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A Message from the President

All is bright and new when the sun comes out and the days turn warm. I have a brand new studio in my home ready for me to get back to some much needed quilting and sewing activity. My daughter Janine, after nearly 100 days in the hospital, is preparing to come home so that Joe, Jennifer and I can support and care for her during her continued rehabilitation. Her determination and overwhelming progress over the past few weeks have amazed and inspired all who have witnessed any part of this ordeal.

I am especially proud on this Mother's Day to have two beautiful daughters who have shown such remarkable courage, love and admiration for each other during the past three months. On January 27th, Janine and I spent a wonderful day together in Karen Eckmeier's Happy Villages class at JFK. Both girls traveled here that weekend to celebrate my birthday. Jennifer returned to Boston safely but Janine did not. An impaired driver changed the fate of my family and his.

My term as your President certainly did not go as I planned but many positive things have taken place at Northern Star this year. The new board that will be elected this month is strong, experienced and dedicated to making more improvements in the guild and involving new members. Many board members have stepped up to additional responsibilities and learned more aspects of running the Guild, and that is a good thing.

One of the brightest notes of this year's Guild activity has been in Charitable Activities. This year's raffle quilt is beautiful and should be a source of pride for the entire guild. More members participated in making the blocks, selling the tickets and nominating the recipients than ever before. Carolyn Langevin, Director of Charitable Activities, Karen Carlson and Claire Victor, who coordinated and quilted the quilt, and members of the Comfort Quilts group who nominated the Behavior Unit of Westchester Medical Center and have been taking the quilt to the hospital to sell tickets should all be congratulated for handling this traditional event with a new level of passion. Mark down the date of the June meeting to be there when we present the check to representatives of the hospital. Maybe by now one of you is the new owner of this fabulous quilt!

Happy Mother's Day!

Mary Cannizaro
President

May Meeting
Tuesday, May 15th
JFK High School, Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups:
5:45 - 6:45 p.m.
*Art Quilts, Beginners Quilting,
Crazy Quilting, Beading*

General Meeting: 7:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker
Rayna Gillman
"Taking the Leap with
What If?"

Don't Forget Snacks!
If you have not brought treats
for the Hospitality Table yet this
year, please bring them to the
May meeting.

Board Meeting: May 8th



*Happy
Mother's
Day
to all our
members.*

Nominees for the 2007 - 2008 NSQG Board

Carolynn Young

Candidate for President

I began quilting over 25 years ago, taking a sampler class in Madison, WI. Over the years I dabbled in quilting, yet confident I found my passion. In 1996 I moved to Brewster and work as an RN, Clinical Nurse Specialist, at Phelps Memorial Hospital Center in Sleepy Hollow. To rekindle my creative passion, I joined NSQG. At first, I was intimidated by the incredible quilts and techniques displayed at Show&Tell. Then one night, the president challenged members to become involved, one step at a time. Taking the first step, I became Chairperson of the Boutique. Each year I found myself inspired and more confident in quilting. I have met new friends, lovers of fabric, fiber and quilting. Last year, with the reorganization of positions, I became Special Events Chairperson.

I have enjoyed being a part of NSQG and the Board over the past two years. We have organized the policies and procedures to make the guild more responsive and accountable to its members. My goal for the next year is to continue in making the guild better, focusing on what is important to members and making new members welcome. NSQG is a vibrant guild with diverse members. I look forward to serving as your next President in this vibrant, successful guild.

Andrea Winter

Candidate for Secretary

I am honored to once again be nominated for the position of Guild Secretary. If elected, this will be my fourth term on the Board, having also served as Library and Hospitality Chairperson. Being a Board member has been a wonderful experience, one I highly recommend to any member interested in helping to keep the Guild the vital organization that it is. I'm a traditional quilter who treasures the friends in NSQG who continually inspire me with their talent and knowledge and generosity of spirit.

As Secretary I hope to complete the ongoing work of updating the Guild's policies and procedures and to keep the membership informed of the Board's activities.

Kay Marcarello

Candidate for Treasurer

I have been a member of NSQG for over six years. In these six years I have expanded my friendships as well as my quilting techniques. I've discovered long arm quilting which has enabled me to finally finish some projects.

I am married to my high school "sweetheart" and have three children. My daughter is getting married this May - it's been a busy year for us.

I work full time for an investment advisor - working with figures and balancing accounts is second nature to me. I've put the Guild bookkeeping on Quickbooks so that it's more user friendly for future treasurers. I'm looking forward to another year as Treasurer.

Sue Wilterding

Candidate for VP Membership

Color sparks my mood; fabulous fabrics provide the medium; books inspire me to learn; and travel makes me want to innovate. My mathematical side helps with precision and organization. I enjoy watercolor, photography and my wild-flower garden as I pursue my artistic side. I love quilting because it challenges me with both math and art. I can also justify my fabric stash as being practical when I complete bed quilts, purses and jackets.

I have enjoyed my job as Hospitality Chair this past year, and my opportunity to work on the Board. In the role of Membership Chair, I hope to help others have positive personal experiences as the Guild prospers, and looks forward to the next wave of participants. Our diversity of age, zip code, and experience brings just the right mix. I anticipate meeting our newest members in 2007/2008 and helping them become involved in this creative group. Northern Star Quilters' Guild is founded on a base of friendship. All of us challenge and support one another, as we continue to grow as quilters. Thank you for the opportunity to work with you.

Terri Gavin

Candidate for VP Communications

I am a Computer trainer and consultant. I help people use the computer more effectively, teach them how to use various programs and write MS Access databases for small businesses. I live in New York City but have clients in the tri-state area.

I have been sewing all my life but started quilting in 2000 with classes at City Quilter. After making a few traditional quilts, I became much more interested in making art quilts, particularly those that involve dye and/or paint. After taking a class with Caryl Beyer Fallert in Houston, I discovered that professional quilters needed a way to track their quilts, the shows and all the dates involved. This led me to create QuiltingPro.

What I hope to accomplish with the position of VP of Communications is to create a database for the guild which will give the members better communications and a source of information for all the committees and officers

Carol Mayefsky

Candidate for VP Programs

While I am a fairly new quilter, I bring genuine enthusiasm and energy (okay, hyperactivity!) to the job of Vice President for Programs. By culling through scores of suggestions made by our members in recent years, I've been able to sign up some of the most sought after quilters for our next year's meetings. I agree we must strike a balance between the art quilters and the traditional quilters we bring in to speak. However, I still believe we have a lot to learn from both types of quilters. I belong to a little group of quilters called The 4 Easy Piecers. These women are so knowledgeable, so patient and so giving of themselves when it comes to teaching, I cannot begin to thank them enough. In my "spare" time, I run the Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry in Pleasantville. I also tutor math both for profit and to help under-privileged students. Living in Chappaqua for the past 17 years, I can't remember a time when I wasn't heavily involved in the PTA. I'd like to thank Dorothy Scalice and all the many guild members who have offered me their support as I have tried to learn this job.

Carol Sterk

Candidate for VP Education

I've been a member of NSQG since January 1982 and have witnessed its amazing evolution from a fledgling group of women who learned by sharing with each other to a large organization offering cutting edge speakers and workshops. As Co-Vice President of Membership over the past two years, my principal goal has been to pull together the best of both worlds by creating a welcoming atmosphere for all members. To that end, I have been involved in forming a committee of greeters to introduce new members to guild life. I have also worked at developing the special interest group concept with the hope that each of you will find a comfortable, intimate setting in which to meet others with similar interests, and, in the process, find yourself growing deeper roots in the Guild. My Board experience has given me the gift of new friendships and an avenue for making a difference, albeit a small one.

I am honored to be asked to serve as Education Chairperson for 2007-2008. In this capacity, I look forward to further refining and expanding the special interest groups program in addition to fulfilling the other newly defined responsibilities of this position.

Barbara Sferra

Kathy Vanacoro

Candidates for VPs Quilt Show

Barbara Sferra: I have been sewing for most of my life and quilting since 1992. I joined the Guild about 1998 and was quickly asked to join the Show Committee as the JFK Liaison. I served in this position for three years and really learned a lot about the show. I then served another three years as the Outdoor Sign person. I love what the Guild has to offer us; good friends, informative lectures, great workshops with professional quilters.

I have really enjoyed being the VP of the Quilt Show and co-chairing with Kathy Vanacoro this year. It is a tremendous amount of time and work, but very enjoyable. I think Kathy and I work well together and we plan to keep the great team going!

Kathy Vanacoro: I am honored to be asked to serve NSQG once again as Co-Vice President, Quilt Show and look forward to working with Barbara Sferra and the rest of the board members. I have served in many capacities in the Guild, including VP Programs, Show Committee, VP Membership and Trip Coordinator, which is a job I truly enjoyed and highly recommend.

I have a very supportive husband, Matt, and two very talented children who are grown and on their own. I work full time as Secretary to the Principal of a Middle School in Carmel, NY, and I look forward to coming home and putting a little time in on my sewing machine to relieve the stress of some very long days. I am a big fan of traditional quilting but I do so admire the talent I see in Art Quilts today.

Our Quilt Show is a wonderful event, and I look forward to working with all the Guild members who work so hard to make it a success.

One Woman Show - Caryl Castellion

Hand crafts of one variety or another have filled my spare moments since college days. Crocheting, knitting, and sewing dresses for my daughters up through high school (including one prom dress) filled my desire to create. However, I had to be encouraged to take on making a quilt. I was afraid I wouldn't finish a project that big.

"Chickens in the Cornfield" was my first big quilt made in 1994. Since then, beds throughout my family have been covered. "Sunday on the Savannah with George," started in a class and, heavily influenced by Elizabeth Rosenberg's creativity at Country Quilter, won a third-place in NSQG's 2002 Quilt Show.

"Cabin Fever," entered into the 2007 NSQG Challenge, also won a ribbon.

Soon after joining NSQG in 2001, the Comfort Quilts group spoke at a Guild Meeting of their efforts and invited any and all to attend. This was the beginning of a relationship that encouraged me to try new patterns and techniques, using the time spent with friendly, helpful, inspiring quilt makers to expand my knowledge and skills. The experience freed me to experiment while understanding that the final product would be greatly appreciated by an individual undergoing one of life's desperate health events. About 50 quilts have been made by me for Comfort Quilts and I have enjoyed each one. Being invited to present a variety of my work to the Guild was accepted with ease. I offer the viewer the knowledge that every quilt I have made has been made with intention of spreading love and comfort, however primitive the result.

Quilt Show News

World of Quilts XXVIII

World of Quilts is over for another year. It was a wonderful weekend with beautiful quilts, fantastic merchandise, inspiring lectures, and good times shared with friends!

Thank you to our wonderful committee which has worked so hard and given a tremendous amount of their time to create our terrific show. Thanks also to all the guild members who volunteered their time to help with the show. We couldn't have done it without every one of you.

Hopefully everyone had a chance to buy the beautiful Show Pin. It was designed by Vicki Romaine Cohn and was based on one of the blocks in this year's Raffle Quilt. The same design was used for the cover of the show catalog.

We are already thinking about next year - please consider joining our committee for a year of fun, hard work, good times with friends and a satisfying feeling of accomplishment.

Congratulations to our guild members who won ribbons at the show! Congratulations to everyone who entered a beautiful quilt in the show! If you won a ribbon, please bring your quilt and ribbon to Show& Tell at the May meeting. Photos of the winning quilts will be up on the website soon.

Kathy Vanacoro and Barbara Sferra

Membership

Susan Wilterding, the Membership Chairwoman-elect, is busy making further improvements to the Registration Form for 2007-2008. The membership committee and Board have made extensive use of information on these forms this year to locate volunteers with particular talents and interests, to plan Super Saturday and to gain direction from you in program planning, etc.

At the May meeting we will have Registration Forms ready for you. To encourage your early response, we will have a "lucky draw" at our first meeting of the 2007-2008 year with the names of all members whose registrations were received prior to that meeting. The name of one lucky registered member will be drawn to receive a \$25 gift certificate at Country Quilter in Somers.

Why is it important that you register quickly with complete, correct information?

- > During the summer we need to create current, accurate records for the year.
- > We need to get names to committee chairs.
- > We need to start special interest groups for those who wish to participate.
- > We need to determine suggestions for our speakers and activities.
- > We need to publish our address book at the earliest possible date.

Please do your part by responding. Thank you.

The special interest groups will meet from 5:45-6:45 pm just before the start of the general meeting. Please bring Show&Tell to the Art Quilting group. Topics are being planned for future meetings. The Beading Group will host a demo by a mystery guest. Linda Ostrander reports that at the May meeting she will teach participants of the Basic Training group to design a Tumbling Blocks quilt. She asks that you bring in plans for any summer project you have in mind and something for Show&Tell. If you love handwork, don't forget to mark your calendar for the Crazy Quilting group and take advantage of the opportunity to learn from this group's talented leader, Susie Andersen.

If you have any ideas for additional special interest groups for next year, please email me or fill in your thoughts on the registration form. I look forward to hearing from you!

Carol Sterk csterk@optonline.net

Hospitality



If you have not brought treats for the Hospitality Table yet this year, please do so for the May meeting. All members are expected to contribute at least once during our calendar year, which isn't a bad trade off - eat all year, prepare one time. We appreciate your contributions, and always look forward to a full table of homemade goods.

Looking ahead to the June meeting, we are planning again for the Salad Supper. It has become a favorite tradition of NSQG and is our last meeting until September, when we begin again. Each member brings a special salad to serve 6 - 8 people. Now's the time to get out your recipes and start thinking about your selection.

Susan Wilterding, Hospitality

Library News



The Guild year is flying by and the book sale, which takes place at our June meeting, is just around the corner. So please set aside those books, magazines, patterns and notions from your sewing room that you think other members might enjoy and bring them to the June meeting to be sold. The money collected is used to offset the generous amount budgeted this year to increase our library's stock of books and magazines.

The sale requires many hands to make it a success. Please contact Andrea Winter if you can come early to help with set-up, or with sales during the meeting.

Reminder: all library items must be returned by the June meeting - they may not be kept out over the summer.

The Library Committee

Thanks to the President

It is the time of year when we traditionally collect a basket of fabric as a special expression of the membership's gratitude to our outgoing President. Please bring your contribution to the membership table at the May or 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.

Charitable Activities

We have been presented with an opportunity to help make things brighter at the new Ronald McDonald House at Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center.

Ronald McDonald House provides temporary residences for families of seriously ill children being treated at nearby hospitals.

This new McDonald house will feature five family suites, a living room, a dining room/kitchen, an exercise room, laundry facilities and a cottage garden.

NSQG has been asked to decorate the suites with warm and cozy quilts. Please help by making two blocks (9 1/2 inches, raw edge to raw edge) ASAP. Comfort Quilters will border and bind them into finished quilts. What joy this will bring to others and to ourselves.

Returns can be made at the next meeting (May 15th).

Comfort Quilts will meet on June 6, 20, and 27 at Katonah Presbyterian Church. Summer schedule will be announced next month.

Any questions, please call me.

Carolyn Langevin 533-6655.

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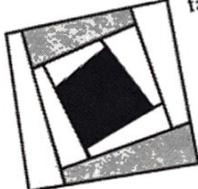
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Friends of Karen

We have just received a request from the Friends of Karen, a past recipient of our Raffle donations. They are looking for donations of Sports Related Fabrics in one yard pieces. If you have any sports fabric in your stash that you would like to donate to our Friends, please bring them to the next meeting and I will collect them.

Thank you.

Carolyn Langevin



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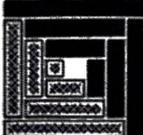
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