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A Message from the President

Laughter and the rumble of conversation, it was great to see everyone at the September meeting. We had a wonderful turnout of members as seven new members joined NSQG—bringing a total of 21 new members. Refer to the photo in the newsletter. Please be sure to make new members feel welcome, introduce yourself and invite them to sit with you at the meeting. All new members have a red heart on their name button.

The meeting was great. Board Members were introduced and a poster detailing the Organization was displayed. The Hospitality table was warm and inviting. The library has many new books to check out. The raffle, sponsored by Nimble Thimble, was very successful. The workshops through the end of the year had activity buzzing around it. The Quilt Show committee had great success in filling some of the open positions and the quilt for the Show raffle received rave reviews. The One Woman Show featured Carolyn Cooney. About 20 members signed up for the Lancaster Trip. Comfort Quilters displayed their summer quilt project, piecing the 9-inch blocks you made last year, for the Ronald McDonald House on the Westchester Medical Center campus.

Our workshop with Jane Townswick was very enjoyable. As an appliqué artist, Jane challenged us to explore the world of color and design by looking at what "delights you & draws your eye". Jane brought exquisite appliqué blocks to demonstrate her techniques.

The October meeting features Carol Taylor with Carol's lecture "Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time". Carol is a famous quilter and will examine her metamorphosis from traditional to contemporary quilting. It will be a spectacular lecture you will not want to miss.

Thank you to those of you who signed up to help in some way. There are opportunities at each meeting in small ways that you can help. Call or email a Committee VP/Chairperson to sign up to help.

We have a wonderful guild. Join us October 16th for another night of fun, fabric and friendship. Oh yes, and don't forget to wear your name tag.

Carolynn Young, President



Thank you to Nimble Thimble for sponsoring our September raffle!

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 16
JFK High School
Somers, NY

Special Interest Groups
5:45 – 6:45 pm
Art Quilts, Basic Training,
Hand Quilting,
Hand Appliqué

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Remember to bring
Show and Tell

Guest Speaker
Carol Taylor
*"Sew Many Quilts,
So Little Time"*

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Board Meeting
October 9

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Membership

October brings perfect quilting weather to New England. And Northern Star is ready. Our membership is growing, and we're off to a wonderful start for the year. Thank you to everyone who registered prior to September. Patricia Ward, June Sahn and Sonia Rieber were happy they sent in their forms, as they were our winners in the Lucky Draw.

All mailings need current addresses, so next year we hope to have 100% renewal registrations over the summer. For the record, we have members in NY, CT, NJ, NH, VA, FL and Japan.

Carolyn Cooney shared her work with us in September and now we will get a chance to see wearable creations. Benedicte Caneill, Dana Fuller and Degen Sayer are featured in October with everyone in the guild invited to participate in our first annual Members Only Style Show. Please wear something that you have quilted, bring a purse or a doll that you have made. We'll have a short walk around the room, so other members can see your treasures up close. With all the talent in the guild, it should be an interesting evening.

Sheila Gargano has been creating the circular NSQG pins for many years and all members need to connect with her to get their pins once they are officially registered. It is most helpful to be able to read names so that we can become better acquainted. There are also some fabric kits that Sheila has made up if anyone wants to sew her own badge. Or get creative, and make your nametag be one-of-a-kind.

Any new members whose photos have not yet been taken, please stop by the New Member table. Consider bringing a friend to a meeting as a guest, and introduce her to our many activities, amazing speakers, and friendly atmosphere. Guest fee is \$5.00.

Thank you. Welcome back!

Susan Wilterding
Vice President, Membership

New Members



front row left to right:
Rona Spar, Megf Wynne, Kathryn Malloch, Beverly Kostrinsky, Beatrice Demers
back row left to right:
Elaine Conroy, Diane Linker, Maria Carlino, Sylvia Smith, Mary Schneidman,
Marilyn Faust, Ellen de Jong, Kate Creeden



Library

I was happy to see so many of you at the library table at the September meeting, looking at and taking out many of the new books and magazines. For October's meeting, expect to see Ellen Silver's new book "Floorquilts" along with many other new titles. Please stop by and take a look at what we have for you. If you have borrowed books, please remember to return them by the October meeting.

Thank you.
Noreen Graham, Librarian

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October Three Women Show - Three Women's Wearables

As a child I had plenty of inspiration around me: I watched my grandmother embroider. My mother who taught home economics, designed and sewed clothes for herself and all her children. My first garment construction attempt was in the 1970s when I was in College. I sewed a tunic entirely by hand, and embroidered a wool cape. Then a career in science took me away from playing with fabrics until I started quilting in 2002. After making my first log cabin quilt, I found that I could use this newly acquired skill to make garments. I made a quilted jacket using my quilting fabrics and fell in love with the opportunity a garment provides: playing with the three dimensional aspect. I like experimenting with new patterns and I see the fronts, back and sleeves as canvases for expression. Most of the time a garment will start with a fabric speaking to me. Of course all of you know that fabrics can talk! Then I go step by step, modifying the pattern, adding, subtracting and finally embellishing. Making a garment is always a fun and comforting process.

Benedicte Caneill

I taught myself how to sew when I was pregnant with my first child (now 41!) and perfect fit wasn't an issue. I never stopped sewing over the years and decided eight years ago to learn to quilt, so that I could make quilted clothing. Though I have since made bed quilts, art quilts and accessories galore, quilted jackets are still my favorite thing to make. They never go out of style, always bring compliments and feel yummy to wear. Now, I have lost interest in sewing anything that's *not* quilted!

Degan Sayer

I started sewing doll's clothes when I was 6 years old. By the time I was in High School I was making many of my clothes and all of my Prom dresses. After I took a Chenille Jacket class at Hartsdale Fabric, I liked the process so much that I made more and was asked to teach the Chenille Jacket class, which I did about 5 times. Eventually I had made so many jackets and vests that I started selling them at Craft Fairs.

Now I sell them through boutiques selling wearable art, and have branched out from strictly chenille to other techniques and styles often related to bias drape.

Dana Fuller


Charitable Activities

Our Annual Quilt Raffle has successfully raised thousands of dollars for charity. All you need to do is call or e-mail me with the name of your favorite charity. Although recent winners are not eligible, organizations that were nominated in the past (but not selected) can be nominated again. Nominations will be voted on at the November meeting.

Comfort Quilts will be meeting this year at the North Salem Ambulance Corp, 14 Daniel Road, North Salem. Directions are available on Map Quest or from Karen Carlson. Calendar for the year follows:

Oct. 17, 31	Nov 7, 21
Dec 5	Jan 2, 16
Feb 6, 20	Mar 5, 19
Apr 2, 16	May 7, 21
June 4, 18, 25 (extra Wednesday)	

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Education

Show and Tell

I hope each and every one of you will feel the urge to share your latest quilt at Show and Tell at some point during the year. In each newsletter, I will be announcing a theme or featured group for the month, but **all members are welcome to bring a quilt to any meeting**. In October, the work of our BEGINNING QUILTERS will be showcased. If you are a beginner (arbitrarily defined as someone who has started quilting at some point over the last 2 years), we would love to see your quilt! Those beginners who participate will receive an NSQG pin. The work of our ART QUILTERS will be featured in November.

Special Interest Groups

Meeting Time: 5:45 – 6:45PM

Meeting Place: Cafeteria with the exception of the Art Quilt Group, which meets in the teachers' lounge.

Art Quilt Group

Joanna Van Ritbergen and Maria Weinstein will demonstrate the use of Golden's Gel medium.

Basic Training

Bring your questions or begin a sampler quilt with Linda Ostrander to guide your way.

Hand Quilting

Participants are asked to bring a current project

Hand Applique Group

Organization Meeting

Anyone interested in starting a new special interest group is encouraged to contact me at csterk@optonline.net

Carol Sterk
VP, Education

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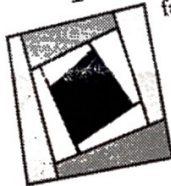
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We are pleased to announce our speakers for A World of Quilts XXIX. We will be hosting Barbara Barber and Marilyn Belford. They will both be lecturing Saturday and Sunday at the Show.

Barbara Barber is an award winning quilter from England. She is known for her precision pieced quilts with realistic appliqué. Her first award winners were about "Cats" and other assorted animals. Later she designed complicated paper pieced designs such as "Solstice." She has written several books. "Really Sharp Piecing" and "Foolproof Curves" are her best known. Check out her website at barbarabarberbritishquilts.com. Barbara will be teaching a workshop on May 5th, the Monday following the show - topic to be announced

Marilyn Belford creates beautiful portraits in cloth. Using only fabric and thread, her realistic images of people will take your breath away. She has won numerous awards at Houston, Lancaster, Paducah and many smaller venues. She has a recently published book, "Portraits for Fabric Lovers". See her quilts at marilynelford.com.

Thank you to the members who joined our committee at the September Guild meeting. We are almost complete – however we still have an opening or two. We also have some committee members who would love to have an assistant working with them. Let us know if this would work for you. Contact us and join the fun!!

Remember that our Show Committee meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month (except December).

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Programs and Workshops

Philippa Naylor, our November speaker, has just been informed that she's won one of the seven major prizes at this year's IQA in Houston for her latest quilt. She's thrilled to be bringing it to our lecture and workshops!

All workshops will be at the Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse. We start promptly at 10 AM and go till 4 PM. Please allow a lot of extra time to get there and set up. Finding the clubhouse can be tricky.

Carol Taylor has been kind enough to open up a few extra spaces in her Arc-i-Textures class, so please call me immediately if you are still interested in attending. (914) 238-5728

There was such tremendous demand for Philippa Naylor's Machine Applique Masterclass that we've decided to run the SAME CLASS both Saturday, Nov. 10th and Monday, Nov. 12th. A who has signed up for the Sat. class who can possibly make it on that Monday instead, to please phone or e-mail me (amayefsky@aol.com) so we can open up as many spots as possible for our working members. Also, if you are interested in either of these dates but have not yet signed up, please contact me **ASAP** as we have limited availability.

The fee for each workshop throughout this year is \$50. All checks are payable to "NSQG". Checks may be mailed to: Carol Mayefsky, 63 Kerry Lane, Chappaqua, NY 10514.

Carol Mayefsky
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Lancaster Quilt Show and Vermont Quilt Show trips are ON for 2008! Sign-ups have begun and they are already filling up. SEE SPECIAL ISSUE FOR SUMMARIES. Complete details, including itinerary, prices, payment schedules are coming at the October meeting.

Debbie Bein, Trips Coordinator

Super Saturday Teacher Sign-Up

I would like to hear from members who would be interested in teaching at **Super Saturday** on February 23, 2008. Please let me know as soon as possible – remember, a better selection of classes makes for a really fun time! And what better way to get to know more members, while sharing your skills. Let me know at dmisherwood@snet.net.

Denise Isherwood, Super Saturday Coordinator



Holiday Boutique

Members in good standing who would like to sell handmade items at the Holiday Boutique on November 13 should **SIGN UP NOW** with Stephanie Santangelo and Judy Jones, Boutique Coordinators.



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