

NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD, LTD., SOMERS, NEW YORK

On Point!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Quilters,

It was a pleasure to have the Guild respond so generously to the suggestion of a donation to the American Quilt Defense Fund. Our \$1,000 is on its way to help build a permanent display case at the Smithsonian.

It was also gratifying to have members come up to me during the break to volunteer their time in Guild activities. The Board encourages ALL members - both new and veteran - to be active. A new policy was recently adopted: "In order to allow more openings for Guild members to participate in Guild activities, it is the policy of the Guild to ask members to serve in only one position at a time." It is the Board's responsibility to make this Guild as open and welcoming an organization as possible. On the other hand, it is YOUR responsibility to step forward and let us know what you can do.

Along the same lines, I would like to encourage new members to participate in Show and Tell. Our Guild comprises experienced and inexperienced quilters, and Show and Tell is for all of us. There is as much joy in seeing a new quilter sharing a first-time project as there is in seeing a blue-ribbon winner.

***** NANCY MIRMAN

PROGRAMS

Our April 18th meeting will feature a very special quiltermaker, Lynn G. Kough of Middletown, N.J. Lynn has been teaching all over the east coast for 15 years. Her award-winning quilts have been seen in guild and gallery shows and featured in quilting magazines.

Lynn will address the Guild on an interesting topic, Harmony: Creating a Well-Balanced Quilt Design. This is a subject that we all think about when designing a quilt - whether consciously or subconsciously. It will be great to hear her perspective on this very important issue. In addition, she will be bringing loads of her own work with her, so this should be a special treat.

***** ALICE GARRARD

FOOD, WE NEED FOOD!

Barbara Lerch, who's coordinating the Friday evening pot-luck dinner for those setting up at JFK May 5th, needs casseroles and soda to nourish about 140 folks. Please bring your food donations to JFK at 5 p.m. May 5th.

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NSQG CALENDAR

- APRIL 18: GENERAL MEETING at JFK High School, Route 138, Somers. Doors open at 7 p.m.; meeting begins at 7:30.
MAY NEWSLETTER DEADLINE!
- MAY 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- MAY 5: Nancy Johnson-Srebro's 2 half-day WORKSHOPS
- MAY 6&7: A WORLD OF QUILTS XVI
- MAY 8: Elly Sienkiewicz WORKSHOP
- MAY 9&10: same Elly Sienkiewicz WORKSHOP each day
- MAY 16: GENERAL MEETING
- MAY 16: Libby Lehman WORKSHOP
- MAY 23: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- JUNE 20: GUILD SALAD SUPPER, GENERAL MEETING
- JUNE 27: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

CHARM QUILT SWAP

APRIL COLORS: multi-colored fabrics

APRIL THEME: novelties, animals, Juveniles

We hope you are enjoying this concept of sharing fabrics and creating a charm quilt. The results will be a wonderful collaboration of fabrics, talent and creativity.

***** LORI VANACORE & DEBORAH EHRICHS

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AND BRING A MUG

TRAVELING QUILTERS

Since this newsletter is being typed before we leave for the Lancaster trip, I'll have to give you the details in the May On Point!

A day trip via a van is planned Sunday, April 23 to AnnaMarle Tucker's QUILT INN SHOW at West Kill, N.Y. Cost: \$5 plus admision. Meet at the Mahopac Village Center (A&P).

We can hitch a ride with the Nutmeg Quilters on Thurs., May 11 or Sat., May 13 to vlew THE NEW YORK QUILT FESTIVAL. The cost for bus and admission is \$27. Bus leaves from Ridgefield and Darlan, Conn.

The White Plains Ski Club members are again offering us the use of their lodge for quilters interested in attending the Vermont Quilt Festival, July 14-16. Families and guests are always welcome to enjoy the beauty of Vermont for this short or long weekend. Cost: \$6 per person per night. There are many things to do, like hiking, swimming, shopping or just relaxing. The show is always a delight for the quilt lover.

Please make reservations for any of the trips now by calling me at 628-5380 or see me at our meetings.

***** LINDA VON AHN

MEMBERSHIP

Our March meeting drew 215 quilters.

New membership lists have been typed and should be available at the April meeting. New members, please pick up your membership badges and information folders at the membership table. If you want to help at the membership table at the next meeting, drop me a note.

***** MILLIE CLINTON

TEACHER WANTED

Tina Stark, secretary of the Italian-American Club of Mahopac, recently wrote to inquire if a NSQG member/members would be willing to teach quilting to the club. The club will celebrate its 60th anniversary in 1997. "It is our hope that on our anniversary," wrote Ms. Stark, "we will be able to present the club with a beautiful anniversary quilt to hang proudly on our wall of the club." Please call Ms. Stark, 621-1782, if you can help these eager beginners.

HELP ALICE FROM GOING BATTY

I have received from some of you forms that rate the battings we've tested. Thank you! I have not received enough forms, however, to see a pattern emerging from so few opinion sheets. The deadline for returning the forms to me has been extended to our June 20th meeting; I will welcome them at the April and May meetings, too.

I cannot stress how important it is for you to fill in the manufacturers' evaluation form. These five companies were so kind and generous with their products and information. The least we can do is to reciprocate with our feedback; manufacturers can produce better fiber products for our purposes with the info provided in our comments.

Everyone is so busy getting ready for our Quilt Show that is hard for even an old nudge like me to pester you. I understand that quilting small pieces of batting is the last thing on our minds; finishing up your quilts is obviously first. But after your quilts are done and responsibilities for the Show are finished, please pick up your batting pieces and get to work!

By the way, May's THREADS magazine includes a very scientific comparison of eight battings. Very interesting.
***** ALICE GARRARD

WE'LL MISS YOU, PAT!

Pat Davis recently left us for a grand old life in Knoxville, Tennessee. Pat is a founding member of the Guild. As a friend, she is warm and caring, always making new members feel welcome at meetings. Pat, we'll miss your presence but wish you wonderful new friends at whatever quilting guild is lucky enough to have you as a new member. Your knowledge and experience will benefit them. Be happy and keep in touch!

(Pat Davis, 316 Wardley Road, Knoxville, TN 37922)

BOUTIQUE

Hope all of you are adding the finishing touches to your beautiful fabric or quilt-related items. Inventory sheets will still be available at the April meeting.

Remember: in order for the Guild to sell your items, you must volunteer to work two hours somewhere in the show. Volunteers are desperately needed to fill empty time slots so the Boutique can be open throughout the Show!! Drop off Boutique items Friday from 4:40 to 6:30 p.m. at JFK. We cannot accept any late arrivals.

Looking forward to seeing all your beautiful creations.
***** JULIE LONG

Please post the small poster (on the next page) where the public can see it!

TREASURER'S REPORT, as of Feb. 28, 1995

Guild Balance Forward-	Jan. 31, 1995	\$37,110.08
General Account Balance-		\$22,388.01
Income-		
Membership-		\$ 170.00
Super Saturday-		\$ 495.00
Trips		\$ 5,332.00
Resource & Education (Mystery)		\$ 30.00
Interest Income-		\$ 42.82
Total Income-		<u>\$ 6,069.82</u>
Expense-		
Speaker-		\$ 785.69
Raffle-		\$ 175.00
Newsletter-		\$ 270.60
Trips-		\$ 800.00
Super Saturday-		\$ 37.79
JFK Service-		\$ 20.00
Hospitality-		\$ 24.54
Magnet-		\$ 15.00
Bank Charges-		\$ 12.00
Total Expenses-		<u>\$ 2,140.62</u>
As of Feb. 28, 1995-		\$26,317.21

QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT-		
Quilt Show Balance Forward-		\$14,722.07
Income-		
Vendors-		\$ 1,547.50
Raffle-		\$ 30.00
Total Income-		<u>\$ 1,577.50</u>
Expenses-		
Admissions-		\$ 58.39
Invitationals-		\$ 47.72
Quilt Registration-		\$ 12.93
Quilt C.Y.-		\$ 173.00
Publicity-		\$ 64.00
Office Expense-		\$ 14.33
Total Expenses-		<u>\$ 370.37</u>
Balance as of Feb. 28, 1995-		<u>\$15,929.20</u>

GUILD BALANCE as of Feb. 28, 1995- \$42,246.41
 ***** MARY ROSSETTI

CALLING ALL DOLLMAKERS

Registration forms for our 4th annual Cloth Doll Exhibit are due by Fri., April 14. Dolls are not due until May 1. For more information and a registration form, call either Jane Davila at The Country Quilter, 277-4820, or Luran Fowks, 232-8470.



SHOW BUSINESS

It's countdown to A WORLD OF QUILTS XVI on May 6 and 7, 1995. And we're off to a great start. We've had a record number of quilts registered for this show. It's the first time in our history that we had to close the registration on the deadline. Also, our Block Contest broke its record of the past years and we have 50 entries! WOW

Of course, the best is yet to come, and the April meeting is your last chance:

- to sign up as a volunteer and earn your free admission to the show for each 2 hours worked; we really need help on Sunday after the show for take down.
- bring your items for the Perimeter Display (NSQG finished workshop projects) and give to Margaret Midgley.
- sign-up with Barbara Lerch to bring food for Friday night's pot-luck dinner.
- turn in raffle ticket money, stubs and unused tickets to Maria Tamaoka; take home more tickets to sell.
- notify Provi Svensson about having your quilt appraised at the show.
- cut out and bring the show pin coupon to make your purchase at a discount at the April meeting.
- notify Karen Haggert of your Works in Progress for display.

Thanks in advance ---- SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!!!!

***** BARB BROSHOUS

CLOTHING DISPLAY AT QUILT SHOW

There is still time to display your wearable work of art at the Show. If you are interested, send your name, phone number and a description of the article to me, 12 Vinton Ave., Bedford, N.Y. 10506. All clothing must be brought to the April meeting or make other arrangements with myself or Mary Podgorski, 669-9449. We are still in need of dress forms; if you have one to lend call me at 234-6810.

***** SUZANNE SUNDAY

LIBRARY NEWS

New books: Time-Span Quilts, Becky Herdle, ideas for unfinished antique tops and blocks; Tessellations & Variations, Barbara Ann Caron, design inspiration, directory of one-patch designs and templates; Mastering Machine Applique, Harriet Hargrave, covers satin stitch, mock hand applique, broderie perse, stained glass and cathedral windows; Decoupage Quilts, Barbara Roberts, use fusible web and fabric design motifs in 7 small quilts; Stringing Along with Vanessa-Ann, Trice Boerens, 10 children's quilts; Woven and Quilted, Mary Anne Caplinger, weaving together torn strips of fabric; Easy Reversible Vests by Carol Doak, foundation-piecing technique.

***** LAURAN FOWKS

ABC QUILTS: The usual meeting date is not available in May due to the Quilt Show. Call Pat Baker (279-8840) for date and directions. Keep the blocks and extra fabric flowing into the ABC basket on the Education table.

EDUCATION

Mystery Quilt participants may pick up Step #3 at the Education table in April. Mystery/Mop-Up session will be Sat., June 10. Location to be announced.

Last call for the few remaining spaces in workshops listed below. Double-check the Education bulletin board for your name on class lists. If your name is not there, you can still register. Here's how: include check, money order (payable to NSQG) or cash for each workshop; include SASE for each workshop; mark check and/or SASE with workshop name, not instructor; drop in registration box near bulletin board or mail to Pat Baker, 2 Friendly Road, Brewster 10509. Fee for full-day workshop is \$20; half day is \$10.

* May 5, half day, 12:45 to 3:45 p.m. Measure the Possibilities with Nancy Johnson-Srebro, short-cut tricks and wide variety of geometric shapes using rotary cutter. For everyone, especially beginners and lefties.

* May 9 or 10, Dimensional Blooms Seminar with Pro appliquer Elly Slenkiewicz, fast-paced, advanced techniques.

* May 16, Think Big with Libby Lehman, explore the dynamics of using large scale prints in quilts.

***** PAT BAKER & JOYCE SULLIVAN

cut out coupon on this line, making sure your name + address are visible on the back. Bring to April meeting. Exact amount will be appreciated!

SPECIAL DISCOUNT COUPON

GOOD FOR ONE COMMEMORATIVE SHOW PIN

REDEEM AT APRIL 18TH MEETING

\$4.00 INC. TAX

(REG. \$5.00)

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TWELVE REASONS FOR ADDING TO A FABRIC COLLECTION

from the Vermont Quilt Festival Newsletter

1. It helps insulate the closet in which it is kept.
2. It is our patriotic duty to support fabric shops & keep the economy going.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. Because it is on sale.
5. Be #1 in the-one-with-the-most-fabric-wins contest.
6. It doesn't need to be cooked, fed, changed or walked.
7. Provides traction on icy roads when kept in car trunk.
8. Want to do something nice for someone I love, ME!
9. Protects empty spaces, like ironing board, dining room table, guest beds and under the bed.
10. Buy now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
11. Buy now for your retirement.
12. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening; it makes one feel good, calms the nerves and gratifies the soul.