

# On Point!

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Sondra F. Shapiro, Editor

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**\*\*\*\*\* PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE \*\*\*\*\***

Hope you had a wonderful holiday! It's hard to believe that it's January and our Guild year is half over.

The January meeting will be held at John F. Kennedy High School on Route 138 in Somers - the same location as our Quilt Show. The general meeting will be held in the cafeteria, and after the break we'll move into the auditorium for Show and Tell and the evening's program. The Board hopes that we'll all find the larger space a comfortable and pleasant change. Sister Barbara at JFK has been terrific by accomodating our needs. The administration seems so happy to have us that I think they must be closet quilters!

In response to the semi-enthusiastic show of hands at the December meeting, the guild is again offering a UFO New Year's Resolution. Not that I like pressure, but signing that piece of paper did make me finish 2 UFOs started in 1990.

We'll be doing the mailing of Quilt Show brochures at the January meeting, so please come early if you can.

NANCY MIRMAN

**\*\*\*\*\* TWO-PART SHOW & TELL \*\*\*\*\***

January 18th's Show and Tell will feature success stories of those of us who have completed UFO Resolutions. It will also be Failure Night at NSQG, as we take a look at those ideas, colors or techniques that just didn't cut it. Don't be shy. We're all only human!

NANCY MIRMAN

**\*\*\*\*\* JANUARY PROGRAM \*\*\*\*\***

After the special Show and Tell we have planned, the Quilt Show Committee, under the leadership of chairman Barbara Lerch, will be taking charge of the Jan. 18th meeting at J.F.K. High School on Route 138. Featured will be the annual slide show of last year's Show, orchestrated by Mary Rossetti. Ann Fitzell, volunteer chairman, will have her chart ready for you to sign. Maria Tamaoka will pass out raffle tickets. Doors open at 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 7:30.

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THE JANUARY 18 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JFK HIGH SCHOOL ON ROUTE 138.

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**\*\*\*\*\* TRAVELING QUILTERS \*\*\*\*\***

Hope you are planning to join our trip to Lancaster on Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9, 1994. The cost is \$125, which includes the round-trip motor coach with Charlie, a stop at Sauders Fabrics, a Mennonite quilt show, and a stop in Ephrates and Intercourse. Dinner will be at Millers, with an overnight at the Dutch Family Inn. After breakfast we'll take in the Quilt Festival. It promises to be a great couple of days, with a surprise or two and lots of fun!

Make plans and join us for a mini-vacation. You deserve it. Call me (628-5380) for more information and to make your reservation.

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HELP!!!! We're a little low on volunteer bakers. Ann Fitzell and Lorraine Mioducki are the only quilters who have signed up to bring goodies to this month's meeting. Is this an indication of a mass diet?

Please call me, 277-5682, to volunteer to bring a dessert. We'd be glad to have the remainder of your holiday goodies. It will be greatly appreciated, and you'll have a chance to win the floral arrangement from Posies in Heritage Center!

See all of you at the January meeting, and don't forget your mugs.

CHRIS ROCHE

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\*\*\*\*\* BOUTIQUE TALK \*\*\*\*\*

I hear a lot of people say that after the holidays and the rushing around they get something they call the "blahs." It usually happens in January and February. Well, if you belong to NSQG, you don't have time for the blahs. Spring is not far away and either is the Spring Boutique. Let's have another great boutique, like the Holiday Boutique last November. Get your minds, and fingers, on lots of neat things.

Hope everyone had a happy, healthy holiday.

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\*\*\*\*\* QUILT SHOW NEWS \*\*\*\*\*

Happy new year! What better way to start the new year than to shift into high gear with the Show Committee. All of us need your help to make this a great show.

Our lecture chairman, Mary Rossetti, has completed negotiations with the lecturers. We will welcome Judy Mathieson, Judith Reilly and Mary Hickey.

Brenda Strauss has been working on the brochure. It will be ready at the Jan. 18 meeting for mailing. Simone Montegut will be supervising the mailing. Please come early to the meeting to help her put labels on the brochures to get ready to go to the post office. Many thanks to Brenda and Simone for all the work that goes into this mailing.

Susan Andrews has designed a show pin, which is a block of the raffle quilt. Maria Tamaoka will have raffle tickets to pass out. As NSQG members, each of us is expected sell (or buy) two six-ticket books of \$1/ticket or \$5/book. Pictures of the raffle quilt will be available for those who would like one. These really help to sell tickets to people who have not seen our beautiful quilt.

The raffle prizes will be a Bernina sewing machine, donated by Pins and Needles; a Hinterberg Design Inc. hoop, donated by Gloria Hartley of Deer Meadow Design; an inlaid box from Windblown Square; and a Dazor lamp from Stanley Taylor Inc.

The proceeds of our raffle quilt will go to the Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam.

Let's get Santa and his elves off our machines. Oh my! Put that cookie down. We have work to do. Only 4 months to go to show time.

BARBARA LERCH

LIBRARY NEWS

Our January Feature Books focus on the quilting stitch:

Loving Stitches: A Guide to Fine Hand Quilting by Jeana Kimball is a wonderful book for beginners covering all aspects of hand quilting, including choosing designs, a discussion of various marking tools and techniques, batting choices, layering and basting, and the actual quilting stitch. Written in Jeana's friendly and straightforward style, this concise book is a complete course on hand quilting.

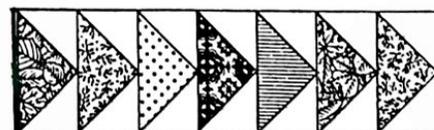
Quilting with Style: Principles for Great Pattern Design by Gwen Marston and Joe Cunningham is our second feature book. For those who are not afraid to try something more daring, here is a book that teaches you, in great detail, how to create your own custom quilting designs using the old Amish methods. Lessons include all manner of straight-line designs, teacups, clamshells, fans, cables, feathers, swags and wreaths (as well as any combination of the above) all custom-drawn by you to fit your own particular quilt top. Filled with beautiful clear color photographs of modern and antique quilts.

MORE BOOK DONATIONS! I just received a generous donation of three new books for our library from Gerry Kimmel, Linda Brannock, and Jan Patek - the folks at "Red Wagon". The three collections of charming and original folk-art quilt patterns designed by these talented women are: Christmas or Not (angels, stars, houses, angel cats (!), manger, and a few traditional-type applique blocks); Snowbound (lots of various wintertime applique blocks and scenes); For My Friends (Native American blanket designs plus teepees, horses, raindancers, roadrunners, etc.) Thank you, Red Wagon.

Also, I would like to formally thank Lemman Publications (the Quilter's Newsletter Magazine people) for their generous contribution of the following five books that were introduced at our December meeting:

Log Cabin Quilts by Bonnie Lemman, The Rainbow Collection by Judy Martin, Shining Star Quilts by Judy Martin, Scrap Quilts by Judy Martin, and Handy Crafts for Quilt Lovers by Georgianne Bender.

Lauran Tyler, Librarian  
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NEW MEETING PLACE: JFK HIGH SCHOOL  
ROUTE 138, SOMERS

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**NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS GUILD**

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Dec-93**

BALANCE FORWARD 10/31/93 \$37,626.89

**GENERAL ACCOUNT** \$25,669.34

INTEREST INCOME 36.65  
 MEMBERSHIP 450.00  
 PROGRAMS 408.28  
 RESOURCE&EDUCATION 560.00  
 BOUTIQUE 6,217.72  
 TRIPS 765.00  
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 TOTAL INCOME 8,492.70

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 NEWSLETTER 363.65  
 RESOURCE&EDUCATION 1,243.59  
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 BOUTIQUE 5,396.76  
 TRIPS 683.00  
 NAME TAG FABRIC 2.17  
 MEMBERSHIP 58.30  
 PUBLICITY 34.40  
 INSURANCE 52.00  
 BANK CHARGES 12.00  
 TOTAL EXPENSE 8,350.33

NET INCOME/EXPENSE \$142.37

BALANCE \$25,811.71

**QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT** \$11,957.55

**INCOME**

FRAME RENTAL 200.00  
 VENDORS 227.00  
 TOTAL INCOME 427.00

LECTURERS 23.99  
 CATALOGUE/BROCHURE 10.47  
 BANK CHARGE 2.48  
 TOTAL EXPENSE 36.94

NET INCOME/EXPENSE \$390.06

BALANCE \$12,347.61

BALANCE 11/30/93 \$38,159.32

**\*\*\*\*\* NSQG CALENDAR \*\*\*\*\***

1-18 General meeting: will feature a special 2-part Show & Tell, a slide show of last year's Quilt Show. Come early to help with Show brochures. New meeting place: JFK High School, Route 138, Somers. Doors open at 7; meeting at 7:30.

1-22 Mystery Workshop, with - and without - Judy Hopkins at First Presbyterian Church of Katonah, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

1-25 Board meeting, 7:15 p.m. at Nancy Mirman's house. Newsletter deadline.

2-15 General meeting.

2-17 ABC Quilt Cutting Day at Brewster Presbyterian Church.

2-28 Board meeting at Nancy Mirman's, 7:15 p.m. Newsletter deadline.

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 \* PLEASE REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR \*  
 \* NAME TAG AND BRING YOUR MUG \*  
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**\*\*\*\*\* EDUCATION \*\*\*\*\***

For those attending the Jan. 22nd Mystery Workshop, please park on Valley Road or Route 117 in the vicinity of the church. Check your map. Special permission has been given for this area, and you will not be ticketed.

Please note this Pat Baker's Christmas Rush **CORRECTION:** ABC Quilt Cutting Day is Thursday, February 17 at the Brewster Presbyterian Church. See Mary Podgorski's article in this newsletter. Please sign up with Mary Rossetti, and indicate when and for how long you plan to be there so that we can have enough tables ready for you. Even if one hour of cutting is your limit, it would still be helpful and appreciated.

A happy learning, quilting, BUSY New Year to all.

PAT BAKER



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## Volunteers Needed!

With only three short months until World of Quilts XV, it's time to begin thinking of how you can help. Many new members may not realize what an enormous undertaking the show is. There are almost 400 man-hours (AKA quilter-hours) needed to make World of Quilts XV run smoothly. If each of our over 200 members worked just two hours we'd be in great shape. "But what do I have to do???", you ask. Many of the jobs are very simple. The following is a brief description of each of the jobs on the Volunteer Chart. I hope it will help you to decide in which capacity you'd enjoy helping us.

**JUDGING OF THE QUILTS:** This takes place the Wednesday prior to the show at the LIncolndale Clubhouse. Professional judges judge the quilts. Volunteers hold up and fold the quilts and write down judges' comments. (This is a very educational job.)

**BOUTIQUE:** Guild members may sell handmade items at our show. Volunteers are needed to assist in setting up Friday evening and collecting money for the items both days (no experience needed).

**QUILT FRAME SETUP:** Bill Thorn has this job so organized even kids can help. So quilters have no trouble putting those pieces together. This is a very important job. The quilts can't go up until it's done. It's also a wonderful way to introduce your husband to the "World of Quilts."

**QUILT HANGERS:** The quilt acquisition committee needs help climbing ladders and hanging first muslin, then . . . **THE QUILTS!!** (You get to touch the quilts without anyone yelling at you.)

**POT LUCK SUPPER:** After several hours of work, everyone is hungry. So Kate Pearson organizes a great pot luck supper. This section on the chart is for the crew to help set up, serve and clean up the feast. This section is **NOT** to volunteer to bring food. Kate will have that sign-up at a future meeting.

**INFORMATION BOOTH:** In the center of the lobby is our information booth. Mostly people ask important questions such as, "Where's the bathroom?", or "Where are the quilts?". (You get to sit down for this job.)

**ADMISSIONS:** We have two admission entrances and need several volunteers there at all times. Volunteers collect money, stamp hands, hand our programs and chit-chat with the people coming in. (You get to sit down and it's lots of fun meeting all the people coming in!)

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**LECTURE MONITORS:** We are having **3** lectures each day. Volunteers are needed to man the entrance doors and to help the lecturers as needed -- perhaps holding up quilts, etc. This is a very popular volunteer duty since you get to hear a lecture while fulfilling your volunteer time. Therefore, we request that each member not volunteer to work at more than one lecture. Of course, you may go to as many lectures as you choose.

**RAFFLE TABLE:** We sell about 5,000 raffle tickets on our quilt. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets. Basically, this is a money collecting job. (Legend has it that the longer you sit in front of the quilt, the better your chances of winning it!)

**QUILTS IN PROGRESS:** This room has quilts in various stages of completion. This job entails sitting in the room, working on a project and answering questions from the public. (You get to do something you love -- quilt -- while fulfilling your volunteer time.)

**QUILT WATCHERS:** These volunteers are our Show Hostesses. They wear white gloves, and can show the quilt backs to interested people. While no experience is necessary, this is an extremely important job. (You get to be in the gym with all those quilts while fulfilling your volunteer time.)

**SUNDAY NIGHT TAKE-DOWN:** Volunteers are needed to take down the quilts, the muslin, and the frames. (You could be free all weekend to enjoy the show and just work Sunday evening!)

So, ladies, as you can see, we really need **YOUR HELP**, and any male members of your household as well. What a great way to spend a Friday evening together! Whether you're an old or new member, we need **YOUR** help. Every job is essential to making the show the success it has always been. For two hours of volunteer time, you will receive free admission for that day. If you work two hours Wednesday, or Friday, you will receive admission for the day of your choice.

I can't explain why dozens of members work hundreds of hours preparing for the show. I can't explain why so many members just stay at Kennedy all weekend for the show. Maybe we all feel a sense of accomplishment when the show is over and we know it was the best ever. Maybe we all feel proud to give the proceeds of our raffle quilt to charity. Maybe by being a part of the show, we feel we own a little bit of each quilt there. But I think it's mostly that we all enjoy the camaraderie of being with people who share our love of quilts and quilting. We really do have a lot of fun! So, catch the spirit, join the band wagon and all those catchy phrases. . . volunteer to help at our show. I guarantee you'll have a great time.

Ann Fitzell  
Volunteer Chairman

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**CHALLENGE QUILT FEVER**

Hope you are working hard on your Challenge Quilts. Remember, they are due on or before Feb. 7. Please check your September newsletter for information or call Adrienne Yorlins, 669-9450.

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**\*\*\*\*\* MEET CATHY CAREY \*\*\*\*\***

Cathy Carey and her family, husband Rick and children Ryan and Allison, came to New York from Rochester, Minn. They moved to this area in 1991, when Rick was transferred by IBM, first living in Cross River and now settled in a new home in Wappingers Falls.

Cathy was born and grew up in Danville, Ill. Her mom started her sewing when Cathy was 6 years old. Cathy was exposed to sewing, crochet, needlepoint and knitting. Mom was a landscape artist who also designed needlepoint kits.

After spending some time sewing clothing, Cathy evolved into a cross stitch and embroidery maniac. She realized she didn't really like sewing clothing but enjoyed sewing "things."

Cathy's love of quilting began when she needed a creative outlet after Ryan was past the infant stage. She took an adult education class and was further inspired by the Quilt Guild in Rochester.

What inspires her now? According to Cathy, "What doesn't?" A new home, new furniture, pictures, quilt shows, magazines.... We can expect to see many quilts in the near future.

Cathy is currently employed at the Quilt Basket in Hopewell Junction, and she enjoys combining her quilting passion with a little work. She especially loves to teach. There's nothing like seeing someone inspired by a technique she taught.

Like so many of us, one of Cathy's favorite part of quilting is collecting fabric. (We can relate.) She also enjoys piecing. When asked what she'd like to try next, Cathy replied (with a twinkle in her eye), 3D piecing - Isometrics.

**\*\*\*\*\* ANOTHER WINNER \*\*\*\*\***

Congratulations to NSQG member Kathy Schiano, who earned a First Place ribbon in the mixed media bed quilts category at the recent Rockland Quilt Festival.

Cathy has been a member of Northern Star for 3 years and served on the Board during 1990-91 as co-chairperson of the hospitality committee.

The thoughts she most wanted to share with new quilters were: start small so you can see a beginning and an end. It helps evolve "taste" for color and you learn what you like before taking on a larger project. Take pictures and keep records of everything you make. It's your history. She also shares these tidbits: "Don't sew over pins, and measure and mark your one-quarter inches accurately."

So, our thanks to Cathy. We hope she has lots of happy stitching ahead of her!

PROVI SVENSSON



**\*\*\*\*\* NINE-PATCH COLORS \*\*\*\*\***

The colors for January are Violet and Lavender. Please see previous newsletters for the dimensions.

If you missed our December meeting, you haven't heard that Concord Fabrics has donated 23 pounds of fabric to our Nine-Patch Project. On Thursday, Feb. 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., we will be cutting this fabric and other donated fabric into connector blocks, backing, borders and binding to make kits for Nine-Patch Saturday. Please bring your cutting mat, cutters and rulers.

We will be meeting at the Brewster Presbyterian Church. It would be great if you can attend even for a few hours to play with all this fabric. If you are going to spend the day, bring your lunch. If snow closes surrounding school districts, we will have to put this on hold.

If you have questions about the weather on Feb. 17, call Mary Podgorski, 669-9449, or Pat Baker, 279-8840. There's nothing like piles of fabric to beat the mid-winter blues!

MARY PODGORSKI  
COORDINATOR

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Unfinished Object New Year's Resolution 1994

As a quilter who has put off, set aside, tired of,  
delayed or procrastinated, my New Year's Resolution is to  
finish the UFO described below:

This project was started \_\_\_\_\_

I promise to complete the project by Dec. 31, 1994, at  
which time I will be duly rewarded.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Date Completed \_\_\_\_\_