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A Message from the President



Do not miss the December meeting! Lorraine Caravetta from The Happy Quilter will be sponsoring the Raffle Table. You can get a taste of her wares if you have not had the opportunity to visit her shop in Valley Cottage, NY. They recently celebrated their Second Anniversary! The One Woman Show will feature member Maxine Oliver. You may pick up your 2005-2006 Membership Directories at the door.

The Library will be fully staffed this month under the leadership of new Board Member June Sahn. Jane del Villar, a professional librarian, and Joann Lovitz will be serving as her committee. Go meet them and offer to help at the Library in some small way. Helping with set-up, take-down, or checking in books can give these volunteers an opportunity to participate in the other pre-meeting activities. Thanks to Marsha Henderson and Micki Tedeschi for pitching in the last two months as well.

The Holiday Boutique before last month's meeting was a tremendous success. Sellers had more customers, buyers had more choices, and even if you didn't attend the meeting, your dues dollars were better spent. The table fee was set to encourage more participation without requiring any subsidization from operating expenses. Continuing this traditional event in this way will reduce the work load of several Board Members. The need for renting an off-site building, insuring that space and publicizing the event has been eliminated. I want to thank Carolyn Young for her efforts over the past two years in making this event more successful for everyone. As a bonus we were able to welcome many guests who came to shop and enjoy our speaker.

Making the membership aware of the history and purpose of Guild projects is an essential step in smoothing the path for change without conflict. Various issues surrounding the raffling of a quilt to benefit another charity continue to take up an excessive amount of time for our Board. The basic question of which Board Member should bear the responsibility for this activity and who has the task or authority of interpreting the rules is in question at this time. Because of past problems no one really wants to discuss the process even though it has not worked well in many years. Last years' Charitable Activity Survey revealed members' dissatisfaction with the nomination procedures and those comments will be taken up at the December Board Meeting. As a result, the voting process has been delayed until after the New Year. If you have constructive ideas on this topic please let us know.

Several steps have also been taken to reduce the cost of publishing *OnPoint*. Varying the size of the issue from month to month and not reprinting the same articles over and over is an effective way of saving money. Reading the newsletter on line allows instant access to the computer savvy. Those who prefer the paper



December Meeting: Tuesday, December 13th

JFK High School, Somers, NY
General Meeting: 7:15 PM

Guest Speaker:
Shelley Greener
"The Appliqué Quilt"

Snacks provided by all members.
Bring your favorite
home-made holiday cookies!
(Please, no store-bought cookies
for this special occasion.)



Holiday Grab Bag

To make our December meeting even more festive, we're planning a Holiday Grab Bag. Please bring a fabric-wrapped gift to the December meeting worth approximately \$5.00.

To ensure unanimous glee, the gift should be quilting related.

A hint for the uninspired:
how about two fat quarters?

edition will still have a hard copy of everything on the website. Enjoy! Thanks to our Editor and Art Director, Vicki Romaine Cohn, for this extra effort each month.

Have a happy holiday season! Susie

2006 Quilt Show News

I have been in touch with the Metro-North Railroad to discuss our Show as a "Rail Excursion". What this means is that the train fare will be reduced, and Metro-North will provide a package deal featuring train fare and admission to the show. They will also advertise this excursion on their web site at no cost to us. We are awaiting the finalization of this agreement, and I will have more details next month.

Bedford Village Library has agreed to exhibit a quilt in their main room for the month of April. Nina Primer, Suzanne Sunday and I will each provide a small quilt to rotate in the space. I'd love to see quilts hanging in every local library in the area. If you are a library user, please check out your library and just ask. The worst is that they could say no. We will have a poster and information for the public available at that time.

The Registrar and Judging team have updated the registration forms and rules. At the January meeting they will be available to help you register your quilts. I know that the form can be daunting for some, so we'll take the fear out of that process. We will also have a digital camera available then to take a photo of the quilt for the form.

Best of all...if you, as a member, register your quilt in January, the fee will be reduced from \$8.00 to \$6.00. So get to work now and finish up that quilt (or at least the top) so we can photograph it and get it registered. The registration form and information will be on the website prior to the December meeting.

There are many opportunities to help out for the show. Please email me or give me a call if you would like to have more information.

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"Shakespeare in Stitches"

"As loathsome as a toad." – *Titus Andronicus*

"Her beauty and her brain go not together." – *Cymbeline*

"There was a star danced and under that I was born."

– *Much Ado About Nothing*

"Music oft hath such charm to make bad good, and good
provoke to harm." – *Measure for Measure*

Norma Schlager, CHALLENGE COMMITTEE CHAIR

Charitable Activities

We have received a proposal for you to consider regarding the Grants of \$250 which have been set aside from last year's Silent Auction. The Board is proposing 5 separate "scholarships" of \$50 each, to be given to members who would use this money to attend workshops but who find that the fee presents a financial difficult to them. If the members approve by a "yes" vote at the next meeting, applications by letter will be confidentially reviewed, and those awards will be applied to future workshops. Please contact me if you have questions regarding this proposal. Comfort Quilters had a beautiful Show 'n' Tell of their Christmas inspired quilts. They are bound to bring joy to children at the Westchester Hospital Center Behavioral Unit.

The group will meet on Wednesdays, December 8th and 21st at Katonah Presbyterian Church. The schedule for 2006 is as follows:

January 4th and 18th

February 1st and 15th

March 1st and 15th

April 5th and 19th

May 11th (Thursday), and 24th (Wednesday)

June 7th



Carolyn Langevin, CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN
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On The Road Again...to Lancaster, PA

We just came back from Nashua, New Hampshire and what a great time we had! How fabulous to see our own NSQG members' quilts on display! I want to thank all my fellow travelers who were so patient with me on my first excursion. I love all the beautiful fat quarters you gave me. (I promise, I'll make that quilt right after the holidays.)

Our next trip will be to Lancaster, PA on April 7-8, 2006. We'll be loading the bus Friday morning, stopping for pickups in Brewster (Route 312) and Elmsford (Route 9A) and heading off to the *Quilters' Heritage Celebration* in Lancaster for two days of shopping, shopping, and more shopping.

We'll make the usual favorite stops at Sauders, and the Kitchen Kettle Village (home of Zook's and the Country

Store) then onto Miller's for a great meal on Friday night. We'll be staying at the Fairfield Inn and then on Saturday we're off to the Lancaster Host Hotel for the *Quilters' Heritage Celebration*.

Cost for this trip will be \$170.00 which covers the hotel and dinner on Friday, and then breakfast and entrance to the show on Saturday. Payment in full is due by February 1, 2006. This trip is filling up fast, so send me your check, payable to NSQG, as soon as possible if you want to reserve your spot on the bus.

Thanks, Kathy Vanacoro,
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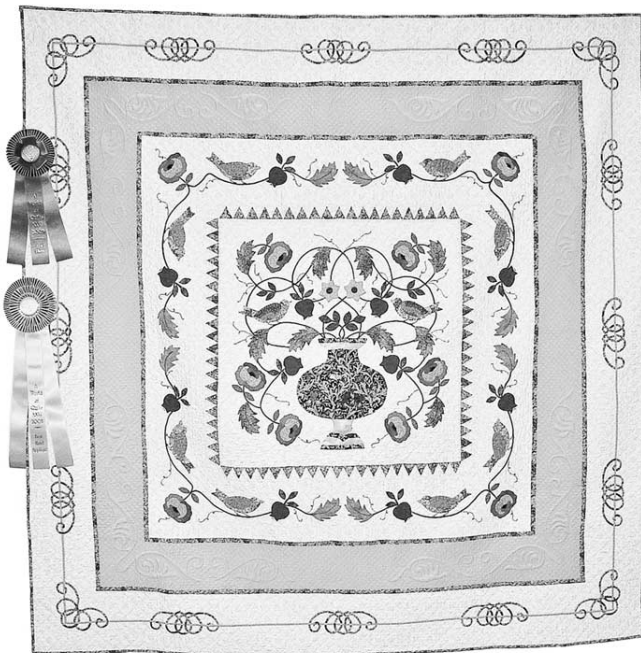
December's One Woman Show – Maxine Oliver



I have been a member of NSQG since 1995, I think. (Can't remember... time flies when you're having fun quilting and making new friends!) I'm basically a traditional quilter. And appliqué is my thing. But lately I have been branching out into Art Quilts, and enjoying myself immensely learning new techniques. I've been Education Chairperson, and I helped with the design for the 2003 Raffle Quilt. I have also taught at Super Saturday.

My journey to quilting was over many years with starts and stops. Along the way I was a porcelain dollmaker and jewelry maker. Like many of the other members of this wonderful Guild I learned to sew, crochet, knit and embroider as a child. I plan to bring my 1st and 2nd quilt for all to see.

Maxine



CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Susie Andersen and **Beth Carney** for being selected as exhibitors in this year's Quilts=Art=Quilts juried show at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, NY. Beth's *Structured Chaos I* and *Structured Chaos II* hung next to each other, while Susie's *Color Wheel 2* was placed next to Paula Nadelstern's *Kaleidoscopic XXVIII: The Great Round-Up*.

Beth Carney and **Peggy Cragin** for the exhibition of their work at the Greenwich Academy Faculty Art Show. The show runs from November 7th to December 15th at the Luchsinger Gallery, 200 North Maple Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut.

Elizabeth Poole's *Study in Reds* can be seen on page 64 of the Winter 2005 edition of *Quilting Arts Magazine*. The article features entries in their "Creative Self-Portrait Challenge".

December Library News

The following members have books outstanding:

Due October 18th: Carol Mickel (2)

Due November 15th:

Carol Harding (1), Carol Kilian (3), Lois Lober (3), Kay McGowan (3), Donna Monaco Olsen (1), Elizabeth Poole (1), Helen Supcoff (3), Christa Zago (1).

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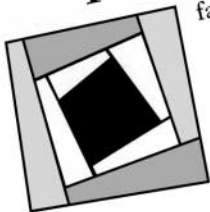
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Membership Report

NSQG membership currently stands at 246. We have spent many hours compiling the membership data, and Vicki Romaine Cohn has graciously accepted the job of formatting this list into the same eye-pleasing booklet she's created over the past three years. The Directory will be ready at the December meeting. You will be able to pick up your copy at the Membership Table.

The first meeting of the Art Quilt Group took place at the October meeting. An enthusiastic SRO crowd of over 30 people participated in show and tell and a discussion of the group's direction. The group will meet, again, on December 13th from 6:00 – 6:45PM, just prior to the General Meeting. The agenda includes a demonstration on the use of Angelina fibers and Show 'n' Tell. If you have incorporated Angelina fibers into one of your quilts, why don't you bring it along and join us! Anyone with an interest in Art Quilting is invited to come.

For those of you who are new to quilting, we have a surprise for you! Starting in January, the Guild will be offering a group for beginning quilters which will meet in the cafeteria between 6:00 – 6:45PM prior to the General Meeting. Linda Ostrander, a skilled quilter and gifted teacher, has volunteered to offer her expertise to you. In describing the group, she writes that she will, "show you how and where to get started with the creative craft of quilting. These will be informal discussions and simple demonstrations."

At the first meeting, Linda will discuss rotary cutting tools and show you safe ways of using these tools. Topics for future sessions will include picking quilt patterns and choosing fabrics. Your topic suggestions are welcome. This group is free of charge. There is no commitment to join; you can come to as few or as many meetings as you'd like.

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In case of inclement weather, and you're not sure if there is a meeting, please do the following:

1. Listen to your local radio station for announcements regarding the Somers Public School closings. If the Somers Public Schools are closed, there will be **no meeting**.
2. In the case where the weather is questionable for the evening hours only, we will contact the radio stations to make a public announcement.
3. Check our website: <http://www.northernstarquilters.com> for an announcement.
4. If you cannot find out through any of the above methods, please feel free to contact a Board Member.



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