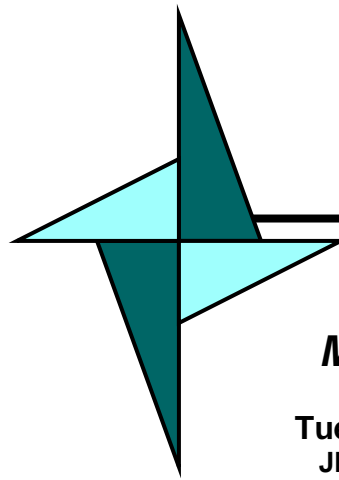


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## ***A Message from the President***

By the time we read this May newsletter, the 2010 Quilt Show will be history. We congratulate our VP **Mayann Weinberg** on a successful Show, and thank all the member volunteers. Soon all fabric purchases will have been organized in our workspaces. Display quilts will be back in their homes, and the Raffle Quilt will have found a lucky new owner. The Spring gardening can wait as we celebrate.

I am most grateful to the talented volunteers on this year's Board, who've spent hours dedicated to providing members with a strong calendar of events. I look forward to the upcoming Board which brings additional experience and enthusiasm. The time we each devote to keeping the Guild running smoothly is all voluntary; we work to continue a proud tradition that began over thirty years ago in Somers, NY. Northern Star Quilters' Guild will continue to accomplish great things as we all work together.

Join us at the May meeting, with member **Mary Ann Ciccotelli** as our speaker. It is officially the Annual Meeting and includes the election of the 2010-2011 Board. So let's enjoy the fine weather and be grateful that all of the Guild's hard work this year has given us the reward of Job Well Done. Relax and refresh.

**Susan Wilterding, President**  
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## ***May Meeting***

**Tuesday, May 18**  
**JFK High School**  
**Somers, NY**

**General Meeting: 7:00 p.m.**  
**Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

**Speaker: Mary Ann Ciccotelli**  
***"The Legacy Lives On..."***  
**Five Generations of Quilters"**

**Member Showcase: Carolynn Young**

***Special Interest Groups* 5:45 p.m.**

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### ***Hospitality***

Members whose last names begin with **S**  
please bring Snacks  
and remember to get your free raffle ticket.

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### **Board Meeting May 11**

**Comfort Quilts meets May 5 and 19**  
**9:30-3:30p.m.**  
North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp.,  
14 Daniel Road, North Salem

### **Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Officers**

May 18, 2010

7:15 pm at Kennedy Catholic High School, Somers New York

#### **2010 -2011 NSQG Slate of Officers**

President  
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Vice President: Education  
Vice President: Membership  
Vice President: Programs  
Vice President: Quilt Show  
Secretary  
Treasurer

**Susan Wilterding**  
**Deirdre Abbotts**  
**Diane Linker**  
**Patti Calautti**  
**Carolynn Young**  
**Caryl Castellion**  
**Jane Eyes**  
**Meg Wynne**

## *Nominees for the 2010 - 2011 NSQG Board*

### ***Susan Wilterding—Candidate for President***

Northern Star Quilters' Guild is founded on a base of friendship. All of us challenge and support one another, as we continue to grow as quilters. As President for 2010-2011, I'd like to continue to innovate while maintaining all the things that already work well for the group!

This year we have had some accomplishments. They include encouraging greater use of sub-committees; securing a newspaper feature article; using photos of quilt shops to add interest for monthly raffles and more photos of our members which add recognition in our newsletter; starting Find Us Here which features our members activities; introducing Go Red for Women and healthy quilting habits; encouraging better explanations of procedures like Raffle Quilt nominations; completing the 2011 Raffle Quilt with Patti Calautti; sending periodic emails to the entire group of newer members and scouting out some additional locations for workshops. These are incremental innovations, and I hope we'll have more next year with ideas from everyone. We each bring a necessary piece of the puzzle – or quilt! Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to working with all of you, and to helping our Guild prosper.

### ***Deirdre Abbotts—Candidate for VP Communications***

I joined Northern Star in 2005, and immediately felt welcomed into an energetic, supportive group of very talented women! My initial participation consisted of helping with the website and photographing entries for the quilt show. These jobs have expanded to a more permanent position, and I'm looking forward to continuing them.

There are several communication changes planned for the future. It's my hope that these changes will be met with the same positive response from our members that our redesigned website and newsletter have received. These changes should lead to more timely and accessible information for our members.

I feel fortunate to have been offered this position and if anyone has any questions -- about how to use or access our website or newsletter -- or suggestions for additional changes, please let me know.

### ***Diane Linker—Candidate for Vice President—Education***

I joined the guild in September 2007. During the past year, I have served as the Vice President—Education of the guild and I am looking forward to continuing in that role next year. This was a job that was a true pleasure because of the wonderful group of people who helped out this year, including Janice Nastasi, Fern Nadel and Rona Spar who constituted the Education Committee and Barbara Sferra, Kathy Kaplan and Melanie Darensod who headed up the Special Interest Groups.

In the past year, I have worked to increase participation in the Special Interest Groups and have organized a new Dear Jane Special Interest Group. In all, about half of our members are participating in one or more Special Interest Groups and getting to know each other better as a result. I feel that the Special Interest Groups add a wonderful dimension to the guild and provide invaluable opportunities to learn quilting techniques while also getting to know other quilters with similar interests. I am grateful to all of you for giving me the opportunity to learn more about quilting from you and with you and for inspiring me to try new techniques and new ideas.

### ***Carolynn Young—Candidate for VP Programs***

I began quilting over 25 years ago, taking a sampler class. Over the years, I've dabbled in sewing, cross-stitch, crocheting & quilting, yet confident that I found my passion in quilting. I joined NSQG about 8 years ago. The many activities have rekindled my creative spirit as I explored new quilting techniques and developed new friendships. Being a board member has been a wonderful experience. I have held positions of Boutique Chairperson, Special Events Chairperson, President and most recently, VP Programs. Last year we were able to support the many interests of our members through speakers and workshops. I am honored to serve another term as VP Programs of this vibrant, creative & successful guild.

## *Nominees for the 2010 - 2011 NSQG Board (cont'd)*

### ***Patti Calautti—Candidate for VP Membership***

When I joined NSQG I came with little understanding of the world of quilting. I grew up piecing worn out clothing into quilt blocks in hopes of staying a little warmer during the impending winter. I am blessed to have had many talented aunts who taught me to knit, tat, crochet, and my mother who taught me to sew clothing and to embroider. I didn't know the names of the hottest quilters in the circuit or where or what Paducah meant. All I knew was that I had a fetish for fabric and was most happy when I had had a good therapy session with my sewing machine.

As a member of the guild I enjoy quilting at Comfort Quilts, helping with Kids Can Quilt and my current role as Charitable Activities Chair. I have forged new friendships, taken classes from the hottest quilters in the circuit and have learned so much from our own talented members.

I look forward to greeting new members, current members and guests, working with them to insure that they find a place within NSQG that taps into their interests, talents and aspirations. It takes each member to make NSQG successful. I am honored to be nominated as VP Membership.

### ***Caryl Castellion—Candidate for VP Quilt Show***

Ten years ago, while attending my first NSQG meeting, Pat Baker told of the work of Comfort Quilts and invited all to join in the fun, regardless of skill level. That was my introduction to quilt making and the women who warmly welcome quilters and encourage their learning through this remarkable NSQG charitable work. Teaching a Super Saturday class, entering a small quilt challenge, and coordinating (with Carol Auer and Karen Carlson) the 2010 NSQG Raffle Quilt "Gloriosa" effort have challenged me joyfully. My hope for the future for the Quilt Show Committee is to build on the past years' innovations and to provide an atmosphere where all members will enthusiastically enter their quilts for judging and exhibition in our Show knowing that their entries are highly valued and their work applauded. The Show Committee will be reviewing previous shows with an eye to charting the course for 2011 with wisdom gained from the past.

### ***Jane Eyes—Candidate for Secretary***

I have been quilting since the days of homemade cardboard templates and searching through local sewing stores for quilt-like fabrics. I joined NSQG in 2005, after seeing my first Northern Star quilt show; I am always impressed by the creativity and craftsmanship on display. I thank my Common Threads friends for encouraging me to join NSQG and am pleased to be able to serve on the Board.

When I am not quilting, I am on the board of the League of Women Voters of Westport and volunteer as a tutor at the Mercy Learning Center in Bridgeport.

### ***Meg Wynne—Candidate for Treasurer***

My introduction to sewing came when I was nine years old and went to Singers to learn how to make PJs. This has led to my love of anything to do with needles. I always wanted to make a quilt so when I retired the first thing on my "Bucket List" was to learn how to quilt. I enrolled in the adult education class and made a full-size quilt in six months, entirely by hand - and that was the end - until I met Caryl. She introduced me to NSQG and the wonderful group called "Comfort Quilts." I have taken many educational classes offered by NSQG. I am a novice quilter but what I can offer the Guild is my experience in banking and finance as a payroll manager. Thank you for your consideration.

## Member Showcase: Carolynn Young



I began sewing my own clothes in a 7<sup>th</sup> grade Home Economics class. Over the years, I dabbled in sewing, cross-stitch and crochet, but found my passion in quilting. In the late 1980's, I began quilting, taking a sampler class. Templates were made of cardboard and hand-quilting lines were marked with a #2 pencil. My first quilt took over 7 years to make, hand pieced and hand quilted. A Lone Star was my second quilt, a first attempt at rotary cutting and machine quilting, but hand quilted. After joining NSQG, the speakers and workshops kindled my creative spirit. However, it is the friendships that have made NSQG a vital part of who I am. Over the past 8 years, I have served the

Board in various positions, most recently as VP Programs. Come and see the quilts-- from *Big Red: A Sampler* to *Freedom: Log Cabin Renewed*.

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## Find Us Here

**Debbie Bein** is honored to be among the 40 quilt artists juried into **QUILT VISIONS 2010: 'No Boundaries'** exhibit at the Oceanside Museum of Art in San Diego, California. The show will run from October 2010 through March 2011. Debbie is also pleased to announce that her work from the 'Meet the Artist: SAQA 20th Anniversary Trunk Show' has been chosen to be archived into the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Susan Schrott** is one of six artists invited to exhibit this summer at the **Earlville Opera House Gallery**, 18 East Main Street, Earlville, NY. The Exhibition "CONTEMPORARY ART QUILTS" runs from July 10 - 31, 2010. [www.earlvilleoperahouse.com](http://www.earlvilleoperahouse.com)

**Quilters Needed** for a quilting demo at **Keeler Tavern in Ridgefield for Colonial Day** on May 22. Two volunteers are needed for each of the three 2-hour time slots from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. To volunteer, contact Angela Liptack [asliptack@comcast.net](mailto:asliptack@comcast.net) IMMEDIATELY!

**A Stitch in Time Closes on June 13**. Last Chance to See Over 25 Rarely Exhibited Quilts Made During the 1800s by Greenwich Women. [www.hstg.org/content/view/220/507/](http://www.hstg.org/content/view/220/507/).

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## Plan Ahead ... within driving distance, sort of

**September 2 - 4, 2010 at the Resort and Conference Center at Hyannis, MA. Teachers: Ricky Tims, Alex Anderson, Libby Lehman.** No sewing, no supply list, and no UFOs. [www.rickytims.com/seminars/](http://www.rickytims.com/seminars/).

**Pine Tree Quilters Guild's 33<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, July 30 - August 1, 2010.** Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. [www.mainequilts.org](http://www.mainequilts.org)

## ***Programs and Workshops***

### ***The Legacy Lives On... Five Generations of Quilters***

To celebrate Mothers Day, one of our own members, **Mary Anne Ciccotelli**, will entertain us with the legacy of quilting in her family. She will share a little about the lives of five generations of quilters and the discovery of how you can do more than just put sashing between blocks. Mary Anne will bring more than 20 quilts to exhibit during the trunk show portion of the general meeting.

<http://www.sewingandbeyond.com/>

Signup sheets will be available for the first three workshops of the fall:

- Leslie Riley — September 22, 2010 [www.lesleyriley.com/](http://www.lesleyriley.com/)
- Karen Kay Buckley — October 20, 2010 [www.karenkaybuckley.com/](http://www.karenkaybuckley.com/)
- Dianne Hire — **Monday**, November 15, 2010

Please remember to bring cash or a check to the May meeting, as you'll need to pay upon signing up. Also, be sure to **check your calendars carefully** as workshop fees are not refundable.

**Carolynn Young**, VP Programs  
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**Attendees at Nancy Kerns' Baltimore Wreath Hand Applique Workshop.**

**Back row: Ann Marie Palmo, Sharon Honegger, Denise Isherwood, Regina Benvie, Carolyn Langevin, Diane Linker, PAT julian, Carolyn Finn, Kathy Kaplan, Dee Plouffe, Denise Landers, Chris Wolle, Patti Calautti.**

**Front row: Mary Waterman, Jamie Horikawa, Judy Mayer, Ann Fitzell, Nancy Kerns (instructor), Barbara Powers, Peg Zottola.**

**Not pictured: Susan Wilterding, Susie Andersen, Rona Spar, Carolynn Young.**

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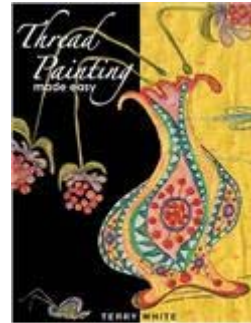
## Library

Sincere thanks to **Chris and Joann**; your help is invaluable! We were very busy at the meeting this month; many books were checked out. The following people have books out that are extremely overdue .PLEASE return them immediately as there are members waiting to take some of them out: Patti Ivy, Clair Hibbard, Raina Lynn, Virginia Deibler, Terri Gavin.

I hope you are all going through your book and magazines for our June Library Sale. All donations will be appreciated. May will be the last month you can take out books, and all books MUST be returned by the June meeting. No books are allowed out over the summer break.

## FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH

### THREAD PAINTING MADE EASY- Terry White



Terry has been a quilter for 29 years. Her favorite techniques include hand applique, hand embroidery, hand quilting and machine strip piecing. She likes to make quilts with pictures on them and she has found that using thread painting has enabled her to make pictures she could only imagine before. She spent 10 years exploring needle art form. Every time a new thread has come along she has tried it and learned something new.

**HOOP YOUR FABRIC, THREAD YOUR MACHINE, DROP YOUR FEED TEETH, AND GO!** The real key to thread painting is PLAYTIME. Thread painting is easy to learn, but it will take a lifetime to understand all the wonderful effects you can achieve. Enjoy your adventure with Terry!

**Joan Weth, Librarian**  
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## ***Education***

### **Show and Tell**

Show and Tell at the April meeting was short but good. Among other quilts, we saw a selection of the mystery quilts that were part of the project that **Carolyn Langevin** has been organizing. I hope that we'll see more of them at the May meeting (including the one that I'm working on). I'm still waiting to see all those Super Saturday projects at Show and Tell and am hoping you'll bring them in for the May meeting.

### **The Heart Quilt**

You have all submitted over 125 heart blocks for our two heart quilts! Approximately 60 of us have contributed to this effort. The quilts are now being sewn together and quilted. The quilts will be donated to the American Heart Association in Westchester. The quilts will be displayed at a local hospital until October, when they will be displayed at the American Heart Association's annual walk. The American Heart Association will be holding a raffle for the quilts in conjunction with the annual walk and will use the proceeds to fund its activities in Westchester.

### **Special Interest Groups**

**Art Quilt Group** – Twenty-five beautiful Self Portraits were submitted for this year's challenge. **Maria Weinstein, Susan Osinoff and Kendell Storm** will be putting these quilts together in a display that will hang in the NSQG quilt show. **Raina Knapp** gave an interesting demo of Tsukineko inks and the various ways to use them on fabric and in art quilts.

Fiber Art North East, a group of art quilters that includes members of NSQG, will have its second annual show at the Mahopac Village Library. The exhibit will run during the month of June. The opening reception will be held on June 6th from 2:00-4:00 pm. The Mahopac Village Library is on Route 6 close to the center of town. We hope that all guild members will take this opportunity to see some wonderful fiber art and support the participating members.

**Hand Applique Group** - In April, the Hand Applique Group discussed different ways of preparing appliqué pieces, including: using freezer paper on top; needleturning, using freezer paper on the bottom and basting or ironing the seam allowances down; using mylar in conjunction with spray sizing; and using a hera marker and foamboard. The group also spent time discussing next year's Baltimore Album theme and viewing a slew of wonderful Baltimore Album blocks brought in by **Judy Mayer and Mary Waterman**. We were fortunate to be joined by Nancy Kerns, who was the featured speaker at the April meeting. A large number of the Hand Applique Group members reconvened the next day at the Katonah Library for the wonderful workshop that Nancy led. In May, the Hand Applique Group will be bringing in the blocks they have done during the past year and we will be talking about setting options and borders.

**Dear Jane Group** - On Saturday, April 17, our second meeting, we discussed different methods of preparing shapes for appliqué and different ways to print out the block patterns for templates, overlays and foundation piecing patterns. The May meeting will take place on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 10 am at The Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood, New York. It will focus on paper piecing. Anyone who hasn't signed up yet but would like to join can just send me an email.

**Kids Can Quilt** – Members of this group have been busy assembling and quilting the quilt blocks made by the first graders at Katonah Elementary School in March. The quilts also will be 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](mailto:joemelan@optonline.net).

**Diane Linker, VP Education**  
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## Membership

When you sign in at the May meeting please pick up your 2010-2011 Membership Registration form. There are a few changes so please read through it and ask me if you have any questions. You will note that the annual dues remain at \$35.00! However, we will not be mailing the Newsletter next year. You may access it each month on our website [www.northernstarquilters.com](http://www.northernstarquilters.com) and of course you may print a copy from your computer. You do not need an email address to access the Newsletter, but if you share your email address with us, we'll send a monthly reminder when the Newsletter is posted.



Thanks to **Pat Julian, Janice Nastasi and Pat Waill** who shared their Baltimore Album quilts for the April Member Showcase. Photo is of Pat's quilt with Pat (on the right) and another (relatively) new member, **Ann Marie Palmo**. Pat's quilt is based on a block-of-the-month project from Keepsake Quilting.

Our May Member Showcase will be a display of quilts by **Carolynn Young** so please take a few minutes to enjoy her work! I am still looking for volunteers for the June showcase – quilts that honor the men in our lives; please email me if you have a quilt that you would like to display.

As you know, I was not at the April meeting so I want to thank **Cathy Jankus, Sheila Gargano and Althea Nolan** for doing ALL the work!

**Jackie Fowler**, VP Membership  
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## Hospitality

Thank you, once again, to **Meg Mooar and Joan Citron** for their expert assistance at the Hospitality table in April and to **Susan Wilterding** for providing the beautiful and creative arrangement of spring flowers from her garden. I hope you enjoyed the Spring-inspired quilts that graced the hospitality table in April thanks to **Carol Sterk and Diane Linker**.

Next month, those members whose last names begin with **S** are responsible for bringing baked goods to the meeting. Pre-cut fruits, cheese and crackers, veggies and dips, etc. are also welcome. Don't forget, all donors will be given one ticket to use at the raffle table directly across from the hospitality table.

### Raffle

This month the raffle table will be stocked with items donated by our quilt show vendors.

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