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A Message from the President

By the time you read this, our World of Quilts XXX will be passed. We had a spectacular show! I would like to thank **Mayann Weinberg** and all those 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 the **Ronald McDonald** Family Room facility at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital. As they rebuild after their unfortunate flood, these proceeds are greatly appreciated.

We are voting at the May meeting for the 2009-2010 NSQG Board. We have a very capable group of candidates. Please support them by coming to the May meeting and voting for your candidates. We will also vote for the recipient of the 2010 raffle quilt proceeds. Please refer to Susie Anderson's article in this newsletter for the nominees.

Meg Cox is our May featured speaker. Meg has written, "The Quilter's Catalog", a vast resource for today's quilters. Meg will share some amazing facts about the 21st century quilt world and show us some of her favorite quilts. Her website is www.megcox.com.

An exciting meeting is planned, come and refresh after the show.

Carolynn Young, President

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May Meeting

Tuesday, May 19 JFK High School, Somers, NY

General Meeting: 7:15 pm

Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

Guest Speaker:
Meg Cox
"The News About Quilts:
A Reporter Tells All"

Special Interest Groups

5:45-6:45

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

Don't Forget Snacks:

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

Remember to bring Show and Tell (Especially those who won ribbons please bring your quilts)

Board Meeting May 12

Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers

May 20, 2008

7:15 pm at Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers New York 2009 -2010 NSQG Slate of Officers

President

Vice President: Communications

Vice President: Education

Vice President: Membership

Vice President: Programs

Vice President: Quilt Show

Secretary

Treasurer

Susan Wilterding

Mary Cannizzaro

Diane Linker

Diane Linker

Jackie Fowler

Carolynn Young

Mayann Weinberg
Jane Eyes/Maria Catalano

Cathy Jankus

Nominees for the 2009 - 2010 NSQG Board

Susan Wilterding—Candidate for President

Although I had been sewing for many years, a new adventure began for me when I made a quilt celebrating the birth of the first of my two sons. Then like many of you, I read books, went to quilt shows, pieced and patched as time allowed between frequent relocations. I had belonged to other quilt groups during that "I've been moved" period, but discovered Northern Star Quilters' Guild by attending the Show. I felt that this group had tremendous creative talent with an underlying organization that made possible both inspiration and friendship. It was time to get involved. I have been active on the Board previously as the chair of both Hospitality and Membership.

I have a huge amount of respect for the NSQG members who have chosen to contribute by chairing Committees, becoming Vice Presidents, teaching at Super Saturday, making comforting quilts to give to others, and working to ensure the success of the Show. The time we each devote to keeping the Guild running smoothly is all voluntary; we work to continue a proud tradition that began over thirty years ago in Somers, NY. I am honored to serve as your President. I look forward to working with all of you, and to helping our Guild prosper.

Mary Cannizzaro—Candidate for VP Communications

Around 1992 I volunteered to make a quilt block for a raffle quilt at the South Salem Library with Teresa Fusco McSherry and from this experience I learned to quilt and made many new friends that I cherish today.

I work every day at one of my three part time jobs. I manage an Architecture/Interior Design office, run a custom drapery business with my sister, and I am a long arm quilter for the Quilter's Alley in Ridgefield, CT.

I have been a member of NSQG for many years and have served on many committees and on the Board as the Quilt Show Chairman and President. NSQG is a dynamic organization with dedicated volunteers who make complex tasks look easy, and I am very proud to be a part of its leadership. As VP Communications, I hope to convey the message that the more you are involved, the more you benefit. The more each of us contributes, the better the Guild can be.

Diane Linker—Candidate for VP Education

I started quilting about 5 years ago because I wanted to have something different to do once I retired. However, as I'm sure all of you can understand, quilting soon took over my life. I probably spend more time on quilting than I used to spend working.

I joined the Guild in September 2007 and I very much appreciate how much I've learned through the workshops, lectures and classes that I have attended. However, what has been far more inspiring has been the opportunity to learn from, and observe the work of, other Guild members. For the past year, I have been the co-facilitator of the Hand Appliqué special interest group and have learned so much from seeing techniques demonstrated, listening to all the different ways of doing hand appliqué and seeing the phenomenal quality of the work that other members of the group have brought in to share. I feel that the special interest groups add a wonderful dimension to the Guild and provide invaluable opportunities to learn quilting techniques while also getting to know other quilters with similar interests. I would like to do what I can to help promote this aspect of the Guild and to continue the work that Carol Sterk has done so ably for the last two years.

Jackie Fowler—Candidate for VP Membership

After spending the past year as Membership vice president, I am looking forward to continuing the job of meeting and greeting members and guests, welcoming new members and providing the Guild with opportunities to see the wonderful work of fellow Guild members. My hope is that everyone will find something special in the Guild, a connection that will bring them back again and again. We have so much to offer each other.

I would also like to complete the development of a useful database and I am open to other suggestions for the membership committee.

I still love to spend what little spare time I have sitting at my sewing machine, surrounded by lots of fabric and neverending ideas for new projects!

Carolynn Young—Candidate for Programs

I began quilting over 25 years ago, taking a sampler class. I've dabbled in sewing, cross-stitch and crochet, but found my passion in quilting. After joining NSQG, the speakers and workshops kindled my creative spirit. And yet it is friendships that have made NSQG a vital part of who I am. Over the past 5 years, I have served the Board in various positions, most recently as President. I look forward to serving my last Board-eligible year (By-Laws term limits) as VP Programs.

Mayann Weinberg—Candidate for VP Quilt Show

I have been a member of the Northern Star for about 17 years & served the Guild in many different volunteer capacities, the latest as the 2009 VP Quilt Show..

For me, quilting is always a new adventure with each stitch. It is always exciting to try new techniques and I enjoy the challenge of stepping beyond my comfort zone. When I'm not busy with the Quilt Show, creating something new or volunteering at the schools, I can be found on any given morning in Bedford riding my horses.

I am pleased to be asked to once again to serve as your Guild VP Quilt Show for the 2010 Show. It is truly a privilege to work with such an enthusiastic group of talented individuals.

Jane Eyes & Maria Catalano—Candidates for Secretary

I have been quilting since the days of homemade cardboard templates and searching through local sewing stores for quilt-like fabrics. I joined NSQG in 2005, after seeing my first Northern Star quilt show; I am always impressed by the creativity and craftsmanship on display. I thank my Common Threads friends for encouraging me to join NSQG and am pleased to be able to serve on the Board.

When I am not quilting, I am on the board of the League of Women Voters of Westport and volunteer as a tutor at the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport.

Maria Catalano

I have been a crafter my whole life but only began quilting two years ago with absolutely no sewing experience. Through the wonderful teachers at Country Quilter and Happy Quilter, I have learned so much and have grown to love this wonderful art form. I joined NSQG to meet and learn from other quilters and was lucky enough to find such a warm and welcoming environment.

I am honored to serve along with Jane Eyes as Secretary for 2009-2010

Cathy Jankus—Candidate for Treasurer

A year has passed and I am now reading "QuickBooks for Dummies". By the time I understand it, you will be electing a new Treasurer. Just like quilting, QuickBooks (NSQG accounting program) is a life-long project. This year I've been making baby quilts for all my new grand nieces and grand nephews (my brother has just let me know that my godson is having triplets) and I have twin sisters who are celebrating their sixtieth. It should be an action-packed year.

The Show will have been a great success by the time you read this and I'll have made many visits to the bank to deposit our profits. I am looking forward to being your treasurer for another year.





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MEMBER SHOWCASE: Pat Baker



While my schooling was in mathematics and logic, I began sewing my own clothes in my teens (62 years ago!) and was born a fabric lover. Over the years I sewed for my husband, four children and myself. I can recall as a small child helping my mother tie utilitarian quilts made from worn woolens and sleeping under the same (they weighed a ton), but I came to quilting as we know it rather late. I was administrator at the Southeast Museum in Brewster when we decided to exhibit our quilts. I attended a meeting of the young NSQG to drum up interest in that exhibit. The speaker gave a slide show and I was blown away and hooked! I've been a member ever since.

I love all aspects of quilting and admire our wonderful art quilters, but I'm basically a traditional quilter, exploring all the wonderful fabrics available to us today. I'm also a crazy quilter (take that as you will) and taught that years ago.

As an active member of the Guild, I served in various posts on the quilt show committee, eventually as show chair; I was also Education V.P., Boutique Chair and President of the Guild but I feel my most important contribution to the Guild has been my involvement with Comfort Quilts, which grew out of a block-of-the-month project I started as Education

V.P.

All these Guild activities have been and still are a joyous part of my later years, gifting me with many wonderful friendships. And being honored as a Life Member was an unanticipated bonus.

Pat Baker

Special Events

Many thanks to Debbie Bein for arranging the trip to Lancaster. We had a bus full of enjoyable company who shared a good time and, as Deb put it, devised our own economic stimulus package! Thanks and well done!

Janis Tobias, Special Events

TRIPPER ALERT!

SIGN-UP and PAYMENT DEADLINE for SEPTEMBER TRIP, **Pennsylvania Extravaganza XVI**, is MAY 19 at the Guild meeting! Give your check for \$60 (payable to NSQG) to Janis Tobias (I won't be there). I will announce at the June meeting whether the bus trip is a 'GO' or not.

Details: Saturday trip, September 19, 2009. Will leave Brewster early in morning and return to Brewster at about 10:00 p.m. Other pick-ups will be at Rt. 684 and Rt. 172 (Mt. Kisco/Bedford) and the Westchester Marriott Hotel, 670 White Plains Rd./Rt. 119 East.

Itineraries will be distributed at June meeting if this trip is a 'GO.' \$60 covers bus, show admission and miscellaneous items such as water and snack on the bus. Non-members are welcome to sign up. For details about the show, visit their website: http://www.quiltfest.com/activities.asp?id=4

Truly Trippingly yours, Debbie Bein

Membership

It's hard to believe that another guild year is drawing to a close... a year filled with great speakers, terrific workshops and educational programs, and so many wonderful and talented members that work hard each month, volunteering their time, energy and expertise to make the guild experience a good one – from the special interest groups to the comfort and mystery quilt groups, to charitable activities and trips, to the raffle table, the holiday boutique, and Super Saturday, to the library and to all the members who bring snacks, to the Board whose work often extends beyond our monthly meetings and most recently to the Quilt Show committee. Thank you all!

This month you will see our Member Showcase exhibitor is Pat Baker, a Life Member and past President, who has been the heart and soul of the Comfort quilters for many years. Please make sure to visit her at the May meeting.

Also at the May meeting, there will be registration forms available for the 2009-2010 membership year. Please pick one up and plan to register before the September meeting to be eligible for the drawing; we will again offer a \$25.00 gift certificate to four area quilt shops.

I look forward to seeing all of you in May! Jackie Fowler, VP Membership





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Photo thanks to Rita Dieck and Carol Mayefsky

2010 Raffle Recipient Nominees

The Alzheimer's Association - is the world leader in Alzheimer research and support. It is the only national voluntary health agency dedicated to both research for the prevention, cure, and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and to providing support and assistance to afflicted individuals and their families. The funds and awareness raised through Northern Star Quilter's Guild's Annual Quilt Show Raffle will help the nearly 40,000 persons living with a diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley, and their family members and caregivers.

Nancy Hantman

The Pleasantville Cottage School - is

a coed residential treatment center for 197 young people (age 7-16) with behavioral and emotional difficulties. Their mission is to meet the child welfare and mental health needs of all children and their families in the New York metropolitan area. The highly trained, dedicated staff works collaboratively with families to build on their strengths, preserve the family when possible and help create new families when necessary so that all children may thrive by having a sense of family, culture, and community. Children attend school right on campus, play on sports teams and learn to take responsibility for their future.

Kay Marcarello

Kids in Crisis - "For over 30 years, the Kids in Crisis mission has been steadfast: to protect infants, children and teens from abuse, neglect and family crisis. To fulfill this mission, Kids in Crisis provides free, round-the-clock crisis intervention counseling; comprehensive temporary emergency shelter; a wide array of prevention programs in local communities; and advocacy throughout Connecticut."

Caryl Castellion





Program Notes

The News about Quilts: A Reporter Tells all – Meg Cox was a staff reporter at the Wall Street Journal for 17 years and has been quilting for 20 years. She used her passion for quilting and her skills in reporting to turn out a 600-page resource guide for today's quilters: The Quilter's Catalog. This book was six years in the making and includes a vast compendium of national and virtual resources plus 12 projects, most of them by celebrity teachers. Meg shares some amazing facts she learned about the 21st century quilt world, shows some of her favorite quilts and answers questions at our May 19th meeting.

Sign-up sheets will be available for the first three workshops of the fall: Pamela Allen (My Quilt, My Way - inspiration and techniques for art quilting- September 16, 2009); Sally Collins (TBD, but something with precision piecing- October 18-19, 2009) and Debbie Caffrey (TBD, but something with power cutting- November 18, 2009)

Check out these teachers on-line at:
www.pamelart2.homestead.com, www.sallycollins.org
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Please remember to bring cash or a check to the May 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

Member to Member

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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

Last month the Hand Appliqué Group hosted guest speaker, Pat Julian, who showed us how to appliqué two-part leaves, how to make leaves using reverse appliqué on the stems, how to appliqué off the block and how to make a spiral flower using reverse appliqué. We were all very grateful to Pat for coming and sharing her expertise with us.

At our May meeting, Pat Waill will be demonstrating a variation on the cutaway appliqué technique that results in a "faux rickrack" look.

Not for Beginners Only

Set your blocks on point for a different look. Linda Ostrander will show you how to do the math to set your blocks on point and float your blocks on point. Come see how simple the math is!

Art Quilt Group

Sonny Rieber will demonstrate Anna Faustino's technique for Woven Quilts.

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

It was busy as usual at the library for my wonderful helpers, Jane del Villar and Marilyn Faust. Thanks to all who remembered to return your books. Only one person is 2 months overdue: Barbara Oudheusden (1 book)

If you feel the urge to do some spring cleaning, I would like to ask you to start going through your quilting magazines, books and related items with the June book sale in mind. We would be happy to take those items off your hands to benefit the Guild. You can start bringing items to the library table at the May meeting. It would be greatly appreciated.

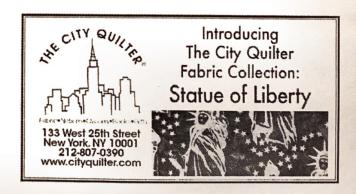
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Happy Mother's Day

World of Quilts XXIX

Our Show weekend kicked off what I consider to be the beginning of my favorite season. It brings warm weather, the smell fresh cut grass, and beautiful quilts. Congratulations and thank you to all the committee chairs who have worked countless hours. Your efforts are very much appreciated. Thank you to our hard working and talented members for stepping up to the plate and volunteering your time. You all rock!

Many thanks to Sister Barbara, the staff of JFK, and all the energetic students, for their hard work and patience throughout the weekend festivities.

Once again, our invitational display was outstanding. Our own "Go Green" really captured the spirit of the times. The Art Quilters have once again outdone themselves this year. Thank you to Karen Abramson and the fabulous Degas Vous view. Our own local SAQA quilters really added to the "Gallery" feel of the exhibit. The quilts display showcasing our speakers was also very inspiring.

Congratulations to all the ribbon winners. Your quilts are amazing.

I hope everyone enjoyed the quilt exhibit and our speakers, shopped til they dropped, and joined the camaraderie of our fabulous Show. Now that we have all had a few days to recover, it's time to "ready, set, go" with the next show.

If you are interested in our process, have some ideas, or would like to be part of next year's plan, call or e-mail

Mayann Weinberg, VP Quilt Show



Best of Show-Small Reel Life: Mona's Party Deborah Bein

Best of Show-Large. Pieces of Dreams Diane J. Evans



Photos thanks to Deirdre Abbotts, Debbie Bein and Diana Starkey

Shows and Exhibitions

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- *"Elin Noble: Layered Affinities," now through May 2, 2009, Narrows Center for the Arts, Fall River, MA; 508-324-1926; http://www.ncfta.org.
- *"Jeanne Butler---White: Sigma," now through May 9, 2009, and "Joy Saville---(Re)generation Transformation," May 12-June 6, 2009, NOHO Gallery, New York, NY; 212-367-7063.
- *"Craft in America Expanding Traditions," now through May 25, 2009, Fuller Craft Museum; Brockton, MA; 508-588-6000; http://www.fullercraft.org.
- *"Declaration of Independence: 50 Years of Art by Faith Ringgold," May 17-June 26, 2009, Mason Gross Galleries, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ; Gala Reception: May 17, 4:30-7:30 p.m.; http://www.mgsa.rutgers.edu.
- * Genesee Valley Quilt Club Festival, June 5-7, 2009, Rochester Institute of Technology Gordon Field House, Rochester, NY; http://www.GeneseeQuiltFest.com.
- *Vermont Quilt Festival, June 19-21, 2009, Champlain Valley Exposition and St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT; info@vqf.org, http://www.vqf.org.
- *"Radka Donnell: The Work of Touch," now through July 12, 2009, New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207; http://www.neguiltmuseum.org.
- *"Kaleidoscope Quilts: The Art of Paula Nadelstern," now through September 6, 2009, American Folk Art Museum, New York, NY; 212-265-1040; http://www.folkartmuseum.org.
- *"Fashioning Felt," now through September 7, 2009, Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum, New York, NY; 212-849-8400; http://www.cooperhewitt.org.

Other Events

- *"Color & Light: Embroidery from India and Pakistan," now through May 11, 2009, Rubin Museum of Art, New York, NY; 212-620-5000; http://www.rmanc.org.
- *"The American Textile History Museum Grand Reopening," May 17, 2009 ("Textile Revolution: An Exploration through Space and Time," "Threads: The Weaving of Stories," and "What Followed Me Home: Collecting Antique Quilts, Fabrics, and Tools"), The American Textile History Museum, Lowell, MA; http://www.athm.org.
- *"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.
- **nbu 10th Quilt Nihon Exhibition,** deadline July 31, 2009 (images received) for annual show; http://www.jhia.org/english.
- *Fiberart International 2010, deadline August 21, 2009 (images and fee received) deadline for April-August 2010 exhibit; http://www.fiberartinternational.org.

World Wide Web Sites

- *Cathy Wiggins at http://www.CathyWiggins.com
- *Ed Larson at http://www.edlarsonart.com
- *Elin Noble at http://www.elinnoble.com
- *Faith Ringgold at http://www.faithringgold.com
- *Jane Davila at http://www.janedavila.com
- *Jeanne Butler at http://www.jeannelyonsbutler.com
- *Joy Saville at http://www.joysaville.com
- *Katharine Guerrier at http://www.KatharineGuerrier.com
- *Kristin Steiner at http://www.KristinSteiner.com
- *Marjorie Post at http://www.TheDragonflyStudio.com
- *Radka Donnell at http://www.textilegallery.unl.edu

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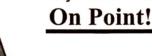
Thanks to the President

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. Carolynn bought a pattern in Lancaster and we can help her turn it into a quilt by bringing Batiks: bright colors and any shade of green --- like a garden --- representing the garden of friends and relationships that she has developed as President. The basket will be presented at the June Salad Supper. Thank you, NSQG!

Barbara Jay, Secretary







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