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A Message from the President

I moved to this area during the summer of 1993, and waited anxiously for the days to pass until the September meeting of the Northern Star Quilter's Guild. It was a long wait. It also seemed like a long drive from Connecticut by myself, and my husband was worried that I wouldn't find my way home in the dark. He had no idea how motivated I was to find the social and educational opportunities that I was sure were waiting for me in the cafeteria of the Somers Middle School.

I was not disappointed. I found speakers, workshops, fabric exchanges, show and tells, blocks of the month, raffles, bus trips, quilt shows, quilt blocks, raffle quilts, progressive quilts, old quilts, new quilts, comfort quilts, art quilts, quilted clothes and more quilts. Then there is my personal favorite—the LIBRARY.

My thirst for knowledge and creative stimulation is never quenched when it comes to the art of quilt making. When my drive to learn and create falls into a slump, I find teaching, sharing and collaborating on quilts will get me going again.

Sometimes we are students, other times we are teachers. Sometimes we follow, sometimes we lead. Sometimes we greet new members, other times we need to be welcomed and comforted ourselves. Whatever role you choose this year, we will all benefit from more participation.

Try to find one little thing you can do, or enjoy more. Participate in one more activity than you did last year. For some of you, that might mean taking a vacation day from work and treating yourself to a workshop. For others, it could be checking out a library book. Whatever it is, I hope you will RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP over the summer, and anxiously await the evening of September 21st.

Susie Andersen
PRESIDENT

NEXT MEETING Tuesday, September 21st

JFK High School • Somers, NY
Doors Open: 6:45pm
Meeting Begins: 7:15pm

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Agenda:

General Meeting

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Guest Speaker: Sharon Rexroad
Topic: "Bras on the Quilt Frame,
Berninas in the Bathroom!"

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Raffle

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Show & Tell

IMPORTANT DATES

NSQG MEETING DATES

September 21, 2004
October 19, 2004
November 16, 2004
December 14, 2004
January 18, 2005
February 15, 2005
March 15, 2005
April 19, 2005
May 17, 2005
June 21, 2005

A WORLD OF QUILTS XXVI
April 29, 2005 — May 1, 2005

Houston 2004

August is finally here and the trip to Houston is only 3 months away. At this time I still have openings for both Wednesday to Saturday and Wednesday to Sunday travel.

If you, or anyone you know is interested, please let me know before September 1st. At that point I have to cancel any unreserved airline tickets or pay a penalty. I can be contacted at home at (845) 628-3342, on my cell at (845) 642-4962 or at (941) 739-2892 in Florida from August 13th through Labor Day.

Once we get closer to our departure I will send everyone a copy of the final arrangements. The airline is famous for last minute time changes. At this time the arrangements are as follows:

1. **Departure on Wednesday November 3th** via Continental Airlines on flight 1733U at 9:30AM and will arrive in Houston at 12:43PM.
2. **Departure on Saturday November 6th** via Continental Airlines on flight 632U at 3:55PM and will arrive at LaGuardia Airport at 8:14PM.
OR
3. **Departure on Sunday November 7th** via Continental Airlines on flight 725V at 2:27PM and will arrive at LaGuardia Airport at 6:55PM.

Prices are as follows, and are based on double occupancy:

3 Nights \$550.00 (flight/bus/hotel)

4 Nights \$610.00 (flight/bus/hotel)

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Please send payment made out to NSQG to:

Linda Jennings
2 Weber Hill Road
Mahopac, NY 10541

ANYONE JOINING THE GROUP NOW WOULD HAVE TO PAY IN FULL BY THE FIRST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER.

Time to Renew Your Membership!

I hope everyone is enjoying the wonderful weather we are having. If you haven't already done so, please fill out your membership form and send me your check for membership today. I would like to get in as many as I can before the September rush, and just think, you can "breeze through" the line in September if you're prepaid. All you have to do is sign in.

Now, go and write that check...PLEASE!

See you in September,
Kathy Vanacoro, VP MEMBERSHIP



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A LETTER TO THE MEMBERS

After the June meeting, I was like a child on Halloween night pouring over all her goodies — only mine were the fabrics in the basket presented to me. I was stunned by all the beautiful pieces, and not a single one was a repeat in my stash. And, hidden in the bottom of the basket, I discovered a small package which contained a small ruler rack. You have all put a wonderful finish to my year as your President. All I can say is thank you, thank you, thank you.

Pat Baker

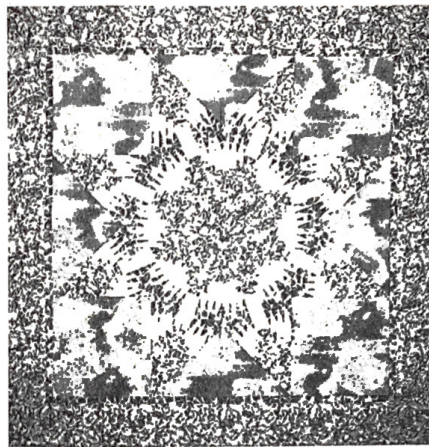
PROGRAMS...

"Bras on the Quilt Frame, Berninas in the Bathroom!" — What a way to begin our programs for the year! Sharon Rexroad will be sharing tales about her life as a professional quilter and she says that after seeing pictures of her studio you'll never again feel guilty about how messy your quilting room might be. Should be a terrific program.

There is still space in Sharon's workshop too. Combine the drama of lone star quilts and the flow of pineapple quilts and you'll get Pineapple Stars. You'll foundation piece 45° diamond blocks for a stunning block.

If you haven't registered for the workshop yet, contact Norma Schlager at nschlager11@comcast.net.

Suzanne Sunday, V.P. PROGRAMS
ssunday@bestweb.net



Younger than Springtime,
© Sharon Rexroad, 2004

WORKSHOPS

I'd like to introduce myself as the new Education Chairperson in charge of Workshops. Thanks to my predecessors, the Guild has some wonderful learning experiences set up for the year. My job is to get you all to sign up and learn some fabulous techniques.

I want to remind you of the existing ground rules. There will be NO REFUNDS. If you cannot make the class, it is your job to find a replacement. There is usually a waiting list to draw from. When mailing or handing in your check, please make it payable to "NSQG", and include the name and date of the workshop on the check. In addition, please include a SASE for the class supply list.

Sept. 22, 2004, Sharon Rexroad: The September 22th workshop with Sharon Rexroad on Diamond Pineapple Quilts currently has only a few signed up for what looks like a great class. Check out her website for inspiration: sharonrexroad.com

October 20, 2004, Ann Fahl: The October 20th workshop with Ann Fahl is filled and we have a waiting list.

November 17, 2004, Cynthia England: The Nov. 17th workshop with Cynthia England has four openings left.

Each of these one-day workshops is \$30. As I will be out of the country between September 15th and October 1st, please send any correspondence during that time to Maxine Oliver at 2077 Allen Avenue, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598.

Thank you,
Norma Schlager,
134 Logging Trail Road, Danbury, CT 06811,
nschlager11@comcast.net

On the Road Again! Last call for Fort Washington, PA!

The trip is on for September 18th. The bus will leave at 7 AM from the commuter parking lot on Route 312 in Carmel. We'll make a stop at 9A (around 7:20 AM) across from the Wellesley Inn in Elmsford. If you haven't already signed up with Dorothy, please sign up with Susan Chapman as soon as possible.

Call Susan at (203) 746-1150 or email: susanc@juno.com.

The cost is \$50.00 payable by check to the order of NSQG. (NOTE: new price due to increased cost) Payment must be received **no later than August 15th.** (NOTE: new date).

Send checks to: Susan Chapman, P.O. Box 8186, New Fairfield, CT 06812.

Hope to see you there,
Leslie Forrest and Susan Chapman

HELP WANTED

Guild Digital Photographer/Image Editor

Can you take digital photographs of quilts and make them look as good as the ones of last year's quilt show winners? (See <http://northernstarquilters.com/QSwinner.htm> for reference.) If so, the Guild needs you! For more details, email Elizabeth at ejp@elizabethpoole.com. Thanks!

Show Committee News — Glad/Sad

Glad News: Karen Abramson, Carol Auer, Harriet Bertsche, Mary Cannizzaro, Susan Chapman, Lynnette Clemens, Catherine Doyle, Liz Doyle, Jackie Fowler, Judy Gignesi, Georgia Heller, Carolyn Langevin, Lori Light-DeMarco, Rosemary Mahoney, Barbara Mellinger, Nancy Mirman, Kathy Nazario, Linda Ostrander, Barbara Powers, Holly Read, Elizabeth Rosenberg, Fran Phillips, Margaret Phillips, Nina Primer, Chris Roche, Vicki Romaine Cohn, Chris Ruggieri, Carolyn Salon, Barbara Sferra, Bernice Strauber, Marie Sugar, and Joan Weth have all agreed to serve on the 2005 Show Committee. One of these individuals said "No, I won't do that job, but what else do you have open?" ...and another said "In addition to what I have signed on to do, I would like to assist the Lecturers Chair!"...What spirit! We have a wonderful committee ready to serve NSQG in producing yet another fine quilt show.

Sad News: We don't have anyone signed up to move the frames to and from storage. How will we ever produce a show without frames? Hmmmm ...come on, you know you're waiting for a special invitation. This is it. Call or e-mail me. Also, the Lecturers Chair position is still open, which comes with a volunteer to do the interface work with the 2005 lecturers (hotels, transporting to and fro). Securing the lecturers for the 2006 show is still available. You and your best friend can ask other Guild members for recommendations of fun folks they have heard at other shows, and/or you can go on-line and find out who has been speaking around the country at other shows. Please e-mail to caryl@csnet.net, and then we'll be all set.

Caryl Castellion, V.P. QUILT SHOW

Comfort Quilts

Comfort Quilts meets at the Katonah Presbyterian Church from 9AM to 3PM every Thursday as follows:

August 5, 12, 19, 26

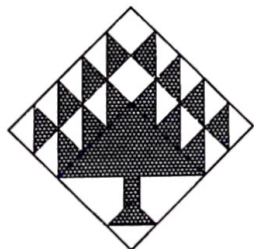
September 9, 16, 30

October 7, 21

November 4 and
November 19 (Friday)

December 2, 16

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Sunday
12:00PM-4:00PM
Monday Closed



Make a portrait of yourself, or of anything you wish to portray. A sample title could be any of these: "Portrait of Fluffy", "Family Portrait", "Portrait of Tomorrow", "Portrait of the Artist as a Kitchen Chair". You may use any available technique; *i.e.*, whatever you need to get a recognizable portrait. It may include painting, piecing, applique, bead-work, snippets, etc., but must be in "portrait orientation".

Size: 18 inches wide by 22 inches tall (the size of a fat quarter).

Your quilt must have a 4 inch wide sleeve ready for hanging, and a label on the back which includes the title of the quilt, and your name and address. The quilts will be going to Lancaster in April 2005.

Due Date: The January meeting, to be displayed and voted on at the February 2005 meeting.

Any questions or suggestions?
Please let us know what you think!

Jeri Riggs
2005 CHALLENGE COMMITTEE
jeri.riggs@verizon.net



NSQG on the Web

With any luck, by the time you read this on paper, the electronic version of the newsletter will already be up on <http://northernstarquilters.com>

However, we still consider the electronic version to be in pilot mode. We'll continue to mail you the paper copy for the time being, even if you've helped us out by saying you'll read it on the web. We won't stop sending you the paper copy without prior notice in the newsletter. We want to be positive we have a smooth and reliable system in place before that happens.

In the meantime, try reading and printing the electronic version from the website. Click on News and then click on Newsletters. You'll see a listing of all the newsletters this year—give it a try! If you have any problems, just send me an e-mail. Thanks!
cheers, Elizabeth
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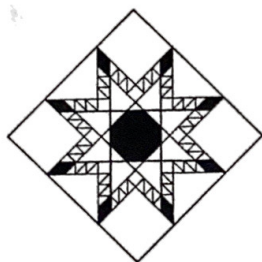
- **Earlville, NY:** "Art Quilts: Celebrating Six Contemporary Quilt Artists" and "In Plain Sight—Quilt Messages Used in the Underground Railroad," July 17–August 7, Earlville Opera House Art Gallery, 22 East Main Street; 315-691-3550; <http://www.earlvilleoperahouse.com>.
- **Lowell, MA:** Lowell Quilt Festival & Images 2004, August 5–8, Tsongas Arena; <http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org>.
- **Saranac Lake, NY:** Cabin Fever Quilters' Show, August 12–14, First Presbyterian Church, 57 Church Street. Contact: Uts Wister, PO Box 300, Lake Clear, NY 12945; 518-891-0287.
- **Lowell, MA:** "Elegant Antiques in Red and White," now through August 15, New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck Street; 978-452-4207.
- **Pittsburgh, PA:** Fiberart International, now through August 15, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Society for Contemporary Craft. Contact: Coleen Rush, 412-624-4354, car2347@pitt.edu.
- **New Haven, CT:** "Expressions in Textile," "Fiber Revolutions: Reflections," and the Vehslage Fiber Art Collection, August 18–21, Gateway Community College, 60 Sargent Drive; 203-285-2000; msielman@sbcglobal.net.
- **East Lyme, CT:** Clamshell Quilters' Quilts All Around Town, August 21–22, East Lyme High School, Chesterfield Road. Contact: CQG, PO Box 3, Waterford, CT 06385; 860-442-0027; <http://www.clamshellquiltguild.org>.
- **Manchester, NH:** World Quilt Show–New England, August 19–22, The Center of New Hampshire. Contact: Mancuso Show Management, P.O. Box 667, New Hope, PA 18938; <http://www.worldquilt.com>.
- **Batavia, NY:** Museum Quilters' Stitches in Time, August 27–28, VA Medical Center, 222 Richmond Avenue. Contact: Marsha Lorshbaugh, 7921 Kendall Road, Pavilion, NY 14525; 585-237-6504; lorshbaugh@msn.com.

- **New Haven, CT:** "Fiber Revolutions: At Fairhaven," August 1–30, Fairhaven Woodworks, 72 Blatchley Avenue; 203-776-3099; c121253@yahoo.com; <http://www.fairhavenwoodworks.com>.
- **Somers, NY:** Art Quilt 101 Students' Exhibition, August 26–31, The Country Quilter, 344 Route 100; 914-277-4820; fax 914-277-8604; <http://www.countryquilter.com>.
- **Boothbay Harbor, ME:** "New Directions," September 24–October 11, Opera House. Contact: Bobbi Roberts, msquilts@zwi.net, 207-633-1174, BHQF/WS Registration, PBM 141, 185P Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538.

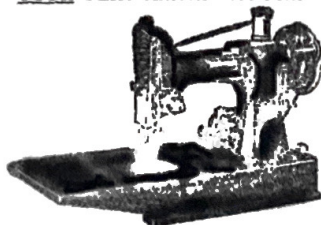
Other Events

- **New York, NY:** "Cut! Costume for the Silver Screen," now through August 15, AXA Gallery, 787 Seventh Avenue; 212-554-1704.
- **New York, NY:** Retrospective of Jack Lenor Larsen's work, now through August 29, Museum of Arts and Design, 40 West 53rd Street; 212-956-3535.
- **Boothbay Harbor, ME:** Boothbay Harbor Quilt Festival, entry deadline of July 31 for September 30–October 3 exhibition, Opera House. Contact: BHQF/WS Registration, PBM 141, 185P Townsend Avenue, Boothbay Harbor, ME 04538.
- **Worldwide:** The Typospheres Challenge, deadline September 1; <http://www.LonniRossi.com>.
- **Cooperstown, NY:** "Caring for Your Antiques and Heirlooms," September 25, Louis C. Jones Center, The Farmers' Museum. Reservations required; \$22. Contact: 1-888-547-1450; <http://www.fenimoreartmuseum.org>, <http://www.farmersmuseum.org>, <http://www.nysha.org>.
- **Panama Canal:** Mary Stori Quilt Cruise, October 21–31. Contact: Specialty Tours, 2701 Sunset Point Road, Clearwater, FL 33759; 800-677-9412, 727-796-7555; fax 727-797-1477; info@alspecialtytours.com; <http://www.alspecialtytours.com>.

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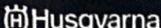


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Since the Guild is a volunteer organization, the Guild's policy is that any and all members:

(a) "participate and share in Guild tasks by either serving on a committee, or holding a position on the board, or assisting those who do in some way, or (b) work a minimum of 2 hours at the annual quilt show."

What skills or services do you have that you would like to volunteer to help the guild? Examples include technology, typing, graphic design, finance, legal, travel arrangement, early arrival at meeting, etc.

Is there a future leadership position in the guild that would interest you?

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Would you be willing to read the newsletter on the website? Yes No

What are you favorite quilting technique(s)? _____

Is there a technique you would like to learn more about? _____

Is there a speaker/teacher you would like to see at a future meeting? _____

Is there a technique/project you would like taught at Super Saturday? _____

Do you have any other suggestions for improving the Guild? _____

Thank you, The Board

NSQG Fall Speakers:

September 21, 2004 — Sharon Rexroad
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October 19, 2004 — Ann Fahl
"Quilts and Inspiration"

November 16, 2004 — Cynthia England
"Creating a Pictorial Quilt"

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