



Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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JOAN JOHNSON - EDITOR

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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Everything is starting to come together. The Quilt Show Committee is working very hard planning the spring show. It sounds like this year will be as exciting as the years past. If you've "been bittin' by the bug", contact Lis Greene who is in charge of volunteers.

We had a very favorable response to the plans for a trip this year to Shelbourne Museum and the Vermont Quilt Festival in July. I do hope most of you who signed the interest sheet will be able to come. Jean Sparacin is looking into all the details for us so we can nail down a price and start taking deposits. She will have more information on the trip next meeting. What a heavenly way to spend two days...surrounded by quilters, talking, seeing, breathing quilting! Oh, by the way, they had over 30 vendors at last year's Vermont Quilt Festival.

The By Laws Revision Committee met one cold, snowy night up in the hills of Cold Spring, It went very smoothly and quickly for all that had to be done. The foundation was completed. The executive board will now get a copy to discuss and make any changes they see fit. After their approval, each member will have a copy of the proposed revision sent to them in the mail along with a cover letter and a ballot to be used in voting. This is to insure that every member gets a copy and a vote whether they attend the February and March meetings or not. The letter will explain the procedure and should be read carefully. The committee hopes to get that out in the mail within the next three to four weeks so the membership will have over a month to read and think over the revision. If you have any questions, objections, or suggestions, please contact me and I will make sure it is discussed by the executive board before the final membership vote.

I'd like to thank the committee for all their work: Jean Sparacin, Ginny Watson,

Joan Johnson, Connie Iurato, and Joan Crawford. They all worked well together and each brought past experiences with them which helped in writing the revision. The National Quilting Association's revision was also an excellent resource. If anyone would like to look at a copy of the NQA Revision, see me.

Well, I must get back to my quick pieced Double Irish Chain baby quilt. Susan Logothetis gave me inspiration plus a good chuckle. I have waited a month and a half before the baby is due and am working furiously. Susan should see me now! But no matter how hard I try, something always goes wrong. You know what I mean? Well, just this morning as I was working on the quilt, I recieved a phone call. Mother and baby are doing fine even though the delivery was one month EARLY. Oh well! Maybe next time I'll get it done on time.

Diane Durr
President

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All General Meetings will be held at the Primrose Elementary School unless specified otherwise.

Feb. 26 - General Meeting

Mar. 19 - General Meeting

Apr. 16 - General Meeting

May 21 - General Meeting - Marge Murphy

June 18 - General Meeting - Salad Super

FROM MEMBERSHIP

With the continued growth of our Guild, it wouldn't surprise me if Diane announces one month that our next meeting is going to be held at the County Center. I am very happy to see the Guild continue to grow and expand. It means new volunteers, new ideas and a continuing growth of our education on the subject of quilting.

Since the first of January, we have 14 new members and I would like to extend a warm welcome to each and every one of them. Unfortunately, space does not permit me to list all of their names here. So if you see a new face in the crowd at our February meeting, please extend a welcome to her and try to find out something about her and what her interests are.

The February meeting marks the half way point in our membership year. Anyone wishing to join the Guild after this month may do so by paying only half the annual dues, or \$7.50. This will carry your membership through June.

For the membership table at the Quilt Show I am going to need photographs to display of some of the various functions that have been going on during the past year. So if anyone has pictures or even negatives that they would be willing to share with me, please let me know. All pictures will be well taken care of and returned after the show is over. I can even use pictures from past years as well. I also need volunteers to help me at the membership table in the gym--what better place to be working during the show. Sign up with Liz Greene at the next meeting.

Pat Davis

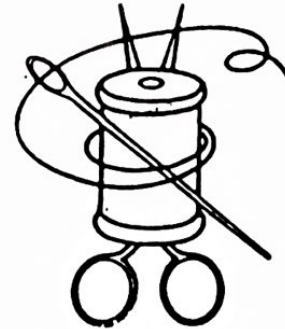
CONGRATULATIONS:

---To Irene Nappi. It seems that the article Irene wrote for this newsletter has been published in a national magazine. The article, "It Is Never Too Late, But Why Wait", the magazine, *QUILT*.

---Ethel Knapp. Reader's Digest has a section, "All in a Day's Work", in it's magazine, and Ethel has had her true story published.

"I was pulling a piece of worn twine from the book a man was returning to the Mt. Kisco, N.Y. library when he exclaimed, "Good grief! I wondered where that was. It's the drawstring to my pajamas!"

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If you were at the January general meeting you probably know that the guild is organizing a trip to Shelburne Museum and the Vermont Quilt Festival in mid July. Short questionnaires were available to those interested and the response is overwhelmingly in favor of hiring a bus (as opposed to carpooling). Details have yet to be worked out but the trip will be two days and one night and fall somewhere around July 11-14.

If you are interested in going and have not yet filled out a short questionnaire, please do so at the February general meeting. The forms will be available again on the membership table as you come in. If you prefer, call me at home and I will add your name to the list of those interested. I will bring a few brochures to the February general meeting.

Jean Sparacin
941-8422

A World Of Quilts VI

There seems to be a communication gap and now I know why! Not everyone knows what the "World of Quilts" is all about! Briefly, a few very special people put on a quilt show and quilt raffle to raise money for AFS here in Somers. By "World of Quilts II", the seed had been planted to start a guild. To those very special people we owe a large "Thank You"! They had no idea the seeds would grow and blossom to such proportions! TLC and hard work do pay off!

Now the annual quilt show has become an outstanding event among quilters and quilt enthusiasts not only in the N.Y., N.J., Conn. and Mass. area but nationwide as well. One of the reasons is that our speakers are overwhelmed by the welcome, TLC and the attention given to them. They are impressed with the attitude, participation and work put into this show by so many of Guild members.

Each year our attendance has grown. Last year 2,800 people paid admission to the show. This does not include Guild members, vendors, or invited guests. We expect at least 500 more this year. There are presently thirty-two people on the Quilt Show committee. Each one of them is looking for help. Admissions alone needs seventy-five hours of volunteer time. Larry Black needs an equal amount of volunteer time to help park the cars and buses. More people more time is needed! This isn't a two hour sort of show. People come by the bus loads. They stay all day. Some come back for the second day.

There may be as many as twenty-five Guild members working per hour. Each of these workers wears a muslin apron with the Guild logo on it. It's really impressive. We are visible. Our guests know who to ask for help, information and often just to talk about the show. It is hard to explain what a super great feeling it is to be a part of this Quilt Show. Even an hour of volunteering will allow you to participate free that day.

Friday is the day to set up the show (from 3 PM to 12 PM). We set up frames, hang quilts, move tables, tape floors to designate vendor space, help vendors if needed, arrange Boutique items, put up signs, etc., etc.! A pot luck supper is provided for the workers and vendors that night. Carol Hallenbeck will need a lot of help to provide food to feed the hungry crew. You'd be amazed at how many

family members and friends of Guild members work with us that week and...and all very much appreciated we might add.

The sign up sheets for volunteers will be on the table at each meeting. you now have a copy of the lecture schedule. Decide what times you want to work and be ready to fill in the blank spaces on Lis Greene's charts. You can even call Lis at 279-4537. If you have a question about any area, please ask Lis or any other committee person.

The Boutique inventory sheets will be ready for the February meeting. It works just like last fall - 10% for the Guild and 90% for you. Raffle ticket money and stubs can be turned in and more picked up from Elva Fisher. Suzanna Vallentenetti will have the blue logo fabric, patterns and sample aprons ready. Carol Seaboldt can answer questions about the Quilt Block Contest or receive finished blocks. Jill Tucker will have forms ready for those who plan to exhibit a quilt. If you didn't get a poster in January, or need more, Nancy Capriari and Miriam Dedyo will have them for you.

So...mark your calendar for May 4th and 5th!

Ginny Watson
Quilt Show Chairman

Give your quilting worn fingers a rest and dream up a poem about quilting for our Poetry Contest. All poems will be among the display of poems at the Quilt Show and there will be a prize for best poem, warmest (most sentimental), and most humorous.

Also, if anyone has any poems or books that could be used for the quilting poems and sayings display call Sue Mungavin, 462-7624.

(Grace Sohn - 739-0584)

It's time to sign up so you can put your quilting stitches in our 1985 Raffle Quilt.

Sign up sheets will be available at the Feb. meeting or call me to reserve you special day.

We will be Quilting on Tues., Wed., and Thurs. from 10am to 2pm and Wed. evenings from 7:30pm to 10pm during February and March.

Come and be part of your quilting group.

BOUTIQUE---

When you go to a quilt show for entertainment (or even to work) what aspects are the most appealing to you? If you are anything like me shopping ranks right up there with quilt viewing and learning new skills. Our guild puts together one of the best boutiques around thanks to all of your talents, and our public has always thought so, too. We draw hundreds of enthusiastic people to the Quilt Show each year, many of whom are anticipating that terrific shopping experience we provide. It is not too soon to plan what you would like to make for the boutique to round out our selection. Just go ahead and DO IT!

As in the past all items for sale should be made predominately of fabric and labeled per directions which will be available at the February general meeting. As a crafts-person you know that selling your crafts for a 10% commission is almost unheard of, but that is what you as a member of NSQG can do. If you have never sold your crafts before, this is a great place to start.

We also need volunteers to work the boutique. Those who have done so in the past will tell you it is a lot of fun. An opportunity to sign up will be available soon.

If you have any questions about any aspect of the boutique please call me.

Jean Sparacin
941-8422

NORTHERN STAR APRON SEW-IN

Anyone wishing to sew their apron together along with other guild members are welcome at Susan Miller's, 655 Bellevue Ave., Thornwood, NY, 769-6284. Call Ahead

DATES: March 20 - 9:30am to 12 noon
April 17 - 7:00pm to 10:30pm

The blue material for the logo will be supplied. You will need to bring 1 1/4 yd. of muslin. THIS IS NOT A WORKSHOP. No teachers will be available. Only women who want to make the NSQG apron. Here's a chance to have fun while accomplishing something. See you at Susan's. Remember CALL AHEAD.



Instead of our usual fashion show, this year the World of Quilts VI will have a Quilts to Wear Room. This room will feature displays of all the wonderful new fashions created by you, our guild members. So get busy ladies, I'll be waiting to hear from you.

Connie Iurato
271-5961

RAFFLE TICKETS

They are in books of six (6 for \$5.00 or \$1.00 each). You may sign out as many books as you wish. Elva Fisher will have them ready for you at the February meeting. You may sign out as many books as you wish. The proceeds go to Hospice of Northern Westchester. Grand prize is the 910 Bernina donated by Stretch 'n Sew in Hartsdale. First prize...Sampler "Raffle" quilt. Second prize...a Cranberry Quilting Hoop-on-a-stand from The Little Quilt House in Woodbury, Conn.

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OPEN WORKSHOPS IN BASIC QUILTMaking JAN - FEB 1985

Have you been coming to the workshops? They have been fun and informative. Newer members are meeting other members. Quilting and sewing techniques and hints are being shared. The Mt. Kisco evening group has added English Piecing. White Plains was snowed out Jan. 17 so is doing Log Cabin on Feb. 21. Alice will be giving more workshops on Wed. morning. See New Workshops. Do come to Just Quilting and Applique. These workshops are for MEMBERS ONLY. \$5.00 fee for each class - pay when attend. No pre-registration required. Come to one or any class. Please note date and place. Be prompt a teacher will be waiting!

5. Just Quilting

Wed. Feb. 6 - 10am - 12 noon

Alice Dokken, 9 Orchard Lane, Katonah
232-4279

7:30pm tp 9:30pm - Ginny Watson, 50
Hillside Ave., Mt. Kisco, 666-4257

Thurs., Feb. 7 10am - 12 noon

Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave.
White Plains, Terry Reilly - 428-3468

6. Applique

Wed. Feb. 13 - 10am - 12 noon

Alice Dokken, 9 Orchard Lane, Katonah
232-4279

7:30pm - 9:30pm - Ginny Watson, 50
Hillside Ave., Mt. Kisco, 666-4257

Thurs., Feb. 14 - 10am - 12 noon

Memorial Methodist Church, 50 Bryant Ave.
White Plains, NY - Terri Reilly 428-3468

7. English Piecing

Wed., Feb. 20 - 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Ginny Watson, 50 Hillside Ave. Mt. Kisco
666-4257

8. Log Cabin

Thurs., Feb 21 - 10am - 12 noon

Memorial Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Ave.
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Bring to each workshop: basic sewing supplies, graph paper - 4 square to the inch, fabric for a square - may be scraps - 3 or 4 prints and 1 or 2 solids, approximately ¼ yd. each.

Teacher will help you plan a "sampler quilt" or other quilt project at each class.

For more information or if weather may cause cancellation call Mt. Kisco - Ginny Watson 666-4257; White Plains - Terry Reilly 428-3468, Katonah - Alice Dokken 232-4279.

NEW WORKSHOPS

PLEASE NOTE: For all workshops a materials list will be sent to you upon receipt of your check. A teacher may cancel if the minimum number of reservations is not received. Some teachers may charge a fee for materials. Please remit by mail with the following information written on a sheet of paper:

- workshops name, date and time
- your name and address
- your telephone number

NAME: FINISHING A PILLOW

TEACHER: Alice Dokken

DATE: Wed. Feb. 20

TIME: 10am to 12 noon FEE: \$5.00

SEND CHECK TO: Alice Dokken
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MORE INFO CALL: 232-4279

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NAME: FOLDED STAR
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 DATE: Wed., Feb. 27
 TIME: 10am - 12 noon
 Fee: \$5.00
 SEND CHECK TO: Alice Dokken
 6 Orchard Lane
 Katonah, NY
 MORE INFO CALL: 232-4279

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More "Homage to Amanda" books have been ordered. To reserve your copy send check for \$10.55 (to NSQG) to Terry Reilly, 71 Ralph Ave., White Plains, NY 10606.

"THE GRAND UNION QUILTERS"

The Grand Union in Glenville is not only a neighborhood supermarket, it is also a place to meet friends and acquaintances while food shopping. Such was the case in winter of 1981, when Gail Wuest met me in the Grand Union. She knew I was always into some sort of craft and wanted to know what I was doing then. It was quilting. I had just finished taking a basic course at the YWCA and found that quilting was by far my favorite.

Gail became very excited when she heard quilting and asked if I could show her how to start. Very, very reluctantly I agreed to give Gail, her sister Carol Yates and friends Jackie Medico and Marianne Gill a quick demonstration. The rules of "no coffee klotch" and "we would really work" were set forth. From a quick demonstration it became a class of learning the basics, which is all I knew, and setting out to make a sampler quilt. After six months they all had a quilt top in colors and sizes of their choice and a binding relationship was started. The following year we all sat and quilted our quilts.

We meet Tuesdays from 10am - 2pm and rotated houses, the hostess provides cake and coffee. We now collect \$2,00 a week for "dues" --\$1.00 for a semi-annual luncheon (Christmas and June) at a very nice restaurant and the other \$1.00 goes for material for our quilt projects. There are no officers - just friends who try to agree with one another. We now make one quilt top a year for one of the

group (on a lottery system). That person decides on fabrics, pattern and size and we all see that it is made and basted.

We do other projects, such as a new grandchild will get a baby quilt, or the church fair will receive a baby quilt to raffle or we will have a workshop making large Raggedy Ann dolls, all of which keeps interest sparked.

We have since added 4 more to our group and find a rapid exchange of words (of which there are many), recipes and quilt ideas and a preponderance of desserts at each meeting.

Some of us take quilting more seriously than others, but we all agree that our weekly dues and meetings are a lot less expensive than the weekly visit to the psychiatrists' couch.

Pat Marciano

COMING EVENTS --

March 12-April 28: Museum of American Folk Art, Manhattan. An exhibit of New York State Coverlets.

thru March 15: Jewish Heritage of American Folk Art at Jewish Museum in Manhattan. Exhibit includes quilts.

March 23: Saturday - Annual 5-hour program - historical needlework seminar at Bethpage Village Restoration. Plans for program incomplete at this time. Customarily pre-registration - approx. \$7.50 required.

April 22-28: Quilt Expo '85 - Sands Point

May 4 & 5: "A World of Quilts VI" at John F. Kennedy High School, Route 138, Somers, NY

June 29 & 30: American Field Service Chapter of Northern Highlands School at Northern Highlands Regional High School, Hillside Ave. and Forest Road, Allendale, NJ. AFS Quilt Show IV.

