk it up! This is a ONE-DAY BUS TRIP and the itinerary is identical to the times and places we depart and arrive on the Lancaster trip, roughly 7 a.m. from Brewster, returning 9 p.m. to Brewster.

We had a strong show of hands for this trip at our February meeting, so let's make this a fun addition to our

GUILD TRIP AGENDA. Non-members also welcome to sign up.

LAST NOTE ON LANCASTER TRIP! It's a go for Friday, April 3! Thanks to last minute sign ups, we may have a full bus! So it is never too late, if you have any interest at all and can do a spur-of-the-minute take-off, let me know!

2010 Guild Challenge - Looking for ideas!

Do you have an idea for the 2010 Guild Challenge?

Here's a chance to head up one of the most creative and fun committees in the Guild!

How to begin:


- Any Guild member can submit a proposal. It should include a topic idea with a name for the Challenge, the rules for the Challenge, and the judging categories for which ribbons will be awarded.
- Write down your idea and send it to me (paper or emailed proposals are fine!).

The next steps:

- I will present the proposals to the Board (without the submitters' names) and the author of the winning idea will be selected as next year's Challenge Coordinator.
- If your idea is the one selected, gather a committee of friends (usually about 5-7 people) to help you collect the Challenge entries, hang the quilts at the Feb. 2010 meeting, count the ballots, and award the ribbons. The committee also hangs the quilts on Friday night before the 2010 NSQG show in May.

If you have any questions at all, please ask me! I'd like to present all proposals at the April Board meeting so get your idea to me by the end of March!

Janis Tobias, Special Events Chairperson



woodstockquiltsupply
for all your quilting needs!™
79 tinker street | woodstock, ny 12498 | (845) 679-0733
store hours mon-sat 10-6 | sun 11-5
www.quiltstock.com
always open on the web!

This Year's Challenge Winners

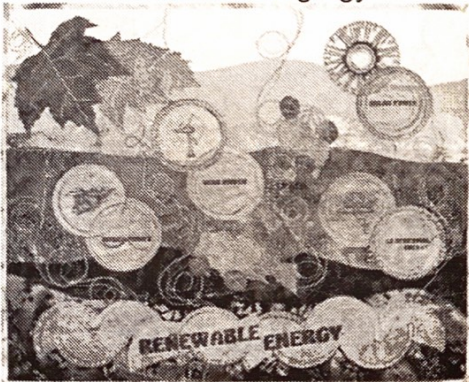
Best Use of the Color Green
Nike Cutsumpas
Primeval Green



Best of Challenge
Jen Cannizzaro
The Green Monster



Best Environmental Message
Nike Cutsumpas
Renewable Energy



Best Use of Recycled Material
Norma Schlager
Something Fishy



Empire Quilters' Urban Inspirations Quilt Show
March 21 and 22
Fashion Institute in New York City

Located on 7th Avenue at 28th Street, the show will feature quilts and vendors on two levels, easily accessible by elevator or stairs.

The show will present Paula Nadelstern/Kaleidoscopes speaking on Saturday and Brenda Papadakis/Dear Jane, on Sunday. An ongoing slide show will be in the amphitheatre should you need to take a break. Even if you don't, it's worth the stop.

Raffle tickets for a chance to win Broadway Jane, a beautiful double sided Dear Jane will be available for sale!

For more information on the show and for group rates, you can check their website at:

<http://www.empirequilters.net/pg/eqshow2009.html>

*Escape the winter blues-
Create a new project!*

New Spring Fabrics

now available at

MileSquareFabricStudio.com

Always check the Web Specials

201-325-0011

600 Palisade Ave., Studio 212, Union City, NJ 07087

info@MileSquareFabricStudio.com

Member Showcase MICKI TEDESCHI

It all started 34 years ago when I attended a promotional preview of the classes being offered at the Westchester Art Workshop. I saw someone doing some kind of needlework that I was not familiar with and when I asked what she was doing, she said, "Quilting!" I thought, "What? What's that?" I had sewn for years, but 'quilting' looked interesting so I signed up and I have been in love ever since!!

I joined Northern Star Quilters' Guild 28 years ago and through the years I have met many talented and wonderful people who are always giving me inspiration and new ideas for quilting. I learned to draft patterns, make templates from cardboard, trace around each one and then cut them out by hand. We have come a long way since then!



For many years, I made traditional quilts - sometimes with a twist to give it a more modern feel. I have taught beginners' quilting classes at the Westchester Art Workshop, for adult education programs and privately and I have lectured at a variety of different venues throughout the area. It was very exciting to be in on the rebirth of quilting as a creative expression as well as a truly functional skill. A friend and I even had a small business for a while called "Just Vests". In addition to the NSQG Quilt Show, I have exhibited my work at museums, libraries and at the White Plains Arts Festival.

Several years ago, I was looking for something to do that was different from the traditional work I had been doing and I discovered art quilts. Expressing myself in this new way is very exciting; much of my inspiration comes from nature. I still have my love of fabric and now I thoroughly enjoy trying out all the new products and ideas that are available.

It's been a wonderful ride!

Membership

It's hard to believe that Spring is just around the corner and I would like to take this opportunity to remind all our members that the XXX World of Quilts Show needs you to volunteer at least two hours of your time either before or during the show; there are many different volunteer opportunities so please make an effort to sign up as soon as possible to make this the best show yet!

Micki Tedeschi is our Member Showcase quilter this month and you will find a picture of her with one of her quilts along with a brief bio in this newsletter. She has been a quilter for 34 years and a member of the Guild since 1981, so please stop by her display to hear a little about her journey and to enjoy her quilts.

In last month's newsletter I asked you to let me know if there are any changes that need to be made with regard to your Membership Directory information. If so, you may

Call or e-mail me at jfowler8@verizon.net.

Don't forget to check the table behind the sign-in table for information about area shows and exhibits!

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership



Education

I'm sure everyone who was present at the February meeting joins me in thanking all of our members who graciously gave of their time and knowledge to present a fantastic program on **The Use of Color in Quilts**. A guild is only as good as what the membership contributes to it, and I think that this program exemplified the best of volunteerism. Kudos to: **Susie Andersen, Melanie Darendos, Jane Eyes, Lori Light, Lynda Long, Nancy Mirman, Maxine Oliver, Jeri Riggs, Suzanne Sunday, Joanna van Ritbergen and Susan Wilterding.**

Show and Tell

We'll be back in the auditorium in March. Don't forget to bring your quilts for Show and Tell. Deirdre Abbotts will be there with the video camera so this will be a great month to display your small art quilts.

Special Interest Groups

Hand Appliqué Group

At our February meeting, Judy Mayer displayed and discussed several antique quilts from the mid-eighteenth century and from the 1920's. We are all very grateful to Judy for sharing both the quilts and her knowledge with us.

At the March meeting, we will be discussing **background fabrics for applique quilts**. Members will be bringing fabrics that have worked for them and those that haven't, as well as fabrics they think they might like to use someday.

Not For Beginners Only

Attention all quilters: Add **freeform curved piecing** to your bag of tricks. **Norma Schlager** will show you how to do it using just a rotary cutter, no templates, no pins, no marking! How good can that be ???

Art Quilt Group

Janice Nastasi will present a demonstration on creating foam blocks for stamping.

Carol Sterk, VP Education

Library



Guild members continue to show great interest in the new library books and, as always, a great interest in the quilting magazines. **Piecing with Pixels - Unique Quilts From Your Own Images** by Sandra Hart and Gudney Campbell will be available at the next meeting.

Thanks to the many members who returned overdue books. There are now only two members with books two months overdue: Mary Schneidman (2), and Lynda Long (3).

As usual I would like to thank my terrific helpers, Jane del Villar and Marilyn Faust.

Noreen Graham, Library Chairperson

THE CITY QUILTER®

Fabric • Notions • Classes • Books • Gifts

133 West 25th Street
New York, NY 10001
212-807-0390
www.cityquilter.com

Our Vital Statistics

- 125+ different classes each year
- 6,000+ products
- 3,000+ fabric bolts
- 1,000 items online

Jelly Bean Quilter

Long Arm Machine Quilting

Mary Eddy
2 Currituck Road
Newtown, Ct 06470-1306

Phone (203) 426-7911
jbquilter@earthlink.net
www.jbquilter.com

JO ANN PELLICANO-ALVAREZ For All Your Sewing Needs

The NIMBLE THIMBLE Inc.

19 PUTNAM AVENUE
PORT CHESTER, NY 10573
(914) 934-2934
nthimble@aol.com

Authorized Dealer
JANOME
Sewing Machines & Sergers

Linda Speidell
President (914) 962-3328

Fabric Mart-NY, Inc.
Authorized PFAFF Sewing Machine Dealer

2019 Crompond Rd.
Yorktown Heights NY 10598

info@fabricmart-nyinc.com
www.fabricmart-nyinc.com

Shows and Exhibitions

Shows and Exhibitions

Top on our list of Shows to see is "Fiber + Thread = Art", now through April 3, 2009 at Mahopac Public Library, Mahopac, NY. It includes 20 of our members and we hope you will get out to support them and see this fabulous show. Mahopac Public Library, 845-628-2009; <http://www.mahopaclibrary.org>.

* "Hands All Around XII," March 21-22, 2009, Amherst College, Amherst, MA. SASE to Carolyn Croteau, 71 Rocky Hill Road, Hadley, MA 01035; 413-584-0845; croteau71@charter.net.

* "Urban Inspirations," March 21-22, 2009, Fashion Institute of Technology, New York City; <http://www.empirequilters.net>.

* "Textural Rhythms: Constructing the Jazz Tradition—Contemporary African-American Quilts," March 24-August 23, 2009, American Folk Art Museum, Lincoln Square Gallery, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>. (Free public tours April 14 and 28, May 12 and 26, June 9 and 23, July 14 and 28, August 11.)

* "Fiber Revolution," now through March 31, 2009, Academy of Music, Spotswood, NJ; 732-251-3050; <http://www.AcademyOfMusicOnMain.com>.

* Quilters' Heritage Celebration, April 2-5, 2009, Lancaster, PA; 2117-854-9323; rbbarer@qhonline.com; <http://www.qhonline.com>.

* "Fabric Connections: Seven Swiss Contemporary Quilt Artists," now through April 18, 2009, New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207; <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>.

* "Reach for the Stars!," April 18-19, 2009, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Ravena, NY; <http://www.quiltinc.org>.

* "Hot Needles, Cool Quilts," April 25-26, Bridgewater, NJ; <http://piecedtogetherquilters.org>.

* "Quilters of the Valley," May 1-3, 2009, Middleburgh, NY; tkahrs12122@yahoo.com.

* "Permanently MAD: Revealing the Collection" (includes quilt), now, Museum of Art and Design, New York City; <http://madmuseum.org>.

Other Events

* Gallery tour of "The Essential Art of African Textiles: Design Without End," 11 a.m. on March 17, 2009, Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York City; 212-570-3764; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

* "Color in Design: Between Playing and Hard Work," lecture by Ursula Kern, April 18, 2009, New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207; <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>

* Quilters' Quest Shop Hop, May 28-31, 2009; <http://www.quiltersquest.info/>.

* "And So to Bed: Indian Bed Curtains from a Stately English Home," now through June 21, 2009, Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, MA; 617-267-9300; <http://www.mfa.org>.

* Quilt Camp, September 11-13, 2009, at Red Jacket Mountain View Resort, North Conway, NH; quiltthelen@aol.com.

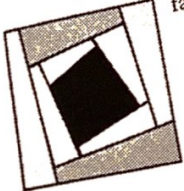
World Wide Web Sites

* Diane Rode Schneck (March speaker, workshop teacher) at www.geocities.com/quilttdiner/

* Ann Johnston (April speaker, workshop teacher) at www.annjohnston.net

Nancy Hantman

the quilt cottage
fabrics • yarn • gifts



414 mamaroneck avenue
mamaroneck, ny 10543

(914) 777-1-333

nancy c. rosenberger

Husqvarna VIKING



• Fabric • Notions
• Classes
• Sewing Machines
• Quilts • Gifts

422 Main Street ~ Lower level, Ridgefield, CT 06877
Roxanne & Stuart Lasky
203.431.0023 | www.TheQuiltersAlley.com