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CAROLYN KOETSE

NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 1992



President's Corner

It is just before Thanksgiving as I sit here jotting down my thoughts for you for inclusion in the December Newsletter. I am thinking about how thankful I am that I found quilting and NSQG to help fill up my life at a time when there was a big hole to fill. The ladies of NSQG have provided wonderful friendships, there are always more projects waiting than there are hours to do them, and quilting expands my world by introducing me to experts from across the country as well as encouraging travel to visit quilt shows. It permits me to obtain a feeling of creativity and pride through accomplishment.

This will be read while we are all preparing for the holidays. My wish for you is that it is a time of joy and love spent with family and friends. May you get all your projects finished!

Merry Christmas!
Happy Hanukkah!
Happy New Year!

Joyce Sullivan

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AND
BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG!

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Guild Calendar

12/1	Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
12/8	NSQG Board Meeting
12/15	NSQG General Meeting at SIS, Rt. 202, Somers Doors open at 7:00 Meeting starts at 7:45
12/22	Newsletter Deadline
1/12	Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.
1/19	NSQG General Meeting
1/26	NSQG Board Meeting

Current Events

If you have knowledge of a quilt related event that you think would interest other NSQG members, please let me know. Thanks for your help.

Carolyn Koetse 245-5583

Financial Report

BALANCE 10/1/92		33780.26
GENERAL ACCOUNT 10/1/92		20770.20
Cash received:		
Interest	37.50	
Membership	2750.00	
Raffle	191.00	
Resource/Ed	275.00	
Transfer	2000.00	
Cash Dispersed:		
Program	292.55	
Newsletter	488.55	
Resource/Ed	1181.80	
Trip	200.00	
Insurance	553.00	
Office Expense	10.73	
Bank Charges	32.00	
Misc.	50.00	
BALANCE 10/31/92		23215.07
QUILT SHOW ACCT 10/1/92		13010.06
Cash received:		
Quilt Frame Rent	200.00	
Cash Dispersed:		
Invit. Quilts	23.20	
Administration	45.75	
Vendors	25.65	
Raffle Quilt	7.10	
Transfer	2000.00	
Frame Dep Rtn	200.00	
Balance 10/31/92		10908.36
BALANCE 10/31/92		34123.43

Nancy Mirman

Hospitality

For the December 15 General Meeting, we ask that you each bring a sample of your holiday baking or any other finger food (cheese and crackers, fruit, etc.) to share.

Remember to bring your own coffee mug and wear your name tag.

Fabric Raffle

For the December 15 meeting, please bring in as many fat quarters (18" by half the width of the bolt--about 22") or long quarters (9" by the full width of the bolt--about 44") as you wish in yellows and oranges. You will receive a fabric raffle ticket for each quarter yard.

Barbara Yerks
Vickie Ramella

Lillian Colyer

Programs

Jill Liddell was very impressed with all that she saw of our guild in October. She asked us to tell you that her publisher is on the lookout for Japanese-inspired quilts for inclusion in his quilt engagement calendars. If you are interested, you can send a snapshot (which doesn't have to be of show quality) or slide to: Mr. Cyril I. Nelson, Dutton Studio Books, Penguin USA, 375 Hudson Street, New York, NY 10014, or call him at (212) 366-2852. Furthermore, Jill would like photos of any quilts/wallhangings you might create based on her latest book for possible inclusion in one of her future books. Her address is: 12 Frewin Road, London SW183LP, England or phone 081-874-9053/FAX 081-877-3294.

We have a special addition to our program in December--Anna Marie Tucker will charm us with her lecture "While Mr. Van Winkle Slept". In other words, think of all the projects you could complete if your hubby fell asleep for 20 years! In keeping with the "Van Winkle" theme, we will have a holiday grab bag. Bring in a gift under \$5 that would be the first quilting item you would want to see upon awakening if you had fallen asleep for 20 years. Everyone who brings a gift will receive a ticket for the grab bag.

Adrienne Yorinks
Debi Tong Gray

Membership

Membership has been growing and we are now up to 266 paid members. The mailing list has been cut back and only paid members will receive this newsletter. By the next meeting everyone should have their 1992-1993 membership cards. If you do not, please see me at the membership table at the December general meeting.

Bernice Strauber

Show Report

The vote at the November meeting chose the Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam as the recipient of our 1993 raffle proceeds. Each member of the guild has the opportunity to present an applicant for consideration. Let us all start thinking of a local organization that could use our help in 1994. Many thanks to Liz Doyle for handling this process so well. Check out the calendar included in the December newsletter or contact Maddie Horr and include your stitches in this lovely quilt.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL

Barbara Lerch

Raffle Quilt News

Can you believe we are reaching the outer blocks with the quilting on our 1993 raffle quilt? The many, many tiny stitches you have helped put in are making this a truly beautiful quilt. There is still work to be done and the quilt will be at my house for the first two weeks in December. I have someone to take it over Christmas, it will be at Penny Black's in Croton-on-Hudson (271-8846) the week of January 4, and at Suzanna Valentinetti's in Croton-on-Hudson (271-4155) the week of January 11. Call one of us to make arrangements if you want to come and quilt, or call me to volunteer to hostess the quilt for a week or to work on alone over a weekend.

Madeline Horr 248-7454

Challenge Quilt News

Thanksgiving is behind us and you know what is just around the corner. Christmas! Right! Then after Christmas is Jan. (am I right so far)? Jan. is the month we should be finishing up our challenge quilts as they have to be finished for the Feb. 9th, meeting.

We all know the old saying "No time on your hands". We also know the response to that one -- "Make time for the things you enjoy in life". I know one of the things we all enjoy in life and that is making and quilting quilts. This is your chance to make time and express yourself through Attic Windows by saying these "things" are important to you and important enough to "make time" for your Attic Windows Memories.

Attic Windows is an easy one to do, however, if you need some ideas on creating your own -- Attic Windows, A Contemporary View by Diana Leone, will prove to be very helpful.

You should be scouting around now for fabric "scenes" to put in your attic windows or be in the process of making your own scenes through embroidery, applique, piecing, etc.

If you haven't already begun, let's get going as we really only have two months left.

The Challenge Quilts are an important part of any quilt show. People just love to view Challenge Quilts and marvel at how each one is so different, yet appealing. Just make yours the way you want to and yours will still be unique.

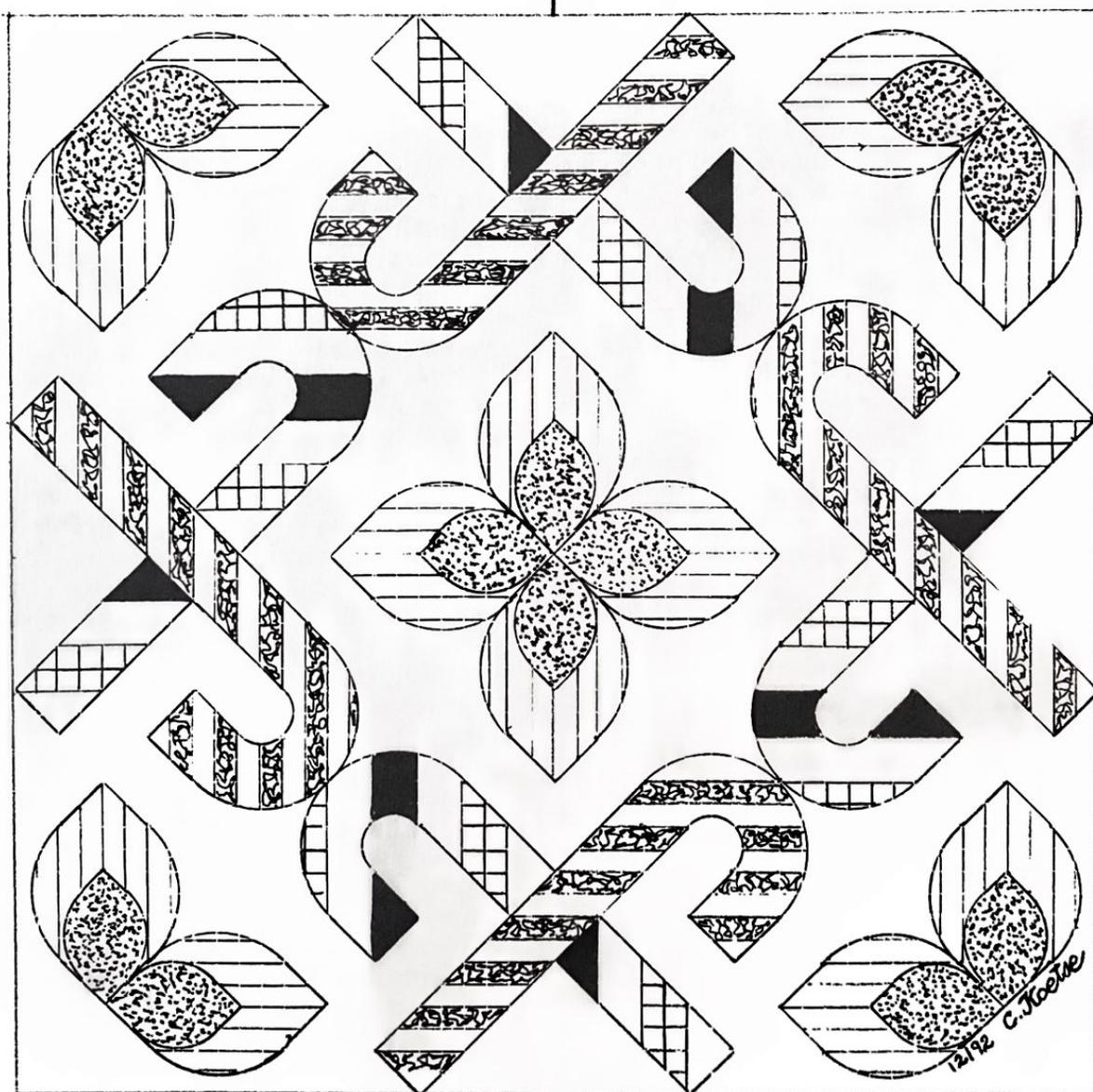
Like one of "Uncle Sam's" old posters that says, "We Want You". Well, we do want you -- to make a Challenge. We welcome all levels of quilters, beginners, intermediates and experts. WE WANT YOURS!

Pat Bartimoccia

Pattern Propagation

A quick and easy way to make original holiday patterns for use in quilting is to take a simple shape (pine tree, gingerbread man, bell, holly leaf, etc.) and draw it on graph paper. Next, take some tracing paper and start playing with the shape--reverse it, cross it, repeat it, and use mirror images. Pay attention to the negative spaces formed, and see what you can imagine to fit into them. When something looks interesting, transfer it to the graph paper, and you have your own unique pattern.

The candy cane pattern below is my holiday gift to you. To make a 12" finished block, trace the motifs on the cover of this newsletter directly onto the paper side of Wonder-Under. Cut out the shapes, peel off the paper backing, arrange them on a 12 1/2" piece of background fabric as below, then iron them down. Close zig-zag the edges if you like. If you prefer hand applique, trace the motifs onto freezer paper and iron to fabric. Cut out, adding seam allowance as you go, arrange on the background fabric and applique them down. Call me if you have any questions. Happy propagating! Carolyn Koetse 245-5583



Library News

Our featured book this month is "Quilts in Full Bloom" by Anna-Marie Tucker, our guest speaker for December.

You may wish to add the following newly donated books to the Library Inventory list that appeared in your October Newsletter:

- "A Quilter's Christmas"
Nancyann Johanson Twelker
- "Quilts to Wear"
Virginia Avery
- "Baker's Dozen Doubled"
Mary Ellen Hopkins
- "A Gallery of American Quilts
1849-1988"
American Quilter's Society
- "More Template Free
Quiltmaking"
Trudie Hughes
- "Classic Basket Quilts"
Porter & Fons
- "Classic Basket Patterns"
Elizabeth Porter & Marianne
Fons
- "World of Crafts-Quilting"
Laurie Swim

Just a reminder-Members may borrow a book for 30 days. After 60 days, there is a fine-the purchase price of book. The following books are 30 days OVERDUE:

- "More Lap Quilting with
Georgia Bonesteel"
- "Quilting in Squares"
- "Quilts for Babies & Children"
- "Radiant Ninepatch"
- "Simplicity's Quilts& Patches"

Please return borrowed books on time so other members may also enjoy the book. Remember to bring your membership card

Linda Love 232-9295

Dear "Q.S.P.",
You made my day! Linda Love

Claire Oehler, Owner

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