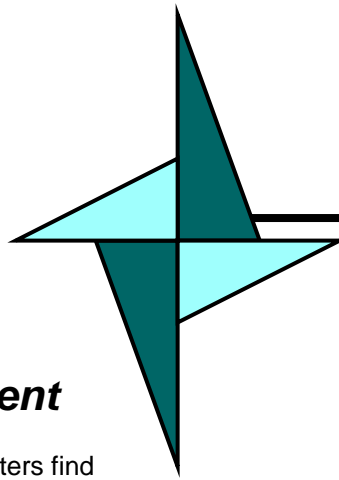


On Point!

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March Meeting

Tuesday, March 16
JFK High School
Somers, NY

General Meeting 7 p.m.

Speaker: Mary Ellen Kranz

Topic: "The Top Ten Ways Quilt Makers Can Use Computers"

Can you write an email or print a letter on your computer? Then you are ready to move on to using the computer as a tool in your quilt making. Learn the advantages of the various software packages aimed at quilters and fiber artists. Discover the roles played by printers, scanners, and digital cameras in addition to the special supplies used by the virtual quilt maker. Mary Ellen's lecture will survey the latest technologies for designing extraordinary quilts. quiltimgames.com

Kranz Workshop Wednesday, March 17
"Photo Inspired Landscape Quilts"

Special Interest Groups 5:45 p.m.

Art Quilt Group: Kendell Storm will demonstrate Oil Paintstiks. "Reveal Yourself" challenge due. Meet in the Library.

Hand Applique Group discusses Baltimore Albums. Meet in the Faculty Dining Room (behind the kitchen).

Hospitality

If your last name begins with **M, N, O**, it is your turn to bring treats to the meeting this month. Each person who contributes food to the hospitality table will receive 1 free raffle ticket for this evening's raffle.

A Message from the President

Inquiring minds want to know: Where do quilters find inspiration? In addition to the classes being offered at area quilt shops that are diverse and informative, there are many other possible sources. Our very own NSQG Quilt Show is high on everyone's list! Mark your calendar for inspiring activities close to home on May 1st and 2nd.

In New York City there is an educational exhibit at the American Museum of Natural History called Traveling the Silk Road: Ancient Pathway to the Modern World. There you feel as if you are taking a journey from Xian to Baghdad on the famous trade route of 1,000 years ago. Create your own passport and allow the colorful exhibits to take you to another time and place. Your mind will be challenged by the experience. Open now through August 15.

The Greenwich Connecticut Historical Society is presenting rarely exhibited quilts from their collection March 3 to June 13. "They provide a unique window into the lives of women at a time in history when their accomplishments were rarely noted in traditional historical documents." To help with the inspiration factor, there are lectures & luncheons, a symposium and a family day. Check out A Stitch In Time.

Our hobby of quilting is popular around the world. The Victoria & Albert Museum in London is having its first ever exhibit of British quilts from their extensive collection. Beginning March 20 and lasting until July 4, the show begins with quilts from the 18th century. Is Europe not on your calendar for this year? No problem. Rent the video "The Young Victoria" and you're transported. Then go online and with a touch of the keyboard you can view books, plus Liberty of London fabrics created just for this show.

For over 400 years, every February 8 at Japanese temples, it is possible to experience the annual requiem service for old broken needles and pins. The tradition began when kimono seamstresses turned in their used needles in gratitude, and prayed for good stitches in the coming year. We missed this year's event, but maybe we can improvise our own version while viewing examples of some magnificent quilts from the annual Tokyo Dome Show. Just try Google.

Take your own personal journey for quilting inspiration. Then share the result of your experience with us at Northern Star. Bon Voyage.

Susan Wilterding, President
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The March raffle sponsor is
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Ridgefield CT.

**Board Meeting
March 9**

Comfort Quilts March 3 and 24



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Library

We have two new books this month:

- **FIBREART MONTAGE** by *Judith Baker Montano*
and
- **500 Art Quilts: An Inspiring Collection of Contemporary Work**

We also now have available three DVD's:

- **Hand and Machine Applique - the Karen Kay Buckley Way**
- **ELLY SIENKIEWICZ Teaches You Beginning Baltimore Applique**
- **Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins Teach you to Applique the Piece O' Cake Way**

The **Featured Book of the Month** is
Judith Baker Montano's **FIBREART MONTAGE:
Combining Quilting, Embroidery and Photography
with Embellishments**

This is a graphically dynamic book on mixed media techniques that only Judith can put together in this sensational way! A longtime photographer, Judith takes her own impressive images, works her computer magic and blends them with crazy quilting, silk ribbon embroidery, dying and painting in her own unique style.

Known as the queen of crazy quilting and silk ribbon embroidery, Judith's work has evolved throughout her long and celebrated career and it's the newest incarnation of her work which is featured in this book.

Fibreart Montage is like nothing you've ever seen before! The Montage technique is more than the sum of its parts -- more than quilting, more than embellishment -- in this visually exciting book! And yes, you too can create a one-of-a kind fiber masterpiece!

Joan Weth, Librarian
jweth112@optonline.net

Education

As everyone knows, our February meeting was snowed out. However, I would like to thank all of those who so generously agreed to participate in the program: our members, **Kelly Armstrong, Denise Isherwood, Mindy Nardi, Carolyn Thye, Pooa Bloomberg** (and **Tamar Drucker** who had agreed to sub for Pooa if necessary), and our non-member presenters, **Doreen Simon, Celeste Jeraci, Maria Abrams, and Lisa Alfonzetti** and **Deb Ehrichs** from Pins and Needles in Mount Kisco. We are exploring ways of incorporating parts of the February program in future meetings. In the meantime, much of the material is available on our website if you click on the Education tab at the top of the homepage.

If you have not yet given me your Heart Quilt blocks, we'll be collecting the blocks at the March meeting or you can mail them to me. Also, through the diligent efforts of **Mindy Nardi**, the American Heart Association in Westchester will display our Heart Quilt at a local hospital. Then the Association will raffle the quilt in conjunction with its annual October walk, where it will be displayed. The proceeds will fund the Association's activities in Westchester. What a wonderful return on investment for each of us who contributed blocks! Certainly better than the stock market! The Heart Quilt will, of course, have its real debut at a guild meeting as soon as it gets assembled and quilted.

Special Interest Groups

Art Quilt Group – In March, **Kendell Storm** will demonstrate stenciling and other techniques using oil paintsticks. Kendell will provide paintsticks, fabric, gloves, stencils and rubbing plates. Everybody will be able to try several techniques and will take home a sample. Our challenge, "Reveal Yourself," is due at the **March** meeting.

Hand Applique Group - In March, we will be discussing Baltimore Album Quilts as a likely topic for next year. If you've always wanted to try and make a Baltimore Album Quilt but didn't want to go it alone, this could be a golden opportunity. If you don't know anything about Baltimore Album Quilts, come join us and maybe you'll get hooked.

Dear Jane Group - The organizational meeting will take place at 10 am on Saturday, March 13th at The Apple Bank for Savings, 666 Columbus Avenue, Thornwood, New York. In the meantime, buy or borrow a copy of the **Dear Jane** book by **Brenda Papadakis**. It contains many variations on the quilt that may spark some new ideas. The CD by Electric Quilt is even better. Anyone who hasn't signed up yet but would like to join can just send me an email.

Kids Can Quilt - This group works with school children to create quilts. Generally, the quilts are then donated to a charity. If interested in joining, contact **Melanie Darensod** at joemelan@optonline.net.

Diane Linker, VP Education
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Find Us Here

Debbie Bein's 'REEL TIME: MONA's PARTY,' has been juried into the fine art exhibit, **WOMEN About WOMAN; A BROAD Introspective Retrospective**, at the **Blue Door Gallery in Yonkers, NY**. Guild members are invited to the Opening Reception, Saturday, March 20, from 2 - 5pm. www.BlueDoorGallery.org or 914-375-5100 for more information.

Quilts by NSQG's Art Quilt SIG members are displayed at **United Hebrew**, 391 Pelham Road, New Rochelle NY. "**Uncommon Threads**" runs through April 5. NSQG participants include: **Kendell Storm, Maria v. Calderon-Weinstein, Terri Gavin, Norma Schlager, Fran Osinoff, Sonia Rieber, Tamar Drucker, Deborah Bein, Ina Berak Helfand and Barbara Sferra.** uhqc.org



Congratulations to **Margaret Phillips** whose quilt "Uncle Mike," above right, was one of 55 from SAQA's 20th Anniversary Trunk Show selected for the permanent collection of the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The quilt is also featured in the new book "500 Art Quilts."

Special Events

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 the 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. 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

SUPER SATURDAY

I would like to thank all the teachers (**Roxanne Lasky, Margaret Phillips, Nancy Mirman, Barbara Sferra, Mary Anne Ciccotelli, Debbie Bein**) for being so gracious with their time. And thank you to the 84 members who participated as students for all their team spirit. Most importantly, we need to thank **Carol Sterk** and **Sr. Barbara** and her staff for our delicious food.

We're already working on lots of different new possible classes for next year's Super Saturday.

Carol Mayefsky, Super Saturday
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2010 GUILD CHALLENGE rescheduled for March!

Debbie Bein and her Challenge Committee will have the 2010 Challenge Quilts on display at the March meeting. Please be sure to vote!

2011 GUILD CHALLENGE

Would you like to head a really fun committee? Then submit an idea for next year's NSQG Challenge!

How to begin:

- Any guild member can submit a proposal. It should include a topic idea with a name for the Challenge, the rules for the Challenge, and the judging categories for which ribbons will be awarded.
- Write down these ideas and submit your proposal to Janis Tobias, Special Events Chairperson (paper or emailed proposals are fine!).

The next steps:

- Janis will present the proposals to the board (without the submitters' names) and the author of the winning idea will be selected as next year's Challenge Coordinator.
- The Coordinator gathers a committee of about 5-7 people to help collect Challenge entries, hang the quilts at the Feb. 2011 meeting, count the ballots, and award the ribbons. The committee also hangs the quilts on Friday night before the NSQG show in May.

Please contact me if you have any questions at all. I'd like to present all proposals at the April board meeting so get your idea in by the end of March!

Janis Tobias, Special Events

Local Events of Interest

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.

Stitching Our Stories: Quilting Traditions from Our Past

Saturday, March 27, 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. A full day exploring historic quilts through lectures, group sessions and curator-led exhibition tours. \$45 members. \$60 nonmembers. Fee includes box lunch.

See the website for the complete day's schedule. www.hstg.org/images/stories/quiltse-flyer_symposium2.pdf

Connecticut Piecemakers Quilt Guild Spring Shower of Quilts XIII, March 27 (10 to 5) & 28 (10 to 4)

Trumbull Marriott Merritt Parkway, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT. Admission: \$7. www.ctpiecemakers.org

Hospitality



The March raffle is sponsored by **Quilter's Alley** in Ridgefield, CT. The shop carries several lines of the newest fabrics from our favorite fabric companies as well as books, patterns and accessories. Quilter's Alley also offers professional longarm machine quilting services and would be happy to work with you in planning just the right quilting design for that top you haven't gotten around to completing.

Are you planning to volunteer to help set up the quilt show on Friday afternoon/evening? The JFK cafeteria staff will be preparing dinner for us again this year. Three hours or more of volunteer service will earn you dinner.

Carol Sterk, Hospitality Chair
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Charitable Activities

Comfort Quilts

Please note the change in quilting dates. Comfort Quilters will meet **March 3 and March 24** from 9:30-3:30 p.m. at the North Salem Ambulance Corp, 14 Daniels Road, North Salem, NY 10560. Quilt kits are also available at the guild meetings. Please see **Karen Carlson or Carol Auer** at the Comfort Quilt table.

2010 Raffle Quilt Tickets

Due to the inclement weather in February, raffle tickets will be available for pickup at the March 16, guild meeting. Please pick up your tickets to help defray the cost of postage.

Charity Nomination for the 2011 Annual Quilt Raffle

I would like to thank the guild members who submitted nominations. The nominations will be published in the April newsletter for your review prior to the April 20 vote.

Patti Calautti, Charitable Activities
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Mystery Quilt

Remember to pick up your final installment of the mystery quilt at the next meeting. You will receive instructions for the full 48" square quilt, or a modified 48 ½ x 40 ½" rectangular quilt. There will also be a label provided by Comfort Quilts for you to sew onto your backing. Please sign the label with first name only. When you finish your quilt or even just your quilt top bring it for "Show and Tell".

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Quilt Show **May 1 & 2, 2010**

Saturday, 10 - 5 & Sunday, 10 - 4

John F. Kennedy High School

Since we couldn't get the volunteer sheets out last month, we will be ready for you in March. Remember, two hours of volunteering is rewarded with a free pass to the show. Three hours of time on Friday will include Friday evening supper.

Volunteer Job Descriptions

- ❖ **Admissions:** We have two admission entrances and need several volunteers at each entrance at all times. Volunteers collect money, stamp hands, give out programs, provide information about the show, and sell show pins. This is a sit-down job.
- ❖ **Judging:** Assist on Quilt Judging Day. Judging takes place on the Wednesday prior to the show at the North Salem Ambulance Corp. Professional judges critique the quilts, while volunteers hold and fold them and write the judges' comments. It is a very educational job; you will be up front and personal with the quilts. Please see **Janis Tobias or Margaret Phillips** to sign up.
- ❖ **Lecture Monitors:** We need one volunteer to assist at each lecture.
- ❖ **Quilt Frame Setup:** The quilts cannot be hung until the frames are in place. This is a very important Friday afternoon/evening job. It is a three-hour job.
- ❖ **Quilt Hanging:** Once the frames are up, we can hang the quilts. Volunteers are expected to climb ladders and hold heavy quilts. This is another three- hour job.
- ❖ **Quilt Takedown:** Quilts need to be removed in an orderly manner. There are also a few sit-down jobs at this position.
- ❖ **Quilt Frame Takedown:** Muslin needs to be removed from the frames and the frames disassembled. You can be free all weekend to enjoy the show and just be prepared to work Sunday evening. Husbands, significant others, sons and daughters are most welcome.
- ❖ **Quilt Security:** These volunteers will be quilt security monitors. They will be responsible for both sides of one row of quilts and will ensure that no one touches the quilts. This job requires volunteers to stand for two hours.
- ❖ **Raffle Table:** We sell about 5,000 raffle tickets for charity. Volunteers will be collecting money for the tickets and answering questions about the charity. This is a sit-down job.
- ❖ **Sweepstakes:** Volunteers are needed to work at the sweepstakes tables, selling tickets and giving out prizes. A fun job which requires standing.
- ❖ **Friday Night Supper:** A volunteer is needed to supervise dessert and beverage distribution.

Carolyn Langevin, Quilt Show Volunteer Chair

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Quilt Show Sweepstakes

It's time to clean out those books, patterns, notions, fabric and gift items that you have lost interest in. My red minivan will be at the bottom of the hill to collect bags of donated items before the March meeting. 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'll make arrangements to pick it up. Because the last meeting was cancelled, I could really use some donations to process and package now. Sign up to volunteer at the Sweepstakes or email me if you would like to help turn the "Trash into Treasure."

Susie Andersen, Sweepstakes manderse@optonline.net

A preview of the great vendors who are coming to the Quilt Show begins on [Page 10 of this newsletter](#).

Membership



New members at the January Guild meeting.

Photo by **Deirdre Abbotts**.

Super Saturday was SUPER!



Debbie Bein's class displays its zig-zagged zinnias.

Photo by **Barbara Powers**

Programs and Workshops

Tired of being cooped up all winter without a breath of fresh quilting techniques? Now is your chance to break out and try some new workshops for spring!

March brings us **Mary Ellen Kranz** with a **Photo Inspired Landscape Quilts** workshop on **March 17th**. Learn the latest techniques and tricks for printing photos onto fabric and how to extend your quilt outward. Bring your own photo or use one from Mary Ellen's collection. Kit fee \$10.

Our April speaker is **Nancy Kerns**, Appliqué extraordinaire! Nancy's lecture is **My Appliqué Evolution**. Join us for the workshop on April 21st to learn techniques of precise placement, sharp points and smooth curves in the **Baltimore Wreath Hand Appliqué** workshop. Kit fee \$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 professionally finish your quilts with perfect piping, binding, mitering corners and show quality back. Optional kit fee \$20.

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

Take advantage of these inspiring workshops at a fabulous price (\$50 per class plus listed kit fee). Come to the registration table and sign up or contact me by email or telephone.

Carolynn Young, V.P. Programs
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Quilt Show Vendor Update and Info - - - Let's shop!

We are lucky enough to have extremely high quality vendors at our show. Most are repeat performers, some familiar faces are missing this year – more about that later....but on to the good stuff.

I've asked the vendors to give me a glimpse of a highlight at their booth. We also are fortunate to have seven different vendors who bring machines for you to demo – including – Baby Lock, Bernina, Gammill, Handi Quilter, Huscavana Viking, Janome and Pfaff. I don't think Lancaster has more than that. You will also be able to check all of those out in this article. Just click on any link and it will take you to the site. Have fun and dream about all the possibilities.

I've included a link to the map of the layout of the school, so you can identify where to find a vendor.

- Christian Lane Quilters – In addition to the fabulous long arm services, Wilma suggests you check out the Vintage Panels <http://www.christianlanequilters.com/home.html> Wilma and Jim Coglianry.
- Sue's Fabric World does not have a web site, but Sue wanted to remind you of her "cheater panels" and other fabrics on the bolt and precuts. Sue Bennett.
- The Crafters Workshop – new to our show last year - <http://www.thecraftersworkshop.com/> has lots of new templates including new flowers, cherry blossoms and more. [And I can attest to their quality and variety. You might see them on the Quilt Arts web site.] Very versatile templates. Ted and Jamie Echt.
- The Quilter's Alley, www.TheQuiltersalley.com this year will have a classroom and in addition to their great choices of fabrics, kits and patterns, they will be representing Wonderfil, www.wonderfil.net a FABULOUS thread. Check out the great choices on their website. [I bought some of their threads in Houston last year and am so excited that I'll be able to restock!] Roxanne and Stuart Lasky.
- Quilters' Express to Japan, <http://www.QEJAPAN.com> offers fabulous JAPANESE FABRICS -- whether your taste is vintage or new, cotton or silk, traditional or abstract-- you can always find something unusual and beautiful at this booth. To get a preview, please visit the newly renovated catalog website. And while you are there, take a peek at the itinerary for Susan's next Japan tour that will visit Mashiko and Okinawa in November 2010, called, "CLOTH & CLAY." Susan Ball Faeder.
- International Fabric Collection, <http://www.intfab.com/> has a wonderful fabric section divided by countries. Liberty Fabrics are a special feature. Sue Shelenberger.
- Fieldstone House Fabrics, www.fieldstonehousefabrics.com moved down to the main lobby last year and brought their usual unbelievable choices of fabrics. Their website is somewhat under construction, but you can check out all of the Kaffe Fassett fabrics. They always bring a large selection of his fabrics to the show. Jane and Allan Kirby.
- Baskets, Boxes and Things, <http://www.basketsboxesthings.com/> is a great booth for thimbles of all kinds, Dovo scissors for appliqué and superfine cutting. Also Bohin chalk, mechanical pencils and refills [green, silver, yellow, pink, white] These are exceptional markers [and I have to agree]. She also has patterns, books and notions in addition to a large selection of Celtic stencils, books and patterns. Joan Crawford.
- Pinwheels, www.pinwheels.com specializes in Daiwabo Taupe Fabric from Japan. Daiwabo is known for the antique taupe look of its Prints and Yarn Dyed Fabrics that are inspired from nature. The delicate graduation of shades build complex and elegant hues. Daiwabo prides itself on the hand and texture of its fabric making the fabric a joy to work with. Pinwheels uses these fabrics to make quilts and a variety of small items such as handbags, coin purses and wall hangings. Daiwabo Fabric can be purchased in kits or by the yard. Maria Tamaoka.
- Traditions at the White Swan, www.quiltwhiteswan.com The website touches on kits and patterns or books, along with pictures of all their models. A new model they are very excited about is And To All A Good Night, it will be added to the website in the next 2 weeks, be sure to stop and "surf" around to check it out. Wendy and Dick Shank.
- Dover Street Booksellers, no website. They carry over 800 titles to each show. Not only the newest quilting titles

but also many older favorites. Our books are arranged by category so if you love appliqué, you can browse the entire selection. Books are displayed so you can see the covers and you do not have to strain your neck trying to read a book spine. Our titles include quilt project books, quilt history, state documentation, children's quilt fiction, adult quilt fiction and quilt mysteries. If you know you would like to purchase a particular title or just look inside before you buy, you can e-mail at doverst@comcast.net a week or two before a show and they will do their best to bring a copy for you. Jill Milici.

- Calico Alley, no website. Their feature at the show will be Hoffman Bali Pops in 12 flavors. Melinda and Doug Calamis.

- Quilt by Number, www.quiltbynumber.net 2 NEW BLOCKS OF THE MONTH - One has all teapots and the other has appliqué flowers placed on quilt blocks. She will have mostly all new quilts to show this year. Many will have embroidery blocks that have become so popular. Most of the quilts will have fabric kits for them as well as the patterns. I am developing a line of patterns for fast piecing. Pat Farace.

- Studio 55, no website, specializes in Batik Panels from Africa, Indonesia and Thailand, pre-cut fabrics from Africa and Australia, Market Baskets and Handbags from Africa, STUDIO 55 Patterns and Kits, Embellishments and misc. Gift Items. Caroline Kearney.

- First Mountain Design, www.firstmountaindesign.com Who are we and what do we do? We are two women who design and manufacture, with the help of our able home sewers, a line of comfort clothing. The fabrics are chosen for their uniqueness, drapability, and easy care, the designs for their comfort, style, and versatility. The resulting clothing has been a real hit with quilters and quilt aficionados alike along with teachers, artists, academics, healing arts, pediatricians, & even lawyers, in fact anyone intent on enjoying life. It's fun clothing. We provide the basics, the canvas so to speak, for quilters' wearable art. All our products are finished goods, there are no kits. Our mission statement will give you a better understanding of who we are. Cynthia and Shirley Thomas.

Other great vendors – haven't given me specific items to feature.

- Potpourri Pieces, www.potpourripieces.com Jo Coon.
- Fabric & Other Arts, www.louisefabricarts.com Louise Ludecke.
- Quilt Plus, www.quiltplus.net , Connie Woo.
- Quilter's Fancy, www.quiltersfancy.com Cindy Oravec.
- Hmong Pan Dau Arts, no website, Teng Yang.
- The Quilt shop, www.thequiltshoponline.com Ginny Murphy.

New this year

- Attic Heirlooms, www.attic-heirlooms.com offers a wide range of items specializing in hand stitching. Wool Penny rugs patterns and kits, embroidery, red work, miniature punchneedle, rug hooking punch needle are some of the techniques offered in our patterns from our designs. Quality tools and notions as well as hand dyed wool are some of our offerings to make your project one of a kind. Trish and Davis Harriman.

- DWR Custom Woodworking, www.dwrwood.com is back with his great quilt stands, ladders and hangers. [I've had one of the ladders for 5 years and love it, beautifully made, very functional, good value.] They will feature a quilt display cabinet. It has tempered glass on 3 sides and wooden top with 1/4" tempered glass. David Reiner.

- Mile Square Fabrics, www.milesquarefabricstudio.com is a new advertiser this year and is joining us as a vendor. Peggy McGeary.

New Names but familiar faces this year

- Florish – Country Quilter, <http://www.countryquilter.com> is the new name for The Country Quilter. Jane Davila.

- The Joyful Quilter, www.joyfulquilter.com formerly Woodstock Quilt Supply. Check out a great contemporary kit they be bringing to the show in May <http://joyfulquilter.com/2010/02/17/its-hip-to-be-square/> Jim Helms and Bob Silverman.

Machine Dealers:

- Fabric Mart, We will be bringing multiple machines. Pfaff select 3.0; select 4.0, expression 2.0, expression 3.0, expression 4.0 and the creative vision. Of course we will also have the 350p Punchneedle machine and many, many accessories for all the Pfaff sewing and embroidery machines. The full line of Pfaff machines can be viewed at www.pfaffusa.com. Linda Speidell and Erin Brody.
- The Nimble Thimble will have the Janome MC11, 000, 6600, 760 and 1110DX serger. Janome has some new models she hopes to also have for demo. View all at www.Janome.com. JoAnn Pellicano-Alvarez.
- The Quilter's Alley, will have Husqvarna Viking machines. <http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/us/363.htm> They will bring the Topaz 30, the Sapphire 875, The Emerald 203, The Emerald 118. <http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/us/14380.htm> , <http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/us/17049.htm> , <http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/us/17449.htm> , http://www.husqvarnaviking.com/us/6119_6123.htm . Roxanne and Stuart Lasky.
- The Quilt Basket, www.quiltbasket.com will be bringing the Handi Quilter 18 Avante, the HQ24 Fusion, and the HQ16 sit-down quilting machines along with the HQ Pro-Stitcher computerized quilting accessory. <http://www.quiltbasket.com/pdf/SalesSheetHQAvante.pdf> <http://www.quiltbasket.com/pdf/SalesSheetHQFusion.pdf> <http://www.quiltbasket.com/pdf/SalesSheetSixteenSitDown.pdf> <http://www.quiltbasket.com/pdf/SalesSheetHQProStitcher.pdf>
Quilt Basket has been working with All American Quilts for the past three years to showcase our unique designs. All American Quilts is the publisher of such notable quilting magazines as Fabric Trends and The Quilter Magazine. Quilt Basket's creative staff are constantly designing new and exclusive patterns which we then kit. Cathy Anderson.
- Cowles Quilting, Gammill. This year Cowles Quilting Machines will be bringing the newest innovation in longarm quilting. Please stop by our booth to see the new Vision 26. The new features incorporated into the Gammill Vision™ are a result of suggestions from current customers plus Gammill's dedication to providing the best quilting system possible to meet your needs. The Gammill Vision™ is complete with options that enable you to adjust the stitching to suit your style. The first and most obvious improvement is the touch screen, which displays the color icons for all of the features. Operating instructions are easier to find and understand using the new icons. What isn't as obvious are the technological improvements behind these features. The new technology enables you to easily learn, use, and maintain your new quilting partner. It also allows you to update your system as new and exciting features are added in the future. Cowles Quilting has been offering Gammill and Statler Stitcher quilting systems to quilting enthusiasts throughout the northeast for over 10 years. Julie and Brian Cowles.
- The Happy Quilter, Bernina. The Happy Quilter will be featuring quilts and patterns that use Embroidered Appliqué, including designs from Lunch Box Quilts, Smith Street Designs and a new, exciting designer, Sarah Vedeler. In addition, as a special opportunity for Northern Star Quilt Show attendees, The Happy Quilter will be holding a Book-Blow-Out Sale featuring a large number of books at 40% off the typical retail price! The Happy Quilter is very happy to be a Bernina dealer and will be bringing along their Bernina 8 Series machines, as well as the quilters favorite, the Aurora 430 and 440. A link to these machines can be found at www.happyquilter.com/bernina. Selena Griffin.
- Quilter's Attic Sewing Center, Baby Lock. will showcase a wonderful selection of Baby Lock Sewing Machines (from \$199), Embroidery machines (from \$599) and Sergers (from \$299). Check out Baby Locks exclusive features: Jet Air Sergers (push a button & whoosh – it's threaded! No more complicated threading or tangling!) Sashiko Machine (Japanese quilting by machine!) Ellisimo sewing/embroidery machine (built in camera, never miss needle threader & sweeper to eliminate jump stitch clipping). Look for designs, software, machine accessories and lots of samples to inspire! Special show pricing. You can check them out before the show by visiting www.babylock.com . Kathy Joray.

A few missing vendors this year – Both Mickey Lawler, Skydyes and Trish Owen Hodge, Batik Tambal had an opportunity to go on a trip to Greece and won't be at the show this year, but I'm sure they will be back next year. Sadly, Kitty's Quilt Corner will not be joining us. Stan and Kitty retired last summer and Stan passed away in September. They will be missed. Valley Fabrics is no longer in business and Artgirlz has declined our invitation.

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