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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, raffle prizes, sign-ups and speaker! Valli Schiller gave us clever ways to use household gadgets in quilting. Who could've imagined using a crossbeam laser for squaring up a quilt?

The meeting was great! The Hospitality table was warm and inviting. Thank you to **Mary Gall, Joan Citron, and Lorraine Mioducki** who maintained the Hospitality table. The raffle, sponsored by **Quilt Cottage**, was very successful. The Library has many new books to check out. A few openings remain for Mary Ellen Kranz's workshop in November. The Quilt Show had great success in filling committee positions and the quilt for the 2009 Raffle Quilt was prominently displayed. It is stunning! Thank you to **Leslie Forrest** and **Patricia Loquet** for coordinating the quilt and to **Karen Carlson** for quilting.

The October meeting features *Halloween Costumes* by **Elizabeth Poole**. The night will be a whimsical mélange of original creations as our own members model and walk down the runway. In addition, the Comfort Quilters will display quilts from their summer quilt project during *Show and Tell*.

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 volunteer. Call or email a Committee VP/Chairperson to sign up to help. Please check out our website often, **Deirdre Abbotts** is updating it all the time.

We have a wonderful Guild. Join us October 21st for another night of fun, fabric and friendship. Oh yes, and don't forget to wear your nametag.

Carolynn Young, President

October Meeting

Tuesday, October 21st
JFK High School,
Somers, NY

General Meeting: 7:00 pm

Elizabeth Poole
"Halloween Runway"

Special Interest Groups
5:45 – 6:45 PM

Art Quilt Group – Library

Not for Beginners Only – Cafeteria (look for sign)

Hand Appliqué – Cafeteria (look for sign)

Don't Forget Snacks:
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Remember to bring Show and Tell

Board Meeting: October 14th



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MEMBER SHOWCASE: PAT WAILL

My interest in sewing and needlework dates back to my childhood when I learned to use my mother's old Singer, converted from a treadle machine. Over the years I explored a number of the needle arts – embroidery, knitting, traditional rug hooking. I also enjoyed taking some art classes which opened up a new world of color and design. However, it wasn't until the 1980's, when I stopped working and my children were grown, that I decided to take a quilting class with Terry Reilly at the White Plains YWCA. Everything came together and like so many others, I was hooked. As a bonus, and perhaps the best part, I was introduced to a wonderful circle of friends who shared my passion.

I have never been a collector of the usual kinds of things, but fabric is the exception. As my husband and I have traveled, the high point of a trip became finding a store where I could acquire something new to add to my stash. Since I usually buy before I know how I will use it, much of my work falls into the scrap category.

My early efforts were largely done by hand, and to this day I love the tranquility of hand piecing and quilting and needle-turn appliqué. While most of my pieces might be considered traditional, I almost always use a design wall to help place color, value and texture. Every phase of a project has its pleasures, and I think myself fortunate to be involved in such rewarding work.



Membership

It was wonderful to see everyone at the September meeting. We had over 150 members in attendance as well as four new members and four guests. I hope that everyone had an opportunity to catch up with old friends and meet some new.

Thank you once again to all the guild members who registered prior to the September meeting. The winners of our four \$25.00 gift certificates were:

Susie Andersen – The Happy Quilter in Valley Cottage, NY;

Amy Trompetter – The Quilter's Alley in Ridgefield, CT;

Pat Waill – Woodstock Quilt Supply in Woodstock, NY;

Althea Nolan – The Quilt Cottage in Mamaroneck, NY.

We are updating our membership directory, so please take a moment to check your information when you check in at the meeting. It is important to let me know if there are any changes or additions during the year but especially prior to our printing of the directory. Although we will continue to send the Newsletter by mail to anyone who has requested it, we would like to encourage members to access the Newsletter online. Everyone with an e-mail address on file gets the notice when it has been posted, so why not try it out. You can print out all or part of the Newsletter from your computer.

Remember to wear your nametags at the meeting. At the membership table, Sheila Gargano is able to make new pins if you need one and she also has fabric kits if you would like to make your own.

Thank you to all the Membership Committee volunteers who made the September sign in and registration an easy transition to all the other activities of the Guild.

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership

MEMBER SHOWCASE

2008-2009

OCTOBER
NOVEMBER
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MARCH
APRIL

Pat Waill
Holiday Boutique
Barbara Sferra
Debbie Bein
NSQG Challenge
Micki Tedeschi
Then and Now – Art Quilt SIG
members: Raina Knapp,
Nancy Goodman, Kendall Storm and
Carol Sterk will display their first quilt
and current art quilt.
Pat Baker
TBA

MAY
JUNE

Education

Show and Tell

It's going to be a gangbuster month for Show and Tell. NSQG's **Comfort Quilters** will be bringing the quilts they made over the summer for everyone to admire. In addition, our camcorder wizard, **Deirdre Abbotts**, will be on hand to capture your art quilts on the big screen. Why not join the fun and bring along your latest creation?

Special Interest Groups

Hand Appliqué Group

At the last meeting, members admired and discussed the rose blocks made in response to the group challenge to construct a block with the theme, "A Rose is a Rose is a Rose."

In October, Inge Stahl will demonstrate off-fabric appliqué, the Jane Townswick technique that involves building part of the appliqué into a unit which is then appliquéd onto the background as a single piece. We hope you will come and join us for her presentation. When you stop by, don't forget to sign up for our monthly e-mail update of what's happening in the group.

Art Quilt Group

Joanna Van Ritbergen will demonstrate **MIXED MEDIA techniques using paper and fabric.**

Not for Beginners Only

I hope you had a chance to drop by last month and take advantage of **Linda Ostrander's** demonstration on how to make "piping hot binding." I know it saved me a lot of time that I otherwise would have spent trying to figure out the directions in the book. Great job, Linda!

In October, **Mary Cannizzaro** will be doing a demonstration on **the use of Rick Rack in your quilts.** If you were at the September meeting, our guest speaker brought with her a gorgeous quilt using this method. Here is a description of the upcoming demonstration in Mary's own words:

I have always loved Rick Rack. When my daughters were small, I made most of their clothing and Rick Rack was a favorite trim. I took a class with Karen Stone and used it extensively as the accent for the spirals on my quilt. At the same time, I was making a Piece o' Cake appliqué quilt and outlined each flower and leaf with Rick Rack. If you come to my demonstration at the **Not for Beginners Only** group, I'll give you some tips and tricks on the best way to handle it. I'll also bring examples of different uses for Rick Rack and quilts that feature Rick Rack. Stop by and share.

Note: Mary's award winning quilts featuring the use of Rick Rack can be viewed on the website version of this newsletter.

Carol Sterk, VP Education



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Programs

You won't want to miss October's Halloween Fashion Show featuring the fabulous costume collection of our own Elizabeth Poole. Come marvel at the artistry of both her outfits and makeup (not to mention the bravery of our member/models.)

****REMINDER:** For anyone signed up to take Marilyn Belford's class on SATURDAY, Oct. 18, 2008.



We'll be meeting at a NEW LOCATION for this class, the North Salem Ambulance Corps building. You should still plan to arrive no later than 9:30 so we can begin promptly at 10. Please call or e-mail me if you can't find the directions at cmayefsky@gmail.com. Machines and lunches are required for this class as is the purchase of a \$7 kit. Bring skin-tone threads and thread to match your fabrics. (See the supply list.)

GREAT NEWS about Mary Ellen Kranz' November 19, 2008 class, Sentimental Journey: Quilts with a Story to Tell. She has all the computer equipment we need. We do not have to bring anything, not even a sewing machine! Learn how to include lines of text in your baby quilts, holiday quilts and graduation quilts. A supply list will be e-mailed shortly. Only a couple of openings remain. This workshop will also be held at the North Salem Ambulance Corps building from 10-4. Directions will be e-mailed.

We are so excited to have Diane Rode Schneck as our guest speaker for March 17, 2009. We are even more excited to be presenting her workshop on SATURDAY, March 14, 2009 to enable more of our working members to participate. Coming to us from Manhattan where she usually teaches at the City Quilter, Diane received the highest ratings of any teacher at this year's MAQNET meeting. Her trunk show, Confessions of a Phabric Phantom is funny and wise. In her workshop, Scraps, Crumbs, Strings and Things, we'll learn to make several basic types of string blocks with variations, crumb piecing and Crazy Cabins. Everyone will go home with a collection of her own blocks to make her own string quilt. Machines are required. The location will be announced at a later date. Visit her website at: www.geocities.com/quiltddiner

Carol Mayefsky, VP: Programs

Hospitality

A big thank you to everyone who volunteered at the table for the September meeting. It was fun to reconnect with familiar faces. We're always looking for more helpers! A sign-up list is at the Hospitality table for future meetings and for the December gift exchange.

I also want to say thanks on behalf of all the members for the delicious variety of desserts and 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.

Carolynn Young, Acting Hospitality Chairperson

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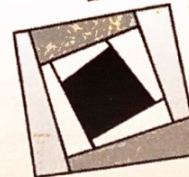
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Special Events

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

- **Trips:** Sign up with Debbie Bein, our Trips Coordinator, for our trip to Lancaster (April 3-4, 2009). Cost: \$150. This trip fills up very quickly!
- **Super Saturday:** Mark your calendar and sign up with Denise Isherwood, Super Saturday Coordinator, if you are interested in teaching a class at Super Saturday on Feb. 28, 2009.
- **Boutique:** Make your shopping list and invite your friends to the Holiday Boutique to be held at 6:00 pm at the Nov. 18, 2008, Guild meeting at JFK. Sign up with our Boutique Coordinators, Judy Jones and Stephanie Santangelo, if you are a member in good standing and are interested in selling any of your craftwork.
- **Challenge:** Start working on your quilt entry for our annual Guild Challenge: **Going Green**. The quilts will be displayed and voted on at the February 2009 meeting. Have a question not addressed in the Special Edition? See this year's Challenge Coordinator, Norma Schlager.

Janis Tobias, Special Events Chairperson

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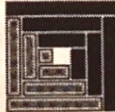

It was a busy night at the library for my helpers and me. Thanks to Jane del Villar, Fern Nadel and Marilyn Faust - I couldn't do my job without you.

Lots of interest was shown in the new books, such as The Painted Quilt by Linda and Laura Kemshall, and two books by Sandra Meech - Contemporary Quilts: Design, Surface and Stitch and Creative Quilts: Inspiration, Texture, and Stitch, popular with our art quilters. For the traditional quilters among us there was Stunning Angle Play Quilts from Margaret Miller and two books on "Jelly Roll" quilts.

I have ordered more for you to look forward to next month: two books on fabric dyeing by Ann Johnston, one of our upcoming speakers, as well as The Quilter's Catalog by Meg Cox, our speaker in May 2009. For flower lovers there will be Beautiful Blooms: Quilts and Cushions to Applique, Sewflakes, and Quilts of a Different Color. I hope you will all find something to interest you. Don't forget our wonderful magazines, which are always full of terrific ideas and inspiration. See you next month

Noreen Graham, Library Chairperson



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World of Quilts XXX News

Thanks so much to the members who have already volunteered to be part of the Show committee. Many hands make for light work. Carol Mayefsky (VP Programs) and Mary Cannizzaro (Vendor Coordinator) are already in action lining up speakers and vendors that are sure to live up to the challenge and make your heart sing.

We have more Show committee job opportunities available. We welcome new members! Don't be shy. The jobs are very straight forward and it's a really good way to meet other members. Remember, we are not having monthly Show meetings. Sooo, if you are interested or have questions, please call or e-mail today Mayann01@hotmail.com.

Hope you're working on your "Go Green" and we are looking forward to displaying the Challenge at our Show. Anyone who would like their small group challenge or exhibit to be considered for the Show should contact me.

Each year at our Show, the number of beautiful quilts created partially by professionals and partially by members increases. These quilts, while being an important part of our Show and a joy for the public to see, will no longer be a part of the judging process.

We hope this change will satisfy the concern of many members' interest in the fairness of the competition, serve to encourage the development of our members' personal quilt-making skills, and lead to true collaboration amongst members.

Additionally, this will bring our judging standards more in alignment with other guild and professional shows.

Mayann Weinberg, VP Quilt Show

Communications

Welcome to our new monthly feature of shows and events in our area that we think our members may enjoy. I would like to thank Nancy Hantman for suggesting this column and for taking on this awesome job.

Don't forget our Member to Member column. It is your opportunity to reach out to other members with quilt related sales, needs and requests. It needs to be 25 words or less and submitted to me at tgavin@quiltingpro.com by the Friday after our meetings.

Terri Gavin, VP Communications

Shows and Exhibitions

* "Marilyn Henrion: New Works," now through October 25, 2008, Noho Gallery, 530 West 25th Street, New York, NY; 212-367-7063; <http://www.nohogallery.com>.

* "Quilts in Bloom: A Bouquet of Textile Art," now through October 26, 2008, Shelburne Museum, Route 7, Shelburne, VT; 802-985-3346; <http://www.shelburnemuseum.org>.

* "Art Quilts Lowell 2008," now through October 26, 2008 Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market Street, Lowell, MA.

* "Fiber Revolution: Fiber for the Imagination," now through October 30, 2008, Stamford Art Gallery, University of Connecticut, Stamford, CT; <http://www.stamford.uconn.edu/artgallery.html>.

* "Metrotextural: New Works by Members of the Manhattan Quilter's Guild," now through November 2, 2008, New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA; 978-452-4207 <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>.

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

* Annual Northeast Quilts Unlimited, now through November 9, 2008. PO Box 1144, Old Forge, NY 13420; 315-369-6411; <http://www.artcenteroldforge.org>.

* A Quilters' Gathering, November 6-9, 2008, Radisson Hotel, Nashua, NH. Large SASE and \$2.00 to EQA3, 307 N. Amherst Road, Bedford, NH 03110; <http://www.aquiltersgathering.com>.

* "Quilt Celebration X," November 8-9, 2008, The Solomon Schechter Upper School, 555 West Hartsdale Avenue, Hartsdale, NY; vsqshow08@verizon.net; <http://www.villagesquaresquilters.com>.

* "Harvest of Quilts," November 8-9, 2008, Mineola Community Center, 155 Washington Avenue, Mineola, NY.

Other Events

** "Arbiters of Style: Women at the Forefront of Fashion" now through November 8, 2008, and "Gothic: Dark Glamour" now through February 21, 2009, at the Museum of the Fashion Institute of Technology, Seventh Avenue at 27th Street, New York City; 212-217-4558; <http://www.fitnyc.edu/museum>.

Nancy Hantman



Comfort Quilt Activities

Mystery Quilt

Thanks to all who have signed up for this year's "Mystery Quilt". It is not too late to sign up. You can e-mail us or sign-up at the October meeting.

If you do sign up and make a quilt you will be helping to provide "Love and Comfort" to someone who really needs it.

Patricia Loquet jamloquet@optonline.net

Leslie Forrest cecilbug@comcast.net

Comfort Quilt Raffle in October

This summer, the Comfort Quilters were challenged by Carol Auer and Karen Carlson to take small bundles of 10" squares and create a quilt. These lap-size quilts will be shown and raffled at the October general meeting. The lucky winner will be able to choose her favorite. All proceeds will help defray the cost of renting our workspace.

Susie Andersen, Charitable Activities Chairperson

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Raffle Quilt 2009

This beautiful log cabin quilt has been completed and was displayed at the September Guild meeting. Congratulations to Patricia Loquet and Leslie Forrest for the fabulous job they did in designing, planning and coordinating the work of the Guild membership.

The proceeds from raffle ticket sales can go to a charity of your choice. Contact Susie Andersen at Manderse@optonline.net if you would like to add an organization to the list of nominees. Vote for your choice at the November meeting.

Raffle Quilt 2010

Be there from the beginning...

Help create the beautiful NSQG 2010 Raffle Quilt prior to the October General meeting at 5:45-6:45.

In an area at the rear of the cafeteria, we will have two sewing machines and an iron for you to use in making half-square triangle blocks for the background of the quilt.

Bring only your hands and feet to participate. Come join the fun!

Caryl Castellion and Carol Auer, Coordinators



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