

Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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

Jill Tucker, Editor

Newsletter

December 1985

1985-6 GUILD MEETINGS

Tuesdays:	December 17	March 18	May 20
	January 21	April 15	June 17
	February 11		

Meetings are held at the Primrose School, Route 139, Somers. We begin promptly at 8:00, with refreshments served from 7:30. Any cancellations will be announced on radio stations WVIP, WHUD and WFAS. Call any of the board members if you are uncertain.

PROGRAM

I don't understand Einstein's theory about relativity and time, but I'm convinced that something odd happens to time between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day! Clocks and days seem to move a lot faster than they do the rest of the year, and "spare time" or even "enough time" seems scarcer than hen's teeth! Please put a BIG star on your calendar by Tuesday, December 17. Our Holiday Party is a 'specially fun meeting. Liz is planning wonderful food for us, and we have a marvelous speaker, Doris Neal. She'll show us last-minute holiday gift and decoration ideas, as well as teach us about shortcuts in sewing, and she'll show us some new gadgets to make our sewing and quilts more beautiful. Doris is also regularly on the radio, answering telephone questions about sewing problems. So here's your chance to get help with all your own quilting problems!

Please remember our grab-bag gift exchange. Everyone bring a small gift (hopefully handmade, or a \$5 limit if bought). No names or tags, but wrap your gift. And don't forget "Show and Tell," especially if you have holiday items.

Looking ahead to 1986:	January 21 - Pat Morris
	February 18 - Pat Yamin

-- Elva Fisher

Challenge for December - Remember, the Star is the challenge for the December meeting. I hope to see many of them!

Books - There are a few books left. They would make wonderful Christmas gifts. Sue Moga will have them with her at the December meeting. After December, she will take orders and money at one meeting, and deliver the next.

-- Kay Jordan

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are fast approaching the time when it is necessary to think ahead to next year (1986-7). I am looking for some members who would like to help by serving on the Nominating Committee. If you feel you could contribute in this way, please call me. We will have a few meetings and will need to call several people to assess their willingness to be presented as nominees, but the job will not take all that much time.

Anyone who wishes to become more involved in the running of guild activities should call me. We will consider any member who is willing to serve. You would be surprised how many people you will meet and the satisfaction you get from participating in the plans that make our guild such an attractive organization. I will be honest in saying that it has its frustrations, too, but there are more pleasures in working with this group. The greater the challenge, the greater the satisfaction when you have done your best to make something happen to please people. (We don't check your skill with the needle before you can be nominated.) Please don't be shy!

Rest up over the holidays because there are many classes, workshops and committees working on quilt show activities that will need your attention in the new year. Check out all the opportunities for learning and helping in the following pages.

Looking forward to seeing you at the December Holiday Party, where we will have a little more time to become acquainted and have some fun looking at the gifts. I wish you all a happy holiday, and hope to see everyone back in January ready for more good programs and some hard work on the quilt show committees.

-- Alice Dokken

This comes to us from Peg Eaton, who has recently moved to New Hampshire:

A CHRISTMAS POEM
With apologies to Clement Clarke Moore!

By Elaine Brackett

'Twas the night before Christmas
and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even
a mouse...
Out in the sewing room there arose
such a clatter,
The family knew in an instant what
was the matter.
Ma in her curlers and dressed for the
sack
Was working and stitching and
breaking her back.
She sewed and she trimmed, the
minutes they flew.

Just hours 'til Christmas -- she soon
must be through!
On eyelets! On fasteners! Her
projects they grew:
Aprons and pillow, old patterns and
new.
With the last stitch in place and
boxes wrapped neatly,
She patted each one and then,
smiling sweetly,
She dropped into bed, with a giggle
quite girl-y
Said, "Thank goodness it's done
...next year I'll start early!"

Advertising Rates - Ad rates for the newsletter are still \$12.50 per quarter page per issue. Please call Jill Tucker (232-9412) if you are interested.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

Changes:

Please add "Box P" to Pat Baker's address

Correct spelling is Rita Barranco

Correct zip code for Rosemarie Nagy is 06801

Additions:

Jeannette M. Conway
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279-2420

-- Lis Greene

**BASKETS
BOXES....
THINGS**



Delicate Sterling Thimble from Germany (small, medium & large) \$20.00



Handcrafted Sterling Silver Thimble Cage \$25.00
Never lose that favorite thimble!



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by chance or appointment

QUILT SHOW
JUDGING COMMITTEE

The Judging co-chairmen would like the guild members from last year's judging committee and any other interested guild members to become members of this year's judging committee.

After the first of the year, classes will meet on a regular, mutually-agreed-upon time.

If you are interested, please contact us after 7 p.m. -- let the phone ring at least ten times!

-- Janice or
Ruth Gerth

(914) 229-7030

QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS (LECTURE SECTION)

Time of meeting: 7:00 - 8% 7:30 - 63% 8:00 - 29%

June meeting: Salad supper - 41% Box supper - 12%
 Buffet - 42% Miscellaneous - 5%

(My favorite was the suggestion that we have a twelve-course catered dinner!)

The "Program Ideas" part of the Questionnaire was designed to help learn what quilting subjects and skills you liked best and least and wanted to learn more about. I'd hoped for some practical and even creative ideas for new and relevant programs. Well, either I didn't word the questions right, or you all got carried away with your terrific enthusiasm! A majority of you were overwhelmingly motivated and wanted to learn "anything" and "everything," but didn't give a lot of specific preferences. Here's what you did say you'd like:

applique	Hawaiian	quick piecing	Seminole
beginning skills	lap quilting	reversible vest/ jacket	stained glass
cathedral windows	perfecting stitching		trapunto

Speakers you'd like to hear again:

Sandi Bard	Jo Diggs	Mickey Lawler	Patsy Orlofsky
Gladys Boalt	Chris Wolf Edmonds	Marge Murphy	

Speakers you'd like to have:

Sandi Bard	Georgia Bonesteel	Ed Larson	Judi Warren
Jinny Beyer	Jeff Gutcheon	Jan Meyers	

(Some new members didn't know the first two have already spoken to the guild!)

Lecture subjects you'd prefer for monthly meetings (listed in order of highest to least preference):

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| TRADITIONAL QUILTS | SEMINOLE |
| CONTEMPORARY QUILTS | JUDGING QUILTING |
| COLOR & DESIGN | STENCILLING |
| CURVED PIECING | VICTORIAN/CRAZY QUILTING |
| QUICK PIECING | BEARS |
| GETTING ORGANIZED | DOLLS |
| PRESERVATION, CARE & DATING | HAWAIIAN |
| OF QUILTS | STAINED GLASS |
| ALBUM/SAMPLER | SHADOW TRAPUNTO |
| BOUTIQUE ITEMS TO MAKE & SELL | PHOTOGRAPHING QUILTS |
| TRAPUNTO | SHADOW QUILTING |
| SCRAP BAG | MOLA |
| HISTORY OF QUILTING | HEXAGONS |
| PICTORIAL | SOFT SCULPTURE |
| MEDALLIONS | CANDLEWICKING |
| WHOLE CLOTH | MANDALA |
| MASTERPIECE | HMONG |
| QUILTED CLOTHING | |

-- Elva Fisher

ANTIQUe QUILT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, January 23, at 10 a.m. at the home of Barbara Hendey, 102 Ralph Avenue, White Plains. Phone number is 949-7582.

All those coming to the meeting are requested to bring information collected concerning antique quilts. We are hoping to share, xerox and exchange this information. In addition, please bring the title of a book or article dealing with one aspect of antique quilts that you are willing to read and discuss at the February meeting.

-- Irma Shore
Pat Baker

RONALD McDONALD HOUSE PROJECT

Last month I talked with Lois Horbal, coordinator of the quilt collection for the Ronald McDonald House in New Haven, Connecticut. The home has 30 adult quilts which were color-coordinated for the individual rooms. They also have 25 baby quilts ready. This beautiful response from area quilters confirms my belief that I am in the best of company when with quilters.

The baby quilts, approximately 42" x 54-60", will be given to the individual children, so there will be an ongoing need for these quilts if the tradition is to be maintained.

Our guild could produce many quilts if needed. However, there are several guilds participating in this project. Four or five quilts from NSQG, given on a yearly basis, would be an appropriate project for our members. (Of course, ten or eleven quilts will not be refused.)

Your quilt can be tied, appliqued, machine-stitched, or done entirely by hand. But keep in mind that these quilts are not intended to hang on walls. Our gifts are meant to nurture sick and dying children. Neither the parents nor the hospital staff have the time or the facilities to care for these quilts in a proper fashion. Your quilt must be machine-washable. And we must test it ourselves. It could be depressing for a child to receive a beautiful gift and have it fall apart when it was washed.

You, or your group, have the time to plan that special race-track quilt for a young boy, or a pink Cabbage Patch "cheater" for a lovely lady. But, please call me now and let me know of your plans. Then, later on, I'll know who or which group to nag about completion!

These projects are acts of love and commitment -- truly a quilter's gift.

-- Kathy Ford
962-3195

VIRGINIA AVERY

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Tues, Wed, Thurs, Jan 21, 22, 23. . . 10:00-3:30
(Make a quilted coat or jacket. Learn how to design and construct using a full range of types of PIECING and APPLIQUE

***CONTEMPORARY FLORAL APPLIQUE (\$40)**
use traditional floral patterns to create a contemporary quilt with Virginia Avery

Wed Feb 5 10:00-3:30 (1 lesson)

***MUST COME IN 1 WEEK BEFORE CLASS FOR FABRIC & CLASS PREPARATION ASSIGNMENT!**
CLASSES DELAYED 1 WEEK WHEN IT SNOWS
ADVANCE REGISTRATION & PAYMENT REQUESTED FOR ALL CLASSES

AT

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The Sewing Bee - Your help is needed by three guild members who are involved in a nursery and parenting education program at the Bedford Hills prison. For various projects, they could use fabrics (all sizes and colors) and baby garments. Please bring them to the December 17th meeting. If you have any questions, call Pam Gibson, Jean Albrecht or Pi Stelle.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 8, 1985 to January 19, 1986 - Exhibition at The Gallery at Hastings-on-Hudson, Municipal Building, Maple Avenue, Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. "Quilting: New Images from an Old Tradition" Hours are noon to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Sunday. Complete brochure will be posted on the bulletin board at the December meeting.

There will be a quilt display during the month of January at Washington's Headquarters, Virginia Road, North White Plains (949-1236). Hours are 10-4 Wednesday to Sunday. On January 12, Quilter's Care will give free quilt appraisals (not for insurance purposes) at 2 p.m.

May 17, 1986 - Great South Bay Quilters (Islip, Long Island) show.

June 25-28, 1986 - Great Lakes State 5th Biennial Quilt Contest and Exhibit, Lutheran High North, 16825 24 Mile Road, Mt. Clemens, MI 48043. For more info, send legal-size SASE to Marilyn Albrecht, 221 Lonesome Oak, Rochester, MI 48064.

HOSPITALITY

I want to thank all the great bakers in our guild. I've received many compliments about how pretty the table is and how yummy the refreshments are. I want to extend those compliments to all of you who are so generous each month.

Our November bakers included Barbara Lerch, Sue Miller, Lee Skoloweck, Joan Houghton, Sondra Shapiro, Joan Crawford, Jean Albrecht, Sue Bouton, Barbara Beaudry, Pat Chalco, Maria Hertz, Marilyn Cava, Elaine Meixner, Pat Rowan and Kay Fowler. Thanks, everything was delicious.

Last month one woman inquired about a rectangular pyrex casserole dish that was not returned to her after the Pot Luck supper in May (Friday night of the quilt show). It fits into a silver holder, so she would really like it back. Please contact me if you know where it is.

There are still plenty of spaces on my sign-up sheets for future meetings. Just ask me if you don't see it anywhere!

-- Liz Doyle

RAFFLE NEWS

Sign-up for the quilting of the raffle quilt will again take place at December's meeting. Quilting will be done at the home of Jannette Jackson in Amawalk, and she will have the sign-up sheet and times. Her frame can accommodate eight people, so please try to devote some time to this worthwhile project. It needs to be completed as soon as possible, and that can only be done with your help. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jannette or me.

We were hoping to get the quilt on the frame by the first week in January. Due to some setbacks and the holidays, it may be the middle or end of January. I am crossing my fingers that things will go faster, but we'll have to take it one step at a time.

The raffle tickets are at the printer's, and should be in my hands any day now. We will start distributing them at the January meeting. I'll remind you of this and give more details in the next newsletter. Once again, Stretch & Sew will be donating a Bernina 910 sewing machine, and The Country Quilter (Claire Oehler) will be donating a cherry hoop on a stand. We are pleased that both vendors have committed themselves to such nice prizes. Besides these two prizes and the raffle quilt and pillows, there will be additional prizes! Well worth the time and effort to sell those tickets. You could be a winner!

-- Kathy Sica

CLASSIFIED

From a recent letter: "I was referred to you for assistance in help to complete a quilting project I began some years ago... I have only gone as far as beginning machine quilting. I am interested in locating someone who would finish the project for me... I also have some unfinished, partially-pieced blocks which I am interested in completing or using creatively. Again, I do not have the time myself, but would like to find someone who could create something on a fee-for-service basis."

Janaan K. Cary
45 Morningside Drive
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520
(914) 271-5559 (after 6 p.m.)

Complete letter and pictures will be posted on the bulletin board.

RESOURCE & EDUCATION

It is with regret that this is the last newsletter article I will be writing as Resource & Education Chairman. I have enjoyed working on the board, and I have also enjoyed meeting many members I would not otherwise have met. I would like to thank Alice Dokken for the privilege of serving on her board. I am very sorry that my health will not allow me to continue. I do hope to continue to come to meetings and have contact with many of you. Pi Stelle from my committee will be taking over until a permanent replacement is found. Please give her your cooperation.

In the meantime, I would like to wish everyone Happy Holidays!

-- Kay Jordan

WORKSHOPS

Basic Beginner Course - Instructor: Irene Nappi
1018 Orchard Street
Peekskill, NY 10566
737-2409

Wednesdays, January 22 - February 19 - Two-hour sessions from 1-3 p.m., beginning and ending promptly. Fee is \$25 for the five sessions, payable in advance. (Fabric is not included.)

Instruction will include information concerning proper tools and fabrics, making templates, marking and cutting fabric, mitered corners and borders, continuous bias fold, sandwiching, basting and quilting. Project: two pillows or one wall hanging.

- Week #1 - Discuss above items, make templates, cut fabrics.
- Week #2 - Sew one square in class, second square at home.
- Week #3 - Sew border on one pillow, and prepare to start quilting.
- Week #4 - Sew continuous bias fold (for possible wall hanging).
- Week #5 - Extras: Using stencils, marking pencils. If time allows, a quick lesson in simple applique.

Call Irene about supplies for the first class.

Class Schedule - January and February 1986 - Instructor: Ginny Watson
50 Hillside Avenue
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
666-4257

Morning classes are from 9:30 to 11:30, evening classes are from 7:30 to 9:30

<u>Tuesday, January 7</u>	Morning - Hand-piecing Evening - Hand-piecing
<u>Tuesday, January 14</u>	Morning - English paper piecing Evening - English paper piecing
<u>Tuesday, February 4</u>	Morning - Applique Evening - Applique
<u>Tuesday, February 11</u>	Morning - Strip-piecing Evening - Strip-piecing

All classes are for beginners or those who want to do more advanced projects and need help with getting them organized.

Class Schedule - January and February 1986 - Instructor: Alice Dokken
9 Orchard Lane
Katonah, NY 10536
232-4279

Call Alice to sign up -- maximum for each session is six people.
Morning classes start promptly at 10:00 and end at noon. Evening classes start promptly at 7:00 and end at 9:00.

These two-hour sessions are designed to teach a basic skill which the student can then practice on her own and develop into whatever finished product she wishes. Each class will only introduce the basic skill, and can be refined only by taking other classes and many hours of practice. These are hands-on learning experiences. Come prepared with basic sewing materials and other specific supplies that you will be told to bring when you call to sign up.

<u>Wednesday, January 8</u>	Morning - Basic piecing on the machine (patchwork) Evening - Basic piecing on the machine (patchwork)
<u>Wednesday, January 15</u>	Morning - Applique Evening - Applique
<u>Wednesday, January 29</u>	Morning - Just Quilting (marking and stitches) Evening - Just Quilting (marking and stitches)
<u>Wednesday, February 5</u>	Morning - Finishing a Pillow (several ways) Evening - Finishing a Pillow (several ways)
<u>Wednesday, February 12</u>	Morning - Finishing a Quilt (layering, basting, binding) Evening - Finishing a Quilt (layering, basting, binding)
<u>Wednesday, February 26</u>	Morning - Quick-piecing on the machine Evening - Quick-piecing on the machine

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