



Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

P.O. Box 232 Somers N.Y. 10589

Judy Sebastian, Editor

Newsletter

April 1987

*** MEETING ***

Tuesday - April 21, 1987
Doors open at 7:00 pm - Business meeting at 8:00 pm
Somers Intermediate School
Rt. 202, Somers, New York

*** PROGRAM ***

A hearty welcome to Spring! It has finally arrived and I for one am very glad. Our April meeting will be great. Our featured speaker will be Joanne Kost. Joanne does beautiful applique and believes an embroidered verse adds warmth to a quilt. You may remember her from last years quilt show. Joanne will conduct a "mini-workshop" which is basically a presentation of her methods of applique with some discussion of where ideas come from. This will be followed by a "hands-on" for us to experiment with some of her techniques. The following is a list of things to bring to the meeting.

- 9" square muslin (background)
- 2 1/2" square medium pink or rose (Heart)
- 3 1/2" x 4 1/2" medium blue calico (wing)
- 8" x 3" dark blue or navy calico (arrow)
- pencils, scissors, thread to match fabrics, basting thread, needles #10 between, paper, scissors

There have been so many beautiful things at Show n' Tell, let's keep up the good work. Mark your calendars - May's meeting is on Tuesday, May 19th, featuring Barbara Wysocki.

-- Lis Greene

SPECIAL EVENTS

If you are interested in going to the Northfield Vermont Quilt Show on July 9th and 10th, please call me or send a check to me as soon as possible.

-- Sue Bouton

NSQG BOARD MEMBERS, 1986-87

President	Kathy Sica	245-6775
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Quilt Show Coordinator	Penny Black	271-8846

Quilting Tips: ** If machine piecing, set machine for twelve stitches per inch.
** Square or rectangular pattern pieces should be placed on the straight of the fabric.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This time as I write this message it really does seem like Spring! Phew, I never thought it would come. Now that means getting outside and raking the leaves that you didn't do in the fall, planting your flowers and trimming your bushes. But of course none of this stuff will get done because we're all too busy quilting.

Don't forget that in May it is our Annual Meeting. We will not only be voting for a new slate of officers but also on a new proposed By-Law change. On top of that, since the meeting follows the Quilt Show, we will be able to give preliminary results. Please try to come to that meeting.

I want to thank Pat Rowan, Carol Sterk, Pat Bartimoccia, and Diane Durr for being on the Nominating Committee. A lot of time was taken to come up with a slate of officers and they all tried to do what is right for this guild. Thank you, ladies, for your time and concern.

I better make this short since I've committed myself to have a quilt in the show. I love quilting feathered borders but it takes FOREVER. I have to keep telling myself that I WILL finish it, but at this moment I'm panicking!

With all the business being discussed at the March meeting, I don't know how many of you really heard me discuss the Muscote Farm. Maybe, by putting it in to writing, you'll be able to absorb it more. From September 19 - October 17, 1987, Muscote will be holding a display of antique dolls, antique clothing, and they want quilts. They can be old or new. (All quilts will be insured). They are looking for 12 quilts and Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd. will be the display. So far I've had Ruth Page and Pauline Joseph who came forth volunteering quilts. We NEED MORE! I know it's five months away, but I need a firm commitment within the next few months. This is a great opportunity for our guild to do something for Somers! Call me or write me as soon as you can. Thank you.

-- Kathy Sica

MEMBERSHIP

We had another busy night at the membership table at our March meeting! Eight new people joined our ranks, people looking forward to having an interesting and fun evening, eager to work hard, and to learn about quilting. Welcome them, won't you?

Also, over thirty old members paid the assessment. As of this writing 212 people have paid the assessment. That's about 2/3 of the membership. This year's budget was based on 100% participation. If you haven't paid, won't you please reconsider your reasons and send it in? We all want this guild to remain a healthy organization but we must have the help of ALL our members.

Here are the names and numbers of the new members to add to your phone lists:

Brenda Fish	739-9922	Eleanor Scarcella	248-8281
Terry Garris	628-1690	Mary Schmidt	248-8249
Marion Lake	962-5303	Corrine Vance	203-746-0491
Ann Marchmont	241-3507	Debbie McDonough	628-5116

Be sure and say "Hi" to them at the next meeting. Don't forget to pick up your folders and pins from me at the next meeting. Happy Quilting and happy Spring!

-- Liz Doyle

Remember when Friends of Karen received proceeds from our Quilt Show a few years back? At that time this Guild said that whenever they needed anything from us, that we're here to help. Sheila Patterson has come forth with a request. In the fall the local cable TV will be holding a telethon for Friends of Karen. She is asking if we can make them a large quilt as a back-drop on the show. This will not cost the guild anything as all fabric, supplies, etc, will be paid by Friends of Karen. She will be using their symbol as the design. Jane Fulton has volunteered to chair this and we are most grateful for that. If you are interested in assisting Jane, please call her at 277-3864. Please help with this worth-while cause!

CLASSIFIED/MISCELLANEOUS

** THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 1987.

** DEADLINE FOR THE MAY NEWSLETTER is MAY 2, 1987. Please mail all items to: Judy Sebastian, 83 Nethermont Ave., N. White Plains, NY 10603.

** The Quilt Show Committee needs a couple of volunteers who are able to do calligraphy on the cards for the Quilt Show. Please call Madeline Horr at 248-7454 as soon as possible.

 RESOURCE AND EDUCATION

The response to NSQG workshops has been most gratifying. Most of them have been filled or almost filled. A reminder to those that signed up and haven't paid, please do so - remember it guarantees your spot in the class.

** WORKSHOPS **

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1987. 9 AM - 4 PM.

AROUND THE TWIST - Trudie Hughes, instructor. Fee: \$35. This quilt or wall hanging will be made using her techniques in template free quilt making.

FRIDAY, MAY 1, 1987. 9 AM - 4 AM.

Judy's Star - Trudie Hughes, instructor. Fee: \$35. This class will also use Trudie's method of template free quilt making. This will be a 41" x 54" wall hanging. Six pieced stars are framed by a beautiful border.

I know it is a busy day for many of you because of setting up the quilt show in the evening. I have heard from several people what a wonderful teacher Trudie Hughes is and how she teaches you quick ways of making a quilt. There are openings in this class. Come make a beautiful wall hanging and in the process learn template free quilt making and how to machine quilt that quilt you need to get done fast.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1987. 9:30 AM - 4 PM.

GREAT AMERICAN SCRAP QUILT with Roberta Horton. Fee: \$35. Learn how to deal with fabric, learn to look at fabric, critique what's wrong, what fabric to use to right it, and how to use fabric effectively. There are five openings in this class if you are interested.

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1987. 9:30 AM - 4 PM.

JAPANESE PATCHWORK with Roberta Horton. Fee: \$35 plus materials fee.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1987. 9:30 AM - 3 PM.

AMISH INFLUENCE with Barbara Wysocki. Fee: \$25. Learn to come up with your own design or use Barbara's. Develop your own Amish design suitable for a quilt or a wallhanging. Use traditional hand methods or try new quick cutting and piecing techniques. This workshop will include actual construction.

This is the last class being offered until fall. With all we have learned these last few months we should all be able to have some beautiful pieces done during the summer.

Members of other quilt guilds are also invited to participate in these classes. Call me at (914) 234-9510 to check on openings. Remember your check reserves a spot for you and the fee is non-refundable if we don't have a standby to take your place.

-- Jean Albrecht

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A WORLD OF QUILTS VIII - MAY 2 & 3, 1987

HEAR YE! HEAR YE! The Northern Star Quilters' Guild Annual Quilt Show is only three weeks away. Does it seem possible? Most things are in place and waiting for the BIG weekend.

Jane Fulton reports, however, that there are still quite a few openings in vital places for volunteer assistance. If you have not signed up, won't you do so at the April meeting. We want and need your help. (Volunteers, please remember to wear your name badge during the Quilt Show. If you still need to make an apron call Suzanna Valentinetti - 962-7115.) Call Jane to add your name to the list - 277-3864.

If you are in the Jefferson Valley Mall, stop by the window at Jo-Ann Fabrics and view our beautiful raffle quilt. It will be displayed there for a time before the show. We hope to sell quite a few more raffle tickets this way.

The April meeting is the DEADLINE for blocks for the BLOCK CONTEST. You may give them to Linda Raffaele. If you still have questions, call Linda - 682-0004.

Sue Bouton will be distributing inventory sheets for the Boutique at this next meeting. If you need further information on the Boutique, call Sue - 878-6722.

Remember, if you have any flowers in your garden and wish to share them for use on the cafeteria tables, we appreciate any donations. Also, needed will be the small wine carafes to put these flowers in. Kay Thorn will be doing her usual wonderful job of arranging these flowers for the tables. Please bring any flowers or carafes to the cafeteria on Friday at 4 p.m.

Bill Doyle is still in need of assistance with parking cars. Husbands, teen-age sons or daughters are welcome. Call Jane Fulton if you can assist here.

By this time next month the show will be history. Be part of it.....see what a good time we all have....it is not all hard work! Just two hours each day entitles you to FREE admission to the show. SEE YOU THERE!

--- Penny Black (271-8846)
Quilt Show Coordinator

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Proposed Slate of Officers - 1987 - 1988 Term of Office

President	Joan Crawford		
Vice President - Programs	Kathy Ford		
Vice President - Membership	Pat Barker	-	Edith Pryor
Recording Secretary	Edie Keasby	-	Marie Gibson
Corresponding Secretary	Debbie Heckler	-	Nancy Heffernan
Treasurer	Barbara Lerch		

TREASURER'S REPORT
MARCH INCOME

Membership	\$370.00
Education & Resource	525.00
Newsletter	12.50
Quilt Show	884.00
Quilt Acquisition	216.00
Program (raffle)	90.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$2,097.50

MARCH EXPENSE

Membership	\$15.85
Education & Resource	80.00
Newsletter	242.00
Treasurer	20.95
Quilt Show	408.12
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$766.92

BALANCE ON HAND AS OF MARCH 31, 1987 --- \$5,037.98

COMING EVENTS

** Trumbull Piecemakers present
APRIL SHOWER OF QUILTS II.
Saturday, April 25, 1987. Sunday,
April 26, 1987. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Trumbull High School, 72 Strobel
Road, Trumbull, Connecticut, 06611.
For further info send SASE to
Trumbull Piecemakers, Cynthia Kadish,
P.O. Box 160, Trumbull, CT, 06611
(203-261-8722).

** Wings Falls Quilter's Guild,
Adirondack Spring Quilt Festival 1987
June 6 & 7, Adirondack Community
College, Bay Road, Glens Falls, NY.
10 - 4. Quilts, workshops (info on
bulletin board)

** Bergen County Quilt Fair -
Brownstone Quilters Guild, Inc,
June 18, 19, 20, 1987. Paramus
Cathloc High School, 425 Paramus
Road, Paramus, New Jersey.
Thursday 6 - 10pm, Fri. 2-10pm,
Sat. 10 - 6pm

** Catamount Quilt Show -
July 25 -26, 10 am - 5 pm. Catamount
Ski Area, Route 23, Hillsdale, NY &
South Egremont, MA.



Sixth Quilt Conference

Suffolk County Community College
Riverhead, N.Y.

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•DOOR PRIZES •RAFFLE: POSTAGE STAMP BASKET QUILT
BERNINA SEWING MACHINE
FEATHERLITE SEWING MACHINE
•\$3.00 ADMISSION

Saturday, July 18 9 - 5
Sunday, July 19 9 - 5

for more information, send SASE to:
ELIQG, Linda Taplar, 47J S. Ferry, Shelter Island, NY 11964

Quilting Tips:

** Draw perfect squares in various sizes on your ironing board cover for using as guides in blocking patchwork.

** Don't buy 1" thick batting if you want short, even hand quilting stitches. Use the thicker batts when tying or machine quilting is planned.

** When quilting a long straight line there is the chance that pressure or tension on the thread could break it. Use shorter thread lengths or turn angles and corners frequently when quilting for a stronger quilt.

** Sew through lines of quilting patterns with unthreaded sewing machine to make perforated quilting stencils.

** When planning your quilt's color scheme, remember that light, bright, and hot colors advance while dark, dull, and cool colors recede.

** When a quilt has several borders, the outside border should usually be the darkest color since it "frames" the quilt.

** If a very bright or dark fabric is being used in a quilt, distribute it over the whole design so the viewer's eye won't be drawn to just one section of the quilt.

** Make a felt-covered board on which to arrange patches in trial combinations. The patches will stick to the felt and give you a chance to see how different fabrics work together.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SOME VERY IMPORTANT MEMBERS!!!! We have four - yes, four- members who have had their projects accepted to the AMERICAN QUILTER'S SOCIETY AND CONTEST, PADUCAH, KENTUCKY, April 24-26, 1987. The honored members are: Jan Mason for her super dress and cape that she modeled for us at the March meeting. Kay Jordan for her "Swans on the Millpond" that won a Blue Ribbon at our show last year. Joyce Murrin and Eca Steinman for their pieces as well. We want to wish all of you the best of luck! We are all very, very proud of you!!!!

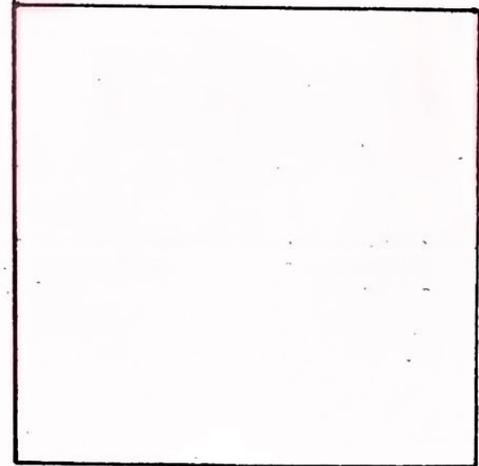
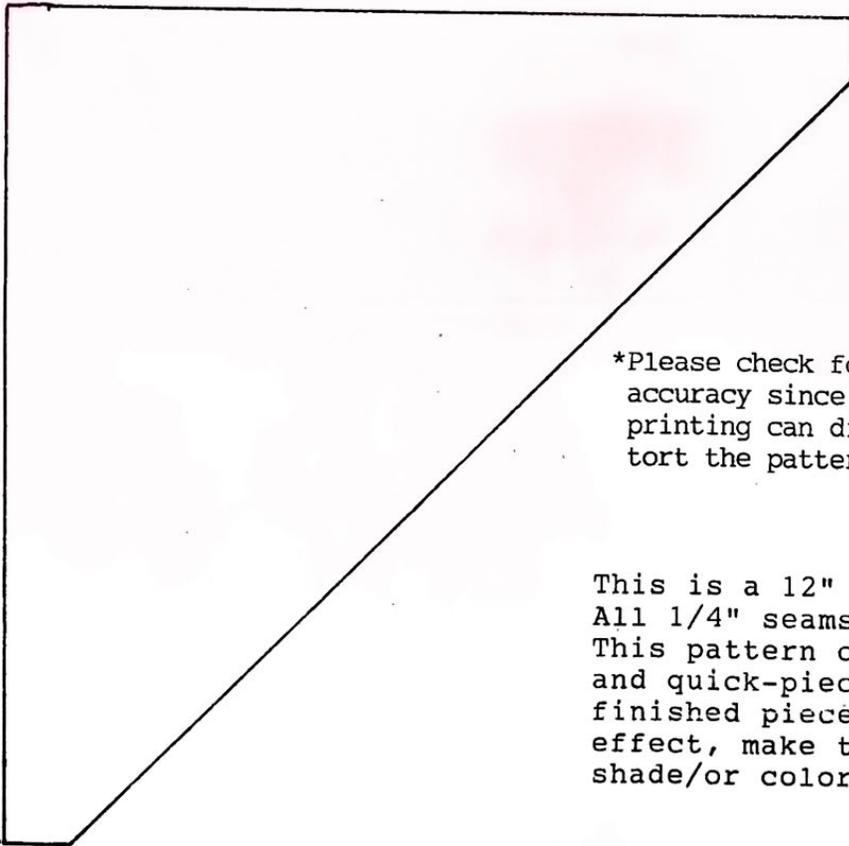
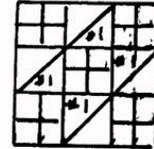
HOSPITALITY

NSQG reminds me of the challenge of making a scrap quilt. Lots of fabric, many shapes and sizes, matching and clashing, waiting to be fitted together to make a whole unit. Not every piece will go together smoothly. It will never be completed without mistakes. If we do nothing but sit and complain that the colors don't match, or criticize the needle because the stitches are too long we'll end up with a pile of scraps. If we rearrange the colors, rethink the design and restitch the mistakes a pleasing pattern will start to develop and in no time at all we'll have a quilt of which we can be proud.

Enough sermonizing....Get those recipes out and start thinking about the June Salad Supper. Everyone who attends will be asked to bring a salad to serve 6 to 8 people. It can be pasta, vegetable, meat, fish, gelatin, fruit or whatever. It's your choice. I know there's two months to go but forewarned is forearmed. I'll meet you at the coffee pot Tuesday night.

-- Pat Barker

Jacob's Ladder



*Please check for accuracy since printing can distort the pattern

This is a 12" block when completed. All 1/4" seams have been added. This pattern can be both strip-pieced and quick-pieced. If you want the finished piece to have a criss-cross effect, make the #1 triangle be a different shade/or color.