



On Point!

December, 1996
Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

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

Programs

Our November speaker will be **Susan Reich**, who is associated with the Connecticut Quilt Search Project. In keeping with the season, we will see a slide show featuring red and green quilts, with a few surprises thrown in. There will be some "live" quilts also. All the quilts we'll be seeing were made before 1950 – and Ms. Reich will give us a brief description of each quilt, along with what is known about its maker and its history.

We also will be having a gift exchange. Susie Anderson and Barbara Hicks have volunteered to be "Santa's helpers" for the evening. Remember to bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5.00. Don't forget, you must bring a gift to receive one. See you at the meeting!

Nancy Murphy

Hospitality

We'd like to thank everyone who brought all of the delicious snacks to the November meeting. What a great selection!

For the December/Holiday meeting, we ask that everyone born in June, July or August, as well as those born in December, bring refreshments.

Everyone is reminded to **bring your own mug** and check the Hospitality table at the end of the break to retrieve any serving utensils or plates.

Sari Langlois
Teri Anzalone

President's Message

The holidays are upon us, and I know we're all scrambling to finish our presents, decorations and other projects . . . My holiday wish for all of you is that you find a few moments to spend quilting, and that your favorite pastime brings you peace and joy!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the December meeting!

Millie Clinton



Education

Good news! We have been able to re-schedule the **Mariner's Compass** workshop. It will be taught by Richard Zimmerman on Saturday, April 12, at the Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse. Working by hand or machine, you will learn how to piece this beautiful design with ease and accuracy. The completed compass makes the perfect focal point for a medallion quilt or wall hanging. The class fee is \$25, and it's perfect for all levels. I have a monitor for this class.

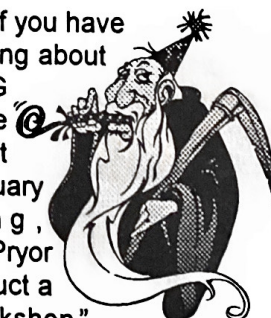
To register, date a check, payable to NSQG, with the workshop month, mark the check and envelope with the workshop name. Mail to Karen Eckmeier, PO Box 139, Bedford, NY 10506, or drop in the reservations box. Stamped envelopes will be available at the education table for 35¢.

Lots of you have been asking about **NSQG names tags**, so at the February meeting, Edith Pryor will conduct a "mini-workshop" for new members who want to make their own fabric badges, or for anyone who just never got around to making one! Full information will appear in the January newsletter.

Judy Rosenberg

NSQG Calendar

- 12-17-96 Quilting on *Raffle Quilt*
6:30 pm at JFK HS
- 12-17-96 *Board of Directors Mtg*
6:30 pm at JFK High School
- 12-17-96 *Guild Meeting* 7 pm at
JFK High School
- 12-17-96 *Newsletter Articles Due*
- 12-18-96 *Comfort Quilts* at The
Katonah Presbyterian Church
- 1-7-97 *Quilt Show Committee Mtg*
7:30 pm JFK High School
- 1-9-97 *Comfort Quilts* at The
Katonah Presbyterian Church



Comfort Quilts

Our guild is a generous group, generous with both their money and their time. Four of the star kits handed out at the October meeting came back in November as finished quilts -- and I hear a fifth just didn't have a ride! Using your own batting leaves our funds free for other supporting things, but if you need a batt, please call and we'll see that you get one (or call ahead of time, and batts could be brought to a meeting).

We hope to deliver quilts to several places before the holidays. There are thirty-seven finished quilts calling for a child to cuddle, as of this writing. Thank you for all the support you have given, are giving, and I know you will continue to give to this on-going project.

Be sure to note the January dates on the guild calendar if you plan on joining us at the Katonah Presbyterian Church!

Pat Baker

On Point!

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

Articles are usually due one week after the general guild meeting, (this month, however, the deadline is December 17!) and may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed. All contributions, (ideas, suggestions, comments, etc....) are welcomed! Send to:

Elizabeth Rosenberg

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Fax: (914)962-1159

E-mail: ELIZQUILT @ AOL.com

Membership

The month of November saw our membership grow by six new members! We welcome them, and hope they enjoy the guild. Please add their names to your copy of the membership list.

Kathleen M. Albrecht

20 Fara Drive

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203-869-2745

While you've got your membership list out, please change Peggy Lawler's phone number to: 914-248-5752. -- Sorry, Peggy!

And then, add the following former members, who have re-joined the guild, to your membership list:

Laura Book

54 Baniksville Road

Armonk, NY 10504

914-273-5481

Joanne Lovitz

4 Rockledge Road

Katonah, NY 10536

914-232-3043

Marie Pedlow
22 Lake Drive
Somers, NY 10589
277-3547

Liz Stern
1207 Post Road
Scarsdale, NY 10583
914-723-4270

We also had two guests this month -- Janet Bath and Lucille Keating. We hope both of you will come back!

Please remember to wear your name badges to any guild events.

See you all at our Holiday meeting!

Pat Rowan

Ravelings

It's sad when the reaction to a stunning quilt show, like the recent show at the Neuberger Museum, is to feel discouraged, instead of inspired.

It's probably human nature to compare your own work with that of the artists whose work you see on the gallery walls, but before you despair of ever having an original thought, think a little bit about the way others see *your* work.

Just because the pattern for your latest quilt came from a magazine or book, do you really believe that you haven't been creative? Anyone you know well enough to give a quilt to knows that the only hands that made that quilt are **yours**. Your hands are the ones that cut up that fabric, sewed it into a pattern, layered and quilted it! And the lucky person who owns that quilt admires you greatly for your talent and skill!

Perhaps your quilt will never hang in the Neuberger Museum, but how many of those quilts will warm a bed? Even if your gift is a little wall hanging made from a kit, what you have created is a bond between yourself and the person or persons receiving it like no other. Be proud.

Anonymous

Quilt Show

The Show Committee's work is progressing well. It's now final -- We will have the same judges as we did last year: Carter Houck, Jan Snelling and Donna Wilder. They did a great job at last year's show -- everyone was very pleased with their professionalism, their positive comments and their fairness. Thank you to Leona Trinin and Elizabeth Rosenberg for their efforts. Now, it's up to the rest of us to get those quilts ready for judging!

Once again, the Quilt Show Committee needs your assistance. Barbara Powers, our committee member in charge of the frames, ladders and their set-up for this year's show, needs some help from a couple of NSQG members.

First, we need someone who has a large vehicle and can pick up our ladders from the storage facility in Brewster and bring them to JFK High School on Friday afternoon, May 2nd.

Second, we need someone who will work alongside Barbara during set-up at this year's show, to learn the process, and take over for the following year(s). It's a great job for someone who is retired -- husbands are eligible! Also, if the person is interested in storing the frames and/or handling their rental throughout the year, there is some financial remuneration available. Please call me at 914-277-3884 for further information about this very important job.

On another note, the mass mailing of brochures will take place at the January meeting. Make plans now to arrive early (6:30 pm) to assist with this chore. With many hands, this task goes rapidly. The mailing is the major advertising that we do for the show, and is of vital importance to the success of the show. Your assistance will be greatly appreciated!

Brenda Strauss

Adrienne Yorinks' quilt

**"Resistance to Tyranny
is Obedience to God"
has been juried into
the prestigious
Quilt National!**

**Adrienne created the quilt
to celebrate**

**the 75th anniversary of
women's right to vote.**

**Her quilt will be touring
the U.S. until the year 2000.**

**Congratulations,
Adrienne!**

A "Quilt" Stamp

In 1999, American Quilters Society (AQS) will be celebrating their fifteenth anniversary. As part of that celebration, they are working towards the issuance of a commemorative quilt postage stamp -- and they need our help!

Each year, The Postage Stamp Advisory Committee receives thousands of proposed designs, so over 250,000 separate letters in support of a "quilt stamp" will be needed.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if all NSQG members sent a letter to AQS, informing them of our love of quilts and the impact quilting has made in our lives? Our letters should include related newspaper clippings and anything else that shows how important quilting is to us. Let's get busy and send out letters to:

The Citizens Advisory Committee
c/o AQS
P.O. Box 3290
Paducah, KY 42002-3290

AQS will forward our individual letters to the Stamp Advisory Committee.

Jeanne Homan

Library News

Now that the brrrrr! is in December, what could be cozier than a flannel quilt? A new purchase for the library, *Favorite Flannel Quilts II* is temptingly appealing, with 10 quilts ranging from the juvenile "Chaos at the Three Bears' House," to three variations on the Monkey Wrench, "Very Victorian" and more. Janet Miller and Susan Parr are the coauthors of this attractive addition to our shelves.

Patchwork Pantry: Preserving a Tradition with Quilts and Recipes, is our most recent contribution from That Patchwork Place. A dozen lovely quilts are arranged here by season, with accompanying recipes and gorgeous photographs. Suzette Halferty and Carol C. Porter are coauthors of this delectable volume.

Thank you to Doris Aragon for Linda Denner's *Baby Quilts*, and for Marguerite Ickis' *Standard Book of Quilt Making and Collecting*. Both are welcome additions to our collection.

Thanks, too, Alice Garrard, for *The Quick and Easy Giant Dahlia Quilt on the Sewing Machine* by Susan Aylsworth and Suzzy Chalfant Payne.

To Barbara Harris and Katharine Miller a reminder: Please return your overdue books.

Happy holidays one and all! I'm looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Kathleen Sambora

**Bring your hoops
and needles!
Quilt on the Raffle Quilt
with us on
Tuesday, December 17th
at 6:30 p.m.
at JFK High School,
before the meeting!**

Holiday Advice

Every holiday season, when my children were small, I would work full speed for three months, shopping, making gifts, decorating the house, trimming the tree, wrapping presents, writing cards, cooking, entertaining . . . such a whirlwind of activities that I never even had time to *think* about how tired I felt or how quickly the season was slipping by. And then, in a split-second (or so it seemed) on Christmas morning, after all the presents had been opened and the children were quietly and busily occupied with their new toys... it was all over. What a huge let down. Every year, I suffered terribly.

Then one year, I came up with a solution to the post-holiday blues. Along with all the other pre-Christmas activities, I would set aside some time to plan a fun and exciting quilting project for myself. I'd shop for the pattern, the fabric, the thread, the pins, the scissors and any other notions I'd need to complete the project ... put all the goodies in a big box, wrap it in bright, happy Christmas paper, and set it under the tree with all the other presents.

Instead of dreading the after-Christmas let-down, I found that I just couldn't wait to get to my special "gift" to myself -- What a great way to fill up those short, cold, grumpy and gray January days -- and conquer those awful post-holiday blues!

Phoebe B Beebee

Editor's Note: Many thanks to "Phoebe" for sharing her wonderful idea with us . . . and for providing us with yet another great reason to go fabric shopping!!!

**Remember to bring a mug
and wear your name badge
to the meeting on
December 17th!**

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 10/16/96 - 11/19/96

Total Opening Balance	26,337.12
Checking Opening Balance	9,333.30
INCOME	
Comfort Quilts	87.00
Library	16.50
Membership	1,865.00
Raffle	226.21
Education	1,080.00
TOTAL INCOME	3,274.71
EXPENSES	
Boutique	200.00
Education:	
Comfort Quilt	14.00
Ornament Saturday	580.62
Speaker Expenses	70.60
Speaker Fees	150.00
Workshops	416.21
Other	200.00
Total Education	1,417.43
Insurance	613.00
Raffle	250.00
Rent & Services	20.00
Special Events:	
Westford	171.93
Total Special Events	171.93
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,686.36
Transfer to Savings Account	4,000.00
Checking Closing Balance	\$5,921.65
Savings Opening Balance	\$2,821.61
INCOME	
Interest	6.21
EXPENSES	
Transfer from Checking Account	4,000.00
Savings Closing Balance	\$6,827.82
Show Checking Opening Bal.	\$14,182.21
INCOME	
	2,730.00
EXPENSES	
	109.46
Show Checking Closing Bal.	\$16,802.75
TOTAL CLOSING BAL.	\$29,562.22

Jeanie Hunter

Block Contest

I hope you have put aside some time during the busy holidays to create a dazzling 10" block for our Quilt Block Contest! Remember, the deadline for entries is March 1st, and entry forms are in the September newsletter. Or, send a SASE to me at P.O. Box 156, Somers, NY 10589.

Marie Sugar

From NSQG's Board


At the November NSQG Board of Directors meeting, a quorum of members voted to "buy a brick" to help the New England Quilt Museum retire their mortgage.

The museum is creating a lovely commemorative red, white and blue "sampler" of bricks which will be displayed on the outside of the Museum. Each "brick" purchased will be inscribed with the name of the contributor -- and NSQG's name will be inscribed on one of the flying geese bordering the "quilt".

NSQG Board of Directors

NSQG 1997 Challenge

Time is *flying* by! Have you started your Challenge project yet? A little bird told me that several people are already finished! Don't flap your wings over that -- just get going so you won't have to be a night owl at the last minute.

Here's a re-cap on directions. It's "*For the Birds*" so you must include at least one recognizable bird, any variety, or a bird block. Use any fabrics you wish, but you must use an orange, and a plaid. Be sure to use enough orange and plaid so they are easily seen. Also, some kind of  unusual element is required, such as beads, sequins, embroidery, ribbon or a special fabric like lace or silk. Construction and quilting methods are your choice. Size: minimum 80" perimeter, maximum 36" on longest side or at longest point of irregular shape.

Pick up a rules sheet at the sign-in table during the next meeting for complete directions. Entries must be ready a week prior to the February general meeting. Pick-up points will be announced in January. If you have any questions, you can call me at 914-277-3832.

Joyce Sullivan, Chairperson

On Points of Interest

Competitions

The Empire Quilters Guild

Deadline: 1/15/97.

Block contest. Theme: Hale House - The House that Love Built. Finished size 9-1/2 inches. Send LSASE (55¢ postage) to EQS, Park W. Finance Station, P.O. Box 20673, NY, NY 10025.

Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival

Deadline: 1/16/97.

Prizes awarded in two categories, traditional and innovative. Send \$1 to MAQF Contest, c/o David M. & Peter J. Mancuso, Inc., PO Box 667, New Hope, PA 18939.

Images 97,

"The New England Quilt Show"

Deadline 3/21/97.

Juried Exhibition. Send 64¢ to Images '97, c/o Anne Gallo, 17 Locust Road, Chelmsford, MA 01821.

Snake River Valley Quilt Guild

Deadline 4/4/97.

Ribbons and cash prizes will be awarded in 6 categories. Contact: Dorothy Taggart, 507 Tendoy, Idaho Falls, ID 83401. For information about their block contest, contact: Darlene Bott, 939 E. Elva Ave, Idaho Falls, ID 83401.

Other Fun Stuff

Quilters' Getaway Weekend,

The Inn at Mill Falls,

Meredith, NH

4/11-13/97 & 10/24-26/97.

Two nights, open workshops. \$275. Contact Gail Rowe at 508-485-8300.

8th Annual Quilting Cruise

1/17-27/97.

Join Kaye Wood and Jane Hill for 10 days aboard the Caribbean-bound-Crown Princess. For a brochure call 800-322-9327.

Quilt Camp '97

4/5-/97 & 11/14-/97.

Weekend in Ogunquit, ME. Two nights, 6 meals, 2-1/2 days classes with Harriet Hargrave, & Jinny Beyer for \$350. Contact 508-771-0011.



*Merry Christmas
and
a Very Happy
New Year!*

A Recent Local Show

The Village Squares Quilters held their fourth bi-annual show this past month at Memorial United Methodist Church in White Plains. They exhibited quilts by members, invitational quilts and displayed Hoffman and RJR Challenge Quilts.

The Viewer's Choice ribbon was captured by Jean Camm for her lovely quilt, *Mariner's Wife*. Our own Jeri Riggs won a second place ribbon for *At the Still Point*.

This was the first time the show featured vendors, so not only was there an abundance of gorgeous quilts, but also an abundance of inspirational fabric and other notions (not to mention the delicious homemade goodies!)

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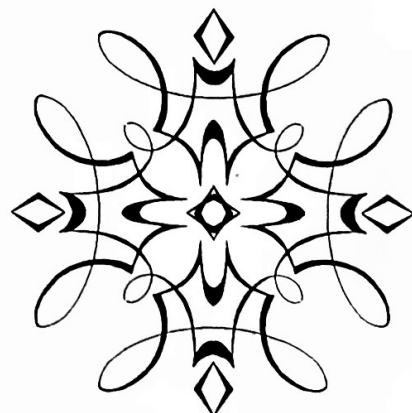
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*I'm glad I never
threw them
away;
my scraps of yore
are my quilts
today.*

Sandra L. O'Brien
"Great American Quilts, 1988"



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