

On Point!

April, 1997

Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

The Newsletter of the Northern Star Quilters' Guild
Somers, New York

President's Message

Spring is here! Quilting activities are "popping up" all over. We've enjoyed Super Saturday and the trip to Lancaster. And . . . the show is just around the corner! If you haven't finished that quilt that you optimistically entered in the show . . . the pressure is building!

The April meeting will highlight the creativity of "over 50" quilters. Since I am willing to admit that I am in this group, I hope to find inspiration for future attempts at making interesting quilts.

The nominating committee has selected a new slate of officers. Their line-up will be presented to the membership during the business portion of the April meeting. Please be in your seats so that we may start promptly at 7:30.

Enjoy the spring weather and keep stitching!

Millie Clinton
President, NSQG



Quilt Show Report

It's only a few short weeks til show time! The Show Committee has been hard at work (having fun, too!) getting ready for *A World of Quilts XVIII*. Please help out! If you haven't volunteered, contact Ann Fitzell for information about open slots. Get out and sell those raffle tickets, too!

The Hospitality Committee, chaired by Joan Weth, will be looking for casseroles, etc., for the Friday evening supper at JFK. See Joan at the meeting to find out what's needed. We usually serve between 160 to 175 people that evening — that includes NSQG members who've been working on setting up the show, vendors setting up their booths, and speakers.

Meeting Checklist April 15, 1997

- Redeem the discount coupon in this newsletter to get *your* commemorative show pin!
- Sign up to bring a dish to show set-up on May 2nd.
- Drop off your quilts for the Work-in-Progress room with Joanne Finnigan.
- Pick up your Boutique inventory sheets.
- Drop off your challenge quilt!

Obviously, lots of food is needed. Even if you will not be working that evening, please arrange to send a casserole or dessert with another guild member (or just drop one off and be on your way!) The pot luck supper is only one of many things that our vendors and speakers talk about to other quiltaholics. It enhances the fine reputation that The Northern Star Quilters' Guild has in the quilt world.

Look elsewhere in this newsletter for your coupon for your discounted show pin. This offer will only be available at the April meeting and **you must have the coupon to receive the discount!**

Another reminder — please, do not show up on Judging Day unless you are previously signed up to work. It really expedites the judging process not to have extraneous people moving around the room. The committee will feel free to put any spectators to work.

One last request — **we need someone to post the pink "Quilt Show" signs on Thursday or Friday before the show.** Please get involved! Give something back to the guild that provides us with so much pleasure!

Brenda Strauss
VP, Quilt Show

Programs

In April, *Dottie Moore* will be presenting us with an entertaining program she calls: *Piecing A Quilt of Life*.

Dottie has connected with quilt makers over the age of 50, from all corners of the country. We are fortunate to have her come and share with us her artistic and spiritual pilgrimage.

This will be a stunning slide show that should not be missed.

I look forward to seeing you at the April meeting!

Nancy Murphy
NSQG VP, Programs



On Point!

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild newsletter is published monthly, except for a combined "summer" July/August issue. Subscription to the newsletter is included in the annual \$35 membership fee.

Articles are due one week after the general meeting, and may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax. All contributions are welcomed!

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The deadline for articles or advertising in the May issue is April 22, 1997.

Education

There are openings in one workshop, *Fabric Postcards*. This class will be taught by Judi Warren on Monday, May 19th. In this class, the student will design and sew a small-scale two-sided fabric postcard. It will be complete with scenic view, postage stamp, postmark, address and message. Cost is \$30; for intermediate to advanced skill level.

To register call, give me a call at 914-232-4971.

Judy Rosenberg
Education Chairperson

Library News

Don't throw out those old neckties when you do your Spring cleaning! Instead, take a look at Janet B. Elwin's *Necktie Sampler Blocks*, a new acquisition, and learn some nifty techniques for transforming ties into (mostly traditional) quilts and wallhangings.

Quilts Say It Best, Eileen Westfall's newest book, is a recent donation from That Patchwork Place. Using patchwork, applique, or embroidery, create lovely little wallhangings to present to the special people in your life.

Thank you to Eva Humbach for your generous contributions to our library!

My helpers and I will be "retiring" come June, and the guild will need a new library staff. It's fun and rewarding!

I'll be glad to fill in the details when you call me, or stop by the Library Table.

Kathleen Sambora
NSQG Librarian

Membership

We have two new members! Please add their names to your membership list:

Sharmon Kennedy
107 Stony Hill Rd
Brookfield, CT 06804
203-740-2511
and
Janet Gordon
RD 7, Crosby Ave
Brewster, NY 10509
914-278-9516

And, a change of address:

Nancy Nochese
267 West 70th St, Apt 2A
New York, NY 10023
212-362-3816

I look forward to seeing all of you at the April meeting!

Pat Rowan
VP Membership

Bring Food!

I'm counting on all of you to help me feed about 160 volunteers setting up for our quilt show on Friday night, May 2nd.

PLEASE sign up this month to donate your favorite hot or cold casserole, salad, quiche, dessert, breads, soda, juice or fresh fruit.

The food needs to be delivered to JFK by 5:00 pm. With all your help, I'm sure it will be a wonderful success.

Joan Weth
Hospitality, Quilt Show Committee

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Quilting Classes

Hours: Mondays - Saturdays 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thursdays until 9 pm
(open NSQG meeting nights until 7 pm)

Comfort Quilts

Some of the tops that have come to us made from the kits we distribute at the monthly meetings have been returning with some of their seams measuring only 1/8". For comfort quilts and for your own quilts, a scant 1/4" seam is necessary for pieces to fit into patterns correctly, and finished blocks to match -- but most importantly, for sturdiness! If uneven seams are caused because you've been rushing to finish, just don't. We would rather have you take your time and be more accurate -- and we know you really want to create sturdy quilts that a baby can cuddle with confidence.

We have three twin-sized, old-style cotton batts (must be quilted every 1/4" to 1/2"). We find they are too time-consuming for our purposes. They are yours for 1/4 yard each of children's print cotton, or all three for a yard. Please call me at 914-279-8840 before you run out and buy the fabric, though. The first calls will take it.

PLEASE NOTE: the dates for the next few meetings may not be on the usual days, due to conflicts for space at the church and the Quilt Show pressures that are upon us. We will meet on Thursday, April 3rd, Thursday, April 24th and Thursday, May 8th.

Pat Baker
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Our own NSQG member
Mary Scott

is one of the quilters profiled in the first national survey of African-American quiltmakers, a major work by Roland L. Freeman entitled:

**A Communion of the Spirits:
African-American Quilters,
Preservers, and Their Stories
(Rutledge Hill).**

The book represents more than two decades of Freeman's journeys across America, covering communities located in 38 states.

The book is available through book sellers nationwide and locally at the Country Quilter in Somers, New York.

Works in Progress at the Show

Five demonstrations have been scheduled both Saturday and Sunday on topics sure to be informative and inspirational!

BUT . . . the most important ingredient of this part of the quilt show is YOU! . . . Please bring your WIP to the April meeting, or if you are one of the many volunteers who have agreed to help on Friday night set-up, bring it then.

If you're willing to share a WIP from a guild workshop this year, or on Super Saturday, that would be wonderful, as I would like to group these items on one wall of the room.

If you have any questions, call me at 914-241-0134.

Joanne Finnigan
Show Committee

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 2/19/97 - 3/18/97

TOTAL GUILD	
OPENING BALANCE	\$30,568.76
Checking Opening Balance	\$6,692.89
INCOME	
Special Events (Lancaster)	3,780.00
Newsletter	250.00
Membership	234.50
Raffle	222.00
Super Saturday	570.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,066.50
EXPENSES	
Newsletter	
Printing	137.12
Postage	112.00
Programs	
Speaker Fees	300.10
Speaker Expenses	1,118.12
Rent & Services	20.00
Raffle	400.00
Library	104.79
General Miscellaneous	39.10
Education (Workshops)	150.00
Special Events (Lancaster)	6.40
Membership	184.93
Corresponding Secretary	76.43
TOTAL EXPENSES	2,648.99
Checking Closing Balance	\$9,100.40
Savings Opening and Closing Balance	\$6,866.30
Show Checking Opening Balance	\$17,009.57
INCOME	1,624.00
EXPENSES	\$1,171.77
Show Checking Closing Balance	\$17,461.80
TOTAL GUILD CLOSING BALANCE.	\$33,428.50

Jeanie Hunter
Treasurer

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Hospitality

Many thanks to all of our March birthday members who brought goodies to share.

Please remember that all members with April birthdays are asked to bring a treat to share at our next meeting.

Also please bring a mug, and retrieve your dishes or serving utensils from the Hospitality table before leaving.

Thank you!

*Sari Langlois
& Teri Anzalone*
Hospitality Chairs

Boutique

The Quilt Show Boutique, unfortunately, loses a few items to shoplifters each year. **We must have a full staff to be open!** Don't tell yourself that you will be there and not sign up. We need to know beforehand who is coming and when. It causes sleepless nights for those who have taken responsibilities when there are blanks in the volunteer schedule. **PLEASE SIGN UP!**

Pat Baker
Chairperson, Boutique

Ravelings

Do you have two or three (or more) UFO's lying about (UnFinished Objects)? Once each year, do yourself the favor of steeling yourself, digging them out, and honestly answering the question, "Do I really want to finish this?"

Who hasn't started something, but moved on before it was done, as skills and knowledge grew? Have the courage to give away, toss or otherwise dispose of those project that no longer seem worth your valuable time. Doing so will give you such a sense of lightness, and as well as time, will free storage space for something more worthy of your energy and interest.

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*Alice Garrard asks that
whoever borrowed her
flexible ruler at Super Saturday
please let her know where it is!
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Challenge Quilt "Recall"

Once again, we must collect this year's Challenge quilts so they can be displayed at the quilt show.

Bring them to the April meeting! Please attach all ribbons that were awarded. We'll give you a receipt which must be presented when you pick up your quilt after the show. If you will not pick up your own quilt, you must designate a person to pick it up for you.

If you cannot attend the April meeting, please have a friend bring your quilt, or call me to make special arrangements. Thanks to all of you who participated. The Challenge will be a wonderful exhibit at the show.

Joyce Sullivan
Challenge Committee Chairperson

From the Registrar

Quilt drop-off days will be:

Wednesday, April 23rd, 1 pm - 4 pm
Pinwheels, Croton-on-Hudson, NY
914-271-1045

and

Saturday, April 26th, 1 pm - 4 pm
The Country Quilter, Somers, NY
914-277-4820

Remember, your quilt will not be accepted unless it has been pre-registered!

Jeri Riggs
Quilt Show Registrar

Special Discount Coupon
Good for one commemorative show pin

WORLD OF QUILTS XVIII

Redeem at April 15th Meeting
\$4.00 including tax — (regularly \$5)
Brenda Strauss, Chairperson



On Points of Interest

Exhibits

March 20th - May 11th
Expressions in Cloth: Quilts that Heal
New England Quilt Museum
18 Shattuck St., Lowell, Mass
Antique, traditional and contemporary
pieces, among them the works of
Sandra Townsend Donabed and
Suzanne Marshall.

Challenges

1997 Miniatures from the Heart
Categories include: traditional,
contemporary, sampler, etc. Cash
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Deadline: postmarked by July 7.
Contact: Chitra Publications, 2 Public
Ave, Montrose, PA 18801

**Quilting Today Magazine
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Create a block expressing your
feelings about America. Merchandise
prizes will be awarded.
Deadline: August 26, 1997
Contact: Chitra Publications, 2 Public
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**From the
Judging Committee:**

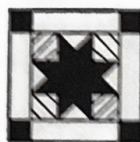
We're grateful to all the
wonderful volunteers who signed
up to help us on April 30th. You'll
be hearing directly from us soon.

As usual, it will be a busy and
gratifying day. We expect that
everyone at the clubhouse that
day will have come to work. We
don't actually have observers, only
volunteers. So please, understand
that we expect everyone there to
have a job to do. To those of you
who are not on our list, but come
anyway, we *will* find a job for you,
and we're sure that we can count
on you to help. Thanks for
understanding!

Leona Trinin
Elizabeth Rosenberg
Quilt Show Committee

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NSQG Calendar

- 4-3-97 *Comfort Quilts* at Katonah Presb. Church
4-15-97 **General Guild Meeting**, 7:30 p.m. JFK HS
4-23-97 *Board Mtng*, 7:30 pm, Judy Rosenberg's home
4-24-97 *Comfort Quilts* at Katonah Presb. Church
4-30-97 *Judging Day* at Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse
5-2-97 *Quilt Show Set-up and Pot-Luck Supper for Vendors and Workers*, 4:00 pm - ? pm

5-3&4-97 **World of Quilts XVIII!!!**

- 5-5-97 *Logs Plus Workshop*
5-5-97 *Designing from Nature Workshop*
5-6-97 *Designing from Nature Workshop*
5-8-97 *Comfort Quilts* at Katonah Pres. Church
5-19-97 *Fabric Postcards Workshop*
5-20-97 *Transformations: Creating Transparencies with Color and Light Workshop*

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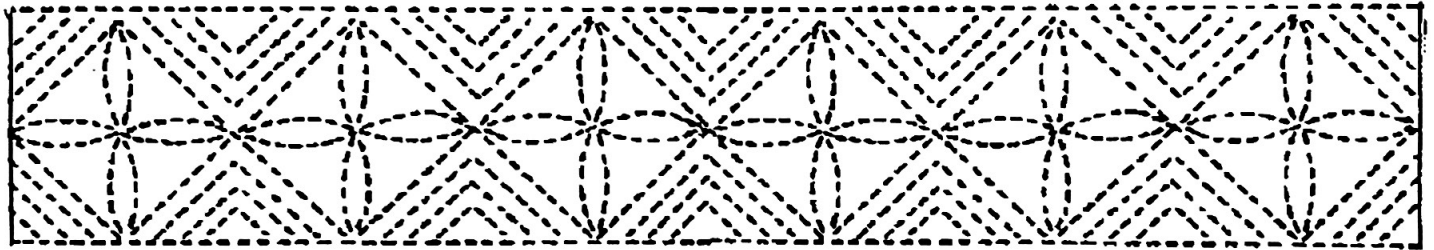
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