

# On Point!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Quilters,

What a wonderful meeting we had in January. Several people said to me that the air was "charged with excitement." Alice, thank you for organizing a terrific program. It took a lot of thought and hard work, and we all appreciate your efforts. Thanks also to Claire Oehler, Kathy Schiano, Caroline Kearney and Edith Pryor for their words of batting wisdom.

Congratulations to the three quilters who persevered and actually completed their New Year's Resolutions: Maria Weber for a UFO from 1993; Lisa Curtis for a UFO started in 1989; and me! for two UFOs from 1989.

Remember to listen to WVIP or WHUD if there's a problem with the weather. And, if we have a snow, the meeting will be postponed to the following Tuesday.

\*\*\*\*\* NANCY MIRMAN

## PROGRAMS:

A very special thanks to Caroline Kearney, Claire Oehler, Edith Pryor and Cathy Schiano for helping to make last month's batting program a big success. I certainly learned a lot from them. Our Guild has so many talented members, and it's great to be able to utilize this expertise.

It is a relief to be able to rid my house of batting; however, I still have a few almost complete sets left. If you're interested, call me and you can pick them up from my place.

Also, I have a LOT remaining of: Fairfield Cotton Classic, Fairfield Poly-fill Traditional, Fairfield Poly-fill Low Loft, Great Glory Unbonded, M.G. Clearly Unbleached 100% Cotton, M.G. Clearly Bleached 100% Cotton and Mountain Mist Blue Ribbon Cotton. If you are interested in trying Caroline Kearney's method of comparing different effects of the batting, this additional batting would be perfect. Let me know ASAP.

Please don't forget to fill out the forms for the manufacturers. They were so kind and generous, and this is the one way we can say thank you.

I am looking forward to viewing Mary Rossetti's slide presentation of our Quilt Show on Feb. 21, as well as seeing the Challenge Quilts. This was a tough one!!

\*\*\*\*\* ALICE GARRARD

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NSQG CALENDAR

- FEB. 21: GENERAL MEETING, doors open 7 p.m., meeting starts 7:30 at J.F.K. High School, Route 138, Somers.
- FEB. 28: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 7:15 p.m., at Nancy Mirman's. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- MARCH 7: QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
- MARCH 21: GENERAL MEETING
- MARCH 28: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- APRIL 4: QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING
- APRIL 7: GUILD TWO-DAY TRIP TO LANCASTER
- APRIL 18: GENERAL MEETING
- APRIL 25: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- MAY 6&7: NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD QUILT SHOW

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CHARM QUILT SWAP:

FEBRUARY COLORS: Black, White and Gray  
FEBRUARY THEME: Small or Large Flowers

A hint of what you might need to make your charm quilt: 2,805 pieces!! So far our research shows that a 99"x106" quilt has the most pieces. Another one, 87"x105", takes only 792 pieces. A third size, 65"x87", has 803 hexagons.

Don't get nervous. We have until the Quilt Show-96 to finish!

\*\*\*\*\* LORI VANACORE & DEBORAH EHRICHS

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AND BRING A MUG

TRAVELING QUILTERS:

There are just 10 seats left on the motor coach for our fantastic Lancaster Trip Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8. If you'd like to go, send a \$130 check made out to NSQG and dated March 1 to me at 30 Greenfield Road, Mahopac 10541.

Friday's itinerary includes a stop at two fabulous fabric shops, Sauder's and Weaver's, and a visit to Intercourse and Bird-in-Hand, if time allows. After that we'll dine at Miller's Smorgasbord and get a good night's rest at the Ramada Inn/Lancaster.

Saturday morning we'll gear up with breakfast at Lapp's and move on to the extensive Heritage Quilt Festival. We'll do the dinner scene at Zinn's Diner, and the happy but tired quilters will return home around 10 p.m.

All of this for just \$130: bus, 2 dinners, breakfast, accomodations, show ticket and maybe a surprise or two. How can you resist? Join us for a great weekend with beautiful quilts, scenery and quilting companions. You deserve it. Friends are welcome.

Please let me know if any of you are interested in going to the A.Q.S. Quilt Show, April 27-30, in Paducah, Kentucky. We may be able to get a small group together.

\*\*\*\*\* LINDA VON AHN

HELP WANTED

Would you or your quilting group like to help make a backdrop quilt for a project being developed by 10 groups of kids from the 4H Club? The project is sponsored by the Cornell Extension and will become an exhibit that will travel throughout New York and finally to Washington D.C. If interested, please call Nancy Mirman. Thanks.

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HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY TO ALL

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TREASURER'S REPORT, as of Dec. 31, 1994

Guild Balance Forward-	Nov. 30, 1994	\$42,117.31
General Account Balance-		\$28,835.24
Income-		
Interest Income-		\$ 43.63
Total Income-		\$ 43.63
Expense-		
Speaker-		\$ 329.00
Raffle-		\$ 175.00
Newsletter-		\$ 90.77
Boutique-		\$ 5,449.16
JFK Service-		\$ 20.00
Hospitality-		\$ 49.79
NYS Sales Tax-		\$ 431.66
Check Printing-		\$ 109.50
Bank Charges-		\$ 12.00
Total Expenses-		\$ 6,666.88
As of Dec. 31, 1994-		\$22,212.03

QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT-		
Quilt Show Balance Forward-		\$13,282.03
Income-		
Vendors-		\$ 2,196.25
Balance as of Dec. 31, 1994-		\$15,478.28

GUILD BALANCE as of Dec. 31, 1994- \$37,690.31

\*\*\*\*\* MARY ROSSETTI

CALLING ALL DOLLMAKERS

All NSQG members are invited to make an original CLOTH doll - any size - for the 4th Annual Cloth Doll Display at World of Quilts XVI. This year's theme, IMAGINARY FRIENDS, is sure to inspire all dollmakers to create something beautiful and unique. Dolls are not due until April 30, but the registration deadline is March 15. For more information and a registration form, call either Jane Davila at The Country Quilter, 277-4820, or Lauran Fowks, 232-8470.

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CHALLENGE QUILTS DUE!

All Challenge Quilts are due Sat., Feb. 18, at Lauran Fowks' house, 383 Route 22, Goldens Bridge, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Please know the entries' titles; Lauran will ask you to complete a short registration form for yourself or a friend's quilt. Call Lauran, 232-8470, with any problems.

The Challenge Committee knows of at least 24 entries and is hoping that even more will be entered. The quilts will be on display in the auditorium during February's meeting. The auditorium will be closed that night until 7:15 so that the quilts may be hung thoughtfully and efficiently. Please cooperate by not trying to sneak a preview!



EDUCATION:

January weather was in our favor and the Margit Echols workshop was completed as scheduled to the great delight of all participants.

To eliminate possible confusion regarding Spring workshops please check the bulletin board showing paid registrations for each class. As of this time, workshop space availability is as follows:

Although Roberta Horton's two classes, PLAIDS AND STRIPES on March 20 & 21, and GREAT AMERICAN SCRAP QUILT on March 22, are full, please do register for the Wait List. Openings usually occur and to date there is one person on the Wait List.

One space is available for Nancy Johnson-Srebro's May 5th morning class, S.O.S, PINWHEEL, a full-size miniature scrap quilt. Sign up for the Wait List. In the afternoon there are several openings for Nancy's MEASURE THE POSSIBILITIES. This will provide an opportunity for lefties, righties, beginners and experienced quilters to gain perfection in rotary cutting techniques. These half-day classes are just \$10 each.

There are some openings in Elly Sienkiewicz' DUTCH COUNTRY HEARTS, hand applique 12 easy ways for all skill levels, on May 8, as well as in her fast paced, two-day DIMENSIONAL BLOOMS SEMINAR on May 9 & 10 for advanced appliquers.

Space is available for all skill levels in Libby Lehman's May 16th THINK BIG workshop in which the dynamic possibilities of large scale prints will be explored.

Remember that completed blocks for our ABC Quilts project may be deposited in the basket near the bulletin board during general meetings.

Step #1 for Mystery Quilts will be distributed at the February meeting. Pick yours up at the Education Table.

A few vacancies remain for SUPER SATURDAY, April 1, at the First Presbyterian Church in Katonah. Fee is \$5. You may sign up at 7 p.m. at the February meeting. Ninety-seven members signed up last month; 75% got their first choices. There were 27 requests for Lauran's Landscape class. Unfortunately class size is limited to 10.

We are always happy to answer your questions.

\*\*\*\*\* PAT BAKER & JOYCE SULLIVAN

MEMBERSHIP

One-hundred-eighty-three people signed in at the January meeting, including 11 guests. Current membership is 295, including two who joined since the January meeting. Inform me at the February meeting or by mail of any address or telephone corrections for an updated membership list. Thank you to Simone Montegut and Lorraine Mioducki, whose assistance at the last two meetings was greatly appreciated.

\*\*\*\*\* MILLIE CLINTON

LIBRARY NEWS

We have lots of new books to introduce this month. The first five to be listed below were donated to our library by That Patchwork Place, for which we thank them very much:

BARGELLO QUILTS, by Marge Edle, contains many striking contemporary designs using a strip-piecing technique based on a traditional needlepoint stitch.

ROUND ROBIN QUILTS: FRIENDSHIP QUILTS OF THE 90S AND BEYOND, by Pat Magaret and Donna Slusser, presents many ideas for creating progressive-style friendship quilts.

LE ROUVRAY, by Diane de Obaldia, is another book in That Patchwork Place's International Quilt Shop series.

JACKET JAZZ ENCORE, by Judy Murrah, features 30 more manipulations using rotary cutter methods for a jacket or vest, in pattern sizes 6-24.

QUILTING MAKES THE QUILT, by Lee Cleland, is full of quilting patterns, many on full-size pattern sheets. This book is very interesting because the author made 12 different quilt tops five times each and quilted each one differently to illustrate what happens to the surface of a quilt when different treatments are used on the same piece.

The next five books are new purchases for our library:

THE STORI BOOK OF EMBELLISHING, by Mary Stori, shows great ideas for 3-D embellishments for quilts and garments.

THE ART OF SILK RIBBON EMBROIDERY, by Judith Baker Montano, is a beautifully illustrated introduction and project book on this elegant needle art.

STITCHING FREE: EASY MACHINE PICTURES, by Shirley Nilsson, is a workbook encouraging experimentation with various free-motion, straight-stitch machine techniques.

CREATIVE MACHINE ART, by Sharee Dawn Roberts, details instructions on many machine applique and embroidery techniques. Although written for creative clothing makers, Sharee's techniques can easily be adapted for use on quilts.

THE JUDGE'S TASK, by Patricia J. Morris, defines blue-ribbon criteria and how award-winning quilts are selected. Use this book to guide you through a final inspection of your own quilts - perhaps a few small changes could make the difference between winning a ribbon or not!

\*\*\*\*\* LAURAN FOWKS

DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR UFO?

Here's an idea for storing your UFOs or any of your projects - a NSQG tote bag. How about storing quilting magazines in one? Maybe your knitting needs a safe and clean home in another. They can be yours for just \$8 each. If interested, see Nancy Murphy at the next meeting.

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SHOW BUSINESS

Thank you, thank you to all who helped prepare our brochures for mailing at the January meeting. A very special thanks to Simone Montegut for organizing it all.

Ann Fitzell will have the Quilt Show volunteer sign-up chart, started at the last meeting, available at the Feb. 21 meeting. There are still lots of fun jobs available for those of you who have not yet signed up. You are welcome to sign up for more than one job. Remember, for two hours of volunteer time you will receive a free one-day admission pass to the show. Also, we can use the help of your spouses on Friday and Sunday evenings to help set up and take down the show.

As I mentioned at the Guild meeting, we are paying teenagers to work for us at JFK High School Friday and Sunday evenings. If you have interested family members or friends, please have them call Peggy Lawlor for information.

Marla Tamaoka passed out raffle tickets envelopes at the January meeting. Please pick yours up Feb. 21 if you haven't already. We are asking all Guild members to sell at least one packet of raffle tickets and as many more as possible. All raffle proceeds will benefit the Northern Westchester Shelter.

Our raffle quilt is coming along great. It will be at Barbara Yerks' home in Thornwood the first two weeks of February and then it's moving in with Cathy Neri in Shenorock. If you live near either of these women and can give some time to quilting, please call them to arrange a day and a time. Anyone interested in hosting our raffle quilt should call Marie Rohrman to make arrangements.

And of course, keep working on your show projects: quilts for judging and/or display; the block contest; the clothing display; the perimeter display; the cloth doll display. And if you don't get it all done, we do have a works-in-progress display. So, let it snow - it's time to quilt.

\*\*\*\*\* BARB BROSHOUS

NEW YORK, NEW YORK

The city that never sleeps will host two quilt shows.

The Quilters Guild of Brooklyn's second show will be held March 18 at Public School 321 on 7th Avenue in Park Slope. For info write to Karen Cornish, 154 Bedford Ave., No. 4, Brooklyn 11211, or call (718)782-6317.

Victorian Show Quilts will be on view April 8 thru Sept. 10 at the Museum of American Folk Art, 2 Lincoln Square, N.Y. 10023-6214. Call the museum, (212)595-9533.

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WHERE TO GO, WHAT TO DO

View the GREATER HARTFORD QUILT GUILD SHOW on April 1&2 at the Marriott Hotel, 15 Farm Springs Road, Farmington, Conn. For info write to Quilt '95, P.O. Box 310213, Newington, Conn. 06131-0213, or call (203)666-8668.

To enter the quilt challenge planned for the 1995 SALISBURY MANSION NEEDLEWORK AND QUILT SHOW in Massachusetts, send a check for \$2.50 plus a large SASE with 75 cents postage to Calico & Co., 149 Memorial Drive, Route 140, Shrewsbury, Mass. 01545. Challenge participants will incorporate reproduction fabrics reflective of the first half of the 19th century. The show, from April 20 to May 7, is sponsored by the Worcester Historical Museum at Salisbury Mansion and the museum. For more information, call the museum, (508)753-8278.

Marie's Dream House, Route 42 in West Kill, N.Y., is planning a QUILT INN SHOW on April 22 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and April 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For information call Anna Marie Tucker, (518)287-1368.

The three-day ADIRONDACK/NORTH COUNTRY QUILT CAMP will focus on all aspects of quilting, and classes are available for all skill levels. The dates are July 5-8 at Paul Smith's College on the shores of Lower St. Regis Lake in New York state. An Adirondack/North Country Quilt Show - featuring the work of Camp instructors and alumnae - will be held during the Camp from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Instructors include Carol Doak, Anna Marie Tucker, Anita Shackelford and Jan Eggleston. For info, call (518)327-6249.

Treat yourself to three full days and evenings of quilting, learning and sharing at Seasons Resort and Conference Center at Great Gorge, located in the Vernon Valley of northwestern New Jersey. QUILTING-IN-THE-VALLEY will be held Nov. 5-8. Fifteen different workshops are available for all level quilters at the fifth biennial quilting seminar. Registration accepted on a first-come basis. Send large SASE to Quilting-in-the-Valley, 29 Jones Road, Warwick, N.Y. 10990.

The Calico Geese of Sullivan County will be holding its 2nd Biannual Quilt Show August 19 and 20 in the Sullivan County Community College field house in Lock Sheldrake, N.Y. For more information about QUILTING IN THE CATSKILLS: A QUILTING CELEBRATION send 52 cents SASE to Calico Geese Quilt Show, Cornell Cooperative Extension, 69 Ferndale-Loomis Road, Liberty, N.Y. 12754.



DO YOU SPEND MORE THAN \$400 A YEAR ON QUILTING?

Thanks to a call from Pauline Joseph my sense of guilt has been working overtime.

You see, Pauline pointed out to me an interesting item in the March Quilter's Newsletter Magazine. It quotes a study that found there are an average of 1.1 quilters in 14.7 percent of all U.S. homes. Okay, that's pretty good!

But the following figures really freaked me out.

"Although these households spent an average of \$110 on their quilting activities last year, 839,800 quilters were identified as 'dedicated quilters,' because they spend over \$400 on quilting annually."

Huh? Four hundred dollars a year? THAT'S ALL? Not me.

Well, maybe if I broke both my legs, lost my sight and got my fingers caught in a wood chipper.

I probably spend that much on the 2 or 3 bus trips I take with the Guild each year. Then there's the in-between stops at the local quilting shop; well, I have to pick up my newsletter mail, don't I? And there's the drop-in visits to at least three different stores in Connecticut. Oh, and let's not forget the mail orders of books and supplies!

Oh, wait. The article says "over \$400." It seems that the "average dedicated quilter" is a 52-year-old woman who has been quilting for more than 10 years. (I have been quilting for more than 10 years BUT I'm not 52 yet.) She starts 13 quilting projects a year and spends more than 40 hours a month on them. (Sounds familiar.)

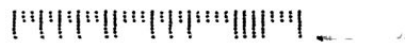
The following numbers are closer to home: The average dedicated quilter will purchase about 72 yards of fabric next year. (I guess she doesn't make an annual pilgrimage to Sauder's.) Her fabric collection is valued at nearly \$1,000, and she'll spend another \$900 this year on quilting supplies, tools, books, magazines and equipment.

Here's where my guilt comes in.

I recently returned to a relative a table on which I operated my sewing machine. (I took this opportunity to "suggest" to my husband, His Honor, a fantastic sewing center as a birthday present for me.) Cleaning off the table and the dust was terrible enough, but looking at how much I had recently accumulated, in addition to what I already had owned, was shocking. I ordered a 6' tall metal cabinet to store what is now piled on the floor. And a lamp for my cutting table. And I need a tall stool to sit at this high table, don't you think? (Did I mention there's a fully stocked 6' wide wall closet in that room?)

So, here's my point. It's just February, and I have already overspent my average dedicated quilter's budget. I'll have to cool it for the rest of the year - right after the April trip to Lancaster and A World of Quilts XVI!

\*\*\*\*\* SONDR A F. SHAPIRO



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