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2007-2008 Board Meeting Dates

All Board Meetings will be held at
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2007-2008 Programs

September 18

Jane Townswick, Breinigsville, Pennsylvania

Nationally acclaimed teacher and author of three books on hand appliqué alone, Jane will enlighten us with her lecture, "Applique Inspirations." Her books, *Applique Takes Wing*, *Color-Blend Applique* and *Artful Applique*, have been wildly popular amongst novice and experienced hand appliquers alike. Known for the exacting precision of her work, she will use slides and actual samples to help us appreciate the delicacy of these diminutive masterpieces.

October 16

Carol Taylor, Pittsford, New York

Carol's lecture "Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time" will examine her metamorphosis from traditional quilter to one of the most famous contemporary quilters of our time. With many award-winning examples and slides, she'll explain how she has used color, contrast, texture and value relationships to produce more than 475 quilts! Her recent lectures and workshops at Quilting-by-the-Lake have inspired many of our own Guild members to recommend her heartily. Her website is: www.caroltaylorquilts.com

November 13

Philippa Naylor, East Yorkshire, England

Coming to us from her week-long teaching engagement in Houston, Philippa's lecture "Life, Quilting and Saudi Arabia" is a light-hearted look at living in the desert. She explains how enforced isolation from the quilting community gave her the opportunity to overcome many obstacles and become quite good at sewing. Today, she is famous for her outstanding machine appliqué, precision piecing, trapunto and free-motion quilting. Many of you may remember her bright pink quilt "Spider Plant" from the Invitational Section of our Show last May. In recent years, she's won top awards in Paducah for four different quilts.

December 18

Laura Breitman, Warwick, New York

Laura is a local artist who creates amazingly realistic "photos" of Old Masters' paintings and scenes from nature using cloth collage. Her lecture/demonstration "Photorealistic Fabric Collage Method" will detail her use of the grid technique which was popularized by painter Chuck Close. She gives workshops at her studio only, but her demonstration for us promises to be truly fantastic. Her website is: www.laurabreitman.net

January 15

In-House Meeting

Details to follow at a later date.

February 19

Guild Challenge

Our Challenge Committee will present this year's entries in our Annual Guild Challenge. We will have the opportunity to vote for our favorites, with the winners being announced at the meeting.

March 18

Christine Fries-Ureel, Barre, Vermont

Belgian born artist, Christine Fries-Ureel, will use slides and original quilts in her lecture "Quilting Is More Than Happiness, It's Ecstasy." She will explain the various trials which led to her most distinctive technique, a sort of 3-D machine embroidery meets threadpainting. This lecture will include how she chooses the subjects of her quilts and how mistakes can become part of the design. It will also include a live presentation of the quilts for which she has become internationally well-known. Her website is: www.love-abideth.com

April 15

Sharon Pederson, British Columbia, Canada

Sharon's lecture, "Stories from the Road", is one part trunk show, one part comedy routine. She has performed to universal acclaim all over California and Western Canada. While this will be her first trip to New York in decades, she is a serious quilter and author. (*Reversible Quilts*, *More Reversible Quilts*, *Sensational Sashiko* and *Color for the Terrified Quilter* are all hers.) Her philosophy is if you can do it by hand, you can do it by machine. Visit her website at www.sharonquilts.com

May 20

Trish Hodge, West Hartford, Connecticut

Explore the batik process with Trish Hodge who lived in Indonesia for five years, traveling extensively. While studying under a batik master in Jogjakarta, Trish worked side by side with his batik artisans. Find out how you can identify the quality of handmade batiks and discover the meaning of the designs underlying this complex craft. Learn how to incorporate batik fabrics and panels into your own quilts and clothing through her lecture and trunk show: "The Batik Tradition." Her website is: www.batiktambal.com

June 17

Salad Supper and Library Book Sale

Share your favorite salad with us and we'll get you a great buy on some terrific quilting books at our yearly Library Sale.

Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs
Email: amayefsky@aol.com

2007-2008 Workshops

Bring your calendar and checkbook to our September meeting to sign up for one or more of our outstanding workshops while space permits. Remember, workshop fees are non-refundable so please choose carefully.

JANE TOWNSWICK **September 19 (WEDNESDAY)**
Twining Lily **\$50**

Any stitcher can achieve flawless, professional-looking results with these new, simplified methods for preparing, marking, assembling and stitching appliqué fabrics. Students will make a stunning 9" appliquéd block learning new methods for hand appliquéing tricky points and curves and narrow stems and vines. Even the tiniest pieces will be accurately and beautifully appliquéd. Special tips will be given on creating extraordinary effects using reverse appliqué, window templates and modified cutwork stems.

NOTE: This class is full at the moment, but you can still get a space on our waiting list in case there are any cancellations.

CAROL TAYLOR **October 17 (WEDNESDAY)**
Arc-i-Textures **\$50**

Want to create a small (15"x15") unique quilt of your very own and learn something about composition, textures and circular quilting? Here is a chance to use some of those fancy and unusual fabrics that you've been attracted to, but didn't know how to use. We will tame them by fusing and learn to mix them with other textured-looking fabrics. You won't need much of any one fabric...even scraps will do. You'll learn how to finish your quilts with facings as opposed to bindings. Discover how to quilt and couch those "perfect" circles that have almost become a trademark of Carol's. You'll be thrilled with the resulting small quilt which you can do in many different color schemes for use in your own home or to give as gifts.

PHILIPPA NAYLOR **November 10 (SATURDAY !!)**
Machine Applique Masterclass **\$50**

Explore an exciting range of machine appliqué techniques in this practical workshop. You will begin a small sample piece which employs raw-edged, satin stitch, turned edge and blind hem stitch appliqué. Learn how to make perfect satin stitch and turned under circles, how to make and apply bias cut stems and how to produce amazingly sharp points. All this and a wealth of information on materials, equipment and personal techniques too! Patterns are provided. As her website is not up yet, you can google her at Philippa Naylor +quilter to see samples of her work.

Would anyone be interested in another more advanced class in Trapunto given by Philippa Naylor if it was offered on Monday, November 13th at Lake Lincolndale? We could only run this class if we got 20 sign-ups. Please email me if you are interested.

CHRISTINE FRIES-UREEL **March 19 (WEDNESDAY)**
An Appealing Mini Nature Scene in a Day **\$50**

Spend a day communing with nature as you learn how to make the 3-D fabric and/or threadpainted butterflies, leaves, hedgehogs and trees for which Cristine Fries-Urell has become so well know. This workshop is intended for quilters of all ability levels. Sewing machine required.

SHARON PEDERSON **April 16 (WEDNESDAY)**
Sensational Sashiko **\$50**

Originating as the common man's garment decoration, sashiko has been adopted by quilters to add magnificent embellishments to their quilt tops and garments. Using your sewing machine and heavyweight threads, learn how to achieve these exciting designs on either a single thickness of fabric or through a quilt sandwich. This is a process workshop, not a project one. We will make 5 small samples, 4 on a quilt sandwich and one on two layers of fabric (minus the batting). A sewing machine with walking foot is essential. Also, if you have one, an open toed embroidery foot would be helpful as well. Visit Sharon's website at www.sharonquilts.com to see samples of Sashiko.

Carol Mayefsky, VP Programs

WORLD OF QUILTS XXIX

Ahhhh..... September! The start of another Quilt Guild Year!! Time for Guild meetings with friends, while listening to great speakers! Time for quilting another great quilt and taking inspiring classes! Time to start thinking about the QUILT SHOW!!!!!!

**The Quilt Show will be held on
May 3 & 4, 2008.**

Again, our goal is to get every Guild Member involved in some way and to have the best show ever! We are starting up the committee and getting organized for another year. Below is a list of positions for which we need volunteers:

Information Office Volunteers
Demo Room Publicity (National)
Indoor Signs Publicity (Local)
White Glove/Quilt Watchers

Please join our committee! It's great to get involved, it's fun and a great way to contribute to THE major event of the Guild! Please stop by our table at the Guild Meeting - let's talk about where you can help... Many jobs can be done from home. Our committee meetings will be held on the 4th Tuesday of the month. The first committee meeting will be at JFK at 6:30 pm, Tuesday, September 25. Please join us!!

Kathy Vanacoro

Barbara Sferra

VP Quilt Show

VP Quilt Show

Kathy913quilter@yahoo.com

GBGCA@mindspring.com

2008 Challenge

Produce a quilt using your initials (first name and last name) as the initials of the title.

The quilt should reflect some aspect of your personality. Examples: CL could be Chocolate Lover; ST could be School Teacher.

The quilt must be 18" wide x 22" long.

It must have three layers and be quilted.

A 4" sleeve must be attached to the back of the quilt.

The quilt must hang easily and have no special handling or packing requirements, keeping in mind that these quilts travel to the Lancaster Show.

Keep your quilt a secret so the voting will be fair and unbiased.

First Place will be awarded to the quilt with the most votes.

Second Place will be awarded to the quilt with the second highest vote count.

Third Place will be awarded to the quilt with the third highest vote count.

Honorable Mention will be awarded to the quilt with the fourth highest vote count.

Margaret Phillips, Challenge Coordinator

Super Saturday

Did you get to experience all the fun and laughter at last year's Super Saturday? Well, this year Super Saturday will be held on February 23, 2007 and promises to be as much fun, if not more, than last year!

For members who are interested in teaching, please email me to let me know, and indicate what you are interested in teaching.

Denise Isherwood, Super Saturday Coordinator

Northern Star Quilters' Guild Purpose

"The purpose of the Guild shall be to promote interest in, and encourage participation in the art of quilting; to stimulate and coordinate the efforts and talents of individuals interested in quilting; and to maintain a club for the social enjoyment of its members."

Shhhhh.....

As a courtesy to other Guild members, please turn your cell phones to vibrate or turn them off during meetings and lectures.

Thank you.

NSQG World of Quilts XXIX Annual Postcard Quilt Display

Attention all quilt makers! Why not join us this year and participate in our postcard quilt display? Whether you are a seasoned pro or have never made one before, this is a fun way to show off your creative quilt-making and design skills! You may submit one, two or more postcard quilts for our show display.

Size: An accurate 4" x 6"

Materials: Quilted postcards consist of three (3) layers: a surface "design" layer, a backing layer for an address and message and a stiff interfacing layer. Binding may be traditional, fused, or decorative stitching.

Fabrics: Whatever you choose. You are limited only by your imagination.

Embellishments: Anything that will enhance your design, decorative threads...beads...have a blast!

Deadline: April 1, 2008. All entries must be received by the April 1st deadline:

To submit: Please complete the form below and send it along with your entry to:

Lori Light-DeMarco
21 Kramers Pond Road
Putnam Valley, NY 10579

We look forward to sharing your creative work with May '08 show attendees!



Special Note: For those of you who have never made a postcard quilt before (and those of you who want a refresher course), Joan and Lori will be teaching a Quilted Postcard workshop at NSQG's upcoming '08 Super Saturday. Please join us for the fun!

Joan Weth and Lori Light-DeMarco
Postcard Quilt Exhibit Co-Chairs

Postcard Quilt Display Entry Form

Name _____

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Email Address: _____

Town _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

NSQG Member? Yes No

I grant NSQG permission to photograph my work for local or regional use in media advertising, promotion, and publication in newspapers, magazines, internet and other appropriate media. I grant visitors to the guild and its activities permission to photograph, for their personal use only, any works of mine on display.

Signature _____

Date _____

PLEASE NOTE: In order to return your postcard quilts to you by mail, you will need to provide a self-addressed, stamped envelope with the appropriate postage affixed. See general guidelines below.

. Contents measuring less than 1/4" thickness - provide a letter-size S.A.S.E. with .92 cents postage affixed (e.g. one postcard quilt with little or no embellishment).

. Contents measuring 1/2" to 3/4" thickness max - provide a large (12" width x 15" length max) S.A.S.E. WITH \$1.62 postage affixed (most submissions will fall into this category).

If you plan to use a S.A.S.E. that will measure greater than 3/4" thickness when containing postcards, additional postage may be needed. Postal rate information may be found at <http://www.usps.com/> or by contacting your local post office.

Membership Report

Now it is September. As members of NSQG, we look forward to returning to friends and activities that encourage and inspire us as quilters. This year looks packed with interesting choices for all levels and interests within the group. Welcome to all.

The Membership tables at the school entrance on September 18 will facilitate three groups: (1) those already paid and registered; (2) new first time members; (3) those returning members who still need to pay and register. Please note that each group will have its own table.

Veteran membership ladies Althea Nolan and Sheila Gargano will help with those needing to pay. Melanie Darensod and Jean Sparacin will greet the newest members at their table, and give a brief introductory tour and information session. Diana Sharkey will be ready to take photos of our first time members. We will also have the following ladies to help with the month's registration: Nike Cutsumpas, Jackie Fowler, Laura Goldstein, Sondra Shapiro, and Sandy Waldman.

The Directory is to be compiled sometime after the October meeting. All paid members will be included in the 2007/2008 booklet. We have been working over the summer to enter data and check for accuracy. Please call or email any changes to our data base throughout the year.

The One Woman Shows this year will be coordinated by Jennie O'Shea. We thank Linda Schoenfeld who has done a super job the last four years, getting this popular offering underway. This year, we will add two new programs. In October we will have a three member display of some outstanding wearable quilted pieces from Benedicte Caneill, Dana Fuller and Degen Sayer. In addition, that evening we will hold our first Members Only Style Show. Please wear something quilted that you have made, or bring a quilted purse or doll you have made.

For our other new program, in December we will have our first display entitled Then & Now. It will feature four members who will show a current quilt side by side with their first quilt. The progress should be fun and interesting to see. Jetta Buch, Maxine Oliver, Margaret Phillips and Barbara Sferra have agreed to help us start this tradition.

Informally, I have asked some of our members to share their Top Ten Reasons for Belonging to Northern Star Quilters' Guild. I hope you'll enjoy reading their thoughts throughout the year.

Susan Wilterding, VP Membership

Holiday Boutique

Let's all get together for our holiday boutique! Last year's was a great success with many beautiful, hand-crafted items for sale. This year, we hope for an even bigger turnout.

The holiday boutique will be held at the beginning of the November meeting starting at 6:00 pm in the main entrance lobby of JFK. The date is November 13, 2007. This is your chance to do some early holiday shopping. Bring family and friends as there will be no admission charge for this meeting.

There is a one-time fee of \$25.00 per table for vendors. You can share or have your own table; just sign up in advance. Written information will be available at the September and October meetings.

Please keep the following in mind if you plan on participating as a vendor in the boutique:

- Each participant must be a NSQG member in good standing.
- All items must be made by a NSQG member.

Judy Jones and Stephanie Santangelo, Boutique Coordinators



On The Road Again

CALLING ALL TRIPPERS: Mark your calendars! TWO GREAT TRIPS THIS YEAR.

LANCASTER, PA - QUILTERS' HERITAGE SHOW: MARCH 28 and 29, 2008.

Our traditional Friday and Saturday venue!

It wouldn't be spring without a trip to the Lancaster Quilt Show. Our traditional trip includes shopping on Friday at Sauder's, Burkeholder's, Zook's and The Country Store, buffet dinner at Miller's Smorgasborg, a night at the Fairfield Inn, a full breakfast on Saturday and show admission all day Saturday. At press time, we estimate the package will cost out at \$160. Details and payment schedule will be announced in October but you should RESERVE YOUR SPOT EARLY as we had a FULL BUS LAST YEAR! NSQG members get preference to reserve a seat until February 1. Thereafter, trip registration is open to non-members.

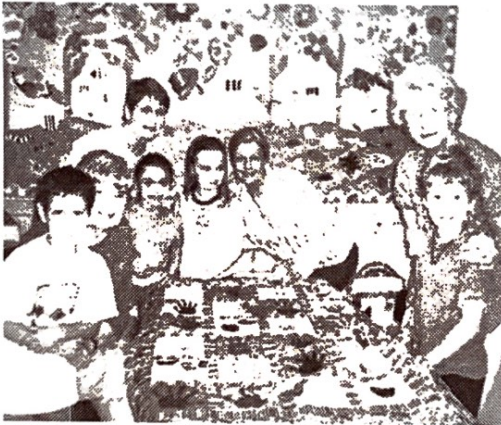
VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL, Essex Junction (Burlington), VT - JUNE 27, 28, 29, 2008 - TWO NIGHTS!

This is a new venue for our TRIPPERS. Planning is VERY preliminary at press time. Departing early Friday morning, we will wend our way north, with a leisurely lunch and time for shopping in charming Manchester, VT. We will dine together before we settle for the night at a comfortable motel. We will enjoy the quilt show at VQF all day Saturday and perhaps be able to fit in a visit to the Shelburne Museum. After breakfast on Sunday, we will board a bus for home, hopefully finding another shop or two to feed our fabric habit. We hope to bring this trip together at a cost to Trippers of around \$325. Complete details and cost for the VQF trip will be available at the October NSQG meeting. Any member with experience at VQF or sights on our route north is encouraged to call me with suggestions (dinner spots specially). SIGN UP in SEPTEMBER so we can gauge our interest in this trip. No payment required until February, 2008. NSQG members get preference to reserve a seat until April 1. Thereafter, trip registration is open to non-members.

HOW TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT: If you would like to be an NSQG TRIPPER for either or BOTH of our 2008 trips, CONTACT ME or SEE ME at a meeting and put your name on the roster. No obligation until payments are due. Cost and payment dates will be announced in October for both trips.

Debbie Bein, Trips Coordinator
(845) 849-0458 Email: dbein@hvc.rr.com

Quilt Education for Children



Again our committee introduced four classes of First Graders at Katonah Elementary School to the world of quilting. Their first lesson was learning to make a running stitch on a pencil line, thereby connecting sashing to a six-inch block. After writing their names, the children decorated the blocks with paint coated hands. Many thanks to Sue McMachan, Althea Nolan, Fern Nadel, Ellen Purdy and Gerry Kane for volunteering to assemble the tops and quilt the sashings and borders. The quilters then held a "knot party" for the children to tie their own blocks. At an assembly in May, these wonderful quilt creations were presented to Friends of Karen, who received a donation from the teachers on behalf of NSQG in thanks for our committee's volunteer service.

This Fall, a new committee will be forming to accomplish similar goals with Fifth Graders in Somers Intermediate School; the Katonah Elementary School committee is formed in January.

If you are interested in joining either committee, please contact Melanie Darensod at (914) 248-5120 or joemelan@att.net.

Have you changed your address, e-mail address or telephone number?

Don't forget to let the Guild know if you change your contact information at any time throughout the year.

Hospitality

At each monthly meeting, doors open at 6:30 pm with a refreshment table set up in the cafeteria with snacks and beverages for members to enjoy before business commences. Hot water is provided for coffee and tea. Feel free to bring your favorite mug, but cups will also be provided for anyone who forgets.



Members are requested to bring snacks according to the following schedule:

Month:

Snacks provided by:

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| September | Members whose last names begin with A, B, C |
| October | Members whose last names begin with D, E, F |
| November | Members whose last names begin with G, H, I |
| December | ALL MEMBERS - bring your favorite homemade holiday treats. No store bought items for this special occasion. |
| January | Members whose last names begin with J, K, L |
| February | Members whose last names begin with M, N, O |
| March | Members whose last names begin with P, Q, R |
| April | Members whose last names begin with S |
| May | Members whose last names begin with T, U, V, W, X, Y, Z |

In addition to home baked goods, your fellow members often enjoy fresh fruit (in easy, bite sized pieces), nuts, sunflower seeds, cheese and crackers and other healthy delights. Try to remember your day, so we can all enjoy some fresh goodies each month!

Holiday Special!

To celebrate the Holidays with each other, members have enjoyed participating in a holiday gift exchange at the December meeting, a tradition that will continue this year. Please bring a quilt-related gift item worth approximately \$10.00 to the December meeting. You may wish to exchange specially selected fat quarters, hand-made items, notions and note cards. There will be a basket on the hospitality table to receive items to be exchanged. Let's enjoy the Holidays together by sharing a token of friendship with each other.

Salad Supper

The June meeting brings the spectacular annual salad supper, served at 6:30 pm. This dinner provides a wonderful opportunity to socialize with Guild friends and bring formal Guild activities to a close for the summer. At 6:00 pm, each member is requested to bring a salad that will serve 6 to 8 people. This will allow time for set-up. Please be sure to provide an index card with ingredients for those who want or need to know. Desserts and beverages will be provided and are just delicious!

Volunteers

We always enjoy having volunteers at the Refreshment table. This year, we are asking new members to spend some time volunteering at the refreshment table as well. Be sure to introduce yourselves to them to make them feel welcome!

Thanks for sharing!

Marie Hodukavich, Hospitality

The Library

NSQG maintains a library of books and magazines for its members' use and enjoyment. They are stored on two wheeled book carts and coded and arranged by category. At present, there are approximately 654 items in the Library, including both books and magazine subscriptions to *American Quilter*, *Australian Patchwork & Quilting*, and *Quilting Arts*.

Each year, the Guild generously supports its Library by funding the purchase of new books. Each month, new items can be found on a specially marked Library table at general meetings and these new titles are published in the newsletter. A complete list of items, by title, can be found on the Guild website. Just click on "About Us" and "Library".

Borrowing Books and Magazines

At the monthly general meetings, from September through April, any member in good standing (dues paid and no fines or books outstanding) can borrow up to three items. Just bring your choices to the library table, sign the book card on the inside back of the book or magazine, and enjoy.

Returning Books and Magazines

All borrowed items must be returned at the next general meeting. If this doesn't happen, the borrower's name will be published in the next month's newsletter. If you can't attend the next meeting, ask a friend to return your book for you. You can also call the Librarian and arrange to send her the books by mail. There are fines for overdue items, so staying current is a good idea. One important point - absolutely no items can be kept over the summer. All items must be returned by the June meeting!

Annual Book Sale

At the June meeting there is a sale of donated books, magazines, patterns, and notions. The money raised helps to defray the cost of books and magazines purchased during the year. View your quilting "stuff" with a critical eye and set aside those appropriate items you may no longer have a use for - someone else is sure to find them a treasure.

Policies and Procedures

Everything you ever wanted to know about using the library, including overdue fines and penalties, can be found at www.northernstarquilters.com/docs/Policies, and your librarian is always available to answer any questions you may have.

Consider volunteering to help at the Library table during one of the meetings - it's a great way to meet people!

Noreen Graham
Librarian
nina1351@aol.com

Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

Charitable activities are rewarding for all of our members. It starts with a group of dedicated Comfort Quilters who meet bi-monthly in a friendly, social environment and make lap sized quilts which are then donated to many needy organizations. Meetings are open to all members. Come once, twice or always. Bring your sewing machine and lunch. Hours are 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. For information regarding dates and location call Karen Carlson at (914) 762-5382.

Annual Raffle

A Raffle Quilt is created and put together each year to serve as the main feature of our fund raising for charity. All funds collected are given to the charity of your choice. Each fall, we ask our members to nominate one of the many organizations that help others in the community.

Please call me with your nominations, or for any additional information about Comfort Quilts.

Carolyn Langevin
Charitable Activities
(914) 533-6655
Carolynlange@aol.com

If there is a machine quilter or long-arm quilter in the Guild who would volunteer to quilt our Raffle Quilt, please let me know. This would save us a considerable expense, which would then increase the amount donated to charity.

“Who Done it?”

Those who enjoy a good mystery will want to sign up for the Mystery Quilt at the September meeting. Quilt fabrics and directions will be given out in October. Clues (instructions) will be given out every month. By the end of the guild year, you should have the case solved and your quilt ready to give to Comfort Quilts.

If you want to be involved, look for Chief Detectives Patricia Loquet and Leslie Forrest.

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Sunshine

NSQG goodwill is part of our fellowship. Please let me know when a Guild member is in need of a little sunshine due to illness, condolence, marriage, baby, etc.

Thank you.
Andrea Winter
Secretary

Education

Welcome back to NSQG! As Vice President of Education, my goal this year is to make the activities for which I'm responsible as interesting, enjoyable and educational as possible. You may be interested to know that those activities included under the Education umbrella have changed and will include Show and Tell, Special Interest Groups and planning for the January and February non-speaker meetings. If you have any ideas for new special interest groups or suggestions for improving Show and Tell, please call or email me.

PLEASE NOTE

1. No experience is necessary to attend any of the special interest groups, only a desire to learn.
2. No commitment is required to join a particular group. You can decide which group you'd like to attend in any given month.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FOR SEPTEMBER 2007:

Art Quilt Group - Facilitator: Susan Osinoff

The September meeting will focus on the embellisher machine with a demonstration by Lynda Long.

Basic Training - Facilitator: Linda Ostrander

Linda would like to emphasize that Basic Training offers two types of assistance: 1) For anyone who needs help getting started, Linda will provide patterns for a sampler quilt project and teach the techniques required to complete your quilt. 2) Linda will also offer help to anyone who has already begun a project but needs some help in understanding the instructions or assistance in mastering a particular technique required to complete it.

NEW GROUP Hand Quilting - Facilitator: Gerry Kane

Organizational meeting - Bring the quilt you're working on. Gerry has some ideas for future demonstrations and would like to hear yours.

STARTING IN OCTOBER: Hand Applique - Facilitator: Judy Mayer

Organizational meeting - bring Show and Tell and your ideas.

Meeting Time: 5:45 - 6:45 pm

Meeting Place: Cafeteria

Only exception: Art Quilt Group meets in teachers' lounge

NOTE: Beading Group - Facilitator: TBA

The facilitator of this group has moved. As of the publication deadline, I have not found anyone to take over organizational responsibility. Please contact me if you are interested in facilitating this group.

SHOW AND TELL

Everyone loves to see the quilts that other members have made. In order to encourage you to bring your quilt to a meeting, we have come up with a few new ideas and innovations:

1. Do you make small quilts and/or art quilts with details that can't be seen by the audience in the auditorium? Not anymore! With the help of the Guild's new camera, we will be able to zoom in and project an enlargement of your quilt's details onto a screen for all to see.
2. In addition to "regular" Show and Tell, there will be a theme for each month. The theme for September will be "What I did over my summer vacation." Each beginner who exhibits her work will receive an NSQG membership pin. (A beginner is anyone who has started quilting in the past two years.)

Note: I am looking for Show and Tell volunteers to help with:

1. Displaying members' quilts (all you have to do is stand on the stage and hold them up). Height is a plus but not required!
 2. Assisting in the set up/operation of the new video camera.
- Please call or email me if you can help out.

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In case of bad weather

In case of inclement weather, please follow these steps to find out if there is a meeting:

1. Check the Somers Central Schools web site at www.somersny.com/Town/Schools to find out if the schools are closed. **If the Somers public schools are closed, there will be no meeting.**
2. If the schools are closed or if the weather is questionable for the evening hours only, we will also contact WHUD at 100.7 FM to make a public announcement.
3. Check the NSQG website.
4. If you cannot find out through any of the above means, please feel free to contact a Board Member.

We are trying to set up a system whereby we can email all members if our meeting is cancelled. However, the system is not in place yet. We will keep you informed.

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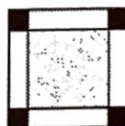
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