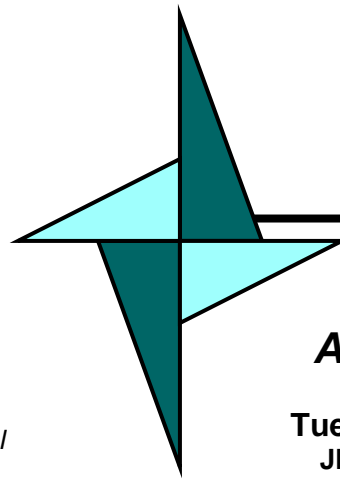


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A Message from the President

Northern Star Quilters' Guild was featured in the *Journal News* on Sunday February 28 on page 3 – read it at www.lohud.com/article/20102280368. There was a great photo of **Vicki Romaine Cohn** sewing at Super Saturday, with other members diligently working in the background. In addition to a description of our activities, there was a notice about our Quilt Show on May 1 & 2. The article began with this statement: "A quilt will keep you warm on a cold day, but quilting will do so much more."

It is good to think about how we benefit from our hobby. Quilting within a guild offers members so much more than sewing fundamentals. What sets us apart?

Our Guild provides resources and opportunities to learn and explore new techniques. There are chances to work together on the Quilt Show, take trips, attend workshops, joining others with similar interests. Of course a major reason for belonging is to make friends and share experiences. We can volunteer to help teach, learn new ways to find quilt resources on the web, and work on the annual Raffle Quilt which benefits a chosen charity.

We think of NSQG as a source for learning and teaching – Super Saturday, Special Interest Groups, Comfort Quilts, speakers and workshops, members helping members. The possibilities are extensive because we have so many accomplished people leading, and participating at every level. The talent within our Guild is enriched by the published authors we bring to teach us.

One of the hardest things is to determine where to begin exploring because the topics just keep expanding. "I am interested in appliqué." "I am interested in art quilts." "I am interested in traditional bed quilts." "I love piecing hand dyed fabrics, or incorporating computer printed photos in my projects." No reason to choose just one.

But we may need a guide to help us focus. The North Star has historically been used for navigation, both to find direction and to determine latitude. It always appears due north in the sky. Sometimes we feel we need the constancy of Northern Star Quilters' Guild to provide balance as we navigate the many directions of our hobby. Belonging is valuable as our interests converge.

Quilting does so much more than provide us with warmth on a cold evening.

Susan Wilterding, President
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April Meeting

Tuesday, April 20
JFK High School
Somers, NY

General Meeting 7 p.m.
Speaker: Nancy Kerns
Topic: "My Appliqué Evolution"

Wednesday, April 21
Baltimore Wreath Hand Appliqué Workshop
Location: Katonah Village Library

Special Interest Groups 5:45 p.m.

Art Quilt Group: "Reveal Yourself" challenge due.

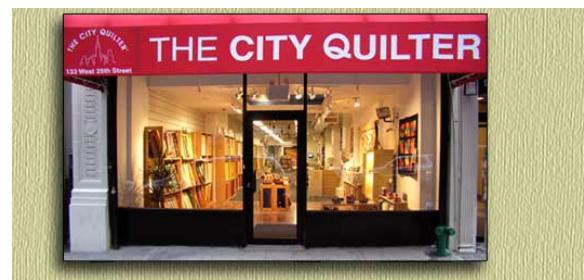
Hand Applique Group discusses freezer paper templates, mylar and perfect circles.

Member Showcase: Baltimore Album Quilts

Hospitality

P, Q, R, please bring treats to the meeting this month. And remember to get your free raffle ticket for this evening's raffle.

The April raffle sponsor is [The City Quilter](#) (again!)



Thanks to **Kelly Lockwood**, our raffle coordinator.

Board Meeting April 13

Comfort Quilts meets April 21 9:30-3:30pm

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Library

My thanks to **Chris** for her wonderful assistance, I would be lost without you. March was a very busy month at the library with so many returning their books. Thanks so much.

I am excited that NSQG members' quilts are featured in some of the books recently purchased for the Library. In there are quilts of **Tamar Drucker, Diane Evans, Margaret Phillips, Elizabeth Poole, Diane Sharkey and Vivien Zepf**. Other new books that feature members are: *Out of the Box* by Mary Lou Weidman featuring **Harriet Bertche** and *Secrets of Digital Quilting* by Lura Schwarz Smith featuring **Georgia Heller**. Aren't we lucky to have such gifted quilters in NSQG!

Other new titles:

Fabric + Paint + Thread = Fabulous by Pat Durbin
Thread Work Unraveled by Sarah Ann Smith
Fabric Embellishing by Ruth Chandler, Liz Kettle, Heather Thomas, Lauren Vicek.
Surface Design Essentials by Jane Davalia

**The Featured Book of the Month is Jane Davaila's
SURFACE DESIGN ESSENTIALS**

This is Jane's third book on Art Quilting. This time she concentrates on how to customize surfaces in a variety of ways that allow you to create unique art that is infused with your personal vision and creative spirit.

It is for experienced as well as beginning art quilters. She includes basics, techniques, projects, and a gallery to inspire you to get started. Supplies include acrylic paint, acrylic ink, acrylic mediums and water-soluble ink pencils, all of which clean up with soap and water and are much safer than solvent-based products. You can use these every day and they are easy to find All are environmentally-friendly. The possibilities are endless! Enjoy!

Joan Weth, Librarian
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Education

Show and Tell

Please remember to bring in your finished (or almost finished) projects from Super Saturday if you haven't already done so. This should be an incentive to actually finish the project! It would be great if, on an ongoing basis, everyone who goes to our monthly workshops could bring the workshop project in to share at Show and Tell, preferably at the meeting immediately following the workshop so we can all view them and get a better feel for the workshop.

The Heart Quilt

The Heart Quilt project is moving ahead. We have over 100 blocks, but it's not too late to contribute a block if you'd like. Just mail it to me asap at my address in the directory. Your generosity and enthusiasm for this project means that we will be donating two quilts rather than one to the American Heart Association in Westchester. The quilts will be displayed at a local hospital until October, when they will be shown at the American Heart Association's annual walk and raffled. Proceeds will help fund the Association's activities in Westchester.

Special Interest Groups

Art Quilt Group – The Art Quilt Group had a very hands-on meeting in March. **Kendell Storm** gave a short talk about the uses of Shiva Paintstiks, and then generously let the group play with her supplies. She brought everything needed, including fabric, texture plates and suggestions on how to use everything. The group was very busy rubbing and experimenting! In April, the Art Quilt Group will enjoy viewing their self-portraits and maybe have a mystery demo.

Hand Applique Group - In March, the Group decided on Baltimore Album Quilts as next year's topic. **Denise Isherwood** and **Kathy Kaplan** shared their knowledge about the history and characteristics of these quilts and Denise showed the many blocks that she has worked on. **Barbara Powers** showed her blocks using many dimensional appliqué techniques and **Carolyn Langevin** shared her beautiful appliqué quilt made with Baltimore Album patterns and techniques and more contemporary fabrics. Although next year's meetings will focus on Baltimore Album techniques and many in the group will be working on a Baltimore Album quilt, the techniques planned for next year will be applicable to all other forms of hand appliqué as well, and members are free to choose any project for show and tell. In April the Hand Applique Group will discuss freezer paper templates, mylar and perfect circles.

Dear Jane Group - The organizational meeting took place on Saturday, March 13. The meeting was spent talking about fabric (always a popular topic) and Dear Jane websites and looking at the blocks that some members have already done. Ten blocks were selected as a good starting point for the coming month. Anyone who hasn't signed up yet but would like to join can just send me an email. The next meeting will take place on Saturday, April 17 at 10 am at The Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood, New York.

Kids Can Quilt – In March, the Kids Can Quilt group met to prepare materials for this year's project at the Katonah elementary school. Members of the group then visited the school and explained what a quilt is to the first graders who



are participating in the project. A week later, the group spent a wonderful morning at the school helping four classes sew sashing on their quilt blocks and decorate the blocks with their handprints. The quilts will be assembled and quilted by other group members and then hand-tied by the children. The four finished quilts will be displayed at the guild's meeting in May and will then be donated to the Friends of Karen. If you are interested in joining this group, contact **Melanie Darensod** at joemelan@optonline.net.

Diane Linker, VP Education
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Carolyn Finn, Diane Linker, Patricia Lightner, Patti Calautti, Susan Wilterding, Melanie Darensod and Janette Loughli with handprints.

Membership

With the writing of this article, Spring has finally arrived! Our membership has grown to 270 members with almost 50 new members this year and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Quilt Show in May!

In April our Member Showcase will consist of a display of Baltimore Album quilts done by guild members and this will dovetail nicely with our program speaker **Nancy Kerns** whose lecture is **My Applique Evolution**. In May, we are planning a display of Anniversary and Wedding quilts so if you have a quilt that you would like to bring to the May meeting, please email me. In June, to celebrate Father's Day, quilts that we have made for a man in our lives will be the theme; if you took **Mary Cannizzaro's** class **Joe's Quilt** on Super Saturday a number of years ago, please contact me.

The 2010-2011 Membership Registration form will be available in May, both on our website and at the guild meeting. One of the changes that you will see is that we are no longer offering the newsletter by mail. We will be contacting members who do not have an email address to let them know that they can still access the newsletter on the Internet each month without having email.

Please stop at the information table behind the sign-in table to check for upcoming events, classes and other resources. Also, if you have any information that you would like to share with the guild, please leave it at the table. Also, on the table are the name tags for new members as well as for members who needed a replacement. Please pick up your button...and a big THANK YOU to **Sheila Gargano** who has been doing this job for the guild for many years! I also want to thank Sheila and **Althea Nolan** for their help at the sign-in table, answering questions and greeting you as well.

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership
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Hospitality

Thank you to **Joan Citron** and **Melanie Darendod** for all of their help in making things run smoothly at the Hospitality table last month. I hope you enjoyed **Maryann Ciccotelli's** St. Patrick's Day quilt as well as **Patti Calautti's** lovely lavender quilt which graced the table. Many thanks to them for making the effort to add color and interest to another corner of our meeting place!

Are you planning to volunteer a **minimum of 3 hours** to help out with the setup of the quilt show on Friday afternoon/evening? If so, you're invited to dinner. Hospitality is coordinating the evening meal with **Sr. Barbara** and the JFK cafeteria staff. There will be two dinner choices available including a vegetarian offering. **A meal ticket will be required**. In order to avoid problems with lost and forgotten tickets, the committee chairs will hand out tickets to those people who are assigned to work with them. If you will be setting up quilt frames or working on hanging quilts, **Mayann Weinberg** will give you your ticket. If you will be assisting with a vendor-related job, **Mary Cannizzaro** will have a ticket for you. **Susie Anderson** will distribute tickets to those people who are assigned to Sweepstakes. If you will be volunteering on Friday night and don't fit into any of the above categories, please email me at csterk@optonline.net or see me at the April meeting.

If your last name begins with **P,Q,R** it's your turn to bring refreshments to the meeting this month.

Carol Sterk, Hospitality Chair
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Special Events

SUPER SATURDAY

Reminder: Please bring your Super Saturday project to the April Show and Tell!

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday
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2010 CHALLENGE

Northern Star members were challenged to make a quilt measuring 20 inches high and 10 inches wide as their response to the following theme:

The year 2009 was a hard year for many people around the world, but it was also a year of renewed hope. The challenge is to create a quilted expression of what you hope the year 2010 will bring to you, your family, your country, or your planet.

Twenty-one quilters submitted twenty-three quilts for the Twenty-Ten Challenge competition. The following ribbons were awarded based on the secret ballots of the membership at the March meeting:

Best Expression of Theme: **Terry Gavin**, "Hope Universal"

Best Title: **Judy Gignesi**, "Smooth Sailing"

Best Use of Color: **Mayann Weinberg**, "Autumn 2010"

Best Representational or Pictorial Design: **Laura Goldstein**, "Wishful Thinking"

Best Art or Abstract Design: **Judy Gignesi**, "Smooth Sailing"

Best Traditional Quilt Design: **Mary Anne Ciccotelli**, "2010 Hope"

Best of Challenge: **Georgia Heller**, "Peace of Fabric"

Congratulations to all the ribbon winners and thanks to the other quilters who participated in this year's challenge: **Joyce Sullivan, Chris Wolle, Joan Citron, Tamar Drucker, Carole Burton, Carolyn Salon, Leslie Forrest, Wendy Baharian, Ina Helfand, Joanne Lubchenko, Barbara Shiller, Susan Ossinoff, Barbara Sferra, Jamie Horikawa.** The Twenty-Ten Challenge was conceived and coordinated by **Debbie Bein.**



BEST OF CHALLENGE
Peace Of Fabric
Georgia Heller

SPRING BOUTIQUE

Any NSQG member in good standing may sell items at the upcoming Quilt Show Boutique. Items submitted for sale must be made by a NSQG member and can be quilted, constructed of fabric and/or fiber, or quilt-related. Explore new techniques and stretch your imagination as well as stocking up on your usual big sellers. Vendors must volunteer at least two hours of time to work at the show to meet the guild membership obligation. Information on signing up to be a boutique vendor can be obtained by speaking to Stephanie or Judy at the general meeting. Sign up soon!

Stephanie Santangelo & Judy Jones
Boutique Coordinators

Janis Tobias, Special Events
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Charitable Activities

Thank you... As the NSQG annual quilt show approaches I would like to highlight the two businesses who have generously donated prizes for the annual Raffle Quilt.

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Don't miss your chance to win "Gloriosa" the 2010 annual raffle quilt or one of the above prizes. Raffle tickets are available now and through out the NSQG Quilt Show.

[Contact Patti](#) for additional information or tickets.

Nominations for 2011 Annual Quilt Raffle Recipient

Butterflies from Jodie www.butterfliesfromjodie.org

The Jodie Torigian Charitable Fund was established in November 2000 following her untimely death at the age of 21 from sudden cardiac arrest. Our defibrillator distribution program is a great source of pride and comfort. To date, we have placed 25 in our local schools, public buildings, athletic programs and safety departments. Our cash gifts, known as *Butterflies*, are presented to people and organizations facing extraordinary challenges.

We are pleased to be able to help in a small way and to keep Jodie's amazing spirit alive in the process. Please visit our website for a complete list of recipients.

Children's Cancer Fund www.childrenscancerfund.org

The Children's Cancer Fund (CCF) was founded in January 1993 by a small group of doctors, nurses and parents. The fund's primary goal is to establish and foster research in childhood cancer as well as enrich the quality of life for children with cancer by improving clinical and support services.

CCF is based at New York Medical College/Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, New York. Although under the auspices of New York Medical College, the Children's Cancer Research Laboratory receives its budget solely through the CCF is dependent on contributions it receives. Due to the generosity of our supporters, our accomplishments include the opening of the Children's Cancer Treatment Center on the grounds of the Westchester Medical Center. The center provides children with a cheerful, friendly and non-threatening place everyday while they are undergoing chemotherapy. CCF was able to hire a social worker to assist patients and their families as they deal with the devastation of diagnosis and the ongoing struggle of treatment.

Since 1993, CCF has helped lead the way in establishing and fostering research in childhood cancers, enriching the quality of lives for children with cancer by improving clinical and family support services, and has been instrumental in raising the pediatric ALL cure rate to nearly 80%. With continued support and more targeted research we can reach the 100% cure rate goal.

Patti Calautti

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Programs and Workshops

Nancy Kerns is our featured April speaker. Nancy's general meeting lecture is **My Appliqué Evolution**. On Wednesday, April 21st, join us at the Katonah Village Library to learn techniques of precise placement, sharp points and smooth curves in the **Baltimore Wreath Hand Appliqué** workshop. Kit fee is \$10.

In May, Susan K. Cleveland is the Quilt Show lecturer. Susan will present a trunk show of prize-winning quilts in **Eclectic Quilt Pageant**. Her workshop is the renowned **Piping Hot Bindings** on **Monday, May 3**. Learn how to add spark and professionally finish your quilts with perfect piping, binding, mitering corners and show quality back. Optional kit fee is \$20.

To celebrate Mothers Day our regular May meeting will showcase one of our own members, **Mary Anne Ciccotelli**. Mary Anne will entertain us in the legacy of quilting in five generations of quilters in her family.

Take advantage of these inspiring workshops at a fabulous price (\$50 per class and listed kit fee). Come to the registration table and sign up or contact me by email or telephone. **Check out the NSQG website for workshop location and a link for your unique, driving direction to each workshop.**

Carolynn Young, VP Programs
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Nominating Committee News

The Nominating Committee wishes to present its nominees for the 2010-2011 NSQG Board:

President - Susan Wilterding*
Secretary - Jane Eyes*
Treasurer - Meg Wynne
VP Membership - Patti Calautti
VP Communications - Deirdre Abbotts
VP Education - Diane Linker*
VP Programs - Carolynn Young*
VP Quilt Show - Caryl Castellion

* Incumbent

The candidates will be introduced to the membership at the April general meeting, at which time nominations will be accepted from the floor. The election will take place at the May general meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Langevin, Patricia Loquet, Norma Schlager,
Susan Wilterding,
Carolynn Young, Chairperson
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Quilt Show May 1 & 2, 2010
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John F. Kennedy High School
Somers, NY

We are all geared up and ready to rock & roll with the show. The special exhibits are all set. We will have our own guild exhibits from the Art Quilters and Loose Threads, and the 2010 Challenge. We are very lucky to be presenting an exhibit of SAQA quilts entitled "A sense of Humor." Our show is the only scheduled exhibit of these quilts east of the Mississippi this year.

As I write this, the registrations are continuing to arrive daily. The posters have been distributed to many members and are already appearing in the area establishments. If you would like a poster to put in your favorite location, they may be printed from the website.

There are a few changes this year in some of the jobs. There will be an important (very short) show job overview & briefing during the break at the April meeting for the following jobs: Quilt hanging, Security & Admissions.

Thanks to everyone for all your continued help and cooperation.

Mayann Weinberg, Quilt Show Chair
mayann01@hotmail.com

Quilt Show Sweepstakes

Once again my red minivan will be at the bottom of the hill to collect bags of donated items before the April meeting. All books, patterns, notions, fabric, craft supplies and gift items are greatly appreciated. If you need help unloading, just toot your horn as you pull by and we will come to you. I will try my best to find a good use for all items to the benefit of NSQG. If you are new and don't know about the Sweepstakes, our motto is *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Regift, Repurpose...* etc. It is a lot of fun for our show guests, helps to fund the guild's educational projects and is good for the planet. Everybody goes away happy! If you have a lot of stuff or can't make the meeting, we can make arrangements to pick up your donation. Sign up to volunteer at the Sweepstakes or email me if you would like to help turn the "Trash into Treasure."

Susie Andersen, Sweepstakes
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Local Events of Interest

The **Quilters' Guild of Brooklyn** is sponsoring its 9th show, ***Around the Block Again***, Sat., April 17 (10 to 6) & Sun., April 18 (11 to 4). The Block Institute, 376 Bay 44th St., Brooklyn, NY 11214. more than 100 member-made quilts (some for sale), demonstrations, vendors, instant raffles and a silent auction. In addition, a beautiful member-made quilt will be raffled (photo attached). Other raffle prizes include a Bernina sewing machine, and a basket full of sewing accessories. Admission is \$8, \$5 for seniors (62+) and children under 12 are free.

Travel directions www.blockinstitute.org. More information www.quiltbrooklyn.org.

A Stitch in Time, the **Greenwich Historical Society's** show, runs from March 3 through June 13, 2010. Open Wednesday-Sunday, Noon - 4:00 pm. **Admission:** Adults \$10, seniors and students \$8.