

Northern Star Quilters' Guild

P.O. Box 232 Somers, NY 10589

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Welcome to 1982 and a very Happy New Year to everyone!!

We would like to invite everyone who is interested in quilting to join the Northern Star Quilters' Guild and to attend the last open meeting in January.

As of February non-members will be charged \$2 to attend each meeting and the newsletter will be mailed to members only. Annual dues are \$ 15.

January Meeting

This month's meeting will be a day long quilting bee. We hope to finish all the quilting on the Kaleidoscope quilt that is to be raffled off at the show. It will be held in the basement of the church behind Highland Needlecrafts on Rt. 9, Garrison, N.Y. on Saturday, January 23rd, starting at 9 a.m.. It will last till all the quilting is done or until our fingers wear out.

The quilt guild business will be held during lunch at 12:00. Coffee and refreshments will be served, but you will need to BRING YOUR OWN BAG LUNCH.

We know that everyone will not be able to stay all day. Do try to come as long as you can.

Please don't feel that you don't know enough about quilting or that you won't be doing it right. There will be a demonstration on how to quilt, including starting and stopping and what to do with your knot. That is what the guild is all about, helping and teaching each other.

You will also learn how to put your quilt together - sandwiching the quilt top, batting and backing together and how to thoroughly baste your quilt together.

The flyers for the World of Quilts III will also keep us busy. Although they are folded, the flyers must be put into envelopes.

Once we get busy chattering the quilting will go much faster than we can imagine. You may pick up a few quilting tips from the woman next to you or find out if Liz is really leaving John Warner to marry Luke.

We think it will be a very exciting and interesting day. In the event of a storm the quilting bee will be held the following Saturday, January 30th.

Tuesday or Wednesday ? That is the Question

We are trying to get back to holding the meetings on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, but because of school vacations that is not always possible. Monthly meetings are now being held at the intermediate school in Somers on Rt. 202. Refreshments are served at 7:45 and the meeting begins at 8:00 p.m.

Below is the schedule for the rest of our meetings until the summer break. If we have to make any changes we will let everyone know.

Feb. 9th Tuesday - Log Cabin
March 16th Tuesday
April 20th Tuesday - Spring Party
May 18th Tuesday - Elections
June 15th Tuesday - New Officers Installed

New Board Members

The guild has two new board members. Our new recording secretary is Jane Fulton of Purdys. She held the fabric frame workshop last month. Jane's job is to take the minutes at guild and board meetings. Ginny Watson will be taking on the job of program chairwoman. She will plan the lectures, demonstrations, and the like for each meeting. As you will remember Ginny delighted us at the Nov. meeting with her demonstration on braided wreaths. She was also written up in the Getting To Know Us section of the newsletter in November.

All The President's Women

Come May it will be time for us to vote for new officers. What is needed now is a nominating committee. Three people to choose nominees for each office, one of the three will be chairwoman. If you are interested or have any suggestions about who you would like to see nominated, it will be discussed at the January meeting. Please feel free to speak up.

Quilting Teachers Certification

The National Quilting Association has a teaching certification program. The program is too involved to explain here but if anyone is interested, Claire Oehler has all the information that she recieved for the guild. It will be available at the next meeting.

Northern Star Quilt

As Gloria Hartley announced at the November meeting, we are making a special quilt that will be our very own. We will be able to take the quilt to shows all over.

The quilt will be made up of many different star patterns of all sizes. The colors are Navy, Ice Blue, Gold and white. The gold fabric will be provided by the guild. It had been suggested that everyone could make their block any size they wanted and then the quilt would be put together. Since then, the board has realized that that method would be far too confusing. A chart was made up for the quilt, so that you could choose the size you would like and sign up for that square. The chart was passed around at the December meeting and is almost all spoken for already.

The deadline for having your block completed will be some time in May. More information will be available from Pauline Joseph of Mahopac, chairwoman of the Northern Star Quilt.



Log Cabin Fever

The February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9th. In honor of Lincoln's birthday, the demonstration will be on Log Cabin. Anyone that has a Log Cabin Quilt or anything with the Log Cabin pattern is welcome to bring it along. We would all love to see it.

The Cotton Gin

As you may have noticed, we have a new advertiser this month. The Cotton Gin is a quilting store on Main Street in Beacon N.Y.. They have a wide selection of 100% cotton fabrics and quilting classes as well as knitting supplies. Wait till you see their folded star toilet seat cover! Welcome Cotton Gin!

It's Your Newsletter

Remember, this newsletter belongs to all of you. If you have any suggestions or something you'd like to see in the newsletter, drop a note to or call the editor. Sue Mungavin, 23-E Surry Lane, Wanningers Falls, N.Y., 12590. 831-9422

And don't forget we all want to get to know you. Send a short note about yourself and your interest in quilting.

Helpful Hints

This hint is from Carol Seaboldt (although she doesn't know it) a guild member who works at Highland Needlecrafts. I had drawn flowers to quilt on a vest with one of those water erasable pens and was having a problem removing the color. I called the store and spoke to Carol. She suggested filling a spray bottle with cold water and lightly spraying the vest rather than using a cloth. I only had to spray it twice and the blue was gone. Whew!! Thank you Carol, I had visions of wiping that vest till I was 90.

Getting To Know Us

The N.S.Q.G.'s special events chairwoman and general chairwoman of A World Of Quilts III is KAY THORN of Somers. She is a very busy lady. Here is her story in her own words.

"Beryl Lawson taught me to quilt six years ago when we made the first Somers A.F.S. quilt. Since then I have made two full-size and five baby quilts plus smaller items. An avid knitter and sewer for years I prefer quilting because it doesn't have to fit a body! An inactive registered nurse, my time is now divided between quilting, sewing, gardening, house renovating, wood finishing, AFS, Somers Chorale, our homeowners' association, four children and one husband. (Not necessarily in that order!) "



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All the plans for the quilt show are going very well. The brochures have been printed and things are underway. Thanks to enthusiastic members, we have a chairwoman for every committee. The vendors are starting to sign up and almost all the demonstrations are set up.

A fashion show of quilted clothing is planned. However, we don't have anyone to organize it. The job would entail getting all the clothes together, finding enough models, planning the presentation of the show, and making sure everything runs smoothly. If you are interested in helping with or

chairing the fashion show, let us know at the next meeting.

There won't be a fashion show without the fashions. If you have made a vest, jacket, bag or whatever, that you would like to show, speak up at the meeting or call one of the officers. We would also like to have a showcase of items for the home - Any more volunteers?

New Membership List

Membership chairwoman, Madeline Horr is busy working on a revised membership list. The list will include names, addresses and telephone numbers of all the members. The N.S.Q.G. is proud that we have almost 100 members!!



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