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## *A Message from the President*

As a guild, we have many blessings to count this Thanksgiving season—wonderful members, speakers, workshops and the Holiday Boutique!

The November meeting promises to be another wonderful night. It's a great time to bring a friend or family member to check out our guild as *everyone is welcome* and there are *no guest fees*. For the fourth year our members will present their artistic creations prior to the meeting at the **NSQG Holiday Boutique**. The exciting holiday shopping and camaraderie will begin at 6:00 pm, in the main lobby of the school.

Also, on this evening we will select the recipient of our 2008 quilt raffle proceeds. Thanks again to **Leslie Forrest** and **Patricia Loquet** for coordinating this quilt. Please review the list of nominees so you will be prepared to vote for your choice.

**Mary Ellen Kranz** will be our guest speaker. Mary Ellen will teach us how to use computers and the latest technologies for designing extraordinary quilts. She combined photos + words + fabric with a sprinkling of embellishment ideas to inspire the art quilters. Check out her website at [www.quiltingimages.com](http://www.quiltingimages.com).

**Carol Mayefsky** is responsible for bringing us an all-star line up of speakers this year. Thank you Carol!

If you have an interest in helping any of the committees, now is the time to become involved. **Denise Isherwood** is looking for members to teach at Super Saturday. Ideas for future speakers, programs, challenges are always welcome. I am looking for a member to coordinate the December gift Exchange. Thanks.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving and don't forget to count the inspiration and friendship what we all enjoy at NSQG among your many blessings.

Carolynn Young, President

## **November Meeting**

**Tuesday, November 18th**  
**JFK High School,**  
**Somers, NY**

**General Meeting: 7:00 pm**

**Guest Speaker**  
**Mary Ellen Kranz**  
*"The Top Ten Ways Quiltmakers  
Can Use Computers"*

**Holiday Boutique**  
**6:00 pm**  
JFK Commons (Main Lobby)  
Come early and bring a friend for free!

**Don't Forget Snacks:**  
Members whose last names begin  
with G, H and I

**Remember to bring Show and Tell**

**Board Meeting: November 11th**



# Education

## Special Interest Groups

Please note that the special interest groups will not meet in November in order to make way for our annual Holiday Boutique. These groups will resume in December and demonstration topics will be posted in the next newsletter.

## Plans for 2009

The Education committee has been hard at work planning “in-house” programs for January and February. January will mark the return of last year’s successful program, **What’s Hot for 2009?**, consisting of presentations by our local shops of the latest “must have” items or hot new techniques/ideas emerging on the quilting scene. Each shop will offer a demonstration and sell the demonstrated item and related products. Shops who have agreed to participate include:

- The Country Quilter
- Quilt Basket
- The Happy Quilter
- Nimble Thimble
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- Batik Tambal

Demonstration topics will be posted in the next newsletter.

Despite our best efforts, we have been unable to find a beading shop willing to participate in the program. Any beading vendor suggestions you might have would be appreciated.

The theme for the February meeting will be **The Use of Color in Quilts** and will feature the work and color strategies of several of our very talented members. Look for more details in the next newsletter.

## Show and Tell

Show and Tell is always a highlight of the meeting. Our quilts are a reflection of our unique selves, and it’s always amazing to see the myriad ways that a traditional pattern or contemporary theme can be interpreted. I hope you will consider bringing your quilt to share with us. Please note that the video camera will not be set up in November. Hold your small art quilt pieces for the December meeting when Deirdre Abbotts will be on hand to project images of these quilts onto the big screen.

Carol Sterk, VP Education



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## Programs

We are delighted to be featuring Mary Ellen Kranz as our guest speaker this month. Her lecture, The Top Ten Ways Quilt Makers Can Use Computers, will survey the latest technologies for designing extraordinary quilts. She will compare various software packages aimed at quilters and fiber artists. Discover the roles played by printers, scanners and digital cameras in addition to the special supplies used by "virtual quilt makers."

Learn how to print lines of text up to 40" long onto fabric in Mary Ellen's workshop. These can be used as borders, backgrounds or special embellishments to further personalize your quilts. Her process keeps your printed fabrics soft, colorful, washable and lightfast. Each student will purchase a \$10 kit from Mary Ellen the day of the class. Please remember to e-mail her the poem or sentiment you wish to use **NO LATER THAN 3 DAYS BEFORE THE CLASS**. See the supply list for more information.

\*\*\*REMINDER: The class will be held at the North Salem Ambulance Corps building (14 Daniel Road in North Salem) from 10-4PM on Wednesday, November 19, 2008. Plan to arrive early to give yourself plenty of time to set up. No computers or sewing machines are necessary. Irons and ironing boards will be provided. Please remember to bring your lunch. A refrigerator and microwave are available. Hot water and snacks will be provided.

Please feel free to e-mail me if you need directions or have any other questions.

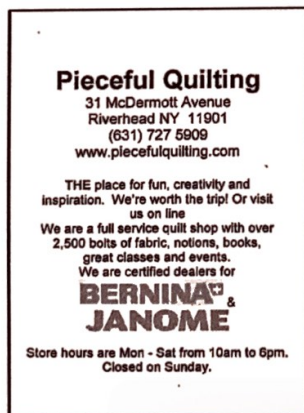
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## Membership

I would like to begin by thanking our October Member Showcase quilter, Pat Waill, for sharing her wonderful quilts with us; her hand appliqué and quilting were beautiful and inspiring. Thank you, Pat.

Once again I would like to remind our members that we are in the process of consolidating information into a single database that will provide us with greater access to a number of different reports and lists that will enhance the guild's work and your participation. To that end, I will need to know if there are any changes in or additions to your information and if you are not receiving a copy of the newsletter in the format you requested. Please contact me either by phone (914) 962-2177 or email [jfowler8@verizon.net](mailto:jfowler8@verizon.net).

The November meeting will feature our Holiday Boutique so please plan to arrive early and enjoy the array of gift ideas that will be available for all to purchase. The Boutique will open at 6:00 PM and remember to bring a friend or two since there is no guest fee in November. Our Member Showcase will resume in December.

Thank you to all who checked the Directory information at the October meeting. We are continuing to work on the final draft of the Directory and hope to have the 2008-2009 Directory available by December.

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership

## Member to Member

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Congratulations to Ellen Purdy for receiving 2<sup>nd</sup> Place at the AQS Quilt Expo 2008 for "My Own Victorian Image" in the Needlework category. Her crazy quilt & crazy piecing embellishment was featured in the American Quilter Magazine, November 2008 edition. Congratulations Ellen!

## Special Events


Just a reminder about these exciting special events that are coming up (details are in the Special Edition of On Point):

- **Super Saturday:** Mark your calendar and hold Feb. 28, 2009, for this great annual event! If you'd like to **share your knowledge, please sign up to teach** a class by contacting Denise Isherwood, our Super Saturday Coordinator.
- **Challenge: Going Green** -- Take the Challenge and go green! Details are in the Special Edition and **entry forms will be available at the guild meeting.** A few copies of the guidelines will also be available. If you have questions or want ideas, see our Challenge Coordinator, Norma Schlager. The quilts will be displayed and voted on at the February 2009 meeting.
- **Trips:** Sign up with Debbie Bein, our Trips Coordinator, for our trip to Lancaster (April 3-4, 2009)--Cost: \$150. This trip is filling up fast so **sign up soon!** Checks made payable to NSQG are due on or before the February guild meeting.

### Holiday Boutique

This year's boutique begins at 6:00 pm in the JFK Commons (Main Lobby) so come early and bring a friend for free! Lots of lovely and unique items handmade by our talented guild members will be on display for sale. What a great way to find gifts for those on your holiday list and to promote our guild members' excellent craftsmanship! Any questions, please contact Judy Jones, [jjquilt45@aol.com](mailto:jjquilt45@aol.com), or Stephanie Santangelo, Boutique Coordinators.

Janis Tobias, Special Events Chairperson



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## Library

It was another enthusiastic evening at the library and good to see so many members enjoying new books and old. I have ordered new books by Mary Ellen Kranz and Paula Nadelstern. There is also an interesting book on Bargello quilts and one on "Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts". I hope these new items will entice some of you members who have been reluctant to visit the library to come over and take a look at what we have to offer. There were a number of members who did not return your library books this month. Next month I will begin publishing the names of the people with overdue books in the newsletter, as a reminder.



Thank you to Jane del Villar, Marilyn Faust and Fern Nadel for your help.

Noreen Graham, Library Chairperson



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# Shows and Exhibitions

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\*"Faith Ringgold," now through November 23, 2008, Thorne-Sagendorph Art Gallery at Keene State College, NH; <http://www.keene.edu/tsag/>.

\*"Gee's Bend: The Architecture of the Quilt," now through December 14, 2008, and "The Ella King Torrey Collection of African American Quilts and Other Recent Quilt Acquisitions," now through January 31, 2009, Philadelphia Museum of Art, Philadelphia, PA; <http://www.philamuseum.org>.

\* "Who Was Anna Tuels? Quilt Stories 1750-1900," now through January 25, 2009, Wadsworth Atheneum, Hartford, CT; <http://www.wadsworthatheneum.org>.

\*"Recycling and Resourcefulness: Quilts of the 1930s," now through March 15, 2009, American Folk Art Museum, New York City; <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>.

## Other Events

\* Asiatica trunk show, November 11-22, 2008, New York City; 800-731-0831; <http://www.asiaticakc.com>.

\*"The Poetics of Cloth: African Textiles/Recent Art," now through December 6, Grey Art Gallery, 100 Washington Square East, New York City; 212-998-6780; <http://www.nyu.edu.greyart>.

\*"Sewing Revolution: The Machine That Changed the World," now through December 28, 2008, Windham Textile & History Museum, 411 Main Street, Willimantic, CT; 860-456-2178; <http://www.millmuseum.org>.

\*"The Dragon's Gift" (includes patchwork, appliqué), now through January 5, 2009, Rubin Museum of Art, 150 West 17<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City; <http://www.rmanyc.org>.

\*The Elly Sienkiewicz Applique Academy LLC, February 12-15, 2009, Williamsburg, VA; <http://www.ellysienkiewicz.com>.

\*"Gothic: Dark Glamour" now through February 21, 2009, at the Museum of the Fashion Institute of Technology, Seventh Avenue at 27<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City; 212-217-4558; <http://www.fitnyc.edu/museum>.

\*"Paris/New York: Design Fashion Culture, 1925-1940," now through February 22, 2009, Museum of the City of New York, 1220 Fifth Avenue at 103<sup>rd</sup> Street, New York City; 212-534-1672; <http://www.mcny.org>.

\* "The Essential Art of African Textiles: Design Without End," now through March 22, 2009, Metropolitan Museum of Art, Fifth Avenue at 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York City; 212-535-7710; <http://www.metmuseum.org>.

\*Hudson River Valley Art Quilt Workshops, November 2008-May 2009; 1-888-665-0044; <http://www.fiberartworkshops.com>.

## World Wide Web Sites

\* The Alliance for American Quilts at <http://www.allianceforamericanquilts.org>

\* American Folk Art Museum at <http://www.folkartmuseum.org>

\* Anna Maria Horner at <http://www.annamariahorners.com>

\* Ann Holmes at <http://www.AnnHolmesStudios.com>

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\*The Fabric Workshop and Museum at <http://www.fabricworkshop.org>

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\* International Quilt Study Center at <http://www.quiltstudy.org>



Nancy Hantman

# Raffle Quilt 2009

## 2009 Quilt Raffle Nominees

**The Ronald McDonald Family Room** facility at the Maria Fareri Children's Hospital, Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY.

Ronald McDonald Family Rooms are an extension of the Ronald McDonald House program and provide a haven within the hospital for the families of children undergoing treatment. The Family Room provides some of the comforts of home to alleviate the anxiety and frustration of the hospital for those family members.

**Just Imagine Making Miracles Yours, Inc.** also known as the Jimmy Fund. The organization was created in May 2006 after Jimmy Arena lost his two year battle with brain cancer in Purdy NY. They assist children with life-threatening illnesses and injuries and their families. [www.jimmyboy.com](http://www.jimmyboy.com)

**The Hudson Valley Chapter of "It's My Heart"**. Their mission is to provide support, spread awareness, educate and advocate for those babies affected by Congenital Heart Defects by creating alliances with fellow families, hospitals, support groups and the community.

This chapter is just getting started and they supply care packages to the families of the babies when they go in for their surgeries. For further information on the group, you can visit: <http://itsmyheart.org/>

One of these three charities will be selected at the November meeting.

Susie Anderson, Charitable Activities



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## Sometimes you have to kiss a few frogs.....

When thinking about what to do with our lives, conventional wisdom tells us to start with what we love, and what we love usually reflects what we're good at. Cook a delicious meal, write a heartfelt note, or grow beautiful flowers and you're apt to stay in the kitchen, keep writing, and work in the garden.

But that first meal could be a disaster, your note misunderstood or your flowers wilted. We all attempt things for the first time. Sometimes they suit us perfectly and sometimes they don't. Sometimes a handsome prince stands before us and sometimes we just wind up looking into the bulging eyes of a croaky frog.

I've been a member of NSQG for more than a decade and believe me, I've kissed some frogs – volunteered for jobs that turned out to be way out of my comfort zone. But I kept at it because I cared about the Guild, and finally found my prince: a job I was good at and really enjoyed.

There are probably many of you out there who are much more self-aware than I ever was and already know what you're good at. And for those of you who haven't thought about it, this would be a great time for some soul-searching. The Guild needs you and if you could tell us what you're good at and what you like to do, I know we can find a reasonable way to use your talents.

No matter what job you eventually volunteer for, I can guarantee two things: the Guild will be a better place for having you as a member, and you will get far more out of the experience than you ever expected.

And if it turns out that you have to (or have had to) kiss a few frogs, don't despair – I know *your* prince is out there too.

Andrea Winter



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