

On Point!

February, 1997
Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

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

President's Message

Winter is supposedly well entrenched, and so far, it seems to be the winter of my dreams. It's cold enough to kill the bugs in my garden, but warm enough to allow my excursions to quilt gatherings and quilt stores.

The January meeting was a noisy gab-fest in the cafeteria. We gossiped, snacked and enjoyed a great program by our talented Luran Fowks. Most went home with a completed color wheel. I finished mine a few days later, and hopefully everyone else has found time to complete theirs. I look forward to using it when I select fabric for my next quilt.

I want to send a Valentine's Day thank-you to all the members who quietly go about accomplishing their guild-jobs.

A truly heart-felt "valentine" to these special people who know what they need to do, proceed to do it

and make the guild run like a well-oiled Bernina.

We will meet in the auditorium at the February meeting. This gives the challenge committee a chance to hang the quilts for our vote at the break. There will be no regular show and tell at the February meeting.

Millie Clinton
President, NSQG

Meeting Checklist February 18, 1997

- Arrive at 7:00 pm for Edith Pryor's name badge mini-lesson. Kits will be available, at no charge.
- Arrive at 6:30 pm (with your hoop) if you'd like to work on the raffle quilt.
- Pick up registration information and a form to register your quilt for *A World of Quilts XVIII*, if you haven't already.
- Volunteer for a position at the quilt show! See Ann Fitzell and her chart.
- See Carol Alt to register for a Super Saturday class, if you missed it last month.
- Prepare to be awed, amazed and amused by the "For the Birds" Challenge Quilts — and be ready to vote on your favorite during the break!
- No popcorn in the auditorium, please! Settle in for *A World of Quilts XVII — The Slide Show*, presented by Sondra Shapiro and Cathy Sica.

Programs

We all had a great time working on our new color wheels. Thank you, Luran, for doing such a wonderful job!

The February meeting will be hosted by both the Challenge committee and the Show committee. I can't wait to see the challenge quilts, each and every one is so original and interesting. I'm sure the slide presentation from last year's quilt show, prepared by Sondra Shapiro and Cathy Sica, will be very entertaining.

Looking ahead to March, we will feature Marilyn Ginsburg, a designer for Thimbleberries. She will bring "as many quilts as she can fit in her suitcase". She'll also give us some background information on Thimbleberries.

In April, Dottie Moore will be inspiring us with her lecture "Piecing a Quilt of Life". While Dottie is visiting our Guild, she would like to interview "any interested quilter is over fifty years of age who creates art quilts". With the information Dottie is collecting, she intends to publish at least one book accompanied by an interactive CD-ROM. If you are interested in being interviewed, please let me know. My number is 271-4445.

See you all real soon.

Nancy Murphy
NSQG VP, Programs

Education

To make a NSQG name badge, come early (7:00 pm) to our February meeting. Edith Pryor will give instructions on the construction. (No charge for kits!)

There are still openings in:

Logs Plus, taught by **Sharyn Craig** on **Monday, May 5th**. In this class, you'll take the Half-Log-Cabin block and add triangles for an extra twist. Cost is \$30; all levels. (Only one spot left!); and

Fabric Postcards, taught by **Judi Warren** on **Monday, May 19th**. Design and sew a small-scale two-sided fabric postcard. Cost is \$30; intermediate to advanced level.

All of the other workshops are full, with a waiting list.

To register for a workshop, date check (payable to NSQG) with workshop month; mark check and SASE with workshop name. Mail to Karen Eckmeier, PO Box 139, Bedford, NY 10506, or drop in the reservation box. Stamped envelopes are available at each meeting for 35¢

Judy Rosenberg
Education Chairperson

From the Registrar

Registration forms are now available. Pick them up at the meeting or send a SASE to:

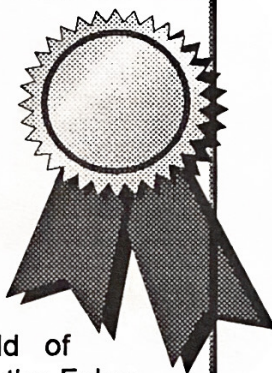
Jeri Riggs
37 Oakdale Drive
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522-3015

Forms should be sent to me by March 13th. Show space is limited to the first 200 entries . . . so get your forms in early, please!

I look forward to seeing the photos of your quilts! Thanks!

Jeri Riggs
Quilt Show Registrar
914-478-7646

Ta-da ... The NSQG Quilt Show Committee Presents...



Re-live "World of Quilts XVII" — at the February meeting! It'll be just like *deja vu* all over again.

You'll see your favorite quilts, your favorite friends and your favorite vendors in full color slides. Kathy Sica and I focused mainly on quilts and people, from the day of judgement to "That's all, folks!"

Quilt show law prohibits your photographers from taking responsibility for how you or your quilts look on the slides. Please don't blame us if you had a bad hair day, or if you wore horizontal stripes, or if the edges of your master quilt wave like a flag in a tomado. And, if you happened to be bending down just when the camera clicked off a photo, that's just coincidence. Pictures don't lie. Neither do slides. Maybe you should just see for yourself (No ifs, ands or butts — NOT!)

We'll have a few laughs at the expense of our collective selves, oooh and aaah over the quilts, hopefully chuckle at the commentary, enjoy the accompanying music and get in the spirit for our up-coming show.

Hope to see you there. And, if you don't like the presentation, blame Kathy — not me. She made me do it.

Sandra Shapiro

Quilt Show Report

Thanks to those of you who assisted Simone Montegut with the mailing labels for the show brochure at the January meeting. Without your assistance, the job would have taken hours -- and left us with less time for quilting!

Speaking of time for quilting, I hope you're working diligently on your quilts for the show. Remember to pick up your registration forms at the meeting. Don't forget — if they're not finished, they can always hang in the Works in Progress room. Joanne Finnigan will be looking for those projects.

In case you didn't pick up your raffle tickets in January, Kathy St. Leger will have them available at the February meeting. Remember that each member is expected to sell at least two books. Our Sister's Place is a very worthwhile organization and is in need of the funds that we raise. Get out and sell those tickets!

How is your ten inch "Gems and Gemstones" block for the block contest coming along? Don't forget, the deadline for block contest entries is March 1st.

Part of this month's program will be "A World of Quilts XVII" annual slide show, ably coordinated by Kathy Sica and Sondra Shapiro. The presentation will feature slides from last year's show. In past years, the presentation has given us a glimpse of the fun everyone has participating in the show. Join in, and share the memories. Fill in empty slots on the volunteer chart so that you, too, can be a featured player in the show.

Brenda Strauss
VP, Quilt Show

Super Saturday! March 22, 1997

As of this moment, there are eighty-four members gathering their supplies in anticipation of a fun-filled, relaxing day in which some will try out a new technique while others will be refining skills. Hopefully, all will enjoy each other's company and return home renewed, refreshed and raring to create.

If, by chance, you have not received your workshop assignment and supply list, *please call me!* To those who hesitated or were otherwise unable to sign up in January, there are a few spots remaining in several of the workshops. Give a call if you'd like to join in. It's a wonderful way to get to know your fellow guild members!

If any spots remain open by our February meeting, you'll have a chance to sign up there as well.

Carol Alt
Super Saturday Coordinator
914-245-2697

On Point!

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

Articles are due one week after the guild meeting, and may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed. All contributions are welcomed! Send to:

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Library News

Just in time to brighten up the cold days of February are three charming books from *That Patchwork Place*.

Gabrielle Swain's *From a Quilter's Garden* is a delightful "crop of appliqué designs" rich in color and imagination. Twenty-four blocks, featuring fruits, flowers, vegetables, and herbs offer a wealth of inspiration for delectable projects. Illustrations and photographs clarify the directions for techniques, while helpful advice on fabric selection, design, and many other aspects enhances the possibilities for success.

Travel vicariously to Japan with *Honoring the Seasons: Quilts from Japan's Quilt House Yama*, by Takako Onoyama. Twelve stunning quilts, reflecting the four seasons, are presented with fascinating anecdotes and photographs of gorgeous Japanese scenery. Including both pieced and appliquéd projects, the patterns range in size from wall hangings to bed quilts. Several are adapted for rotary cutting.

Mimi Dietrich once again draws inspiration from the Smithsonian, with *Quilts: An American Legacy*, offering adaptations of twelve designs from the National Museum of American History. Interesting background stories highlight each of the original quilts -- one of which hails from nearby Pawling, NY! Updated directions are clear and complete.

Our library collection now numbers about 330 items. As of this writing, too many of them are overdue! We've had a couple of very busy months, but please make every effort to return books on time, so that others may enjoy them.

What could be more enjoyable than books and quilts? The guild librarian's job is very rewarding, but perhaps it is not too soon

to mention that come June, my staff and I will no longer be able to continue in this capacity. If you also love books and quilting, are organized and interested, this could be just the volunteer position you've been awaiting! Stop by and visit the library table, or give me a call, and I will tell you more about this wonderful opportunity.

See you soon!

Kathleen Sambora
NSQG Librarian

The following letter was received in December by the "Comfort Quilters".

— Editor

As my husband Brian and I prepare for our journey to Russia, we want to express our thanks and appreciation for the gift of the baby quilts.

We will be travelling to the Samara territory of Russia on Monday, December 16th to adopt two Russian children, Alexander (6 months) and Tatyana (20 months). We are both nervous and excited to be making this journey and are proud and honored to be able to present the comfort quilts to the Russian orphanage. The quilts express the American spirit of giving and caring. Each quilt is beautiful and an unique work of art.

Thank you again, to all the members of the Comfort Quilters Group, and Thank You to Karen Abramson, who presented the request to the group.

Thank you!!! The quilts are beautiful!!!

Cookie Rose

Comfort Quilts

A dozen of the "star" quilts which were cut by the committee and sewn by various members will soon be keeping newborn babies warm, having been given to Hope-line Crises Pregnancy Center of Danbury, thanks to Corine Vance. If you know of an organization in our membership area serving women and/or children that could use quilts, please let me know!

Pat Baker
914-279-8840

Hospitality

We would like to thank everyone who braved the cold with their tasty tidbits for the January meeting.

For the February meeting, we would like to remind anyone born during February to please bring something to share.

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

Thank you!

Sari Langlois & Teri Anzalone
Hospitality Chairpersons

The Quilt Show Committee is still in need of a member to help with the frames and ladders. This is a great opportunity for someone who is retired — husbands are eligible! And, if you can handle the frame rentals throughout the year, there will be some financial remuneration.

If you can help, please call Brenda Strauss at 914-277-3884.

Ravelings

Are you a machine quilter (or a wannabe)? If so, there is one step you MUST take.

Each time you begin a line of quilting, the bobbin thread must be drawn to the top: Turning the machine flywheel by hand and holding on to the end of the needle thread, put the needle down through the quilt exactly where you intend to start, and keep turning until the needle comes all the way up again. Gently tug on the needle thread until a loop of bobbin thread comes up also. Pull the loop out so you can hold both bobbin and needle threads firmly while you take three or four tiny stitches to lock the thread.

NOW you can quilt. Clip off these loose threads before bringing another quilting line near. If you skip this step, you are guaranteed to have ugly, loopy knots on the back of your quilt!

Anonymous

Membership

Three people mailed in membership requests during January. Please add the following new members to your list:

Carolyn Salon
15 Faraway Road
Armonk, NY 10504
914-273-8281

Elizabeth Stern
20 Banksville Road
Armonk, NY 10504
914-273-5275

Barbara Sferra
2 Merritt Court
Katonah, NY 10536
914-232-1170

Please remember to wear your name badge to the meeting!

Pat Rowan
VP Membership

Boutique Report

NOW is the time to get all those beautiful things made for our boutique! The whole idea, remember, is to entice \$\$\$ from their pockets to yours!

As always, items for sale must be at least 50% fabric OR quilt-related, and must be made by you.

Pat Baker

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 12/13/96 - 1/21/97

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| Total Opening Balance | 31,320.19 |
| Checking Opening Balance | 7,680.23 |

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| INCOME | |
| Raffle | 201.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 201.00 |

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| EXPENSES | |
| Corresponding Secretary | 44.75 |
| Education | |
| Speaker Expenses | 34.37 |
| Speaker Fees | 225.00 |
| Workshops | 10.82 |
| Library | 19.02 |
| Raffle | 550.00 |
| Rent and Services | 160.00 |
| Newsletter (Dec. & Jan.) | |
| Postage | 195.84 |
| Printing | 314.44 |
| Office Expense | 100.00 |
| Bank Charge | 12.00 |
| Special Events | |
| Lancaster Trip | 2,050.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | \$3,716.24 |
| Checking Closing Balance | \$4,164.99 |

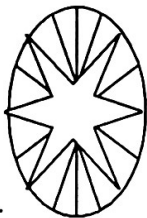
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| Savings Opening Balance | \$6,837.21 |
| INCOME | |
| Interest | 14.53 |
| EXPENSES | |
| | 0 |
| Savings Closing Balance | \$6,851.74 |
| TOTAL CLOSING BAL. | \$27,819.48 |

Jeanie Hunter
Treasurer

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| Quilt Show Checking Account | |
| Opening Balance | \$18,287.19 |
| INCOME | 3,835.20 |
| EXPENSES | 1,214.97 |
| Show Closing Bal. | \$20,907.42 |

Block Contest

Time is running out! I'll be at the February meeting for those who wish to "deposit" their "jewels" in person. If you wish, you can mail them in by March 1st, to: Marie Sugar, PO Box 156, Somers, NY 10589.



Marie Sugar
Block Contest Chairperson
Quilt Show Committee

NSQG '97 Challenge

Membership voting and viewing will take place in the cafeteria during the break at the February meeting. Please proceed directly to the auditorium when you arrive for the meeting, leaving the cafeteria free for the committee to hang the display.

Joyce Sullivan
Challenge Committee Chairperson

Murphy's Law Redux

(Bet you didn't know Mrs. Murphy was a quilter!) –

The fabric you forgot to preshrink will always shrink the most.

Whenever the construction process is going well, the bobbin thread runs out.

The iron never scorches the block until the final pressing.

The telephone will ring just as you have figured out a mind-boggling quilting problem.

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From NSQG's Board of Directors. . .

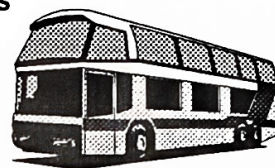
At the January Board of Directors meeting, it was agreed that NSQG's newsletter, *On Point!* will once again accept advertising from businesses selling quilt-related items or services.

Business card size ads will be sold on an annual basis, for a cost of \$50. If you are interested in having *your* ad appear in the next issue of *On Point!*, please contact the editor, Elizabeth Rosenberg, at 914-962-1452.

NSQG Board of Directors

On the Road Again

Plans are under way for our bus trip to the much-an-



anticipated annual show, Quilters Heritage Celebration, in the heart of Amish Country, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Mark your calendar -- we'll leave 7:00 am on Friday, April 4 and return Saturday, April 5 around 10:30 - 11:00 pm. **Please reserve ASAP** as the bus fills up quickly and I need to get a rooming list to the hotel in early March. The cost is \$135 per person (make checks payable to NSQG). The price includes bus fare, dinner on the 4th, breakfast and dinner on the 5th, tickets to the show on the 5th, and a tip for Charlie. **What a bargain!** Mail your check to Dorothy Fiederlein, 4 North Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541. Call me at 914-766-3426 (work) or 914-628-4241 (home - after 6:00 pm).

Upcoming trips - Mark your calendars!

June 27 & 28: Syracuse, NY (National Quilting Assoc. - 28th Annual Quilt Show) (NOTE: This show is not always in NY State, this is a first time trip for us)

September 13: Fort Washington, PA (National Quilt Extravaganza) (NOTE: If you can't make it to Lancaster, this show is a must!)

November 8: Westford, MA (A Quilter's Gathering) If you have any questions or concerns about any of these trips, please call me.

Dorothy Fiederlein
Chairperson, Special Events

Classifieds

Each NSQG member may place one personal, quilt-related announcement in the "classifieds" per year.

— Editor

For Sale — Bernina 1130 sewing machine, excellent condition. Walking foot & tray included. Asking \$1,000. Laura Paden 914-628-8180.

I am about to fulfill one of every quilter's favorite fantasies -- in a few weeks I'll be opening the doors to my own quilt shop! Located just a few minutes' stroll from Macy's and the new Chelsea shopping district, with adjacent parking garages and nearby subways. Come visit us the next time you are in Manhattan. **THE CITY QUILTER™**, 157 West 24th Street, NYC, 212-807-0390. Proprietor: Cathy Izzo, NSQG member.

I work for the Carmel Central School District. Our Art Dept. needs used sewing machines for quilting and puppet-making. If you have one in working condition that's collecting dust, put it to good use -- donate it to the kids. I will be glad to pick it up. Kathy Vanacoro, 914-225-0047.

For Sale :Barely used, 12 lb. sewing machine by White. Perfect for classes. Originally \$200, asking \$100. Nancy Mirman 914-277-5210.

NSQG Calendar

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| 2-18-97 | General Guild Meeting , 7:30 p.m., JFK HS | 4-12-97 | <i>Mariner's Compass</i> workshop |
| 2-19-97 | <i>Comfort Quilts</i> at Katonah Pres. Church | 5-3&4-97 | World of Quilts XVIII!!! |
| 2-25-97 | <i>Executive Board Meeting</i> , 7:30 pm at JFK HS | 5-5-97 | <i>Logs Plus</i> Workshop |
| 3-4-97 | <i>Quilt Show Committee Mting</i> , 7:30 pm JFK HS | 5-6-97 | <i>Designing from Nature</i> Workshop |
| 3-22-97 | Super Saturday , Katonah Presb. Church. | 5-19-97 | <i>Fabric Postcards</i> Workshop |
| | | 5-20-97 | <i>Transformations: Creating Transparencies with Color and Light</i> Workshop |

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