



# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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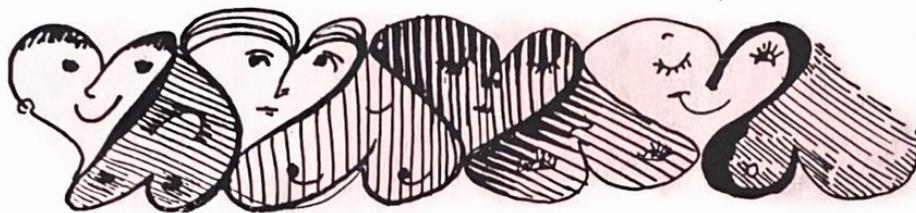
Newsletter

February 1988

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild will meet on Tuesday, February 23, 1988 at the SOMERS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL located on Route 202 in Somers, NY. The doors will open at 7:00 P.M. and the business meeting will commence at 8:00 P.M.

The Next Board meeting is March 1.

Don't forget to bring your sewing baskets.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Have you noticed...the days are getting longer...I think Spring is not too far away. I hope you all are diligently working to finish those quilts to hang in our Show.

It is nice to look around the room during the meetings and see all the happy smiling faces. Thanks to those of you who have let me know how much you are enjoying the Guild this year. There are still some kinks to work out, but I think we are making some real progress.

The By-Laws Committee has started reviewing our present set of by-laws with the intent to make some recommendations for change. Please take the time to read your copy and let Joan Crawford or myself know if you have any suggestions.

Just a reminder that at the February meeting we will discuss the raffle quilt for the 1989 Quilt Show. If you have any suggestions, please make sure to attend the meeting.

Remember, if the weather is bad listen to your local radio station or call a Board member if you are in doubt about the meeting.

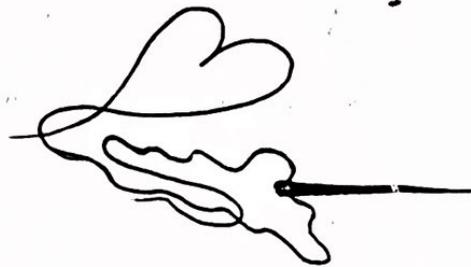
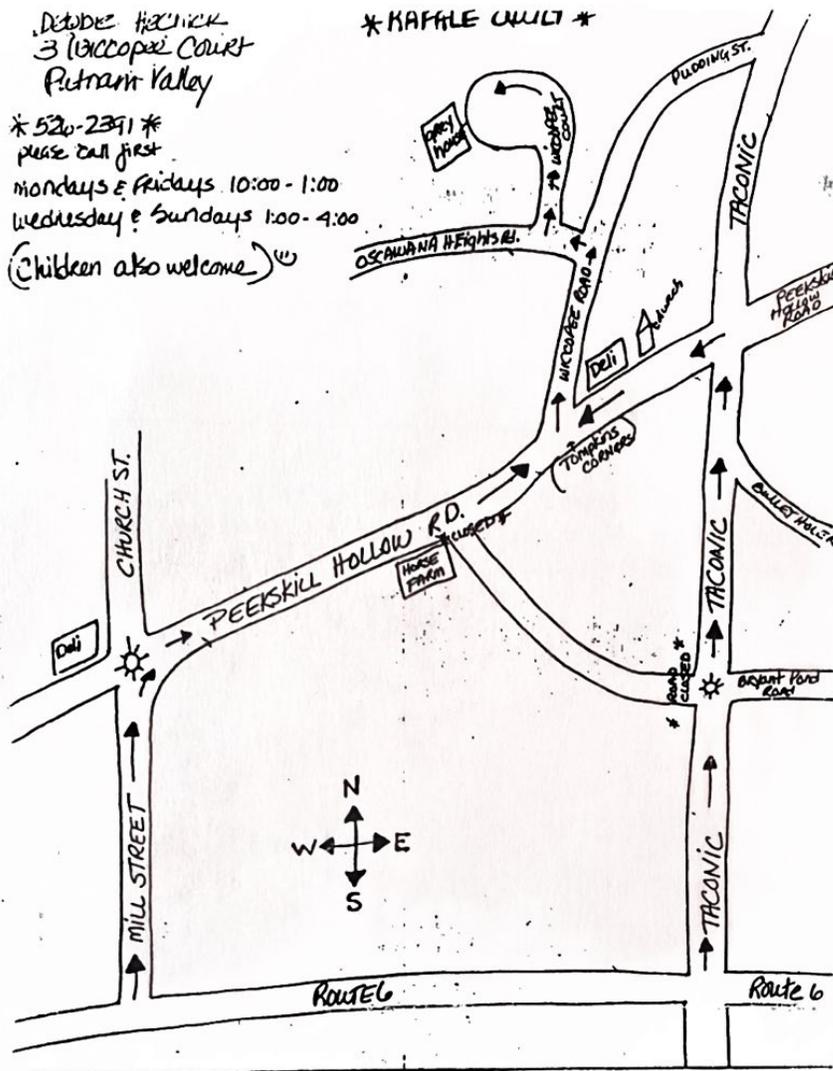
I hope to see you all at the next meeting. In the meantime, keep yourself in stitches.

Penny Black, President

DIRECTIONS TO DEBBIE'S HOUSE

Debbie Heckler  
3 Wiccopee Court  
Putnam Valley  
\* 528-2391 \*  
Please call first  
Mondays & Fridays 10:00 - 1:00  
Wednesdays & Sundays 1:00 - 4:00  
(Children also welcome)

\* KAFFALE CUILT \*



DEBBIE HECKLER  
3 WICCOPEE COURT  
PUTNAM VALLEY

528-2391



PROGRAM

The lap robes are almost finished! One was actually completed at the January meeting and all the rest have gone home with caring people who volunteered to finish them. At the March meeting we will draw the names of the recipients and present the robes to the related guild member for delivery. All of you wonderful women who took them home will need to get them back by then. If you have them done for this month, please give them to Penny at the meeting.

Our February meeting will begin with Kathy Sica and Penny Black demonstrating two methods of applique that could be used for your heart blocks. You will also be able to pick up the block patterns for March and April at the February meeting. "The Block Doctor", Pat Bartimoccia, will have a table set up to help any of you who are still having problems with a previously presented block. This will be a regular monthly feature and Pat is good at helping so do bring your troubles to her.

The speaker for the meeting will be Kathy Ford. She will present a most interesting program on color and its uses. Those of you who studied her display in the Works-in-Progress room at last year's show know she has much of value (no pun intended) to share.

For this month's fabric raffle please bring a 1/4 yard piece of basically green fabric. It may be a print or solid. Spring IS coming....soon I hope. Your piece may be a full 1/4 yard (9" x 44") or a "fat quarter" (18" x 22").

Gloria Hartley  
628-5954

## QUILT SHOW REPORT

Carole Hallenbeck has agreed to hand out and keep track of the raffle chances. She will have them at each meeting along with pictures of the quilt. If you cannot come to the meeting, give Carole a call (248-8624) and she will mail them to you. Thanks Carole!!!

Many thanks to Maddie Horr for handling "the Mailing." On that snowy Monday, Maddie called many of her volunteers to tell them not to come. Pat Baker, Barbara Beaudry, Eleanor Scarcella and Maddie's very good friend, Helen Condon did a great job.

CALLING ALL QUILTERS!!! After Mindy Moeller and Janet Broad put the finished raffle blocks together, Kathleen Lange, Jean McAward and Ann Marchmont marked the quilting design. Many members helped baste it all together at the January meeting and now it is at Debbie Heckler's home ready to be quilted. How's that for teamwork! Debbie has agreed to open up her home to us for quilting:

Monday & Friday's	-	10:00 - 1:00
Wednesday & Sundays	-	1:00 - 4:00

Call her at 526-2391 to let her know you are coming. Bring your thimble and favorite needle. Children are welcome. Since this is an Amish quilt it requires lots of quilting and we need all of your help. Sitting around a frame quilting is a wonderful way for us to get to know each other. So grab your thimble call Debbie and come work on a beautiful quilt and have some fun!!

You can still help.....

--take and sell raffle tickets	--help quilt on raffle quilt
--sign up with Diana Carillo to work at show	--finish your own quilt to be in the SHOW!!!

Jane Fulton



The first show of the Empire Quilters of NYC will be held at the YWCA on 53rd Street in Manhattan starting February 23rd and running through March 18. For gallery hours call 212 - 755-4500.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE A HOSTESS FOR ONE OF OUR LECTURERS, PLEASE CALL

PENNY BLACK. (271-8846)



### SPECIAL EVENTS

The "Quilter's Paradise" trip is rapidly approaching, just two short months to go. There are only a few seats left in our second bus; if you are interested, please call me at once.

We will be leaving Friday, April 8th, spending the day and evening at the Quilter's Heritage Celebration in Lancaster. The lecturer Friday evening will be Roberta Horton. On Saturday, April 9th we will go over to Intercourse, PA to do some serious, fantastic quilt shopping.

The cost is only \$124/person double occupancy, and includes the bus, hotel, baggage handling, admission to the show and lecture, both dinners, and a full breakfast -- A Bargain!! and a heck of a lot of fun.

I hope to see you there.

Kathleen Lange

The following amendments to the by-laws were voted on and approved at the annual meeting on May 19, 1987. Please attach these changes to your copy of the by-laws.

ARTICLE V: Elected Officers

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be President, First Vice-President, Second Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer. The officers shall be elected by ballot by a majority of those present at an annual meeting. They shall serve for one year or until they shall resign or be removed from office. Their term of office shall begin at the close of the general monthly meeting in June. The officers can succeed themselves in office once. When an office other than that of President becomes vacant, it shall be filled by a recommendation of a majority of the Board of Directors. In the absence of the President, or in the event the President resigns or is removed from office, the duties of the President shall be performed by the officer next in succession - First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI: Board of Directors

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be comprised of the six elected officers and the chairpersons of all Standing Committees. No member of the Board of Directors can serve more than four consecutive years. The immediate Past-President shall be an ex-officio member.

ARTICLE VII: Committees

Section 1. Chairpersons of Standing Committees shall be appointed by the President with the approval of the majority of the elected officers and their tenure shall terminate with the installation of the new President. These chairpersons shall be appointed to serve on the Board of Directors no longer than four consecutive years.

NEWSLETTER

A very big thank you to Tamar Drucker for all her Heart Designs.

Pat Rowan

TREASURER'S REPORT

	Balance Forward	\$13,718.24
<u>Cash Received</u>		\$2,198.50
Membership		
Raffle		
Vendors		
<u>Cash Disbursed</u>		680.30
Quilt Show (Mailing & Deposit on Quilt Stand)	474.70	
Postage	22.00	
Newsletter	78.95	
Raffle	52.90	
Program	51.75	

Balance

\$15,236.44

## MEMBERSHIP

We have 249 Members.

We welcome four new members:

Lynn Millar 698-5532  
1321 Birch Hill Lane  
Mamaroneck, NY 10543

Lori Riccivuto 232-4143  
P. O. Box 386  
North Salem, NY 10560

Susan Lawrence 669-5680  
Titicus Road, RR1  
North Salem, NY 10560

Eleanor Vasso (201) 446-1144  
62 Thomas Drive  
Manalapan, NJ 07726

### PLEASE NOTE THE FOLLOWING CORRECTIONS FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP LIST:

Change of address:

Nancy Heffernan  
3 Montross Street  
White Plains, NY 10603

Lois Greager 744-5705  
11 Riverside Drive  
Pine Bush, NY 12566

Maria Tomoaka  
103 Elmore Avenue  
Croton-on-Hudson, NY 10520

Janet Broad - 669-8081  
P. O. Box 362  
North Salem, NY 10560

Margaret Compagna  
RFD #2, Box 2380  
Brunswick, ME 04011

Telephone correction:

Marilyn Cava - 248-5806

Pat Barker



## HOSPITALITY

I hope everyone had an opportunity to see the beautiful cake that Janet Broad made for our Holiday Party at the December meeting. It was gorgeous. You are quite talented Janet. AND IT WAS AS DELICIOUS AS IT WAS BEAUTIFUL. THANKS.

Pat Davis



## BOOK REVIEW

For February what could be more appropriate than Quick-and-Easy Heart-Motif Quilts? Written by Karen O'Dowd for the Dover Needlework Series (Dover Publications, NY, '86), this inexpensive (\$3.50) book gives you instructions and illustrations and inspiration. It also gives you heavy paper templates, ready to be backed by cardboard, sandpaper, or plastic. It gives you forty-six block designs. If you want to "go by the book," your finished products would be a block-of-the-month full-size quilt, a hearts and flowers quilt, also full-size, a bridal wreath "mini," and a wall-hanging. Of course any of the designs would be dandy as pillows or whatever; the finished measurements are 13 1/2", 14", and 22". You can mix-and-match or add your own touches, which would probably give the author a great deal of pleasure. One reminder she passes on should be posted conspicuously in whatever serves as our sewing areas: "A finished quilt is the best kind."

Obviously, the reviewer has positive feelings for book and author. (O'Dowd is Editorial Assistant for Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts magazine and frequently writes articles therein.) Dover be praised - Dover delivers. Their books could be the foundation of a very good quilting library. Most stores carry some of them, and you can write for their complete needlework catalog - it's free. Write to:

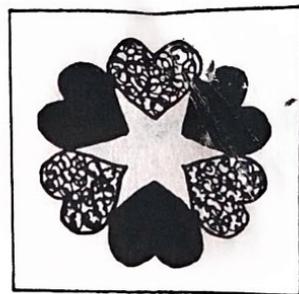
Dover Publications, Inc., 31 East Second Street, Mineola, NY 11501

Kay Fowler

## Block #2 "Hearts and Stars"

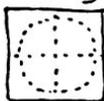
Second in the N.S.Q.G. "How To" series

This is an applique' block. If you already have a favorite method of applique', by all means use it. to do your block prior to the Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. If you need more guidance, have the pieces cut and do the applique'ing at the meeting. Kathy Sica and Penny Black will present alternate ways to applique' at the meeting. A standard method follows.



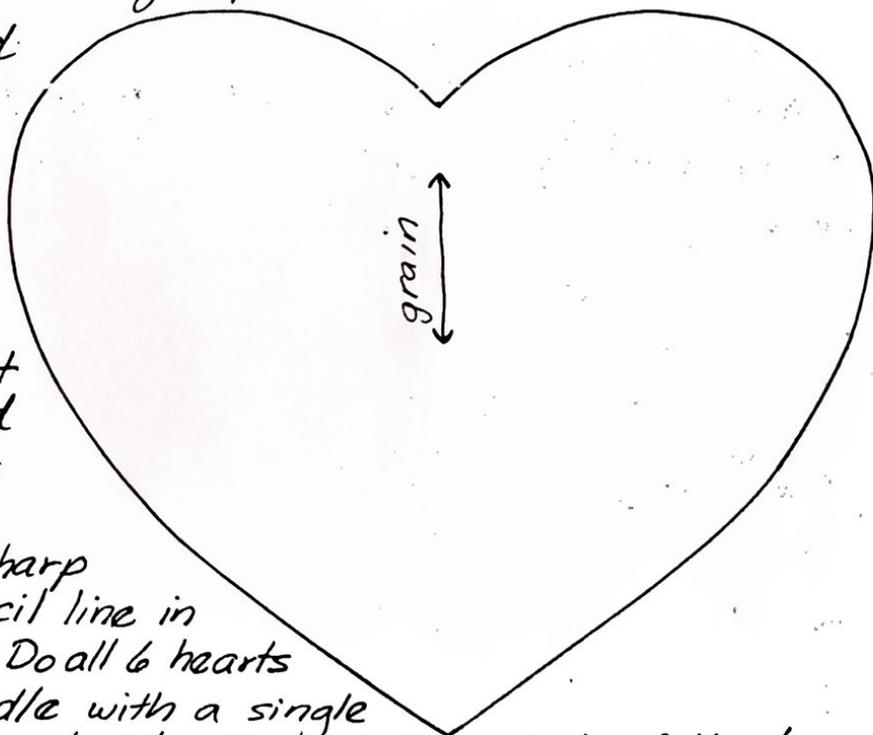
You will be using three of your fabrics. How you combine them is at your discretion. You will need one color for the background and two for the applique'd hearts. For illustration purposes a light background fabric is used, a medium value fabric is used for three of the hearts and a dark for the other three. Feel free to play with value combinations and use that which you prefer.

Step 1: cut a 13" square of your background fabric on the straight grain. Finger crease it lengthwise and crosswise to find the center. With a marking pencil, lightly draw an 11" circle centered on the square.



Step 2: Cut the heart template from light weight plastic.

Step 3: lightly trace around the template three times on the right side of each of your two chosen fabrics, leaving at least 1/2" between motifs.



Step 4: cut the hearts out leaving between 3/8" and 1/4" seam allowance all the way around the hearts.

Step 5: Carefully, with a sharp scissors, clip to the pencil line in the valley of each heart. Do all 6 hearts

Step 6: Thread a fine needle with a single thread knotted at one end. Starting at the point of the heart with the knot on the face side, sew a fine running stitch close to the edge of the fabric up one side of the heart to the clip in the valley. Pull the thread gently until the fabric begins to cup. Fasten with a knot. Repeat on the other side of the heart. Do all six hearts the same way.

Step 7. With the right side of the seam allowance to the back along the pencil line with your fingers. Start by turning the point in first then one side and then the other. Pin or pinch to hold point. Be sure you turn the seam allowance under just enough to hide the pencil mark.

Step 8. With a single knotted thread about 18" long, baste around the heart close to the folded edge beginning and ending at the valley with the knot on the face side. (This makes your basting stitches easier to remove) Do all six hearts.

Step 9. Position the hearts evenly around the inside of the circle on the background fabric alternating colors. The top and bottom hearts should be centered on the vertical fold line and the crosswise fold should lie between the two hearts on each side. The hearts should just touch. Pin or glue baste.

Step 10. Hang the block up and step back to check placement. Adjust and check with ruler from center. You are ready to applique!

Step 11. With an 18" thread that matches the heart and has been knotted at one end start on the back of the background fabric.

Step 12. Bring the thread up through the motif very close to the edge, catching only a thread or two. Reinsert the needle in the background fabric close to where you came up. Pull the thread gently until firm but not tight enough to cause puckers. Bring the needle back up through the motif  $\frac{1}{16}$ " to  $\frac{1}{8}$ " away along the fold. Repeat all the way around the heart turning in any stray threads with your needle. At the clip take a few extra tiny stitches if necessary. End with a knot on the back of the fabric. Do all six hearts.

Step 13. Carefully cut the background fabric away from the inside of each heart approximately  $\frac{1}{4}$ " from the sewn line.

Step 14. Gently press. Do not iron.

Step 15. Carefully centering your block, re cut background to  $12\frac{1}{2}$ " square.

For additional directions you might refer to "Quick-and-Easy Heart-Motif Quilts" by Karen O'Dowd published by Dover Publications



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