



Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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Newsletter

February 1987

*** MEETING ***

Tuesday - February 10, 1987
Doors open at 7:00 pm - Business meeting at 8:00 pm
Somers Intermediate School
Rt. 202, Somers, New York

ATTENTION: This month our general meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month - February 10th, 1987.

*** PROGRAM ***

Our guild meeting this month will feature Theresa McLaughlin who is a representative from Fairfield Processing. Theresa will have a slide presentation, along with a discussion, about the different varieties of batting, and how they each give a different effect in various kinds of quilted items. She will also have samples for us to look at. So, if you have been having problems with batting, or are not quite sure which type to use to get the effect you want, now is your chance to have all your questions answered.

Sitting at the raffle table I have heard from so many of you that you wanted to bring fabric but forgot to. How about taking a red pencil and circling this section of your newsletter or even writing it on your calendar - that might help you to remember. Anyway, for those of you who do remember and want to participate bring in that 1/4 yard -- you never know, it could be your turn to win!

-- Lis Greene



** Have you heard about the platinum quilting needle? This is a nickel-plated needle dipped in platinum. The acid from your hands will not effect the needle and it "oozes" through the fabric while quilting. It comes in either size 8 or 10. It's a fun 'toy' to have. You may either get them through mail order or in quilting shops. Prices vary.

** Quilting Hint: To cut four or more patches at one time, iron and pin the fabric layers together. Pressing with a hot iron "welds" them briefly. Mark only the top layer of fabric and cut through the multiple layers with sharp scissors.

** Quilting Hint: Stored quilts should be rolled, not folded. If this isn't possible change the folds from time to time from quarters to thirds.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Would you like to be nominated for a position on next year's Board? Now's your chance. The Nominating Committee is all set and will be ready to go shortly. Pat Rowan, Carol Sterk, Diane Durr and Pat Bartimoccia have been kind enough to spare some of their time to come up with a slate of officers. Won't you please help them help you and give any one of the ladies a call. Yes, it is hard work, but it can also be rewarding if you make it that way.

Do you realize that at our January meeting absolutely no one signed up to help quilt the Raffle Quilt? Last year I had the same problem but I thought it was because it was an applique quilt. If it weren't for Jean Albrecht and Betty Whitley spending hours and hours to finish that quilt, it would have never gotten done in time for the show! I thought we members joined this quilting organization to quilt and make friends? Members who say they don't know anyone should sit around this quilt and make new friends. We're losing our purpose if we can't even get our yearly quilt done in time for our show. Don't forget, too, that we're sharing the proceeds with Hope Town. That means that whatever monies are raised on this quilt, the money will go to our needs first. Maybe then we'll be able to end the SASE for the newsletter and not have to assess members \$5.00 again. Think about it.

I know that several of you in the membership are most unhappy about the SASE for the newsletter and having to assess one and all the \$5.00. Don't feel that we're a bunch of meanies or bad guys. We are doing this to save this guild. We want this guild to be around a long, long time. If we did not take some drastic measures, we would be in real trouble. This year we're using more local speakers so that we don't have to pay the usual \$200 or so, plus airfare, for speakers every month. We have workshops lined up and we're making sure that we either break-even or make money on them. We will not have a workshop if it means losing money on it. The same applies for any Special Event trips. By donating your SASE you are helping the Newsletter not to lose any money either. Don't forget that we have over 300 members who all receive the Newsletter. That is a lot of money in postage, and the printing bill alone is very large. This way you are given a choice. If you don't want to donate the envelopes then you can save yourself money and pick your copy up at the next meeting. Just remember that these 'drastic' measures are helping your guild stay on its feet. If we sat back and said we're not going to try, then it would be a total disaster for everyone. We are trying the best we know how to do what we're doing. To refresh your memory, reread the Financial Report in the September newsletter to see where money was lost and little was gained.

-- Kathy Sica



If you're putting a quilt in a show and you are not the original creator, please give the creator the credit. Patricia Cox mentioned this in a letter in the American Quilter's Society latest issue. She's absolutely right and we should all try to remember this rule of thumb.

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MEMBERSHIP

Welcome to our newest member who joined at the January meeting --
Emmagene Voe 762-4184.

Please also add the following names to your telephone lists --

Nancy Paskin	526-3185
Daphne Lindner	948-3809

Finally, please change Jan Lotz 724-5444.

I recently received a call from one of our members who needs a ride to the meetings. If you live in or near Scarsdale why not give her a call to offer a ride --- Eve Feretich 725-3625. See you at the meeting.

-- Liz Doyle 

NSQG BOARD MEMBERS, 1986-87

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Quilt Show Coordinator	Penny Black	271-8846

** If you want a smooth backing on your quilt here's a tip. Before basting, tape the backing fabric to the floor (for large quilts), or to the table (for small quilts). Tape the edges down and make it taut. Then put your batting and top down evenly. Baste from the center out. When you're done, pull off the tape and now you have a nice pucker/wrinkle-free backing ready for your quilting!

CLASSIFIED/MISCELLANEOUS

** THE NEXT BOARD MEETING IS TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 1987

** DEADLINE FOR THE MARCH NEWSLETTER is FEBRUARY 27, 1987. Please mail all items to: Judy Sebastian, 83 Nethermont Ave., N. White Plains, NY 10603.

** I goofed! The January newsletter is mistakenly marked December 1986 on the masthead. The copy of the December newsletter is green, and the copy of the January newsletter is pink. SORRY! j.s.

** So many of you have asked me what book I learned to get those 12 stitches per inch from. When Ami Simms came, she had a book on "How To Improve Your Quilting Stitches". (Written and Published by Ami). You may order that book from her for \$5 plus \$1 postage. Send your payment to: Ami Simms, 2228 Mallery Street, Flint, MI, 48504. ...Kathy Sica

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RESOURCE AND EDUCATION

IMPORTANT REMINDER: IF YOU HAVE SIGNED UP FOR A CLASS AND DIDN'T PAY FOR IT, PLEASE DO SO. YOUR CHECK RESERVES A SPOT FOR YOU.

ALL CHECKS SHOULD GIVEN OR SENT TO JEAN ALBRECHT, Box 235, Bedford, N.Y. 10506. Written out to NSQG - be sure to write the class on it.

** WORKSHOPS **

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1987 - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM

CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPE; Susan Turbak, instructor. This class is full. If you are interested in taking it, send me your check and I will put you on a standby list. Your check will be returned to you if you don't get in the class. Fee: \$25.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1987. 9 AM - 4 PM.

FADORA DOLL; Millie Wyszynski, instructor. Fee: \$20.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 1987. 9 AM - 4 PM.

RASCALLY RABBIT with Jean Albrecht at her home. \$20.00. There will be a picture on the bulletin board and in February I'll have a rabbit on display.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1987. 9 AM - 4 PM.

SAY IT WITH APPLIQUE - instructor: Joanne Kost. \$25.00. Joanne feels that the addition of an embroidered quote on a quilt adds warmth and meaning. Keeping that in mind, she has designed "the Peaceable Lamb". This charming little lamb, centered on a heart, welcomes guests into your home with the friendly message, "PEACE TO ALL WHO ENTER HERE." The versatile 15" x 15" size can be made into a pillow, a decorative hoop, or a framed wall quilt. She will also have available patterns for borders which when added to the 15" x 15" square will result in a 25" x 25" square.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 1987. 9 AM - 4 PM.

AROUND THE TWIST - Trudie Hughes, instructor. Fee: \$35. This quilt or wall hanging will be made using her techniques in template free quilt making.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 1987. 9:30 AM - 4 PM.

GREAT AMERICAN SCRAP QUILT with Roberta Horton. Fee: \$35. Many of the most intriguing antique quilts were made from scraps. With the wide availability of fabric today, many quilters have never explored the design possibilities fostered by working with small seemingly unrelated fabrics. In this class, we will experiment with different ways of using scraps to give excitement to quilts.



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THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1987. 9:30 AM - 4 PM.

JAPANESE PATCHWORK with Roberta Horton. Fee: \$35 plus materials fee. This class is designed for quilters wanting to broaden their use of fabric beyond calicoes. Non-traditional fabrics such as batiks, stripes, geometrics, large scale prints, and Japanese Yukata cloth will be used. Learn new methods of approach and how the fabric itself can design a quilt for you. The emphasis will be on value (shading). You will create a quilt of one-shape pieces.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 1987. 9:30 AM - 3 PM.

AMISH INFLUENCE with Barbara Wysocki. Fee: \$25. Explore the fascinating world of Amish quilt designs and colors. Develop your own Amish design suitable for a quilt or a wallhanging. Use traditional hand methods or try new quick cutting and piecing techniques. This workshop will include actual construction.

I hope that with the variety of workshops being offered each one of you will be intrigued enough to want to sign up for one or more of them. We are fortunate to have these well known quilters available to us and should take advantage to learn from them. Please remember your check holds your place and registration fees are non-refundable.

If anyone belongs to other quilt guilds please let them know of our workshops. We usually have openings.

-- Jean Albrecht



It has come to the attention of the Board that a few members missed the January 20th general meeting because they thought it was being held on the 27th. Please read your newsletters carefully. The September newsletter has the dates for all GENERAL meetings. The October newsletter lists all dates for BOARD meetings. Your current newsletter always lists the night of the general meeting, so please, if you haven't submitted your SASE envelopes for the newsletter mail them to: Judy Sebastian, 83 Nethermont Ave., N. White PLains, NY, 10603.

RAFFLE QUILT

The tickets for the Raffle Quilt -- 12,000 of them! -- are ready. There are six tickets in each book, and they'll go for \$1 each/ \$5 a book. If we sell at least two books apiece, we'll be well on our way to a successful raffle.

I'll set up a distribution table at the February 10th meeting, so please stop by and take a few books so that I don't have to carry them all home again!

The Hope Town School is a good cause, and we'd like to make a nice contribution to them after the show. Many thanks in advance for your help in doing this.

-- Jill Bryant

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A WORLD OF QUILTS VIII

I would like to introduce the members of the Quilt Show Committee: Serving as Secretary is Helen Robillard; Treasurer - Jill Bryant; JFK Liason - Sue Moga. Publicity is being handled by Sondra Shapiro; Quilt Acquisition - Madeline Horr and Diana Carrillo; Raffle Quilt - Suzanna Valentinetti; Speakers - Claire Dehler; Quilts in Progress - Gloria Hartley. Edie Keasbey is in charge of Admissions; Sue Bouton - Boutique; Pat Rowan - Pot Luck Dinner; Printing - Carole Hallenbeck; Vendors - Barbara Lerch, Block Contest - Linda Raffaele. Jane Fulton is in charge of volunteers (in fact the sign-up started at the January meeting); Debbie Hechler will be doing the signs, Carol Smith - Hospitality, and Ruth and Janice Gerth will oversee the judging.

The raffle quilt is now at Linda Sandella's house and quilting has begun. You may sign up by calling either Linda (232-3593) or Suzanna Valentinetti (962-7115). Members may quilt on Tuesdays or Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. To reach Linda's home in Katonah take Rte. 35 East to North Salem Rd. Travel on North Salem Rd. for one mile then left onto Merrit - first house on left. It is very important that we complete the quilting as soon as possible in order to display it in the various shops. We hope to sell many more chances this way and make a great deal more money to share with Hopetown School.

The chance books are printed and Jill Bryant will be distributing them at the February meeting. Each member is requested to sell at least 2 books. Your assistance is appreciated - the more we sell, the more money we make!

A reminder to all of you volunteering to work at the show. This year each member is requested to work a minimum of two hours either all on one day or split between Saturday or Sunday. Also, this year we will need a large group of people to help clean up on Sunday night. Last year quite a bit of extra money was paid to the custodial help at JFK for the hours it took to clean up the school on Sunday night. If enough of us help, we should be able to put the school back to rights in an hour or so. Your help is needed and appreciated by each and every other member. Again, we will be asking husbands and/or sons to assist us with the parking. This may be a good time to get your family involved. (Last year only one-third of the membership helped with the quilt show. We are looking for at least 75% participation this year. It is not all hard work....we have lots of good times mixed in. Thank you for whatever help you will be giving this year.)

The theme for the Block Contest is AMISH. Size is no smaller than 16-inches nor larger than 24-inches. Block must be quilted and bound. What a chance for our membership to show how really creative we can be. Let's see just how many blocks we can enter.

A note to those of you wishing to display your quilt at the show. We have a limited number of spaces available so get a form from Maddie Horr or Diana Carrillo because when we have reached 200, that's it. Wouldn't it be great if all 200 spaces were filled with member's quilts. What a thrill for all of us!

And, remember the Boutique. The Fall Boutique was very successful. Now would be a good time to be thinking about what you will be adding to the items for sale. (No pre-printed or "cheater" cloth.....please).

-- Penny Black
Quilt Show Coordinator



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 TREASURER'S REPORT

The following table shows the NSQG operating budget for 1986-87 and the actual income and expenditures for the 1st half of the fiscal year.

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u> 7/1/86 - 12/31/86
<u>Income</u>		
VP-Program	550	259.00
VP-Membership	5700	5043.50
Newsletter	250	25.00
Misc.	---	126.50
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	6500	5454.00
 <u>Expenditure</u>		
President	100	40.73
VP-Program	2000	897.17
VP-Membership	350	93.40
Correspond Sec'y	100	---
Recording Sec'y	100	---
Newsletter	2000	1120.34
Publicity	50	---
Hospitality	300	24.02
Treasurer	1500	935.19
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	6500	3110.85

NSQG dues have not been raised since the Guild began in 1981, though costs have increased. Membership dues have not covered operating expenses in the last two years. In an effort to alleviate the situation this year's board has adopted a streamlined Budget. Also, since our By-laws prohibit raising dues for this year, we are asking members to contribute to our guild.

Thanks go to all of you who have so willingly paid the assessment. Your support of this Board and our Guild is greatly appreciated. For those members who have not yet paid, I hope this report has answered whatever questions you have had. If there are still doubts, please contact me with your questions.

Special Events, Resource & Education, and Quilt Show have not been considered in the above Budget since these should be considered self-supporting. Their status, as of December 31, 1986 is:

	<u>Cash</u> <u>Received</u>	<u>Cash</u> <u>Disbursed</u>
Special Events	6,973.80	6,264.14
Resource & Education	1,047.50	781.64
Quilt Show	---	133.37

Some Quilt Show revenues have been received since the 1st of January.

In summary, our financial status for the period July 1, 1986 - December 31, 1986 is:

Balance brought forward	-	\$ 612.29
Cash received		13,475.30
Cash disbursed		10,290.00
 Balance - Dec 31, 1986		 2,573.01

-- Linda Higham 

Thank you to those who have paid the \$5 assessment. For those who haven't please consider this; the guild at this time really needs your help. \$5 spread over the year is only 50 cents a meeting. 50 cents, the price you pay each week for a raffle ticket. Except in this raffle we are all winners! We win guest speakers every month, learn new quilting techniques, an opportunity to take creative workshops, as well as make new friends. This is only my second year as a member of NSQG. I've given of my time as a volunteer but I have received so much more in return. I'm sure we all have, otherwise, we would not be members. \$5 is not much to give when you consider how much we derive from our guild. Please help out so we can overcome our financial crunch and put the guild back on its feet. Thanks in advance for your support. ..Judy Sebastian

COMING EVENTS

** Molly Pitchers Quilt Show - Saturday, April 4th, 10am - 5pm, Sunday, April 5th, 1pm - 5 pm. Manalapan High School, Church Lane, Manalapan, New Jersey. For info: Daria Eisen at 201-446-1144.

** Trumbull Piecemakers present APRIL SHOWER OF QUILTS II. Saturday, April 25, 1987. Sunday, April 26, 1987. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Trumbull High School, 72 Strobel Road, Trumbull, Connecticut, 06611. For further info send SASE to Trumbull Piecemakers, Cynthia Kadish, P.O. Box 160, Trumbull, CT, 06611 (203-261-8722).

** Bergen County Quilt Fair - A SUMMER GARDEN - presented by The Brownstone Quilters. June 18, 19, 20 1987 at Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus, NJ. For info send SASE to: Bergen County Quilt Fair, PO Box 745, Oakland, New Jersey 07436.

** Catamount Quilt Show - July 25-26. Held at the Catamount Ski Area, Route 23 located in Hillsdale, NY & South Egremont, MA. SASE to Catamount Quilt Show, K & K Quiltdes, PO Box 23, Hillsdale, NY 12529.

I received a great Christmas gift, a Quilting/Cookbook. It's the I'd Rather Be Quilting Cookbook by Layton, Walker, and Williams. Filled with great recipes that are easy enough to give you more time to quilt. Each page has a full meals recipe, a quilt block, as well as cooking and quilting hints. J.S.



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10% Off All Fabric In Stock

First Quality Muslin

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