

On Point!

February, 1998
Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

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

President's Message

Here I sit, with my Challenge Quilt almost done — one of these years I won't wait until the last minute! I'm so curious to see how the rest of you interpreted this year's interesting theme of the four elements. Every year I am astounded with the originality and artistry of our member's responses to the annual quilt challenge. I know this year's unveiling at the February meeting will be just as wonderful as always.

The quilt show committee has been busy assembling slides from the past several years' shows (including slides taken by Debbie Hechler) into a Show Retrospective. It will be fun to remember the highlights and excitement of past shows, to see old friend's faces, and more! I hope you all feel the same pride in accomplishment that I feel when I see the slides of the "Quilter's Paradise" we are able to create year after year.

And, with so many happy and enthusiastic quilters working together, it's too much fun to call it work!

In order to allow the Challenge committee enough time to set up the Challenge display, we will be starting our evening with the business portion of our meeting in the auditorium. As usual, doors open at 7:00 pm and the meeting begins at 7:30. See you there!

Lauran Fowks
President, NSQG

NSQG Quilt Show Registration Forms Now Available!

Quilt registration forms for A World of Quilts XIX, May 2nd & 3rd, 1998, are now available! You can pick them up at one of our guild meetings, or find them at local quilt shops. Or, please send a legal size SASE to: Terry Melillo, P.O. Box 30, Somers, NY 10589. Registration deadline is March 13th, 1998. Quilts must be received by April 17, 1998. Quilt drop-off information will be listed on the Registration Forms.

Terry Melillo
Quilt Registrar

NSQG CALENDAR

- Feb. 7th Challenge Quilt Drop-Off at Angela Kamen's
- Feb. 17th GUILD MEETING at JFK High School, Somers, NY at 7:30.
- Feb. 19th Comfort Quilts
- Feb. 24th Executive Board Meeting
- Feb. 28th Quilted Crown Workshop
- March 3rd Quilt Show Committee Mtg.
- March 5th Comfort Quilts
- March 13 Registration deadline
- March 14 SUPER SATURDAY
- March 16 Still Crazy Workshop
- March 17 Surprise Package Workshop
- April 20-21 Garden Quilts Workshop
- May 2-3 WORLD OF QUILTS XIX
- May 4 Anita Shackelford Workshops
Margaret Miller Workshop
Pepper Cory Workshop
- May 5 Margaret Miller Workshop

Hospitality

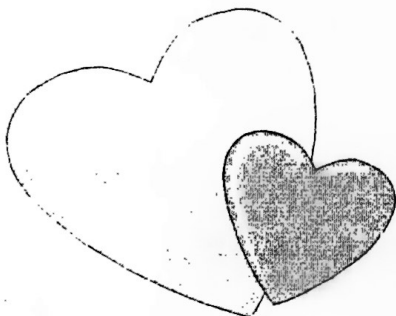
Thank you to you G and H members for your delicious goodies!

Next month, members whose last names begin with **I, J, K and L** will provide the treats!

As always, please remember to bring your own mug for the beverage of your choice.

Have a great month! See you at the next guild meeting!

Corinne Moschella
Kathy Miller
Hospitality Chairpeople



Programs

Since January's meeting explored the marking tool and techniques of marking, we thought it would be interesting to survey our area shops to determine what each shop's resident "marking expert" had to say about the subject, and if they had any special hints to share with us.

Out of 12 surveyed shops, only one responded, so we will publish their answers in entirety. Our president, Lauran Fowks, also filled out our survey to share her extensive knowledge with us.

The CITY QUILTER gets a big HOORAY! for filling out the form. For those of you who haven't been there yet, it's worth a trip to Manhattan. They are located at 157 West 24th Street in New York City (between 6th and 7th Avenues). They have a great selection of fabric, books, thread, buttons, classes — you name it! You can also say hello to our own guild member, Cathy Izzo, who runs the store, and Sylvia Hughes, the store manager.

Judy Doenias (from the City Quilter) and Lauran Fowks are both exceptional quilt artists who lecture and teach workshops on various aspects of quilt making.

WHICH MARKING TOOLS AND/OR TAPE DO YOU RECOMMEND?

JUDY: Clover Chaco-Liner, masking tape of many widths (1/4" to 2"), Hera markers and Berol Verithin silver pencils.

LAURAN: Clover chalk wheel in different colors, for marking as you go (wipes off too easily to mark the whole top). Also chalk-filled pad.

WHAT METHOD DO YOU USE FOR BASTING?

BOTH: Basting thread and Long Basting Needles.

DO YOU MARK YOUR QUILT TOP BEFORE OR AFTER BASTING?

BOTH: After.

WHAT KIND OF DESIGNS OR STENCILS DO YOU USE?

JUDY: Commercial, hand-made/template stencils, tape and free form quilting. I also draw intricate designs on a piece of non-woven, thin trace-a-pattern fabric, baste it to my quilt, quilt through it and then cut it away from stitches.

LAURAN: Commercial stencils sometimes, but usually I just outline quilt, and then fill in with free hand texture and sometimes straight-line grids marked as I go with chalk wheel.

DO YOU HAND OR MACHINE QUILT?

JUDY: Hand.

LAURAN: Hand. I like to use Piecemakers quilting needles and Dual Duty Quilting Thread. Mettler thread gets fuzzy and breaks too easily.

DO YOU HAVE ANY SPECIAL TIPS ABOUT BASTING, MARKING OR QUILTING TO SHARE WITH US?

JUDY: Put in as much basting as you can stand to do. The more basting, the better chance you have of having a smoothly quilted, non-warping surface. If you thread-baste, start in the middle with a long piece of thread. Put a needle on both ends of the thread and sew towards the outer edges (No knots on your quilt). Use John James #7 darners (the best I've found, thin and long). When you quilt, use a portable hoop or Q-snap so that you can turn your work, not your hands. If you quilt toward your body at all times, you do not bend your wrists, thus preventing wrist stress.

LAURAN: Absolute WORST experience ever was carefully marking quilt top before basting with Berol Karismacolor Aquarelle Pencil, then ironed top before basting. Ironing set the pencil marks, and they never washed out. All my scrubbing ruined the fabric, too.

*Marie Pedlow
Adrienne Yorinks
NSQG VP, Programs*

Workshops

Here is a list of the great workshops we will be offering this spring. As always, send a SASE and a check dated for the date of the workshop to Karen Eckmeier, PO Box 139, Bedford, NY 10506.

Saturday, February 28th \$30
The Quilted Crown

Make a statement by making a hat with award-winning milliner Carine Fraley. This Brussels-born designer will teach the "tricks of the trade" as participants fashion a soft hat with a brim. You can personalize your creation with your own quilt design. 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Saturday, March 14th \$15
Super Saturday

Enroll in full or half day classes at the February meeting. Or send a SASE and check for \$15 to Carol Alt, 2823 Hedwig Dr., Yorktown Hts, NY 10598 (914-245-2697).

Monday, March 16th \$30
Still Crazy

Charlotte Angotti uses her book, *Still Crazy After All These Quilts*, as a guide to teach crazy patchwork: a combination of traditional quilting and crazy quilting. Use your own fabrics or purchase her kit.

Tuesday, March 17th \$30
Surprise Package \$70 kit fee

Charlotte Angotti brings washed, pressed and cut fabric and guides participants through a mystery quilt. You will leave with enough blocks to complete a twin-size quilt and instructions for adding borders to finish to a full or queen size.

Mon. & Tues. April 20&21 \$60
Garden Quilts

Jane Sassaman will help you translate your floral and organic ideas into fabric. This is a two-day design, technique and sewing class.

EXTRA!! EXTRA!! EXTRA!!

I am in the process of arranging workshops to be taught by the Quilt Show speakers. Although the times and locations have not been established, I've listed the classes so you can begin planning ahead.

Monday, May 4th, Anita Shackelford will teach two half-day workshops —

A.M. — *Folk Art Applique*

P.M. — *Oak leaves and Bittersweet*

Monday, May 4th, Margaret Miller will teach *Strips That Sizzle*

Tuesday, May 5th, Margaret Miller will teach *Borders and Sets*

Monday, May 4th, Pepper Cory will teach an afternoon class to be announced.

Guild Name Badges

The Guild name badge is a small fabric badge bearing the emblem of our guild — the Northern Star. Before the February meeting, Edith Pryor will guide members by tracing the templates onto the material provided. If you have not previously made a badge, please join us during one of the two sittings: 7:00 pm and 7:15 pm. All materials will be provided.

Meg Mooar
Education Chairperson

Notice

If you know of a guild member who has suffered a loss, is going through a trying time, or is otherwise in need of a little cheering up, please take the time to give

NSQG's Corresponding Secretary, Cobb Stewart, a call, and tell her about it.

She'll send a note to our member in need, and let her know that fellow members are thinking of her.

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

Articles are due one week after the general meeting, and may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax.

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The deadline for articles appearing in the March issue is February 24, 1998.

On Points of Interest

Quilt Shows

March 7-8, 1998

Quilts in the Village
Wheaton Village, 1501 Glasstown Rd., Millville, NJ.

March 20-21-22, 1998

Pieces of Time Quilt Show
Ramada Hotel, 1080 Riverdale St, West Springfield, MA. For info, SASE to Sharon Benoit, 80 Pinehurst Rd. Holyoke, MA 01040

March 21-22, 1998

Spring Shower of Quilts VII
Trumbull High School
72 Strobel Rd. Trumbull, CT. For info, CT Piecemakers Quilt Guild, 25 Pioneer Trail, Trumbull CT 06611

March 28-29, 1998

98 Years of Quilt — A 20th Century Retrospect, sponsored by Beachplum Quilters of the Jersey Shore
The Armory
Whitesville Rd., Toms River NJ
Contact: C Haggadone P.O. Box 204, Island Heights, NJ 08732

Membership

147 members signed in at the January meeting, with 2 guests and 6 new members. For anyone joining at this point, membership dues are \$17.50 through June, 1998.

Membership packets are available at the membership table. If you have not picked up yours, please do so at the next meeting.

Membership lists are still available. Please check your listing for any changes. If you have received house numbers recently for 911 purposes, let me know.

Our membership is so large, sometimes new members feel lost or have many questions. If this is the case, please don't hesitate to call any of the board members with questions. (This applies to all members!) We want you all to feel welcome and to be a part of this great guild of ours. One way you can feel right at home is to volunteer for the quilt show. You don't have to know how it's done, just sign up and your duties will all be explained to you.

We have some changes and additions to the membership list.

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Special Bulletin

Carine Fraley, who will be teaching *The Quilted Crown* on Saturday, February 28th, has an article in *THREADS Magazine*, March 1998, Issue #75, Available now.

It will give everybody a better sense of her amazing work and wonderful style.

Don't miss this chance to hob-nob with this well known milliner —

and have a croissant on us! Carine has created a new hat pattern just for our workshop!

Quilt Show Report

In case you haven't seen the new Quilt Show brochure, I'll give you a taste of things to come. Our lecturers will be Margaret Miller (author of Blockbuster Quilts), Pepper Cory and Anita Shackelford (her beautiful album quilt was one of last year's invitationals). We will have a very special exhibit of thirty-one framed airplane quilt blocks, including a written history and related photographs. Our invitational quilts will all be centered around the theme, "City Quilts." In addition to our usual demonstrations, Pins and Needles will have a Bernina set up to make a quilt for disadvantaged children.

If you were unable to attend the January meeting, you missed hearing three reasons which will excuse you from volunteering at least one hour of your time: (1) if you are giving birth that weekend, (2) if you are having an operation and are actually in the hospital and (3) if your daughter is getting married (if your son is getting married you still have to volunteer). I'M NOT KIDDING!!! If you can't sign up at a meeting, call Marie Sugar.

We are in need of a pickup truck (with driver!) for Thursday and Sunday. We will also need a couple of vans or SUV's on Friday and Sunday. Please call me if you can help out this way.

If you've never put a quilt in the show before, this is the year to do it. If you're concerned about being "judged," remember that you can always put your quilt in the "unjudged" category.

The Show Committee wants **you**, your quilt ... and your van.

Nancy Mirman
VP, Quilt Show

Ravelings

If you've been quilting for a few years, chances are you have a stash of fabrics. And why shouldn't you have a large stash? You deserve it.

But, unless you're lucky enough to have a storage system that leaves your fabric open to view — and air — some care is needed to keep that fabric in good condition for your quilting. Have you ever searched for a piece you were certain you had, but simply couldn't find? Especially if your collection is large, a periodic airing is in order.

Fabric needs air to stay in good condition and not smell musty. Each time I have done this myself, I have re-organized my storage by different categories than those I'd used before. For example, I've put fabrics especially suited for landscapes together, instead of by color. (All of my fabric is out of sight, but handy.) Christmas fabrics need to be grouped, and other collections need to be in one spot for quick access.

However you choose to store your treasures, a day in the air now and then will assure they are ready and waiting for just the right spot in a quilt.

Anonymous

P.S. If you're like me, a review will remind you of some treasures you'd forgotten you owned!

Quilt Show Volunteers Needed!

Don't ask what your Guild can do for you — Ask what you can do for your Guild! Sign up to volunteer for the Quilt Show.

Two hours gets you free admission for one day.

Four hours gets you free admission for both days.

Six hours gets you praises and accolades.

Eight hours gets you sore feet, a stiff drink and a good night's sleep.

Sign up at the next guild meeting, or call Marie Sugar at 914-277-4266.

Make a Block for our Contest!

The theme for this year's block contest will be "April Showers Bring May Flowers". The block should measure 12-1/2" square, including seam allowances. Please, do not bind or finish the edges! Use 100% cotton fabrics only. The background fabric must be white.

Finalist blocks will be assembled in a quilt top, which will be awarded to one of the finalists. All block entries will be exhibited at the show if space permits, and non-finalist blocks will be grouped into several packets and will be awarded in a random drawing from among all entrants. The deadline for submitting your entry is March 1st, 1998! Please call me for your entry form!

Ann Fitzell
(914)962-3132

NSQG's 1999 Raffle Quilt

January's meeting attendees were treated to a glimpse of the beautiful Jacobean appliqué quilt for our upcoming '98 quilt show, AND 54 quilters took home block kits to begin preparation for the 1999 quilt. No, it's not too early. Blocks are due back as soon as you are able, because the plan is to have it put together by summer and to begin the quilting.

This sampler for our 20th quilt show will commemorate all of our previous raffle quilts and feature many smaller blocks. **THERE WILL BE SOME MORE BLOCK KITS AVAILABLE AT THE FEBRUARY MEETING**, so if you're feeling left out, take heart. Many hands make light work, and another beautiful quilt, too!

Corrine Vance
Quilt Show Committee

Library News

Many heartfelt thanks to Jane Fulton and Janice Eckelman for their helping hands. They really have kept the line moving!

I am very pleased to announce the arrival of two new books from "That Patchwork Place". The most recent additions are: **Easy Seasonal Wall Quilts** by **Deborah J. Moffett-Hall**. Stitch easy, colorful seasonal quilts using QuiltCharts — an updated version of a popular idea in the 30's. Use half-square triangle units, corner units and simple squares to create each festive design.

Traditional Quilts with Painless Borders by **Sally Schneider & Barbara J. Eikmeier**. Turn an ordinary quilt into a spectacular piece with complex-looking borders. Eliminate border-fitting headaches with quick-pieced squares, rectangles or triangles that promise to be stress-free!

Thank you, That Patchwork Place, for your generosity and desire to share with others.

The Guild's new purchases for your use and enjoyment are: **A Communion for the Spirits** by **Roland L. Freeman**. Congratulations to Mary Randall Scott on being a part of this wonderful collection of African-American Quilters and their stories. **Threadplay** by **Libby Lehman**. Learn how to create beautiful thread embellished quilts on your sewing machine. **On The Surface** by **Wendy Hill**. Embellish a fabric surface using multiple layers of decorative and utility threads for creativity and fun! Congratulations to Jane Davila for publication of Trinkets pattern on page 137.

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Our library of nearly 400 books is available for use by all members. All you need to do is present your current membership card, and you may take out up to three books for one month. All books are due back the next general meeting. If you have any outstanding books, you may not take any additional books. Lending procedure is available at the library table.

DELINQUENT LIST

Jill Robinson Terry
Pieced from Ellen's Quilt, due June

The following were due in Dec.
Elizabeth Stern
A Quilter's Christmas

Chris Novell
*The Fabric and Fiber Sourcebook
Wonderful Wearables*

Lois Lober
*The Quilters Companion
Easy Quilts by Jupiter!*

The Quilt Patch

March Schneidman
New Work of Our Hands

Jo Stewart
*Heirloom Machine Quilting
Patchwork Persuasion
Above and Beyond Basics*

Jackie Schiller
Strip-Pieced Watercolor Magic"

Pam Polono
A Quilted Christmas

Lori Wunner
Favorite Flannel Quilts II

Many books have reservation lists, which means it is very important to return books on time. If you are not able to attend a meeting, it is your responsibility to return the book in another way; perhaps via a friend or mail in a bubble envelope to me.

Linda Love
NSQG Librarian

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We love to print good news about our members' quilting achievements in our newsletter — so if you have some good news to share — whether it's about your own quilting accomplishments, or the fabulous achievement of another NSQG member, let the Editor know!

**Don't forget —
Members
whose last names
begin with the letters
I, J, K and L
should bring goodies
to the February meeting!**

Good News!

Jeri Riggs
will have a solo show in the
Pearlene Plotkin Gallery of
the Dobbs Ferry Public Library
(914-693-6614)
Feb. 18th - April 2nd, 1998,
opening reception
Feb. 22nd, 1998 at 2 pm

— and —

Mary Wirchansky's quilt
"And the Lord Gave
Yet Another Spring"
with an accompanying article
appeared in
American Quilter magazine,
(Spring issue).
Her quilt is now a part of the
Tactile Architecture Exhibit
traveling with
European Quilt Expo
(now in Innsbruck, Austria)

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 11/18/97-1/20/98

TOTAL GUILD
OPENING BALANCE \$31,529.80

Checking Opening Balance 8,769.90

INCOME

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| Membership Dues | 830.00 |
| Raffle Table (Dec./Jan) | 536.00 |
| Workshop (M. James) | 2,800.00 |
| Workshop (K. Buckley) | 630.00 |
| Comfort Quilts | 201.00 |
| Library - Lost book payment | 11.87 |

TOTAL INCOME \$5,008.87

EXPENSES

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Workshop | |
| Speaker Fee (M. James) | 300.00 |
| Speaker Fee (K. Buckley) | 325.00 |
| Hall Rental (K. Buckley) | 150.00 |
| Program | |
| Speaker Fee (M. Randolph) | 100.00 |
| Speaker Expenses (M.R.) | 80.60 |
| Books | 47.98 |
| Copies (M. Randolph) | 68.48 |
| AV Helper (Nov./Dec.) | 40.00 |
| Newsletter | |
| Printing (3 months) | 586.87 |
| Postage (3 months) | 307.36 |
| Membership Supplies | 15.43 |
| Hospitality | 36.64 |
| Library | |
| Books | 181.48 |
| Supplies | 11.01 |
| Bank Charges | |
| Returned Checks | 70.00 |
| Fees | 20.00 |
| Service Charge | 12.00 |

TOTAL EXPENSES \$2,352.85

Checking Closing Balance \$11,425.92

Savings Opening Balance \$10,141.66

Interest Earned 42.46

Savings Closing Balance \$10,184.12

Show Account
Opening Balance \$12,618.24

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| Receipts | |
| Vendor Deposits | 1,269.50 |

Show Checking
Closing Balance \$13,887.74

TOTAL GUILD
CLOSING BALANCE. \$35,497.78

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