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A Message from the President



The hustle and bustle of the September meeting was overwhelmingly wonderful! Many of you expressed your delight with all the activities.

I really appreciate your noticing the extra efforts of many of the Board Members. Your appreciation and enjoyment are what makes our jobs rewarding. Guild night is a retreat for all of us from the sad news stories and pressures of our day. It is time to leave the family home and be inspired to quilt in a happy place.

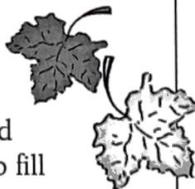
Last month the colorful balloon bouquet caught everyone's eye as they climbed up the hill. The Raffle table glittered with cellophane wrapped packages, fabrics bundled with an intriguing assortment of ribbons and trims of buttons and crochet. Many thanks go to Nancy Rosenberger of the Quilt Cottage in downtown Mamaroneck for providing our first shop-sponsored Raffle. Take a friend and go visit this shop as it celebrates its One Year Anniversary. Watch for Pinwheels of Croton on Hudson this month.

Degen Sayer and Carol Sterk are a dynamic duo determined to make our atmosphere warm and friendly. Whether you have been here just a few years like Degen or have been around since the very beginning of the Guild like Carol, these ladies are bending over backwards to find each of you a place where you can be noticed and appreciated for what you bring to our Guild.

Had time permitted, I believe several more members would have risen to speak in support of the motion to donate money to the New England Quilt Museum. Go see the museum yourself, as it is one of several stops on the bus trip to *A Quilter's Gathering*. Please show your support for all the hard work that has gone into planning for this new trip.

There was much buzz about the success of our first workshop of the season. Dorothy Scalice even garnered compliments as the best Workshop Monitor ever!

Our scheduled speaker for October decided to do a teaching tour of Scandinavia this month instead of visiting us. We really appreciate Elizabeth Rosenberg's cooperation in moving forward from her February time slot. This hasn't given us much time to fill the workshop, so contact Dorothy Scalice right away to sign up to learn Elizabeth's exciting techniques.



Susie Andersen
PRESIDENT

October Meeting: Tuesday, October 18th

JFK High School, Somers, NY
General Meeting: Doors Open: 6:30PM

Elizabeth Rosenberg:
"My Love Affair
with the Flowing Line"

Snack Provided by: D, E, F

On The Road

The trip to Nashua on November 4th and 5th is still looking for a few more quilters.

We are going to the New England Quilt Museum on Friday, as well as to Mill Girls Quilts in North Chelmsford, MA, and The Little Quilt Shop in Nashua, NH. We'll spend all day Saturday at *A Quilter's Gathering*, which promises to be a great show: three floors of vendors, lectures by Mimi Dietrich and others, and a great exhibit on Baltimore Album quilts.

For more information on the show please go to: aquiltersgathering.com.

Contact me if you're interested in joining us. It promises to be a great trip!

Kathy Vanacoro,
Kathy913quilter@yahoo.com



Membership Report

Final Reminder: You must pay your dues for 2005-2006 by the October meeting if you would like to be included in the NSQG Membership Directory.

If you need a name badge, see Sheila Gargano at the sign-in table, and she will have one ready for you at the following meeting. Kits for pieced name badges are also available, and are FREE to members.

Anyone wishing to have a Membership Card can pick one up at the Membership Table.

The inaugural meeting of the Art Quilt Group will take place from 6:00-6:45 PM on October 19th prior to the General NSQG Meeting. Bring Show 'n' Tell and your ideas. Members of all ability levels with an interest in art quilting are welcome. There is no fee and no participation commitment. This is an opportunity to meet other members with similar interests in a small group setting. Members will decide upon the format they would like the group to take and plan for future meetings.

Questions?, contact Carol Sterk at csterk@optonline.net or Degen Sayer at degensayer@aol.com



Holiday Boutique

As a special event, the annual Holiday Boutique will be held prior to the November meeting, November 15th, from 6-7:15 PM. We encourage you to bring your friends as there will be NO guest fee for the evening.

On sale will be beautiful creations made by NSQG members. It is a perfect opportunity to purchase gifts for you special friends and family.

For those members who plan to sell items, your application and pre-paid vendor fee of \$25.00 is due at the October meeting. Please contact me if you have any questions.

I look forward to a successful Holiday Boutique. See you at the Boutique!

Carolynn Young, BOUTIQUE CHAIR

Charitable Activities

In response to a call from the Director of the International Quilt Festival in Houston, our Guild forwarded 57 quilts to be given to the victims of hurricane Katrina. A special "thank-you" to all of the Comfort Quilters and other Guild members who participated in this emergency effort.

Another thank you to all of the members who supported this project by approving the mailing costs to be covered by the Special Fund for disbursements. The full membership also voted overwhelmingly to support the New England Quilt Museum with a \$250 donation. These were the first funds to be appropriated from the 2005 Silent Auction.

One of our Guild members has given us a large collection of international fabrics. In October we will have a table set aside for the sale of some of these incredible pieces. Be sure to check it out! We will have some gorgeous fabrics, silk, cotton and more, at bargain prices.

Carolyn Langevin, CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilters will meet at the Katonah Presbyterian Church on Bedford Road, Katonah from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM on the following days:

Wednesday, October 5th & 19th

Wednesday, November 2nd & 16th

Thursday, December 8th

Wednesday, December 21st

Any and all members are invited to join. Come for the day or for as much time as you can give. What nicer way to spend the time than quilting with friends for charity!

Any questions? Call Pat at 845-279-8840



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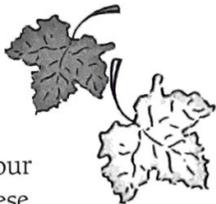
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2006 Quilt Show News

Last year's show was a huge success! Many of our guests and bus travelers wrote wonderful notes and made nice comments about our quilt display and our vendors. It's a great feeling to receive these compliments and I consider it a privilege to be your Show Chairman this year.



I have been working during the summer to create several sub-committees that will focus on improvements to various aspects of the show. In the end it is you, the members of the Guild, who make it possible for us to hold this show every year. During the year these various sub-committees will be asking for each member to help in a small way. I hope that I can count on everyone to be a part of our great show.

A special meeting of all those who work to publicize our show met last month. A brainstorming session led to creative ideas for producing and distributing more appealing promotional materials. Color printing and e-mail will allow us to spend our publicity budget more effectively. The Guild will need all of the membership to help distribute these materials next year.

Our Vendor Committee, headed by Elizabeth Rosenberg, has just finished creating a new layout of the cafeteria using the school's new round tables. She is now awaiting the return of the Vendor Contracts.

Please take the time to nominate a charity to be the recipient of the quilt raffle proceeds. With the huge contributions being made to the hurricane victims this year, there will be many local charities that still will be in need. We donate between \$4000 to \$6000 each year to a worthy charity, and we need your nominations. Your charity could be the recipient of our contribution.

Please send your nominations to:

Linda Schultz, 15 Brookside Avenue, South Nyack, NY 10960.

Mary Cannizzaro, QUILT SHOW VICE PRESIDENT

Workshop Updates

Despite the crush at the sign-up tables at the September meeting, there is still space in several classes, so don't give up yet. Some of the classes with a few openings are:

ELIZABETH ROSENBERG

Painting with Thread: Free Motion Embroidery,
Wednesday, October 19th, 10AM-4PM

DEANA HARTMAN

The Need to Bead Wednesday, November 16th
9AM-3PM

SHELLEY GREENER

Collage Appliqué Saturday, January 21, 2006
10AM to 4PM

MARGARET MILLER

Two-Day Workshop, AnglePlay™
Monday and Tuesday, April 17th - April 18th, 2006
10AM-4PM

JUDY ALLEN

Feather Mania 1 Tuesday, May 16th

LIBBY LEHMAN Sorry, this class is full

Super Machine Stitching Wednesday, March 22nd
10AM-4PM

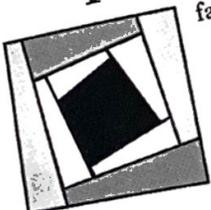
LIBBY LEHMAN UPDATE: Several members have signed up but not submitted their checks yet. Your check is what reserves your place in a class. We are trying to get Libby to give us one more day, so there'll be room for everyone and more. We'll keep you posted.

The Sign-Up Boards for all 2005-2006 workshops will be set up again at the October meeting, so stop by and check them out. Members who pay for their classes at this meeting will receive their supply sheet on the spot.

Dorothy Scalice, EDUCATION CHAIRMAN

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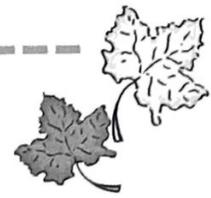
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October's One Woman Show: Jeri Riggs



I have been a member of NSQG for about 11 years but I made my first quilt in 1984. At that time I wanted something nice to match my drapery and used cardboard templates and scissors to put together my masterpiece. It took me six months to make a wall hanging and I swore I would never make another quilt. My mother said you should never swear and she was right!

When my first son was born in 1990, a lady in my new mother's group introduced me to the quilts she was making with a rotary cutter, rulers, and plastic templates. Here was a use for all the flowery fabrics I'd collected over my 30 years of garment sewing! I was hooked.

When I moved to New York in 1994 after my second son was born, the first thing I did was locate a suitable fabric shop and join two quilt Guilds. The fun of learning new things, inventing new designs, playing around with fabric, and meeting some of my favorite people have kept me involved in the quilting world ever since.

Because of an ongoing struggle with Fibromyalgia, which caused me to retire from my career as a Psychiatrist in 1992, quilt making became a form of

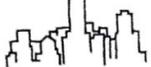
self-healing and turned the spiral of my life in a positive direction. My original design quilts have won numerous awards at our annual show, which gave me the confidence to enter them on the national stage.

My quilts have been juried into the International Quilt Festivals in Houston and Chicago, AQS Quilt Festival in Paducah, Art Quilts at the Sedgwick, Husqvarna Viking: *Masterpieces of the Machine Age*, and *Fine Focus*. My quilts are in private collections in the USA, the Netherlands, France, and Japan, and I was greatly honored when my quilt, *Possible Triangle* was selected for the cover of *Quilt Art Engagement Calendar 2004*. I am past-President of Village Squares Quilters' Guild in White Plains, NY, and currently also a member of the Manhattan Quilters' Guild, Fiber Revolution (www.fiberrevolution.com), SAQA, and the Salon Seven (www.thesalonseven.com).

My website is at www.jeririggs.com. I'll be celebrating my 50th birthday at the New England Quilt Museum on November 12th, 2005 at 1PM when Fiber Revolution unveils their show, *A Survey of Styles*.

I hope to see you all there!

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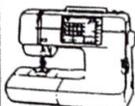
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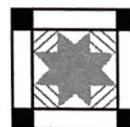


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NEQM Exhibit to Feature "Best of New England Guilds"

The New England Quilt Museum is mounting an exhibition called *Best of New England Guilds* from January 21 to April 1, 2006. They have invited guilds from the New England area to nominate a quilt made by a guild member to be displayed in the exhibit.

Although NSQG is not a New England guild (i.e., not from Maine, VT, NH, CT, RI, MA), the curator of the exhibit has graciously allowed NSQG to participate provided that the guild member is from one of the New England states. There are also size and previous exhibition requirements and the quilt must have been completed within the last five years.

We made a list of all the quilts that fit the requirements and also have won a first place ribbon at one of our last four shows. There will be pictures of them at the October Guild meeting. Please stop by and vote for the quilt that you would like to represent our Guild at this prestigious exhibit. This is a great opportunity for NSQG to showcase one of our talented members. The winner will be announced at the end of the meeting.



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