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## General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 9th, 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

Sew long...

Dear Guild Members,

When we gather together September 9th, we will begin our new season. Of course, elections will be conducted at this meeting, and as you will read in the following pages, some positions are still open. I

hope some of you will volunteer to serve the guild by stepping forward to fill some of these roles.

We will be offering a day time meeting this October, in addition to our normally scheduled Hands-On evening meeting. As this is an experiment to gauge interest from the guild, we reserved a small room. There is very limited space for this meeting so we are asking those members who are interested to sign-up at the September meeting. The first 14 to sign up are welcome to attend. Letters have gone out to some members requesting their participation in the new Special Theme Raffle Basket. The plan is to rotate through the entire membership so that each member contributes toward guild fundraising. If it is your turn in the rotation, please follow through and donate the appropriate themed item for your month. More details are revealed in the following pages.

Since this is the beginning of the new season, **please remember to bring at least one fat quarter to donate** toward the regular raffle. It is part of your membership “dues” and also helps the guild raise funds for future speakers. Speaking of the raffle, we will be raffling off the special opportunity to organize the programming for one guild meeting. More details will be revealed at the September meeting. At show & tell, I hope the Round Robin Mini-Group will have completed their rounds and will consider showing the guild the wonderful quilts they have created. I hope each of you will also consider joining or creating a mini-group this year.

Finally, it has been an honor to serve you as your president this past year. As I step down, I will remember fondly the members I have come to know. I also have been fortunate to attend various quilt shows and classes this year. I’ve accumulated so many project ideas, I can’t wait to begin. I hope to see you all on September 9th.

Cordially,  
Gail Berman  
President, Nutmeg Quilter’s Guild

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**Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!**

Thanks are due to the following members who so graciously contributed to our second ever Special Theme Raffle Basket,

“Summer Fun”: Thank you MJ Fitzgibbon, Millie Foster, and Winifred Balboni. Unfortunately, since the remaining members whose last names began with A, B, D, E, and F did not contribute to the basket (excluding previous board members who have previously contributed), we did not have a full basket and were unable to raffle off the Summer Fun Basket. If those members who did not contribute would please bring a “summer fun” item in September, we will raffle off the basket at that time.

Thanks are due to the following members who provided delicious dishes for our July potluck : Gail Berman, Betty Buccino, MJ Fitzgibbon, Millie Foster, Caroline Gardiner, Carol Anne Keely, Sarah Keely, Janice Kelly, Cheryn Kwasnik, Stella Langer, Diana Larson, Betty Licarie, Angela Liptack, Leo Ludwick, Carolyn Meyers, Delphine Pierandri, Eleanor Prokupek, Rita Phillips, Gina Spiaggia, Eleanor Tropsa, Peg Wildman.

Thank you Angela Liptack and Cheryn Kwasnik for leading off our “program” in which members displayed one of their early (or even their first) quilt.

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### Snack Volunteers

We forgot to put out a sign up sheet for bringing snack to our September meeting. If you would like to bring snack, please do.

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### Mini-Group Update

Mini-groups consist of members who share an interest in a particular quilt style or technique. 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.

The meeting times for mini-groups are:

Guild Meetings (odd months)

Hands-On Meetings (even months)

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

6:00pm - 9:00 pm

As the interests of our members change, so too, do the mini-groups change. The following are the Nutmeg Guilds' official mini-groups:

### Paper Piecing and Round Robin.

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 a mini-group.

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## Programming

### General Meeting--Wednesday, September 9, 2009

Our guest lecturer will be Ridgefield's own Jane Davila who will present a program entitled "Discovering Found Objects. She will help us learn to look at everyday objects with an eye to adding them to art quilts. Paper, wire, metal, plastic, natural, and manmade objects can be unique embellishments and can help your quilt tell a story.

Jane (former co-owner of Country Quilter, Somers, NY) is a fiber and mixed-media artist who began her professional art career as a printmaker. Her work can be found in many private and corporate collections worldwide. She teaches art quilting and surface design workshops nationally and at her barn studio. Jane writes a regular column on art business topics for Quilting Arts magazine. She is a regional representative for Studio Art Quilt Associates. She is co-author with Elin Waterston of two art quilt books and one dvd on art quilting.

## New New New New New

As you know, we have discussed the possibility of trying a day time meeting to see if there is interest within the guild... and hopefully to attract new membership. So we're going to do it.

The following dates have been reserved for day time meetings:

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

Wednesday, November 11, 2009

Meeting time is : 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Meeting location : History Room, Ridgefield Public Library

You must sign up to come, no later than at the September guild meeting. There is very limited space in the History Room, so it is first come first serve for sign-up. Only a few spots remain. If you sign up and don't show up, you will not be given priority for future meetings. If there is sufficient interest, we may consider moving to a larger room, if availability exists. However, the board would need to approve the costs of doing so, beforehand.

\*\*\*Important Note : This meeting has nothing to do with our regularly scheduled evening meetings. This meeting is in *addition* to our evening meetings, it is not *instead* of our evening meetings.

October Hands-On Meeting: Come for an evening of hands-on fun with Guild member Carolyn Meyers. Carolyn has worked for Bernina for many years, teaching techniques and fun craft projects to shop owners who in turn share the fun with their customers. On Wednesday, October 14th, she will provide a paper pattern and show us how to quickly make a "Clever Clutch" that could be a small purse, jewelry tote, coupon keeper, etc. A few clever folds and two straight seams, and voila--you have a very handy, very custom keepsake. This is a great project for an orphan block or two or simply to use favorite fabric(s) of which you haven't quite enough for a quilt. You can simply come observe and take home the pattern, or bring your sewing machine, scraps, and usual tools and sew up a gift for yourself or someone else that evening. Carolyn will send you a list of "supplies needed" after you sign up. Please sign up by Sunday, October 11th, by contacting Angela Liptack (203/431-6992 or [asliptack@comcast.net](mailto:asliptack@comcast.net) ), so that we know how many to plan for. Remember, too, that Mini-Groups meet at the Hands-On night, and any member who wants to meet about/work on their Mini-Group project, a Community Service quilt, or a project of their own is encouraged to come.

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## Special Theme Raffle Basket

We were unable to raffle the July basket since so many did not contribute an item. We will raffle the July Summer Fun basket at our September meeting if the basket is filled.

The following people are still requested to bring "Summer Fun" items to contribute to the July Special Theme Basket:

Carol Ancona Linda Bates Sandra Dadik Pia DeLuca,  
Hilda Downing Mary Eddy Maureen Flanders

For the Fall Frolic Basket, the following people are requested to bring items to the Sept Meeting:

Caroline Gardner Helene Gatto Marlene Gerhard Linda  
Gidos Suzanne Gordon Peggy Giumarra Mildred  
Huffmire Vivian Hultgren Janet Ingraham Irma Irizarry  
Terri Jannelli

A special theme raffle basket is a basket filled with items by our members, and raffled to raise money to support guild activities which are beyond the reach of our annual membership dues. Our goal is to have an overflowing basket at each guild meeting, and so approximately 10 members will be asked each meeting to support the effort by contributing an item to the basket. The annual schedule of member contributors for future special theme baskets and their assigned themes follows. All items contributed must be new, unused, and contemporary (please do not clean out your closets for this). The value of the item must fall within \$5 - \$10 in value and meet the criteria of the theme assigned during your month.

Example 1: If your last name begins with A , please bring *summer fun* related items to the *July* guild meeting to contribute to the July special theme basket.

Example 2: If your last name begins with M , please bring a *spa* item to the *November* guild meeting to contribute to the November theme basket.

Example 3: If you are a member of the board or you are a committee chairperson, please contribute a

gardening item to the *May* theme basket. If you missed the May 2009 basket, please follow the alphabet schedule below.

**Please contribute an item**

If your last name begins with : For the month : within the following theme :

A, B, D, E, F	July 2009	Summer Fun
G, H, I, J (No holiday items)	Sept 2009	Fall Frolic
K, L, M	Nov 2009	Spa Items
O, P, Q, R	Jan 2010	Chocolate
C, S, T, W, Z	March 2010	High Tea
Board / Committee Chairpersons	May 2010	Gardening
To Be Announced	July 2010	Patriotic

Please note, at the time this schedule was determined there were no members whose last names began with N, U, V, X, or Y. Adjustments may be needed for the new membership year. Please note, an effort was made to balance the year so that 10-11 members are contributing items for each month. If a board member or committee chairperson contributed toward the first theme basket in May 2009, they are exempt from contributing again until the next 2010 Board basket. This was taken into consideration when balancing the rest of the year.

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**Block of the Month**

**Nutmeg Quilter's Guild Health Quilt Challenge**

The Health Quilt Challenge was due at our May guild meeting but if you are still working on it, consider sharing it with us at our Sept. guild meeting during Show & Tell. This challenge quilt should represent 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".

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**Community Service**

Carolanne Keely [www.NQGCommunity@Gmail.com](http://www.NQGCommunity@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.NQGLibrarian@Gmail.com](mailto:www.NQGLibrarian@Gmail.com)

### **The library is coming out of the closet .**

There is a white 3 ring loose leaf binder that has complete lists of our books by author, title, subject, and numerical order. The binder also has complete instructions on how to take out and return books.

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

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## **Nutmeg Quilter's Guild 2009 / 2010 Elections**

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The following members are running for election for the positions noted below.

President	Open
Vice President	Margo Bacon
Newsletter	Gina Spiaggia
Secretary	Janice Kelly
Treasurer	Betty Licarie
Programs	Open

The following members are running for election for the Committee Chairmanships in the following roles. The positions in bold type are official chairmanships, the others are functions or activities that require coordinators if guild members desire these activities :

<b>Fundraising</b>	Open
Special Theme Basket Raffle Coordinator	Open
Meeting Raffle Coordinator	Debbie Buescher
Raffle Quilt Coordinator	Open
Quilt Show Coordinator	Open
Show Booth Coordinator	Open
Craft Boutique Coordinator	Open
<b>Public Relations</b>	Open
<b>Community Service</b>	Carol Anne Keely
<b>Librarian</b>	Open
<b>Webmistress</b>	Open
<b>Snack Coordinator / Hospitality</b>	Open
Trip Coordinator	Open
Block-of-the-Month Coordinator	Rita Phillips
Challenge Quilt Coordinator	Open
Mystery Quilt Coordinator	Open
Mail Pick-Up Rotating Team	Open

There are openings on the board of directors for 2009 - 2010, as well as, opportunities to coordinate specific activities for the guild. Please consider stepping forward to fill one of these vital roles in support of your guild.

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## **QUILTING EVENTS OF INTEREST**

### **"Kaleidoscope Quilts: The Art of Paula Nadelstern"**

Now thru Sept 13, 2009

American Folk Art Museum, 45 West 53rd St, NYC

212-265-1040 [www.folkartmuseum.org](http://www.folkartmuseum.org)

### **"Textural Rhythms - Constructing the Jazz Tradition"**

Now thru Oct 11, 2009

American Folk Art Museum, Branch Location at 2 Lincoln Square  
(Columbus Ave between 65th & 66th Sts., NYC)

212-595-9533 [www.folkartmuseum.org](http://www.folkartmuseum.org)

### **Quilt Odyssey Retreat 2009**

Sept 24-27, 2009

Checkout : [www.quiltodyssey.com/QORetreats.htm](http://www.quiltodyssey.com/QORetreats.htm)

For application / registration forms, contact:

Quilt Odyssey, 15004 Burnt Mill Road, Shippensburg, PA 17257

OR email [quiltodyssey@embarqmail.com](mailto:quiltodyssey@embarqmail.com)

### **25th Ann'sary Quilt Show, Proper Bostonian Quilters Guild**

Oct 2 - 4, 2009

Monsignor Donahue Hall, Saint Theresa School

40 Saint Theresa Ave, West Roxbury, MA

[www.rc.net/boston/st\\_theresa/](http://www.rc.net/boston/st_theresa/) (directions)

[pbquilters@yahoo.com](mailto:pbquilters@yahoo.com)

### **Coheco Quilters Guild 28th Annual Show**

Oct 17 - 18, 2009

Rochester Community Center

150 Wakefield St, Rochester, NH

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

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## **SAD NOTE**

**Eleanor F. Tropsa, a longtime member of our guild, died Friday Aug. 14, at her home. She was 85 and the widow of Frank J. Tropsa. "She was known for her love, kindness and generosity to her family, friends and neighbors," her family said. She is survived by five children and by several nieces and nephews.**

**Donations in her name may be made to The Stamford Women's Club Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 16793, Stamford, CT 06905**

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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.