



# Northern Star Quilters' Guild

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NEWS n NOTES

JUNE, 1984



## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

This is my last "president's message". It is written with mixed emotions. Thanks to (1) groundwork laid by my predecessors; (2) a supportive, hardworking and talented board; (3) a wonderful group of NSQG quilters, it has been a GREAT year!!! What more could anyone ask? I am very proud of the NSQG. I am proud to be a member and privileged to have been president this past year. I have met and worked with many very special people who are members of this Guild. I have represented NSQG at shows, seminars, workshops and small gatherings. An awesome responsibility, but I'll have to admit to enjoying every minute of it!! So in this respect, I'm sorry the year is ending.

On the other hand, I'm excited about new opportunities to serve the Guild. I'm also pleased to turn over the presidential responsibilities to Diane Durr. I've worked with Diane, as membership chairman, this year. She has been innovative, supportive, and a most valuable member of the team. It will be a pleasure to be a part of her board for the coming year. It will be a good year.

The more I travel and meet other quilters and learn about other guilds, the more I appreciate the unique qualities of the NSQG. We have a higher percentage of enthusiastic working members than most. A larger percentage attend monthly meetings. There is more teamwork and more opportunity to participate in the work of the Guild. This is a talented, creative, positive and wonderful group of people. I wish I knew each one of you personally.

The Guild has grown and, although we may not know everyone personally, we can offer more and more in the way of quilting experiences—speakers, workshops and programs. Small groups can be initiated by individual members to compensate for the growing numbers. These groups can ask for any workshop and there is a 99% chance there is someone in the Guild to teach it.

More than 75% of the membership participates in the annual quilt show. This show has gained national reputation for excellence. Each year it continues to grow and more members share in the preparation and production.

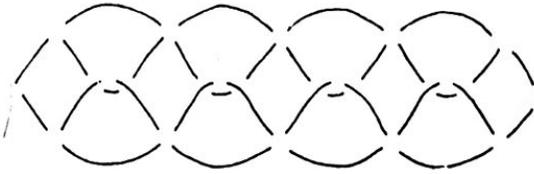
These are all unique qualities of a very special group of quilters known as the NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD. Thank you again for the opportunity to serve as president. See you all at the Salad Supper on June 19th. Happy summer quilting....

Ginny Watson, President



## A BIT OF HUMOR FOR YOU

I'll bet you gals were wondering why your feet hurt so bad and you were aching all over when the Quilt Show was over. Well Dot Mills has the answer for us. She called me and told me that her "pedometer", which she wore from Friday afternoon (4:30) to Sunday afternoon (6: registered 7½ miles on it. So now we all know how much foot work we all put in climbing up and down ladders, running back and forth to our cars, running up and down the halls, in and out of the gym, and back and forth to the rest-rooms. But why didn't my bathroom scale reward me with a 10 pound weight loss? It's a cruel world, no justice!!



### HOSPITALITY

\*Third Annual Salad Supper - June 19, 6:30\*

Everytime I turn around, there is something going on with our quilt guild, and June is no exception. A very nice evening is in the works for Tuesday, June 19th at 6:30 pm. It is our annual Salad Supper at Somers Intermediate School on Rt. 202.

At the May meeting, I passed out a sign-up sheet for volunteers to help with this event. Those that signed up to bring food or drinks do not need to bring a salad.

We ask all of you fabulous cooks to please bring your favorite salad for 8 (no tossed salad please) preferably in a deep dish with a serving spoon (don't forget to put your name on both serving spoon and dish).

This year, we will provide strong plastic forks and spoons or you may bring your own utensils from home.

Appetizers and punch will be ready at 6:30. We hope to see all of you there.

Dinah Schell,  
Hospitality

P.S.

All appetizers and helpers should be at the school by 6 pm. People setting up by 4:30.

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Many thanks to the following gals who provided the refreshments for the May meeting:

Jacqueline Bergson  
Collette Laico  
Miriam Dedyo  
Vivian Rothermel  
Pam Kohel

Marilyn Cava  
Nancy Musser  
Peggy McDonough  
Barbara Hendy  
Ginny Callahan

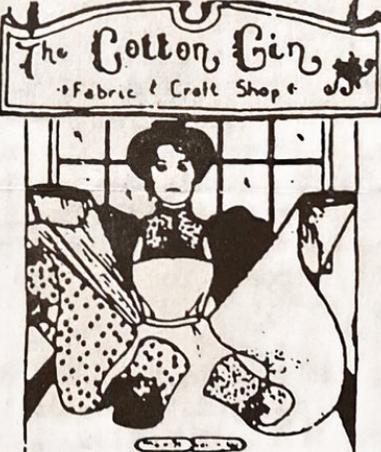


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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

It is that time of the year again to talk about membership renewal. The yearly membership fee is \$15, and you may write a check made out to Northern Star Quilters' Guild. Please renew as soon as possible. It makes the membership chairman's job a little easier if members avoid the last minute rush in the fall and renew now. We are 219 members strong and that can create quite a bottleneck at the doors in September if everyone wants to pay the night of the first meeting. If you renew early, you will be able to by-pass the line to pick up membership cards, packets, etc... You can also mail your check during the summer to Pat Davis, our new membership chairman, by addressing your envelope to Pat Davis, Richard Somers Rd., Granite Springs, NY 10527, or to Northern Star Quilters Guild - Membership, Box 232, Somers, NY 10589.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all who helped me this past year. I especially want to thank those wonderful volunteers who worked at the quilt show. That table was always busy, busy, busy. I heard only praise for those who manned it. You did a wonderful job passing on information and demonstrating what a warm and friendly group of women comprise this guild. Thanks to all those who loaned me their photographs for the display. There was a great variety to view and added to the display's appeal. Don't breathe a sigh of relief yet folks! You have all spoiled me with your enthusiasm and whole-hearted support that I won't forget to call on you next year.

The membership buttons were so well received this year that the Board decided to purchase a machine to make buttons from Badge A Minit. We are planning to have a new button each year. This opens a lot of exciting possibilities with designing new buttons, new colors, buttons at the quilt show, etc.. I know Pat Davis will welcome all help when the time comes to start making over 200 buttons! So keep those arms in shape over the summer.

One last word on those buttons made this year. PLEASE pick them up at the June meeting or have a friend pick them up for you. It would be an expense to mail out all the remaining unclaimed buttons. I have already mailed out the few buttons to members who lived so far away or who I know can't attend meetings. So don't forget to pick up yours.

The membership brochures given out at the Quilt Show sparked a lot of interest. We are starting to receive some back with new members for next year, and we are getting requests to mail them out. We are growing in numbers so rapidly that it is hard to keep up. The attendance at our meetings reflect this growth also. Below is this year's attendance record. During 1982-83, the largest number of people attending a meeting was 135. This year's largest meeting had 156 people in attendance.

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>GUESTS</u>
1983			
September	123	111	12
October	130	108	22
November	137	121	16
December	87	84	3
1984			
January	---	---	---
February	111	107	4
March	151	136	15
April	156	140	16
May	135	116	19

This year has been a wonderful experience. I have thoroughly enjoyed serving as membership chairman, and I am honored to serve as next year's president. Thank you for your support, your cooperation, your patience, and your friendship. When I am a wrinkled old lady of 85 rocking on my porch with an unfinished quilt in my hands, I will have some wonderful memories to think of as I take each stitch--memories of great friends, great times, and great events. Have a great summer

Diane Durr  
Membership Chairman

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This year's recipients of grant money from the sale of raffle tickets shared more than \$5,000. If you have a special charity or group you would like to share next year's grant money please request a form from any board member. Recipients must be selected no later than October. Deadline will be September 30th.

## PROGRAMS -

I can't believe that is the last newsletter I will be writing for the year. It seems like the year just started rolling. Time flies when you're having fun I guess. I have had a wonderful time arranging the programs for this year. The help and support I had from so many people is very much appreciated, and I know that the enthusiasm and support will continue for Linda next year.

The salad supper will be our last official meeting of the year and that is covered in another section of this newsletter. At least the supper part of the meeting is. I want to remind you that this is the time to bring all those items, finished or not, that you would like to show and tell or ask about. We have neglected this part of the program for the past few months because of the other activities. We are planning to have this our major event of the evening, other than eating, so we are counting on everyone to bring their beautiful work that was almost finished for the show and maybe even help a few people solve some problems with projects.

We still have some unofficial events for the summer which sound like fun. If you heard about the nice day that was shared last summer at Vivian Rothermel's house, maybe you would like to mark your calendar for one of the dates below for this summer. We have three gatherings scheduled for this summer. Call the hostess, pack up your current project, and bring a lunch to enjoy a day with your quilting friends or meet some new ones. Hostesses will provide coffee, iced tea and dessert. Call them for directions and to let them know how many to expect. These are the generous members who offered to have us in:

July 17, Tues. - Vivian Rothermel, New City, 638-0341

Aug. 14, Tues. - Eleanor Ranzal, Katonah, 232-7478

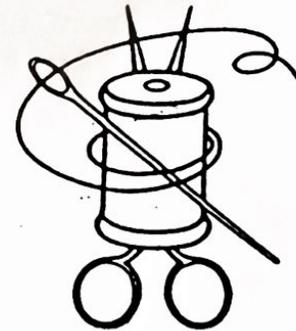
Aug. 23, Thurs. - Diane Durr, Cold Spring, 265-2774

I would like to thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve the guild as program chairman this past

year. It was a great experience to work through the challenges, and the problems that are involved in trying to put together the year. I am looking forward to a little more time for some of my unfinished projects next year.

*ALICE*

## THREADNEEDLE HOUSE

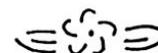


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A QUILTER'S PRAYER

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I may in glory stand,  
Perhaps a crown upon my head  
But needles surely my hand.

I never learned to sing or play  
So let no harp be mine.  
From first attempt to dying day,  
Fine quilting's been my line.

And so, as close the trumpets call,  
I have no fame or riches,  
But sweet content sewn in my soul  
In a million happy stitches.

Adapted by M.B.  
Eastern Long Island  
Quilter's Guild Newsletter

1984-85 Executive Board

265-2774	Diane Durr	President
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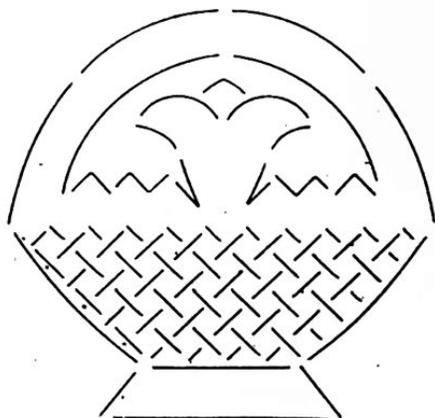
A FAREWELL NOTE FROM YOUR DEVOTED NEWSLETTER EDITOR.....

I have hated putting this newsletter together every month. It's been a real pain in the neck. I'd much rather be spending my time actually quilting. You Board Members have got to get your act together and get your articles in on time!!!! You've had it too easy - I hope Joan won't be so lenient on you!!

Seriously.....being on the NSQG board this past year has been a marvelous experience. This unique group is one of the finest and most congenial I have ever had the pleasure of working with, as are all the members of our Guild whom I have worked with. I truly feel we get more than our money's worth from belonging to this organization. We are a very productive and highly educational organization and we get as much (or as little) out of it as we put into it.

I look forward to another exciting and educational year with the Guild. I appreciate your tolerance of all my tipographical errors and myspeled names.

Pat Davis,  
Newsletter Editor



#### FOR YOUR INFORMATION

There is a new shop opening up in Valhalla called Quilt Care. I understand that they will be involved in the care and restoration of quilts as well as repairs and finishing. They also buy and sell antique quilts. For more information on this shop, consult the Country Shopper.

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Sally Tobin, 59 Kensington Rd., 3B, Bronxville, NY 10708, is interested in having a pieced quilt quilted. Anyone interested in this project, please contact her at the above address.

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#### ATTENTION MEMBERS - IT'S A SECRET

This is the time of the year when we must be clever and come up with a nice gift for our past president. After mulling this over for a while, the Board decided that there was no better gift that a quilter would want than to have a huge assortment of beautiful calicos to play with. So we are going to request that each member bring a nice "quarter yard" of calico to the salad supper in June as a gift for our past president, Ginny Watson. I know she will be thrilled! Someone will be at the door to receive these as you come in.