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# DISPATCH

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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2009

Ridgefield Parks and Rec

Rt 35, Ridgefield, CT

Doors open at 6:00 pm

Meeting begins 7 pm

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## PRESIDENT'S Letter

Dear Guild Members,

What a month this has been! Who knew there were so many quilt shows in just our region and in only one month? In years past, I generally was able to visit only the Somers quilt show. But this year, because I'm more than ready to

branch out, including making the time for some classes at the shows, and because I want to learn as much as I can from these shows in order to provide our guild with exciting new ideas, I have purposely tried to attend as many quilt shows as I could. But April is challenging me. Not only are there date conflicts for some shows, but I have learned about some exciting speakers and events much too late to attend them, let alone announce them to my fellow Nutmeg quilters. For instance, I discovered that Alex Anderson, Ricky Tims, and Libby Lehman will be in Maryland at the end of April. Oh, I would have loved to go. I can only hope that they will come east again next year. I also discovered a quilt cruise to Bali in early May which includes a tour of the factory where Hoffman of California prints their batiks... as well as quilt cruises to other wonderful places. I've never been interested in cruises, but maybe a *quilting* cruise will change my mind. If either of the above events piques your interest, you might readily understand why Gina has enthusiastically begun publishing some of these types of events and their websites in the Dispatch for your pleasure. Perhaps in the coming year, plans can be made for the guild to attend some of these events together, as a group.

Cordially,  
Gail Berman  
President, Nutmeg Quilters Guild

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## **Programming**

### **GENERAL MEETING: MAY 13, 2009**

Program: Sue Reich, Quilt Historian, presents Tulip Mania

Description: Sue Reich, Quilt Historian and lecturer who has been the head of the Connecticut Quilt Search Project for the past 10 years and is a co-author for "Quilts and Quiltmakers Covering Connecticut," the documentation book of Connecticut quilts, will present her lecture, Tulip Mania.

Tulip Mania--The love of tulips is worldwide and centuries old. This quilt lecture includes a brief botanical discussion of the history of tulips, slides of quilts displaying tulips, and a trunk show from Sue's personal collection of tulip quilts. She will also have tulip quilt patterns available at no charge for members to take home and play with.

### **HANDS-ON MEETING: June 10, 2009**

**Program: Basic Photo Transfer Demo with Sam Morrissey**

Description: Sam will show attendees how to print photos on fabric for use in quilts.

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## Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Thanks are due to the following members who so graciously gave of their time and shared their knowledge and creative talents at our March guild meeting:

**Peg Wildman, Angela Liptack, Cheryn Kwasnik, Janice Kelly, and Carolyn Cooney.**

We were quite busy in March learning hand quilting, curved piecing, appliqué, accurate cutting, bias binding, mitered corners, and embellishment ideas. Thanks are due to the following members who provided snacks at our March guild meeting so we could maintain our high energy level as we danced from table to table learning all of the previously mentioned quilting techniques:

**Linda Ostrander, Eleanor Tropsa, Peg Wildman, Gina Spiaggia, Stella Langer, and Angela Liptack.**

Thank you **Janice Kelly** for giving your time and so graciously sharing your knowledge and creative talents by demonstrating the off-centered nine-patch block to an enthusiastic group at our April Hands-On meeting.

Thank you **Joy La Von** for volunteering to lead the guild's **Publicity** and **Fundraising** efforts. Joy will need lots of **your** support (that means - help), as she coordinates your efforts in supporting our guild. Please step forward to help Joy... she has lots of wonderful ideas. The more help Joy receives, the more fun the whole guild will have.

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### Mini-Group Update

Mini-groups consist of members who share an interest in a particular quilt style or technique. The members in the group determine whether to share a challenge or simply work on their own individual projects of this style or technique. Mini-groups meet at our regular meeting location... at this time, this is at the Ridgefield Rec Center.

If you don't see a mini-group that interests you, you can create your own mini-group. There are "Create-Your-Own Mini-Group" sheets for you to fill out to define your group. If you can get three members to sign-up, you can qualify as mini-group.

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The **meeting times for mini-groups** are:

Guild Meetings (odd months) 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Hands-On Meetings (even months) 6:00pm - 9:00 pm

### Paper Piecing Mini-Group

Amy Trompetter, Margo Bacon, Marlene Gerhard, Carol Anne Keely, and Peggy Giumarra

### Round Robin Mini-Group

Millie Foster, Joy La Von, Angela Liptack, MJ Fitzgibbon

## Appliqué Mini-Group

Amy Trompetter, Carol Anne Keely, Gail Pantezzi, Gail Berman

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## Nutmeg Quilters Guild Health Quilt Challenge

The Health Quilt Challenge is due at our May guild meeting. It is not too late to create a quilt that represents a health issue that is important to you. Try a new skill or style that you have not tried before. The quilt can be as small as 12" x 12" or as big as 36" x 36". Finish it by May and share it with us at Show & Tell.

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## Nutmeg Quilters Guild Mystery Quilt

At the March guild meeting, the first set of instructions for a **Mystery Quilt For the Adventurous** was disseminated. At our May guild meeting, the second and final set of instructions will be available. This is a small quilt that offers you the opportunity to tip toe down the artistic quilting path while you learn or practice sewing gentle curves. It should only take a couple of hours to complete the top. Complete this project in time for Show & Tell at our July guild meeting.

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## Community Service

**Carol Anne Keely**

[www.NOGCommunity@Gmail.com](mailto:www.NOGCommunity@Gmail.com)

There is a need for lap quilts, Baby quilts, and twin bed quilts. The social service agency would like placemats for shut-ins to be given out when they deliver meals on holidays. There is also a group called hug for homeless animals that collect small quilt for animals in the shelters. Also, the Family and Children's agency would like quilting supplies. They have a hand-quilting group for the women coming in for help. They find that quilting helps to get the women talking. So any donations you would like to make will help someone! If you are interested in more information let me know.

Lots of fabric has been given out and we cannot wait to see what has been created! We need donations. Please consider donating anything from quilts to place mats. If you have extra blocks from other projects, we can use them. If you are cleaning out your fabric stash, we can use that too. We will take donations of other crafts, such as knitted items, as well. Please help with our community service. If you are interested in helping to make kits from our supplies please contact me. If you would like to get together and work on projects for donating let me know! If you want to be involved there is something you can do.

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## Library News:

Cheryn Kwasnik  
[www.NOGLibrarian@Gmail.com](mailto:www.NOGLibrarian@Gmail.com)

Please keep books out for a *reasonable amount of time* – meeting to meeting would be two months – very reasonable indeed.

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## Publicity

We would to announce that **Joy La Von** has volunteered to take over the guild's **Publicity** and **Fundraising** efforts. Please let Joy know about any ideas that you might have that would help our guild raise funds for our projects and programming or any venues that would 'get the word out' about our guild.

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## Hospitality

The Guild is in need of someone to step forward and be our hospitality chairperson. If you would like to 'apply' for the job, please talk to one of the board members at the meeting. If you want to share the position of being the chairperson, this would work, as well.

## Snack Volunteers

This is a reminder that the following members have volunteered to bring snack for the May meeting:

**Eleanor Prokupek, Rita Phillips, Kay Santuro, Janice Kelly, Diana Larson.**

Thank you for volunteering your time and efforts for your fellow guild members.

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## QUILTING EVENTS OF INTEREST

### Hammond Museum & Japanese Stroll Garden

The Hammond Museum is asking quilters to make an Art Quilt that is inspired by their Japanese Stroll Garden. Please contact Gail Pantezzi at [pantezzi@optonline.net](mailto:pantezzi@optonline.net) if you are interested in making a quilt. The quilt can be as small as a post card or as large as a wall hanging using any sewing techniques of your choice. Visit the website for more details:  
[www.hammondmuseum.org](http://www.hammondmuseum.org)

## **Greenwich Historical Society**

The Greenwich Historical Society is having a Quilt Exhibit in the fall. They are looking for volunteers from our guild to help with the attaching of sleeves onto old quilts. This would probably take place in the summer. Please contact Susan Reich for further details at 1-860-868-0028.

## **Hudson River Valley Art Quilt Workshops**

Now thru May 2009: 1-888-665-0044

[www.fiberartworkshops.com](http://www.fiberartworkshops.com)

## **Lowell Quilt Festival, Lowell Mass.**

August 6 thru 9, 2009

[www.lowellquiltfestival.org](http://www.lowellquiltfestival.org)

## **Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod, Harwich, Mass.**

July 30 thru August 1, 2009

[www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com](http://www.bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com)

## **Quilt Odyssey, Hershey Pa.**

July 30 thru August 2

[www.quiltodyssey.com](http://www.quiltodyssey.com)

## **Quilting Around Chautauqua, Chautauqua, New York**

Sept. 25 thru 27, 2009

[www.millcreeksew.com](http://www.millcreeksew.com) (click on "Events Chautauqua 2009")

## **And for those wanting to go on a real road trip....**

## **Quilt Expo with Nancy Zieman in Madison, Wisconsin**

Sept 10 thru 12, 2009

[www.wiquiltexpo.com](http://www.wiquiltexpo.com)

## **American Sewing Guild Convention, Albuquerque, New Mexico**

July 16 thru 20, 2009

[www.asg.org](http://www.asg.org)

## **Embroiderers Guild of America Seminar, Pittsburgh, Pa.**

Oct 2 thru 9, 2009

[www.egausa.org](http://www.egausa.org)

## **International Quilt Festival**

**Long Beach, CA** July 24-26, 2009  
**Houston, Texas** October 15-18, 2009  
[www.quilts.com](http://www.quilts.com)

## **Quilt Camp, Houston Texas**

In addition to its shows, Quilts, Inc. operates the [Great Expectations Creativity Center](#) and the Artist in Residence Program and Studio, both opened in summer 2005, on a large campus in Central Texas. The Center is also home to QuiltCamp™. Quilt Camp™ periodically offers an intensive weekend "short course" with well-known, popular quilting teachers.

**Quilt Ventures tours for Quilters :** [www.quiltventures.com](http://www.quiltventures.com)

**Mystery Quiltaway Weekends**, Lancaster, Pa : [www.quiltaways.com](http://www.quiltaways.com)

**Mystery Quilt and UFO Weekend Getaways**, Blue Ball, Pa :  
[www.threadmakers.com](http://www.threadmakers.com)

**Trips to England, Scotland and other places :** [www.qhconline.com](http://www.qhconline.com)

**Trips to interesting places:** [www.worldofquiltstravel.com](http://www.worldofquiltstravel.com)

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## **Directions to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation**

Coming from the north on Rte. 7 south, turn right onto Rte. 35. Go about 2 miles. The entrance to Ridgefield Parks & Recreation is on the right-hand side, opposite the Fox Hill Pond and condominiums.

Coming from the south, take Rte. 7 north to Rte. 102 in Branchville. Turn left onto 102 and proceed about 4 miles to Route 35. Turn right onto Rte. 35 and proceed about 3 miles through Ridgefield town center. Ridgefield Parks & Recreation is on the left-hand side after you pass the Copps Hill Shopping Center. The entrance is opposite the Fox Hill Pond and condominiums.