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## *A Message from the President*

By the time you have read this, our World of Quilts XXIX will be history. We had a great show! I would like to thank everyone who helped make the Quilt Show a success. This year's raffle quilt is beautiful and is a source of pride for the guild. The recipient of the proceeds is **Jess Because, Inc.**, which is a wonderful organization that provides opportunities for people with disabilities to experience artistic expression through music, drama, dance and art.

We are voting at the May meeting for the 2008-2009 Board. We have a very capable group of candidates. Please support them by coming to the May meeting and voting for your candidate.

Trish Hodge returns to NSQG as the May featured speaker. Trish will lead us in a journey of **The Batik Tradition** and how to incorporate batik fabrics into our quilts and clothing. Her website is [www.batiktambal.com](http://www.batiktambal.com).

An exciting meeting is planned and we look forward to seeing you there.

*Carolynn Young, President*

## **May Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 20**  
**JFK High School,**  
**Somers, NY**

**General Meeting: 7:15 pm**

**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

**Guest Speaker: Trish Hodge**  
"The Batik Tradition"

### **Special Interest Groups**

5:45 - 6:45 p.m.

*Art Quilts, Beginners Quilting,  
Crazy Quilting, Beading*

### **Don't Forget Snacks:**

Members whose last names begin with  
T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z

**Remember to bring Show and Tell**

**Board Meeting May 13**

### **Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

May 20, 2008

7:15 pm at Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers New York

#### 2008 -2009 NSQG Slate of Officers

President	Carolynn Young
Vice President: Communications	Terri Gavin
Vice President: Education	Carol Sterk
Vice President: Membership	Jackie Fowler
Vice President: Programs	Carol Mayefsky
Vice President: Quilt Show	Mayann Weinberg
Secretary	Barbara Jay
Treasurer	Cathy Jankus

# *Nominees for the 2008 - 2009 NSQG Board*

## ***Carolynn Young—Candidate for President***

I began quilting over 25 years ago, taking a sampler class. Over the years, I've dabbled in quilting, yet confident that I found my passion. After joining NSQG, the speakers and workshops have rekindled my creative spirit. Over the past 6 years I explored new quilting techniques as well as developed new friendships. Being a board member has been a wonderful experience. This year we completed the review of policies and supported the many interests of its members. I am honored to serve another term as President of this vibrant, successful guild.

## ***Terri Gavin – Candidate for VP Communications***

I have been sewing all my life making clothes from simple dresses to winter coats and men's sports jackets. I started quilting in 2000 with classes at City Quilter. After making a few traditional quilts, I found I had no interest in following patterns and began to make art quilts. In particular, I enjoy working with dye, paints and thread. Classes with Hollis Chatelain, Micky Lawler, Lonni Rossi and Carol Suderland have helped me find new ways of working with fabric. Three of those teachers were through the guild, which has been one of the wonderful benefits of being a member.

I am a self-employed Computer Consultant helping people use the computer more effectively through training and writing MS Access databases for small businesses. After taking a class with Caryl Bryer 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, a program for professional artists to keep track of their quilts, shows and customers. As VP of Communications, I am hoping to use this knowledge for the guild through the creation of a guild database, and expanding the website and newsletter with more information members want.

## ***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 for two years, my principal goal was to pull together the best of both worlds by creating a welcoming atmosphere for all members.

This year, in my role as VP-Education, I have directed my efforts into tapping the wealth of resources our members offer and introducing programs reflecting the diversity of our guild. I have also continued to work on special interest group development with the hope that each of you will find a comfortable, intimate and stimulating environment in which to learn something new and meet others with common interests.

My Board experience has given me a much greater understanding of and appreciation for the time, thoughtful consideration of issues and hard work that go into sustaining our vital, thriving group. I am honored to be asked to serve as Education Chairperson for 2008-2009.

## ***Jackie Fowler – Candidate for Vice President, Membership***

I was very fortunate that I had been sewing for many years prior to taking my first quilting class; my friend Laura signed us up for a Fall weekend in Vermont (The Vermont Classic) about 16 years ago and I embarked on my first project: a Mariner's Compass! Since then I have made a wide variety of quilts because I love to try new ideas and techniques. While I am inspired by the evolving quilt art movement, I also admire quilters who do hand work.

I've been involved with NSQG for over 12 years and remember sitting across from Joyce Sullivan, then President, at dinner during my first trip to Lancaster. She asked about my getting more involved in the guild and I told her that I would consider it. Since then I have served on the Quilt Show committee for many years and in many capacities, most recently as Admissions co-chair. Last year, my friends Cathy and Laura and I created the Raffle Quilt for this year's show. My goal as Membership Chair would be to continue to create a welcoming environment for guild members - both old and new.

## ***Carol Mayefsky – Candidate for Vice President, Programs***

I have learned so much from having made so many mistakes this year. I foolishly agreed to stay on in order to reap the rewards for the insane amount of work I put into this. I'm actually having a blast and thank everyone who has allowed me to lean on her so heavily. While it's not possible to make everyone happy, it is absolutely my goal. Keep those suggestions coming.

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 underprivileged students. Living in Chappaqua for the past 17 years, I can't remember a time when I wasn't heavily involved in the PTA.

### Mayann Weinberg- Candidate for Vice President, Quilt Show

I have been a member of Northern Star for about 16 years & served the guild in many capacities including raffle quilt committee, challenge chairperson, frame set up & removal, judging day, quilt hanging /return, and quilt display chair. For me, quilting has grown to include an array of traditional & non-traditional spin-offs including beads, wire, glass, origami & recyclables, and yes glue just to name a few.

Over the past year, I am very fortunate to be exhibiting my work with quilting, weaving & beading in galleries throughout the northeast including 4 two-woman shows. I am presently displaying some of my work at Smart Kids' Toys, participating in "Art on the Avenue" in Greenwich.

When I'm not busy creating something pretty or volunteering at the kids schools, I can be found on any given morning in Bedford riding my horses. I am thrilled (& a little nervous since people keep congratulating me, then laughing) to be invited to chair the quilt show next year and look forward to working with our amazing group of motivated guild members.

### Barbara Jay - Candidate for Secretary

I've been passionate about quilts since 1976 but I've collected more than I've made, sad to say. I took my first workshop with Dorle Stern-Straeter in 1981. When she returned to Germany, I purchased *A Rainy Day*, a hand-quilted masterwork of full and half-circles that still hangs over my bed (looking a bit worn). My most recent purchase: a small wall hanging by Laura Cater-Woods. Today I take workshops whenever I can (lotsa UFOs in my closet). What I learn I put to good use with my grandchildren, who love to fondle my stash and are becoming fabric artists themselves.

What keeps me from quilting? A small business ([www.jpUS.org](http://www.jpUS.org) and [www.findajp.com](http://www.findajp.com)), adjunct teaching at Norwalk Community College, and working for peace and justice with the United Nations Association.

### Cathy Jankus - Candidate for Treasurer

Sewing and crafts have always been part of my life. Quilting became a passion over thirty years ago when I took a class with my cousin and Aunt in Whitestone. This year I gave my cousin her mother's Fan quilt which was originally started in that class. Another quilt I cherish is a heart quilt given to me by the LIQS board members on the occasion of my son's birth. Justin turns 21 this April.

For the past few years I've worked on the Quilt Show Committee. I'm a very linear person: log cabins and paper piecing appeal to my inner self and this may be one of the reasons I will thoroughly enjoy being your treasurer.

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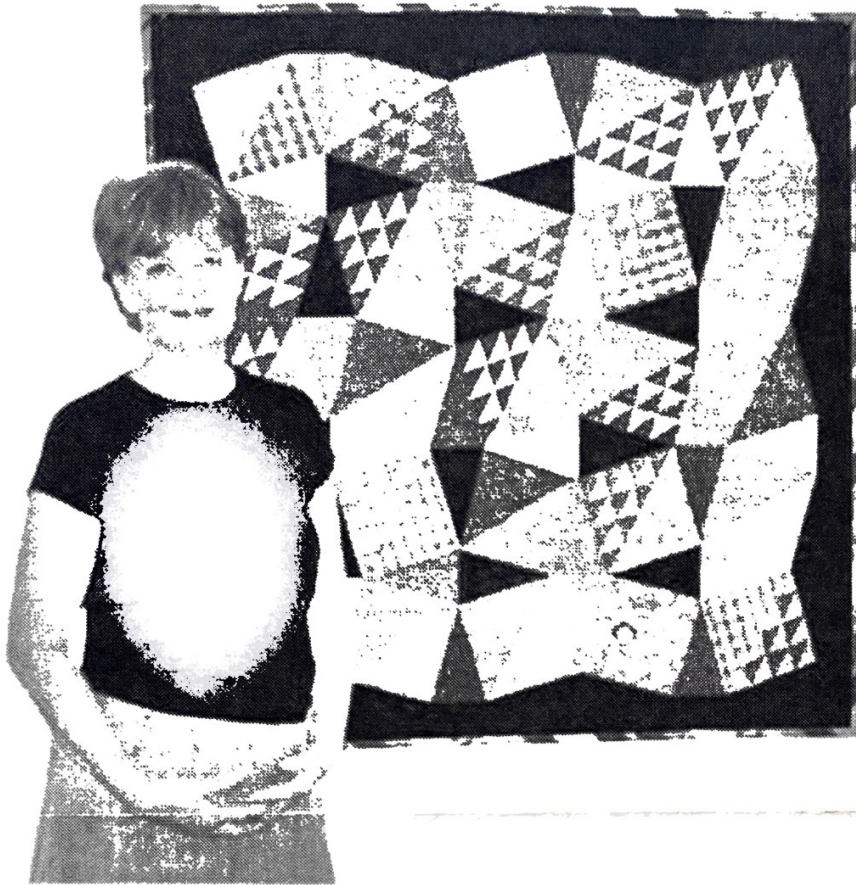
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## MEMBER SHOWCASE: Jane Eyes



I began sewing when I was eight and now dread thinking of the “fine outfits” I created each Easter. I was introduced to quilting during the colonial craft revival of the sixties and made blocks for several Bicentennial quilts. Over the next twenty-five years I would make a new bed-sized quilt when one was needed, identifying a traditional pattern and choosing appropriate fabrics. Not particularly satisfied with the results of a large block, Quilt-in-a-Day project, I would finish up the piece and put my quilting supplies away for another five years.

In 2001, I moved to Fairfield Country and entered a new world of a quilting: rotary cutters and mats, rulers, rulers and more rulers, the stash, the design wall, paper-piecing, stack and whack, Electric Quilt, Quilt University (on-line quilt classes), machine quilting, and hundreds of books and magazines with amazing ideas for new quilts. Through my re-entry into quilting I was able to bridge the newcomer gap. Quilters are a warm and accepting bunch. I had the great fortune to fall in with a wonderful group of women at Common Threads; they encouraged me to show my work and join Northern Star.

During this return to quilting I took classes in color and machine quilting, dragging bags of fabric on the train and subway to City Quilter. I drove out to Ohio for a four day class with Jane Sassaman and four years later, back to Ohio for a week with Nancy Crow. A Karen Stone class helped expand and refine my use of color, and classes with Dianne Hire and Jan Mullen opened up the world of free form cutting and piecing. Mary Mashuta's Confetti Quilts is my favorite book for understanding color, fabric and design.

My quilts start with the fabric. I collect a set of fabrics and then look for a traditional or contemporary pattern to suit the material. I add lots of incidental fabrics from my stash, and my wall quilts are often made up of 25 to 65 different varieties.

I look forward to sharing some of my creations with NSQG members in May.

*Jane Eyes*



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## Membership

May is full of new beginnings. The Member Showcase features another set of creative quilts, this time by Jane Eyes. Three members joined the group this April; the Quilt Show success is celebrated; and Membership Registration starts.

Please notice that the form is in this newsletter, and will also be available at the Membership table this month for you to join the Guild for 2008-2009. The format is nearly the same as last year, with several changes. Note the box to be checked if all address items remain the same. This will assist us with data entry. Be sure to pay close attention to the wording for the choice of online vs. mail for the newsletter. Select Committees and Activities in which you plan to participate. Choose the one Special Interest Group session you will most likely attend so we can get a general count for meeting spaces. During the year, you may explore any of the categories. Note if you are able to lead a group, or demonstrate a technique. Take care to sign the form.

Last year we had a "lucky draw" for all those whose completed registrations were received prior to our first meeting in September. We will continue that tradition by providing four certificates for area quilt shops, each for \$25. All members will be eligible for winning a certificate if their Membership Registration form is on file before September 16. Four lucky ladies will have a shopping opportunity by merely registering! It is especially helpful for us to complete this process over the summer in order to enter data and create information for the new Board. Thank you for helping us.

In June we look forward to Linda Schoenfeld as our Member Showcase. Her display will be a welcome feature of our Salad Supper. Thanks Linda.

And thank you to everyone for a most productive year!

*Susan Wilterding, Membership*

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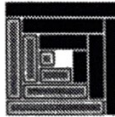

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## Education

### Show and Tell

Thank you to all of you who brought your quilts for Show and Tell in April. It was a treat to see the wide variety of quilts that you had created. **Next month the tradition of featuring our own members' prize winning quilts from our show, A World of Quilts, continues.** Please don't forget to bring your quilts to the meeting and give us one more chance to admire them!

### Special Interest Groups

#### Hand Appliqué Group

A reverse appliqué demonstration will be presented by Maxine Oliver. The group has come up with an idea for a challenge which they have entitled **A rose is a rose is a rose**. Those who participate will create a hand appliquéd rose no smaller than 9 inches and no larger than 18 inches. Projects are due at the Sept. meeting. All are welcome.

#### Basic Training

Star blocks will be featured in May. Linda will bring various types of star blocks using traditional piecing, paper piecing, liberated piecing, and maybe others. You are encouraged to bring your own stars or directions for making stars. You'll be surprised to see how many ways there are to make stars.

#### Beading Group

Group members will receive personalized attention from Judy Jones as they continue to develop their skills in **bead knitting**. New members are welcome! Take this opportunity to learn an exciting new technique taught by a master beader.

#### Supply List:

- 1 skein DMC Metallic silver thread
- 4 mm cube beads (150 main color, 100 contrasting color A, 50 contrasting color B)
- 1 clasp 3 strand slide
- knitting needles size 000

#### Art Quilt Group

The art quilt topic for May is embossing. Janice Nastasi will demonstrate a technique called **Shattered Glass**, and Susan Osinoff will demonstrate the **Melting Pot**.

**Note:** Can you believe that there are only two more meetings left before our summer break? If you have any ideas for a special interest group for next year, this would be a good time to let me know.

*Carol Sterk, VP Education*

## Library

Thanks go out to Jane del Villar and Marilyn Faust for their help at a very busy library last Tuesday evening. Also thanks to all the people who remembered to return their overdue books. My list is getting smaller but for those of you still with books overdue, you will be getting reminders. Special thanks to all the generous members who have donated such beautiful books and patterns to be used for the sweepstakes or the library sale in June. Enjoy the show.

*Noreen Graham, Librarian*



## Member to Member

Virginia Avery studio sale, 731 King Street, Port Chester, NY on May 30 and 31 from 10 to 4. Quilts, embellishments, clothes, toys, and fabric from around the world. Contact Maggie Kolvenbach more information, [gordonkole@verizon.net](mailto:gordonkole@verizon.net).

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Library	<input type="checkbox"/> Trips	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum Events
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<input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show	<input type="checkbox"/> Charity Raffle Quilt	<input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Quilts	Children

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

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 Other \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

- **Which Special Interest Group do you plan to attend? Please choose one.**

Applique                       Basic Training                       Crazy Quilting  
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## World of Quilts XXIX

As you read this, the Quilt Show is over for another year. It will have been a wonderful weekend with beautiful quilts, fantastic merchandise, inspiring lectures, and good times shared with friends!

We must give a huge Thank You to our wonderful committee. These ladies worked very hard and gave 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!

A big thank you goes to Sr. Barbara and the staff and students of JFK. They make our show possible and help in many ways.

Hopefully everyone had a chance to buy a beautiful Show Pin. You must have noticed that the design echoed the raffle quilt blocks and was also used for the cover of the show catalog. Pins will be available at the May meeting.

Congratulations to everyone who entered a beautiful quilt in the show, and to our Guild members who won ribbons. Please bring your winning quilts (and ribbons) to Show and Tell at the May meeting. Photos of the winning quilts will be up on the website soon.

Barbara Sferra and Kathy Vanacoro  
Co-Chairs – Show 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 president. Carolynn has done a fabulous job this year, so please bring your contribution to the membership table at the May or June meeting. The basket will be presented at the June Salad Supper.

*Andrea Winter, Secretary*



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