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## *A Message from the President*

It was great to see everyone at the September meeting. We had a wonderful turnout of members and seven new members joined in September. Their photo is in the newsletter. Please be sure to make them feel welcome.

The new look of our meeting space was well received. I think that it was easy to find all of the important aspects of the meeting without any trouble. I hope that the agenda was helpful. The raffle, sponsored by Country Quilter, was very successful. The sign-ups for the workshops went well. The mystery quilt has 30 participants already. The quilt for the Show raffle received rave reviews. The Quilt Show committee had great success in filling most of the open positions. The hospitality table was warm and inviting. The One Woman Show featured Judy Gignesi's beautiful work. Membership was busy getting all of their forms and checks recorded. Special Events (Trips, Challenge, Super Saturday and Boutique) had activity buzzing around it. Comfort quilters' display of their mystery quilt project from the summer session was appreciated as was the lovely king-size quilt that they will be donating to the Behavior Unit of the Westchester Medical Center.

Our workshop with Karen Stone was very enjoyable. When I saw the quilt at the meeting, I was excited about the prospect of the class, and I wasn't disappointed. I knew that there was some structure to the design, but couldn't quite pick it out until the workshop when Karen explained that under all of those flowers was a lattice grid work that the quilt was built upon. As so often happens to me, the next day it hit me that the structure of the Guild is similar. That grid work represents the board that lends support behind the scenes to insure the competent, smooth running of the Guild. The flowers, spirals and embellishments represent all of you who participate on committees and give your best efforts to the Guild. Just like the quilt, we are a winning combination.

## *World of Quilts XXVIII Quilt Show News*

Many thanks to all the creative and dedicated Guild Members who have joined our committee. We welcome all of you to an exciting and fun year!

Some of our committee members are already hard at work. The beautiful Raffle Quilt was at the September meeting. "Vendors" will provide about 40 shopping opportunities for us again this year. The "Show Pin" is coming along beautifully, and "Publications" is busy at work. We are finalizing our speakers and workshops and we will have more to report at our next meeting. We are still in need of a few good volunteers and we hope you will contact us. Our committee meets on the first Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm at JFK.

Our success depends on your support and hard work. Please join us for a fun-filled experience and be a part of the action.

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Thank you to those of you who signed up to help in some way. There will be opportunities at each meeting to fill those spaces that need help.

If you have any suggestions, comments, advice, ideas or recommendations, please get in touch with me.

*Mary Cannizzaro  
President*

## New Members



Marie Hodukavich Judy Corwin John Scibran Yvonne Clayton Elaine Critelli  
Barbara Tatera Roberta Ferguson

Please welcome the seven new members of NSQG who joined the guild in September.

## Membership Report

By the time you receive this issue of the newsletter, you will probably be aware that an outdated registration form was mistakenly printed in the September newsletter rather than the 2006-2007 version. If you have not yet paid your dues, please download the correct form from the website, use the form printed in this newsletter or pick one up at the membership table. Do not use the form on the back page of the September newsletter. Please note that no check will be accepted without a completed registration form. My apologies are extended to those people who took the time to fill out the form published in the September newsletter ahead of time only to be asked to fill out additional information when they arrived at the meeting. The information and ideas we have asked you to share with us are vitally important for planning future activities and keeping the Board in tune with the wishes of the membership. We greatly appreciate your cooperation.

NSQG pins will be on sale at the membership table for \$3.00. Sheila will be making name badges for new members at the meeting. Please stop by the membership table to pick up yours. We will also have a limited number of kits available, free of charge, if you would like to make your own NSQG name tag.

The good news is that a new special interest group coordinated by Degen Sayer will get off the ground at the October meeting. All of those members interested in BEADING will be in for a treat. Read Degen's article for additional information on the topic/ demonstration scheduled for the first meeting. The Art Quilt Group, Applique Group and Basic Training will also be meeting this month. Linda Ostrander, facilitator of Basic Training, has also written a special article for this newsletter detailing her plans for the year. If you are interested in learning basic quilting skills or improving upon those you already have, please direct your attention to her article.

The Art Quilt Group will be treated to a demonstration by Janice Nastasi on the Shattered Glass Technique. Using this technique, a stamped image can be aged and made to look like the glass covering it is shattered. This image can be applied to a fabric postcard with gel medium. The Applique Group invites all interested members to bring their favorite tools and gadgets to the meeting.

Please note that by popular demand, all special interest groups will begin at 5:45 pm, 15 minutes earlier than last year. We hope that the extra time will enable participants to relax, enjoy and learn together rather than feeling rushed to get through everything as quickly as possible. As always, all groups encourage you to bring Show 'N Tell.

### Meeting Locations:

Art Quilt Group: Teachers' Room  
Applique Group: Library  
Basic Training: Cafeteria  
Beading Group: Cafeteria

We hope we'll see you at the meeting!

Carol Sterk csterk@optonline.net

Noreen Graham nina1351@aol.com



## Beading Group to begin at October Meeting

A new beading group will gather at 5:45 pm in the cafeteria before the October meeting. Judy Jones will demonstrate her technique for making a caterpillar bracelet. If you would like to join the group and make the bracelet, please bring the following supplies: soft flex beading wire, 2 crimps, clasp of your choice, size 6 or 8 seed beads for base, size 11 seed beads for fringe (1 - 2 colors) and 15-50 larger accent beads. Beginners welcome!  
Questions: call Degen Sayer (203) 461-9526

## Basic Training - Sampler

This year, Basic Training will have something for everyone. Whether you're a beginner or need brushing up on basic techniques, come join us in making a sampler quilt. Each block in the sampler will use a different technique. You can choose to make all the blocks or just the blocks for the techniques you are interested in.

Here's an overview of the sampler quilt, described by block name and technique(s) used:

- Fence Rail and Nine-Patch blocks: rotary cutting, strip piecing
- Pinwheel and Bear's Paw blocks: half square triangles
- Wild Goose Chase and Sawtooth Star blocks: double half square triangles
- Ohio Star: quarter square triangles
- Tumbling Blocks, Le Moynes Star: Y-seams
- Drunkard's Path: curved piecing

And if your block isn't mentioned, bring the block design and we'll work on it together. You will work at your own pace, and there is no time commitment.

If you want to get started before the next meeting, just call Linda Ostrander (914) 533-2154. Come and let's stitch!

## MISSING

Can you help us?

While cataloging our archives, we have realized that we are missing some of the newsletters. Is there anyone out there who has saved the old newsletters? If so, could we make a copy to include in our archives?

Missing issues:

February 1982	December 2002
September 1986	January 2003
October 1990	February 2003
September 1999	March 2003
October 1999	April 2003
November 1999	June 2003
Summer 2002	Summer 2003
September 2002	September 2003
October 2002	

We are also missing a few show pins. If you have one of these pins, could you bear to part with it to make our set complete? We would be happy to reimburse you. The needed pins are 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Mary Cannizzaro



## One Woman Show - Karen Abramson

Karen Abramson lives in an alternate universe. In the zone she inhabits, there is time for much more than there is in the common zone the rest of us live in. Things just move quicker there.

Karen began quilting in 1993 as a safer substitute for the stained glass work that often left her bleeding. This side-effect left Doug distressed and queasy. (Doug is Douglas Abramson, to whom Karen has been happily married since 1985.)

With one dainty foot planted in each camp, she works in both traditional and contemporary styles. In her time-expanded universe, there is time not only to quilt, but to serve her fellow quilters as well. For her NSQG friends, she has served multiple times on the Show Committee, taught and hosted Super Saturdays, as well as holding the Board position of Treasurer. She gave The Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show eight years as co-chair and has served as past president for First Dutchess Quilters. The Studio Art Quilter's Association is happy to have her as a member. A bushel basket of ribbons attest to the many quilt shows entered and categories won.

Ah, but let us not dwell on past glories! What has Karen done for us lately? 2006/7 finds her the Vendor Chairman for NSQG, Newsletter Editor for FDQ and the Co-chair for DHQS XIII. She also is a financial analyst for IBM ...not that that influences her quilt duties. I just thought you should know what she does in the daylight hours!

She has chosen the quilts for her One-Woman Show in October based on the theme "Collaborative Quilting". In her own words, "The joy and rewards of quilting come from working with others who share my interest. All of the quilts displayed are collaborative projects. Many gathering options are represented: round robins, group slice, challenges, exchanges, and, my favorite, quilts made with my sister, Rose. (Note: Karen brought Rose in as her Show-and-Tell for September.) Each of these activities deepens the bonds for friendship and sisterhood while expanding my knowledge of quilting techniques. I encourage each of you to consider saying "yes" the next time you are invited to join in a collaborative quilting activity. You'll be generously rewarded."

*NOTE: It is still possible to submit a piece for the Midsummer Madness Challenge. Please contact Karen at karen.abramson@att.net*

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## Hospitality

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered at the table for the September meeting. It was great fun to spend a couple of hours exchanging quilting tips and finding mutual interests. We're always looking for more helpers! I also want to say thanks on behalf of all the members for the delicious variety of dessert snacks the A,B,C's brought. Please remember that in October members whose last names begin with D,E,F are requested to bring treats. It's always fun to step into the meeting room and anticipate a tasty buffet of snacks to accompany coffee and tea before the program.

Susan Wilterding

Please note that my email is SWilt01@Yahoo.com (changed from AOL).

## Charitable Activities

52 quilts made by Comfort Quilts this past summer have been sent to the Twin Tiers Flood Victims of New York State. You are always welcome to join the group and quilt for charity. Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, October 4 and 18, at the Katonah Presbyterian Church.

Each year our beautiful raffle quilts have raised thousands of dollars for charity. We are asking you to nominate a cause that will benefit from this gift. There are hundreds of worthwhile charities. You can re-nominate one that you picked in the past. It's certainly worth the effort. Call me with your nominations and we will hold the vote in December.

Carolyn Langevin (914) 533-6655  
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### Super Saturday Teachers

Please submit your sign-up form to Denise Isherwood as soon as possible. The form can be found on the NSQG website. Thank you.

Denise Isherwood  
dmisherwood@snet.net

**Please note that The Village Squares Quilters will hold their annual show on November 4 and 5 at the Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains.**

Contact Carole Hoffman for additional information.

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## Special Events

### On The Road Again ....

TRIPPERS, mark your calendar for our Lancaster trip - here is the plan - April 13 and 14, 2007 (This date is later than previous years.)

Northern Star will welcome spring with our traditional Lancaster quilt show trip. Leaving early on Friday morning, we 'shop-till-we-drop' - Sauder's, Zook's, and ?????, followed by dinner, then off to comfortable lodgings to rest up. After a hearty breakfast on Saturday, it's off to the Quilter's Heritage Celebration, returning home late Saturday evening. More details next month when they are available from the show organizer, [www.qhconline.com](http://www.qhconline.com). Cost for this trip is \$160.00 (covers bus, dinner, motel, show tickets). NSQG members get preference until the February meeting to reserve a seat. After the February meeting, trip registration will be open to non-members.

RESERVE EARLY by MAIL or PHONE! E-mail me: [dbein@hvc.rr.com](mailto:dbein@hvc.rr.com), or call me at (845) 849-0458. Send your check, payable to NSQG, to Debbie Bein, 19 Gables Blvd., Poughkeepsie, NY 12603.

Our trip to The Quilters' Gathering in Nashua, New Hampshire, had to be cancelled, regretfully, for the gals who were raring to go - we didn't fill the bus by the deadline for firming our contracts for bus and hotel arrangements. HOWEVER, we ARE open to members ideas for other quilt trips besides our jaunt to Lancaster in April. Your suggestions are welcome. Send me an e-mail at [dbein@hvc.rr.com](mailto:dbein@hvc.rr.com).

Happy Tripping!  
Debbie Bein

### Holiday Boutique 2006

Tuesday, November 14th  
6:00 - 7:00 pm  
JFK Commons



Applications are available on the NSQG website or at the October meeting.

Carolynn Young



### Fiber Art Exhibits by NSQG Members

#### "A Pairing"

Fiber Artists Nike Cutsumpas and Norma Schlager will hold an exhibit at the Richter Association for the Arts, 200 Aunt Hack Road, Danbury CT on Saturday, October 14 and Sunday October 15, 2006 from 2-5 pm. The exhibit is in the Richter House to the left of the golf clubhouse.

#### "Visual Journeys"

Art Quilts by the Salon Seven [www.thosalonseven.com](http://www.thosalonseven.com)  
October 4 to October 31, Larchmont Public Library, 121 Larchmont Avenue, Larchmont, NY. Contact Benedicte Caneill or the library at [www.larchmontlibrary.org](http://www.larchmontlibrary.org).  
November 4 - November 30, New Rochelle Public Library, 1 Library Plaza, New Rochelle, NY. Contact Jeri Riggs or the library at [www.nrpl.org](http://www.nrpl.org).  
Opening Reception at the New Rochelle Public Library on Sunday, November 5th from 5:15 - 7 pm

### Volunteers Needed!

Guild member Terri Gavin has graciously volunteered to design a database for the use of the Board. It will make record keeping from year to year easier and will allow Board members to sort for relevant information from your membership questionnaires, keep track of information about speakers and their workshops, and ultimately help members of the Show Committee organize their records as well.

Part of the job is getting a lot of information entered into the database. I am looking for volunteers to do some data entry of current and historical data. If you can give us 2-4 hours of your time between now and the end of the year, please get in touch with me via e-mail, or see me at the October meeting.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member or  Renewing Member Please check here if any of the above information has changed \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a beginner quilter?

Note: You will receive the monthly newsletter online unless you request a printed copy by checking here \_\_\_\_\_  
The Guild depends upon the talents and generous participation of all members in order to run smoothly and provide the kinds of activities and programs that everyone has come to expect. What skills or services would you be willing to volunteer to help the Guild?

Graphic Design       Web Design       Early Arrival at Meetings       Management  
 Technology Consulting       Law       Hostess for Speakers       Event Planning  
 EXCEL Expertise       Accounting       Airport Pick-Ups/Drop-Offs       Other

On which of the following Committees would you be interested in serving? (Please check at least 2)

Membership       Programs       Road Trips       Quilt Liaison to Museums  
 Education       Library       Challenge       Comfort Quilts  
 Hospitality       Newsletter       Boutique       Raffle Quilt  
 Quilt Show       Monthly Raffle       Super Saturday       Quilt Education for Children  
 One Woman Show

Please indicate your availability:  Days  Evenings  Weekends  Are you away for a portion of the year?

Which Special Interest Groups would you be interested in attending?

Hand Quilting       Crazy Quilting       Quilting Basics       Art Quilt       Appliqué  
 Inspiration Group (for those wanting design, color, or quilting pattern feedback)  
 Exhibition Group (for those who are interested in the ins and outs of entering shows)

Other Ideas \_\_\_\_\_

Would you be interested in leading a Special Interest Group? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any teachers with whom you have taken a class who you would recommend for a future Guild Program:

At the Guild Meeting would you prefer to have Show 'n' Tell before or after the speaker? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any suggestions for Winter Programs (January or February) when there is no speaker?

Is there a technique/project you would like to teach at Super Saturday? \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Board will thoughtfully consider any suggestions that you make.

Thank you! Carol Sterk, csterk@optonline.net and Noreen Graham, nina531@aol.com, MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS

**October Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17th**

JFK High School, Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups: 5:45 - 6:45 pm  
Art Quilts, Applique, Beginners Quilting,  
Beading

General Meeting: 7:15 pm

Guest Speaker  
Annette Ornelas  
Peeled Back Patchwork -  
Curves Without Piecing

Don't Forget Snacks!  
Members whose last names begin with D, E, F

Quilters Alley, Ridgefield, CT  
will be donating the prizes  
for the raffle table.

Board Meeting: October 10th

**Handicap Accessibility**

If you or a guest are in need of handicap parking and entry, please contact me. Entry will be through the door at the main entrance and then into the auditorium and up the ramp to the cafeteria level. This avoids steps, the steep ramp at the cafeteria door and allows close handicap parking in the front of the building.

Mary Cannizzaro

**Newsletter**

If you wish to include an article or notice in the newsletter, please e-mail it to the following for consideration no later than the Friday following the monthly meeting.

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Thank you.

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