

On Point!

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A Message from the President

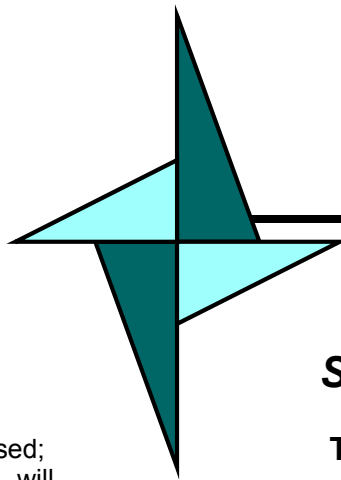
Soon it will be September 15. Labor Day will have passed; school will have begun. Our first speaker, Pamela Allen, will arrive to open our eyes to innovative techniques and quilting lessons. Our Guild will begin again with a new calendar year, welcoming some fresh faces and many familiar ones. I look forward to the beginning of this adventure, and a new chapter in the continuing history of Northern Star Quilt Guild which is already more than 30 years strong. Please join us to maintain our "New York Accent" of hospitality and be open to making new friendships.

Welcome! *Be sure to have your boarding pass* – your name badge for identification. *Proceed to the departure lounge* – JFK High School in Somers, New York. *Turn off all cellular devices* – concentrate on the Guild's multiple choices for this year. *Please look at the information card in the seat pocket in front of you* – all right it's not exactly a seat pocket, but do look over the September Special Issue of the Newsletter for 2009-2010 information on exciting offerings.

We may travel some of the time on auto pilot - many of our activities are traditional and recurring: Super Saturday in February; fabulous Workshops and Speakers we bring to Somers all year; the November Boutique; our annual Challenge in February. Of course there are also new listings which range from Education presentations in January and February, to The Show quilts, vendors, and volunteer opportunities in May, plus monthly Member Showcase surprises. Check out the Library for reading material. Get ready for raising awareness of the Alzheimer's Association for this year, as we also create a new Raffle Quilt for next year's charity. Join the stalwart crew at Comfort Quilters. Get involved. Plan your itinerary. Enjoy the sights and sounds and foods of travelling to new places. *Prepare for takeoff!* And be sure to sign up early and pay for trips and workshops so you *don't get bumped and miss the flight*. We are about to depart for some exciting destinations, so *continue to breathe normally. And in the meantime, sit back, relax and enjoy the flight.*

Now as we ease into September, we return to New York. Having had a summer to rejuvenate and explore, we come together again To Learn. *Stow your tray tables* – patchwork, purses and paperbacks. *We're beginning our approach.* Check your lipstick. *Make sure your seat belt is fastened and your tray table is stowed.*

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 15
JFK High School,
Somers, NY

General Meeting: 7:00 p.m.

Guest Speaker

Pamela Allen, Kingston, Canada
"Quilting with Attitude"

Show and Tell

Special Interest Groups
5:45-6:45 p.m.

Art Quilts: Demonstration of free-motion stitching of feather designs by Maria Weinstein. Please bring something you have done during the summer for Show and Tell. Meets in Library.

Hand Appliqué: Block of the Month kickoff. Please bring your first block. We'll discuss challenges that came up during its construction and how to get around common problems. Come even if you haven't yet started your first block. Bring your pattern and get advice about how to begin. Meets in Cafeteria.

*** Board Meeting September 8 ***

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Education

Special Interest Groups

Although Linda Ostrander is retiring from facilitating the Not For Beginners Only group, she has generously offered to help any guild member with specific techniques or with a quilting problem on a 1-to1 basis.

That leaves only the Art Quilt Group and the Hand Applique Group as we start the year off. Ideas for a new Special Interest Group include:

- a Dear Jane group (assuming that there are still some of us who haven't made one yet, but would love to try)
- a group for demonstrations of various techniques and quilting processes.

If you are interested in facilitating either of these or have another idea for a Special Interest Group, please contact me. Time and place are flexible.

The **January Bag** and the **February aches and pain** programs (see Special issue) are in the planning stages. If you have a fun bag project to share with the guild or a personal ache that you'd like to address, please write to me and we will try to include you in the program.

Show and Tell

Volunteers are needed to stand on the stage and help hold up the Show and Tell quilts throughout the year, so if you are willing, please let me know. The reward for volunteering is that you will see all of the wonderful Show and Tell quilts up close!

Diane Linker, VP Education
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Special Events

Trips

Lancaster is on, now sponsored by AQS. Where else shall we go? Email me, call me, or slip me a note in a plain brown wrapper at the meeting. We are open to YOUR suggestions.

Trippingly yours,
Debbie Bein, Trips Coordinator
dbein@hvc.rr.com

SUPER SATURDAY

For those interested in teaching a workshop on February 27, please contact Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday Coordinator. cmayefsky@gmail.com

September Comfort Quilts Meetings

September 2, & 9 at Congregation B'nai Yisrael, 2 Banksville Road, Armonk

September 30 at North Salem Volunteer Ambulance Corp., 14 Daniel Road, North Salem.

Patti Calautti,
Charitable Activities Chair

Hospitality

Members whose last names begin with A, B, C: please bring snacks for September.

Special Requests

1. I'd like to revive the idea of decorating the hospitality food table each month with a quilt reflecting the month/season. The quilt would be totally covered and protected by a heavy piece of transparent plastic. I'm hoping that I will be able to recruit a member each month to provide a large wall hanging, twin or double bed-sized quilt for this purpose. What a great way for people to see what you're working on without having to stand up for Show and Tell!

There will be a sign up list at the hospitality table in September for the October meeting, but if you would like to volunteer a quilt (examples: schoolhouse quilt, quilt with children's painted hand prints) for the September table, **please send me an email.**

2. I am also looking for a volunteer from the alphabet group assigned to each given month. (Example: October – a member whose last name begins with A,B or C) to help out Joan Citron, my right hand helper, to assist with unwrapping food, bringing it to the table, greeting members and cleaning up before the lecture portion of the meeting. *This is a one time commitment of 1 hour and is a great way for you to get involved in the guild and meet some fellow quilters at the same time.*

Carol Sterk, Hospitality Chair
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Thank you for choosing NSQG. Our calendar of quilting events is almost as busy as the schedules at New York area airports. *We know you have many choices and we appreciate your continued loyalty and participation! We will have you at your gate as soon as one becomes available.* Welcome home.

Susan Wilterding, President
susanw.nsqq@gmail.com

Northern Star Quilters' Guild

2009-2010 Membership Registration

Name: _____ Email: _____

Street or PO Box: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____

New Member

Renewing Member

All members may access our monthly newsletter online at NorthernStarQuilters.com

Please check here for special request to receive newsletter by mail.

NSQG depends upon the talents and generous participation of all members.

- **Please choose at least two Committees or Activities you wish to volunteer for this year:**

<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Charitable Activities</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Membership</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Challenge</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Quilt Education for</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Communications</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Programs</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Comfort Quilts</u>	Children
<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Education</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Quilt Show</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Member Showcase</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Raffle Quilt</u>
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<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Library</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Boutique</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Museum Events</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>Trips</u>

- **What skills or services would you be willing to offer to help the Guild this year?**

___ Graphic Design	___ Web Design	___ Kitchen Assist	___ Speaker Hostess
___ Technology Assist	___ Event Planning	___ Photography	___ Data Entry
___ Professional Quilter	___ Publicity	___ Accounting	___ Early Meeting Arrival
___ Teacher _____		___ Other _____	

- **Please list any speakers that you would recommend for a future Guild program.**

- **Please list any classes you would be interested in taking.**

Special Interest Groups meet prior to our regular meetings, and any member may participate.

- **Which Special Interest Group (SIG) do you plan to attend? Please choose one.**

___ Appliqué ___ Art Quilting
 ___ Suggestions for other SIGs (e.g., Dear Jane) _____

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Signature: _____

**Please return this form with a check for \$35 made out to NSQG.
 Mail to: Jacqueline Fowler, 527 Elizabeth Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598**

Membership

As the summer draws to a close, we welcome you back to an exciting year of speakers, programs and workshops! There will be many opportunities to reconnect with friends, to share our work and new ideas and to lend a helping hand - at meetings, during special events or programs, or by participating in a committee or other guild activity.

I want thank all the members who have submitted their 2009-2010 membership forms and those who suggested speakers and classes, and offered their skills and services to the guild. We will again hold a drawing at the September guild meeting so if I receive your registration form prior to the meeting on the 15th, you will be eligible for one of four \$25 gift certificates to area quilt shops.

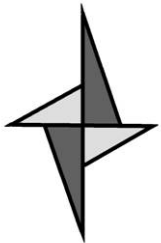
We will have three membership tables at the September meeting; one for those who have already registered and paid; one for new members and guests; and one for those returning members who have not yet paid. There will be a sign at each table to help direct you.

At the October meeting we will have a list of paid members with their updated information. Please take a few moments when you arrive to check its accuracy, including whether you requested that the Newsletter be mailed to you. We would like to remind everyone that if you have access to the Internet, you will be able to print a copy of the Newsletter in color each month!

Last year we were treated to the wonderful and diverse work of several guild members who participated in the Member Showcase. We will begin the showcase display again in October. If you are interested in sharing your quilts with us, please contact me.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting and I thank all the Membership Committee volunteers who help throughout the year but especially in September. Welcome back!

Jackie Fowler, VP Membership
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