



On Point!

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Sondra J. Shapiro, Editor

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******* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *******

Dear Fellow Quilters,
Spring has sprung; the sky is blue. I feel better; how about you? (I never know how to start this article!)

Your Board has decided that despite the microphone situation, we are very happy at JFK and consider our move permanent. And we WILL work out the kinks.

Please remember that even if you arrive at JFK early, no one is "open for business" before 7:00. Please don't try to register for a class or browse through library books before 7:00. Pat Baker and Luran Tyler really need this time to set up. Thank you for your understanding.

I have heard that there are several Secret Pals who have been so secret, their Pals think they've been forgotten. If this description applies to you, you have three months to redeem yourself!

Yorktown has invited NSQG to participate in Yorktown Community Day on Saturday, May 21 at Downing Park. If you (and a friend?) would like to sit at a table, quilt and answer questions, please call me at 277-5210.

NANCY MIRMAN

******* POT LUCK SUPPER *******

Please show your gratitude to the 175 workers who set up the quilt show by donating a fully cooked casserole or dessert. Call or see me (528-3057) at the April meeting for details.

KATE PEARSON

******* PROGRAMS *******

Our speaker for April is Anita Murphy from Kountze, Texas. She has enjoyed a lifetime of both stitchery and crafts. Anita made her first doll bed size quilt at age 7. It won a blue ribbon, and she has continued to win many more for her many quilting endeavors. Anita will be sharing her lecture, "When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade--or What to do with All that Fabric You Can't EAT!" She will help us discover the many uses for all the fabric with which we don't know what to do. See you April 19th.

NANCY MURPHY

THE APRIL 19 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JFK HIGH SCHOOL ON ROUTE 138.



CALLING ALL CLOTH DOLLMAKERS!

There is still time to make a doll for the "In A Secret Garden" doll display at the quilt show! Dolls must be an original design, constructed of cloth and should relate to our theme, "In A Secret Garden", which can be interpreted any way you like. April 25th is the due date for completed dolls, but please call us as soon as possible if you intend to display one so that we can get a "head count"!

Luran Tyler & Jane Davila

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******* NINE-PATCH PROJECT *******

Many thanks to all our guild members who have been so generous with their time and talent, especially the great group who made our Nine-Patch Saturday such a success. Claire Yaffa, a free-lance photographer, had the assignment from The New York Times to provide pictures for a story about our guild's Crib Quilt Project. The article may appear on April 26 in The Times. Pat and I will clip the article and have a copy at the Education table. At the next meeting I will have a final count of the finished quilts that will be displayed at our Show. Thank you again.

MARY PODGORSKI
COORDINATOR

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******* APPRAISAL SERVICE *******

The Show Committee has come up with something new for our show this year - a quilt appraisal service. Eugenia Barnes, an appraiser certified by the American Quilter's Society, will provide written appraisal with the official AGS form and embossed stamp during show hours for a \$25 fee. If you have an old or new quilt you would like appraised whether for your own peace of mind or for insurance purposes, please call me (962-1452) to schedule an appointment by April 16. If there is not enough interest, the appraisal service will be cancelled.

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***** EDUCATION *****

Would all who made the miniature country schoolhouses please bring them to the Education table at the April meeting so that we can display them? Thanks! And the rest of you come take a look and enjoy.

Anita Murphy's Sunshine and Shadow Reversible Quilt Workshop will run from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, April 18 at the Lincolndale Clubhouse. Make a quilt in this workshop with two totally different color schemes, such as Christmas on one side and blues on the other. There are still a few places left.

MYSTERY WORKSHOP is rescheduled for June 4 (location to be announced). Would all registered participants please let Mary (245-3070) or Pat (279-8840) know if you will or will not be coming on that day. If you cannot, the remaining directions will be mailed to you at that time.

REMINDER: The April meeting is the last date to register for Yvone Porcella's vest workshop (May 16 and 17) before it is opened to other guilds.

REMINDER II: For ALL WORKSHOPS, please bring your mug and your lunch, and WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE.

PAT BAKER

***** BOUTIQUE *****

Special thanks to Pat Baker and all the teachers for a very nice Super Saturday. Besides learning a lot, we got to make many new friends and get reacquainted with some old friends. A good time was had by all.

Inventory sheets will be available at the April meeting. Members who bring items for sale may volunteer the required 2 hours anywhere at the show. Boutique volunteers are signed up by Volunteer Chairman Ann Fitzell. Thank you.

LORRAINE GANSINGER

***** QUILT SHOW NEWS *****

It is getting warm and I think Spring is arriving. It feels good after the long winter we have experienced. Time for our show.

The Hospice is doing a fantastic job selling raffle tickets for us. If you would like more tickets, call Maria (271-2186) or see her at the meeting. You can turn in your ticket stubs and money at the April meeting.

Our Show Pin will be available at the April meeting at a members' discount of \$4. Look for the coupon at the end of this newsletter.

We still need someone to help my husband put up direction signs. Have all the men in our lives gone underground? Bob gets very lonely out on the road with his hammer and signs. To volunteer, please call me at 245-3932.

The Show Committee has been very busy working together to make this a great 15th year. Now we need all of the members to put the final touches. Your help is needed to make this the very finest quilt show ever!

BARBARA LERCH

***** HOSPITALITY *****

Thank you so much to everyone who brought a dessert to the March meeting. We had an incredible amount of food (which, you must have noticed, we all managed to finish down to the last crumb)! Please keep up this great response. Remember, you too may be the lucky winner of a floral arrangement from Somers Flower Shop in the Somers Towne Center. I promise to let someone else win next month!

Thank you to the following people who signed up for the April meeting: Barbara Beaudry, Mary Gall, Barbara Lennox, Pat Punton, Marie Sugar, Lois Greagor, Caroline Kearney and Lori Wunner.

We will gratefully accept (and eat) all donations, even if you haven't signed up. Remember, it doesn't have to be homemade. Please make sure you see me when you bring your dessert so I can put your name in the flower raffle. Thanks.

CHRIS ROCHE

***** ON THE GO *****

"Queens Quilted": exhibition is a "patchwork" of quilted items of people from over 79 cultures, races and religions. On view through April 22 at The Clubhouse at Forest Park, 79-01 Park Lane South, Woodhaven, Queens. Call (718)647-3377 for information.

Quilt Show & Conference: 13th Annual Eastern Long Island Quilter's Guild event on June 11 & 12, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Suffolk Community College, Speonk-Riverhead Road, Riverhead, N.Y. More than 150 quilts, raffle quilt, guild boutique, vendors, cafeteria, exhibits. Admission, \$5; seniors, \$4. For info: call (516)765-1111 or write the guild at P.O. Box 611, Southold, N.Y. 11971.

A Century of Quilting: Belle Grove Plantation's fourth annual quilt symposium in Middletown, Va., Aug. 4-7. Workshops, lectures, quilt display, vendors. Faculty includes: Pepper Cory, Mimi Dietrich, John Flynn, Marianne Fons, Mary Ellen Hopkins, Trudie Hughes, Elly Sienkiewicz, Doreen Speckman. For info, call (703)869-3511 or write to A Century of Quilting, Belle Grove Plantation, P.O. Box 137, Middletown, Va. 22645.



***** MEMBERSHIP *****

Thanks to Barbara Broshaus and Simone Montequ for filling in for me at the March meeting. Attendance sheets were signed by 181 people, including 5 guests. We also welcome four new members: Virginia Cannata, Louise Ludecke, Mary Kay Riedy and Shirley Saccone. This brings our total membership to 289. Updated membership lists should be available at the April meeting. If anyone would like to assist at the membership table in April, please call me at 279-5613.

MILLIE CLINTON

***** NSQG CALENDAR *****

- 4-8 NSQG 2-day trip to Lancaster, Pa.
- 4-18 Workshop: Anita Murphy's Sunshine and Shadow Reversible Quilt.
- 4-19 General meeting at JFK, Route 138. Speaker: Anita Murphy. Doors open at 7 p.m. Meeting begins at 7:30 p.m.
- 4-26 Board meeting at Nancy Mirman's, 7:15 p.m.
- 4-30 A World of Quilts XV at 5-1 JFK High School, Somers.
- 5-2 Judy Mathieson workshop: Looking Through Your Attic Window.
- 5-3 Mary Hickey workshop: 1+1=3.
- 5-17 General meeting.
- 5-24 Board meeting.

***** FABRIC RAFFLE *****

Think green for Spring! when planning for the April 19 fabric raffle. Bring as many fat quarters (18x22") or long quarters (9x44") as you wish, and in return you will receive a raffle ticket for each of your quarter-yards. A table for the raffle fabric will be located at the back of the room.

LILLIAN COLYER

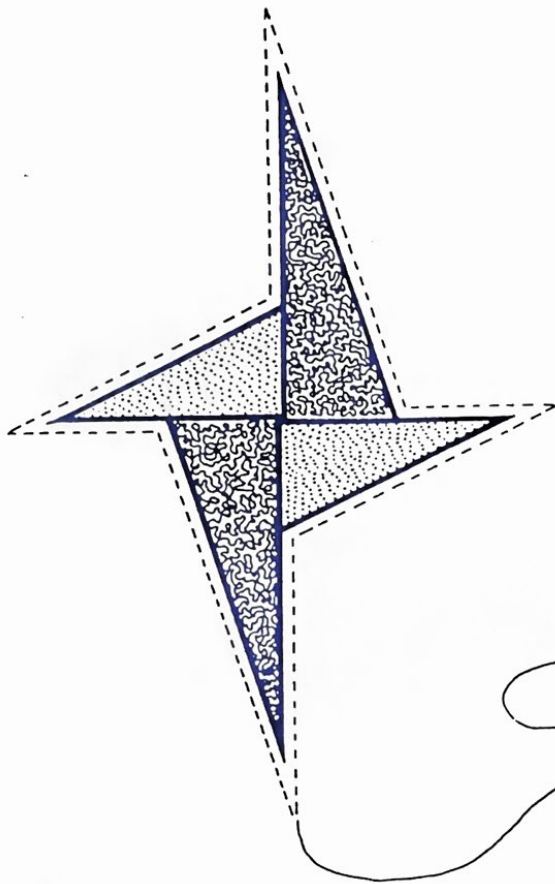
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LIBRARY NEWS

This month we present a whole slew of new books! The first seven books were introduced at the March meeting. The last five books will debut at April's meeting:

A Patchwork of Pieces: An Anthology of Early Quilt Stories 1845-1940, compiled by Cuesta Ray Benberry and Carol Pinney Crabb, is for all quilt history buffs. The 28 fictional stories in this collection will transport you back to the fascinating world of quilters long ago. "You'll witness ruthless gossips, courtings that nearly go astray, quilters obsessed with securing scraps, and husbands and wives brought together by quilts." Fun reading.

Great Quilting Techniques from Threads is the latest compilation of 21 quilt-related articles from *Threads Magazine* (published 1994!). As to be expected from Taunton Press, all articles are on various fascinating aspects of quilting, and full of detailed instructions and beautiful photographs. This book was generously donated to our library by Taunton Press.

The Quilters' Companion: Everything You Need to Know to Make Beautiful Quilts is actually six quilting books in one. **Shortcuts**, by Donna Lynn Thomas; **A Perfect Match**, also by Donna Thomas; **The Art of Applique**, by Mimi Dietrich and Roxi Eppler; **Sensational Settings**, by Joan Hanson; **Loving Stitches**, by Jeana Kimball; and **Happy Endings**, by Mimi Dietrich; have all been reprinted and combined together as "chapters" in this one hard-cover volume. Having enjoyed each of these books separately, I'm sure that this one volume will be an excellent informational source for all quilter's libraries. That you, "That Patchwork Place", for this donation.

Fun with Fat Quarters, by Nancy J. Martin, features quilts made from coordinated packs of fat quarters now commonly offered by quilt shops. With your fabric pack in one hand and your rotary cutter in the other, this book will show you how to whip up a quilt in record time! Another great donation from "That Patchwork Place".

Round About Quilts, by J. Michelle Watts, features circular-designed quilts with wedge-shaped pieces, made using

your rotary cutter and a 9° wedge ruler, available at most quilt shops. Another donation from "That Patchwork Place".

Appliquilt: Whimsical One-Step Applique and Quilting, by Tonee White, features country-style applique patterns with pinked edges that are appliqued to the background with the quilting stitch. Also donated by "That Patchwork Place".

Country Quilts in a Day, by Fran Roen, was donated to our library by NSQG member Rene Savage. This hardcover book contains directions for 18 country quilts using strip quilting and other speed techniques. Thank you, Rene.

Yvonne Porcella, our guest lecturer in May, has kindly donated the following three books written by her. What a great chance to preview her work and get ideas for her vest workshop being offered in May. **Pieced Clothing** and **Pieced Clothing Variations** teach you how to construct various ethnic garments using simple rectangular and square pattern pieces, including the workshop vest. Many color photographs showing Yvonne's vibrant use of color. **Yvonne Porcella: A Colorful Book** is a beautiful collection of photographs detailing Yvonne's work within various color schemes. This one is sure to give you plenty of ideas for your own garment.

C&T Publishing has donated two books to our library as well:

A Treasury of Quilt Labels by Susan McKelvey is full of traceable label designs and includes detailed instructions for stenciling, painting, embroidering, etc. your own decorative quilt labels. Susan's beautiful designs are a lovely way to document the quilts that you make.

Memorabilia Quilting by Jean Wells contains ideas and projects for incorporating old laces, linens, buttons, trinkets and what-not into quilts, clothing and adornments. Project ideas with a Victorian flair range from quilts to vests to sewing caddies, picture frames, etc.



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******* TRAVELING QUILTERS *******

Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 19! Join us for a one-day trip to the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Mass., for a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum. Then, it will be on to the Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington, Mass., and view an exhibit of "Patchwork Souvenirs of the 1993 Chicago World's Fair." The cost is \$25, which includes round-trip tour bus and admission to the museums. If you know of a fabric shop along the way, please let me know and if time allows, we may stop. Call me (628-5380) to reserve a seat. Guests are always welcome.

Looking ahead to the summer, the Ski Club is again making the lodge in Waitsfield, Vt., available for the Vermont Quilt Show in Northfield, July 7-10. The cost to stay at the lodge is \$6 per night, per bed. A return trip is being planned to Cape Cod for the 13th Annual Cape Cod Quilt Festival of the Bayberry Quilters on Aug. 4 and 5. We'll possibly take a tour of the Cranston Print Works Co. More information will be available at April's meeting.

There will be a report on the Lancaster trip in the next newsletter. We have a full bus of eager ladies ready to boost the Pennsylvania economy and get great ideas for new quilts! It is great fun to go on a bus trip with fellow quilters. Try it - you might like it!

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Pauline was born and raised in Bellevue, Ohio. She moved to Georgia for a while after she married, and in 1958 she eventually settled in New York with her family. Pauline has 5 children, 3 boys and 2 girls whom are all grown. Only her middle son now lives with her. She, also, has 4 grandchildren. Lots of kids that need quilts!

Large families are not foreign to Pauline. She is the eldest of 10 children and sewing was a big part of family life. She remembers her mom making clothes for all the children and she remembers tying comforters with her sister. Each Spring the children could count on some illness (mumps, measles, chicken pox, etc.) causing a 10 week (one week per child!) quarantine. Plenty of time for sewing, embroidery, crewel, and other handiwork.

Piecing is that part of quilt-making Pauline likes best. She's got lots of tops (UFO) to prove it. The actual quilting is her least favorite.

Pauline is now retired and loves it! She wants to spend some of her time finishing some projects. Instead of learning new techniques, Pauline is driven to dig into those UFO's. She , also, want to spend some time making clothes (wearable art) and do some gardening.

New projects will come soon enough and Pauline says she gets inspired by anything - calendars, pictures, you name it. "I like it, I want to make it".

Pauline feels that a turning point for her quilt-making came when she took a class taught by Gladys Boalt. She also became a member of the Northern Star Quilters' Guild from the start - she remembers meetings at the Elephant Hotel.

Her thoughts to new quilters - Get started!! Over the years she has found time-saving devices to be wonderful - rotary cutter, mat, and quick piecing methods.

We wish Pauline lots of quilt making and gardening time. Congratulations on your retirement! Thank you for sharing your thoughts.

PROVI SVENSSON

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April 16 & 17: The Trumbull Piecemakers present "An April Shower of Quilts V," 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Trumbull High School, 72 Strobel Road, Trumbull, Conn. Donation: \$5; senior citizens, \$3; children under 5, free. More than 200 quilts, invitational quilts, teacher quilts, vendors, demonstrations, raffle quilt and refreshments. Lecturers: Dorothy Bosselman, Jo Diggs, Janet Elwin, Judy Reilly. For info: send a LSASE to Marie Richardson, 18 Skyview Drive, Trumbull, Conn. 06611, or call (203)375-2480.

April 21-24: 10th Annual American Quilter's Society Quilt Show and Contest at the Executive Inn Riverfront in Paducah, Kentucky. Featuring: fashion show and contest, merchant mall, awards banquet, auction and workshops. For info: send SASE to American Quilter's Society, P.O. Box 3290, Paducah, KY 42002-3290, or call (502)898-7903.

13th Annual Cape Cod Quilt Festival: The Quilter's Palette, presented by Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod. On Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Route 124, Harwich, Mass. (Exit 10 off Route 6.) New quilts, boutique, raffle quilt, doll exhibit, merchants mall, demonstrations, quilts for sale, appraisals, cafeteria. Contact: Susan Campbell, (508)775-6239.