



# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

P.O. Box 232 Somers N.Y. 10589

Jill Tucker, Editor

Newsletter

June 1986

## PROGRAM

Our final meeting of the year will be on June 17 (see Liz Doyle's message for details). I like to think of it as our End-of-the-Year Party. Liz has done an outstanding job all year providing delicious treats for us at each meeting, and it looks like she is going to create a wonderful supper for the June meeting! The program will be a fashion show of clothing created by Deanna Powell from Florida. Deanna will narrate the show, which will also include some fashions by our own members.

Many thanks are due to many people for helping this year's programs run so smoothly and easily. Peg Murtha has been an invaluable help, running the door prize department so capably and cheerfully, and making my job ever so much easier. I wonder if the Guild members realize that all the women who sit out in the hall before each meeting to help you when you arrive never get to participate in any of the activities going on inside. They miss a lot that we all enjoy and take for granted, and I hope they know that they are appreciated!

I'd also like to thank the very generous people who were hostesses to our lecturers: Linda Lim for Laurie Walsh; Jill Tucker for Doris Neal; Joan Johnson for Pat Yamin; Barbara Hende for Ann Oliver; Jean McAward for Judi Warren; and Maria Belden for Deanna Powell. Having a lecturer as a house guest can be fun and exciting, but it is also extra work, and lots of gratitude goes to each of these hostesses.

And thanks to all of you who shared your wonderful, beautiful treasures and creations during Show & Tell. Seeing them was inspiring and fun, and we can all take lots of pride in belonging to a guild with such talented and accomplished members! We'll have a Show & Tell segment at the June 17 meeting, too, so you have one more chance this year.

Finally, I would like to thank each of you for allowing me to have such an interesting, exciting year as Program Chairman -- it was a privilege. I met ever so many exceptional and wonderful people, both within and outside our Guild. It has been challenging to try to meet your diversified preferences for program content. After this busy and fulfilling year, I can now look forward to next year -- being able to spend more time finishing my house, making my own quilts, and having the freedom to socialize and enjoy all of the meetings, knowing that my job is now in the very capable hands of Lis Greene.

-- Elva Fisher

Message for everyone but Alice: Don't forget to bring a quarter-yard of fabric for Alice's gift basket -- to be presented at the June 17 meeting!



TREASURER'S REPORT -- A WORLD OF QUILTS VII

It is still too soon to make a final tally of Quilt Show finances since all the bills are not yet in. A complete report will be published in our next newsletter and, if possible, will be posted on the bulletin board at the June meeting.

Since we're all eager to know how we did, here are a few of the pertinent statistics:

- Admissions were \$11,016.50, which represents more than 2,750 people.
- The Boutique earned \$2,289.00, of which 10% is retained by the guild.
- The sale of raffle tickets brought in \$6,645.00, of which there was \$6,184.00 remaining after expenses to be distributed to the charities of our choice. (The checks were presented to representatives of the Northern Westchester Shelter and the Hospice of Phelps Memorial Hospital Center at the May meeting. Each organization received \$3,092.00.)

-- Linda Higham

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ELECTED NSQG OFFICERS FOR 1986-7

President	Kathy Sica
Vice-President, Program	Lis Greene
Vice-President, Membership	Liz Doyle
Treasurer	Linda Higham
Recording Secretary	Linda Raffaele
Corresponding Secretary	Rachelle Friedle

Board positions filled by appointment and approved by the six elected officers:

Special Events	Susan Bouton
Publicity	Margaret Stickney
Hospitality	Pat Barker
Newsletter	
Resource & Education	
Quilt Show Coordinator(s)	

Why not consider volunteering for one of the still-open positions? Being part of the behind-the-scenes work of the guild is exciting and not as difficult as you might guess. For one thing, you always have the help of previous office-holders, and for another, there are many support people who continue to do the same jobs year after year. This is especially true of the Quilt Show, where there are a goodly number of "holdovers" from the 1986 show in various committee chairmanship posts.

-Do call Kathy Sica (245-6775) if you think you'd like to wear one of these hats.

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We are still trying to compile a comprehensive list of all the equipment and supplies owned by NSQG. If you are currently storing guild property, please notify Rachelle Friedle, Box 183 Route 9, Garrison, NY 10524. Phone (914) 424-3808.

## JUNE SUPPER MEETING

Here it is, June already, and time for our last meeting. We've decided to return to the "Salad Supper" format. It's quite easy and very pleasant for everyone. There are just a few simple requests.

Bring a salad big enough for 8-10 people. Why 8-10, you might wonder. Well, we all like to have a little taste of everything, don't we?

Any kind of salad will do -- chicken, tuna, potato, fruit, pasta salads are a few ideas. Please bring it in a disposable container or a well-marked dish of your own. Serving utensils would be appreciated too. If there are any unusual or hidden ingredients, would you please indicate them for those friends among us on special diets.

Location is the Primrose School (Route 139, Somers). Plan to arrive by 6:30 so that we can begin eating at 7:00. If you cannot join us for supper, do come at our usual starting time of 8:00. Dessert and coffee will be provided.

If you have any questions, or if you can help with set-up or clean-up, please call me (248-7491).

## HOSPITALITY

Thank you to all our May bakers. We certainly had a luscious assortment of goodies, didn't we? Our bakers included: Anne Trusler, Rosa Dogan, Anne Wightman, Jean Sherlock, Rachelle Friedle, Nancy Paskin, Barbara Ernst, Anne Payne, Kay Fowler, Cindy Extance, Linda Raffaele, Faust Spallina and Maria Weber.

I wish to take this opportunity to say thank you again to everyone who donated refreshments throughout the year. It makes this chairman's job a little easier when so many people are so willing and generous.

Thanks to Eunice Gough, who helped me after most meetings to load my car with all the paraphernalia. And finally thank you to my daughter Becky who would come over from the high school in the afternoon to help me set up.

Please be as generous next year, and good luck to Pat Barker. See you next year at the Membership table!

-- Liz Doyle

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## The SEWING ROOM Presents . . . **QUILTING PICNIC IN THE PARK**

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1986**

ORENDA PAVILION - SARATOGA STATE PARK

10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

*Lectures • Gourmet Lunch*

*• Antique Quilt •*

*Sewing • Spinning • Weaving*

*Door Prizes Include ELNA Sewing Machine*

*Workshops June 19th - Call For Information*

*Prepaid Reservation Required \$25.00*

*Sign Up Early - Limited Space*

**SEWING ROOM**

53 Wiebel Ave., Saratoga Springs, N.Y. 12866

**587-9037**

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome one new member:

Martha Leversuch  
50 Glenbrook Road - 10G  
Stamford, CT 06902  
work: (914) 696-1164  
home: (203) 967-4632

## CLASSIFIED

° Would you like a copy of any of the raffle quilt block patterns? Kathy Sica has them for \$1 each. See her at the June meeting.

° FOR SALE - Bernina 802  
\$350 (retails for around \$500)  
Call Suzanna Valentinetti  
(914) 762-7115

° FOR SALE - quilters' magnets  
2½" x 2½" - four to a package  
\$8.25 per package (regularly \$12)

Mary Bauer  
12 Croton Avenue  
Ossining, NY 10562  
(914) 941-0926

° WANTED - Someone to copy my antique applique quilts (top only). I'll provide materials. (Whig Rose and others.)

Melinda Capozza  
762-2321

## ANTIQUÉ QUILT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 19, at 10:00 for one hour at the home of Barbara Hendey, 102 Ralph Avenue, White Plains. Phone: 949-7582.

Copies of "A Dictionary of Textile Terms" (50¢ each) will be ordered by the committee. Prepaid orders will be taken by Pat Baker at the June meeting.

-- Pat Baker  
279-8840

## EDUCATIONAL NOTES

(from the Antique Quilt Education Committee)

The fibers of an antique quilt do not respond to a pin in the same way as the fibers of a modern fabric. Aged fibers are brittle, and instead of bending aside as the pin goes through, the fibers break, even though you may not be able to see the damage. In time, a hole will develop where the pin penetrated. If it is necessary to attach anything to an old quilt, use a very fine needle (10-12) and very fine cotton or silk thread.

## TRICENTENNIAL QUILT COMPETITION

Albany celebrates its 300-year-old charter this year. A juried quilt competition will be held in September during the city's Harvest Festival. Quilts will focus on the historical theme of the 300-year history of Albany.

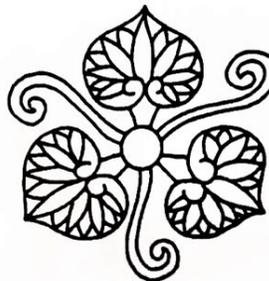
All quilters residing in New York State are eligible to enter. Quilts will hang for one month from September 20 through October 19.

Three purchase awards of \$500 each will be awarded. The purchased quilts will become the property of the City of Albany and will remain to commemorate the occasion.

Quilts should be hand-delivered on August 22 and 23, or mailed to be received on or before August 21. All must be accompanied by a completed entry form.

For further information, contact the Office of Volunteer Services, City Hall, Albany, NY 12207.

Use your aloe plant for sore quilting fingers. Snip a small tip off the plant, and rub the cut end over your fingers for instant relief. Wrap the remainder in foil to keep in the refrigerator until the next time.



COMING EVENTS

May 27-June 27 - Quilt exhibit from the private collection of The Museum of American Folk Art, 125 West 55th Street, New York City. These are quilts never before seen in New York. The Museum is in the midst of moving its offices and gallery, so call first: (212) 245-8296. Gallery hours are Wed-Sun 10:30-5:30 and Tues 10:30-8:00.

June 6-15 - New England Images II Quilt Show. Topsfield Fairgrounds, Route 1, Topsfield, MA. Presented by the New England Quilters Guild. Ten days, 300 quilts, vendors, lectures, demonstrations. Info: Anne Gallo, 17E Locust Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824.

June 13-17 - 6th Biennial Ulster County Quilt Exposition. Presented by Wiltwyck Quilters Guild & Ulster Community College Foundation at Ulster Community College, Stone Ridge, NY. Hours 10-5 daily, 10-9 Friday and Monday. Theme this year is flowers.

June 18-19 - Quilters' Picnic in the Park/Workshops (see page 3).

June 28-July 6 - 37th Annual Kutztown Folk Festival, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Among the items displayed and for sale will be more than 1,500 handmade quilts! Info: Kutztown Folk Festival, 461 Vine Lane, Kutztown, PA 19530. Phone (215) 683-8707.

July 10-12 - Big Tree Quilt Conference III, Geneseo State University, NY. SASE to Joyce Joseph, 7112 Country Road #34, Naples, NY 14512.

July 10-13 - Vermont Quilt Festival, Norwich University, Northfield, VT. Quilt exhibits, workshops, lectures, appraisals, fashion show, marchants' mall, champagne preview July 10 at 7 p.m. For brochures and info, SASE with 40¢ postage to Box 349-H, Northfield, VT 05663. See also NSQG bulletin board or call Florence Taylor at (802) 485-8276.

July 12-18 - 17th Annual NQA Show, Holiday Inn, Decatur, IL. Long SASE with 39¢ postage to Edie Idleman, 417 Holly Court, Decatur, IL 62526.

July 19-20 - Eastern Long Island Quilters Guild 5th Annual Show & Sale at Suffolk Community College, Speonk, NY. Workshops, vendors, demonstrations, members' quilt exhibit, raffle. Long SASE to Florence Hughes, Box 264, Laurel, NY 11948.

July 25-27 - Maine Quilts '86, sponsored by Pine Tree Quilters Guild. Exhibits, workshops, vendors. Central Lincoln County Family Recreational Center, Business Route 1, Damariscotta, Maine. Long SASE to Joan P. Acord, RFD 2 Box 2370, Litchfield, ME 04350. (207) 666-3288.

July 29-August 2 & August 5-8 - Quilting-by-the-Lake, Cazenovia, NY. Workshops conducted by Gerlinde Anderson, Sonya Lee Barrington, Jinny Beyer, Nancy Crow, Jo Diggs, Nancy Halpern, Margot Strand Jensen, Elly Sienkiewicz, Marilyn Walker. For more information, send long SASE to QBL, P.O. Box 282, Cazenovia, NY 13035.

August 6-7 - Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod 5th Annual Quilt Show & Sale, Nauset Middle School, Route 28, Orleans, MA. SASE to Rita Essigman, Box 720, Orleans, MA 02653.

August 9 - 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mountain Top Patchworkers Annual Quilt & Craft Fair, East Jewett Firehouse, located on the corner of Route 23C and Colgate Road, East Jewett, NY. Rain or shine. Elaine Warfield (518) 589-6229.

August 16-17 - Long Island Quilters' Society 11th Annual Quilters' Convention, Adelphi University, Ruth S. Harley University Center, Garden City, NY. Saturday 10-7, Sunday 10-4. Quilt exhibit, workshops, raffle, lectures, vendors, cafeteria. For brochure, send SASE to LIQS, P.O. Box 3020, Roosevelt Field Station, Garden City, NY 11530.

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COMING EVENTS (continued)

September 13-14 - Smithtown Stitchers Quilt Extravaganza II, SUNY at Stony Brook. Quilt exhibit, workshops, vendors, raffle, lectures, cafeteria. Admission \$4 (\$3 for seniors). Hours 9-5. SASE to Smithtown Stitchers Quilters' Guild, P.O. Box 311, Smithtown, NY 11787.

September 27-28 - A Bounty of Quilts, presented by Warwick Valley Quilters' Guild at Warwick Valley Middle School. Lectures by Jean Johnson, Kay Lukasko, Richard Zimmerman, Nancy Bradford Garver, Sue Rodgers. SASE to WVQG, Box 23, Warwick, NY 10990.

October 7-11 - "Road to California" A Quilters' Conference, The Grand Hotel, Anaheim, California. Lectures and 1, 2 & 3-day workshops with Sandi Fox, Helen Young Frost, Michael Kile, Marsha McCloskey, Marge Murphy, Katie Pasquini, Nancy Pearson, Sabra Petersmann, Yvonne Porcella, Doreen Speckmann, Judi Warren, Blanche Young. For information, send legal-size SASE to Quilters Conferences Inc., 1435 Birchmont Drive, Anaheim, CA 92801. Telephone: (714) 991-5635.

October 11-12 - Quilt Show '86 at Pennsylvania State University, Wilkes-Barre Campus, Lehman, PA. Admission \$2.50. Hours 10-6 on Saturday, noon-6 on Sunday. Exhibits, workshops, lectures, antique quilts, vendors, homemade food. SASE to Pennsylvania Quilters, R.D. #1, Box 298, Berwick, PA 18603.

October 11-12 - Quilts '86, presented by Love Apple Quilters at Cherry Hill National Guard Armory, Grove Street and Park Boulevard (just off Race Track Circle Route 70), Cherry Hill, NJ. Donation \$2. 10-6 on Saturday, 10-5 on Sunday. Quilts, door prizes, vendors, demonstrations, lectures, tea room, boutique. For info, call (215) 635-1609 or (609) 829-3454.

October 18-19 - Berkshire Quilt Festival, sponsored by alumni and friends at Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA. Display, block contest, lectures, raffle, vendors, gifts. Info: Berkshire Quilt Festival, Box D-13, B.C.C., West Street, Pittsfield, MA 01201.

March 22-27, 1987 - Asilomar 1987, a five-day quilting workshop at Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA. See NSQG bulletin board for brochure, or write to Empty Spools, Dept. S, 140-B Alamo Plaza, Alamo, CA 94507. Instructors will be: Moneca Calvert, Nancy Crow, Roberta Horton, Adele Ingraham, Edward Larson, Jean Ray Laury, Yvonne Porcella, Margaret Miller, Judi Warren.

May 1987 - First quilt show sponsored by the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. Theme: flowers.

June 19-21, 1987 - Bergen County Quilt Fair, Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Theme: Summer Gardens. Info: P.O. Box 745, Oakland, NJ 07436.

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NSQG BOARD MEMBERS, 1985-6

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thank you all for the opportunity to be your president. This year has been one of learning and growth for me, but I also had so much fun.

The board members who have worked so faithfully all year are to be commended. First, we must thank Elva Fisher for planning all of our programs and for taking care of our guest speakers so well. The numerous phone calls and trips to pick up and deliver our lecturers can make the job terribly time-consuming and often frustrating. Elva also shopped for a new microphone for the guild, and purchased a carrying case for our projector.

Lis Greene has provided an up-to-date membership list for us all year and has worked on streamlining the membership job, cutting out some of the duplication and dating of materials. This job becomes bigger each year: keeping track of over 300 people is no small order.

Linda Higham will continue to handle all guild finances and make the process as simple and accurate as possible for the future. Hers is an enormous responsibility, and she has been handling the job very well all year.

Our secretaries are rarely seen in front of the membership, but they do so much behind the scenes. Rachelle Friedle did a good job of recording all the board meetings and keeping records of where guild property is stored. And Linda Raffaele took care of typing and mailing all guild correspondence.

Sondra Shapiro was another board member most of you rarely saw, but any time you noticed an announcement about our meetings or activities in local papers you knew that she was doing part of her job. (She was also in charge of the board having FUN and remembering that we are all volunteers who are working for this organization because we like to quilt.) I think she accomplished her objectives.

Jean McAward fussed and fretted about the Holiday Boutique plans right up until the day arrived, but it turned out to be one of the biggest and most successful events of our year. Many of us also enjoyed the bus trips that she arranged for the Great American Quilt Festival. We appreciated all her worry because it made everything happen so nicely.

This newsletter has been a wealth of information, and Jill Tucker has been responsible for gently prodding us all to get our notes in on time and then correcting all those little errors that creep into hastily-written copy. With the group so scattered, it is essential that we have this means of communicating with all our members. She managed to keep us in touch with a nicely turned-out newsletter.

Liz Doyle has been the Hostess with the Mostes' all year, and her big thing is yet to come with the June dinner meeting. I am sure with everyone helping it, too, will be as well done as all the monthly meetings.

The Resource & Education position has become one of the busiest jobs because of everyone's interest in workshops and in learning as much as they can about quilting. We started the year with Kay Jordan getting the committee organized, with subcommittees working on such things as a revision of the resource directory, antique quilt education, and workshops given by members and visiting speakers. Because of Kay's groundwork in these areas, we have a directory being prepared for September distribution by Nancy Mirman and Harriet Selva. Pat Baker and Irma Shore headed the Antique Quilt Education Committee that has been so active, and did all the planning for that display at the show this year. Kathy Ford has been our contact for the Ronald McDonald project, which is attracting more interest as the year goes on.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (continued)

After the first of the year, Pi Stelle continued the good work in the Resource & Education area with more workshops, the demonstrations before the meetings and, of course, the bulletin board at every meeting. When Peggy Lawler stepped in to finish the year, she was kept busy with many more workshops to arrange. These three who headed the committee, and all the people who have contributed their time on the various subcommittees, deserve our thanks for many enjoyable learning experiences that have been offered.

The biggest job of all in our organization is quilt show coordination. This year, we had two people who really gave of themselves to put on a wonderful weekend of activities for all of us and our many guests. Their busy personal lives were often put on hold while details were taken care of for this committee. (Rita Floess is the mother of a three-year-old and is expecting a baby this summer. Pat Dawe works full time as a librarian, and found out a few months ago that the family is moving to Turkey in June.) It is hard to say you don't have time when either one of them asks for help! The whole committee came to meetings, contributed ideas and time, and generally just cared enough to put on such a successful show.

There is no way I can thank everyone by name who responded positively when I called or stopped you at a meeting to ask for help. This is not a one-person job or even a board job. We all worked hard, and hope that the membership enjoyed the year, but in hindsight there are always things I wish we could have done. (Where did the time go?) It really is the cooperation and interest of the membership which makes this organization what it is. I enjoyed the year so much, but I look forward to next year when a whole new mix of people on the board will be contributing their ideas to make another exciting year of quilting activities for us all.

-- Alice Dokken

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FRIENDSHIP QUILTS

A letter from Paula Nadelstern reads in part: "Lynnell Hancock and I are now in the process of writing FRIENDSHIP QUILTS: HOW TO ORGANIZE AND CREATE A GROUP PROJECT for Crown Publishers. Our book will be geared primarily for non-quilters. I've noticed that so many novice stitchers are attracted to the camaraderie and appeal of group quilts, but think they don't have the skills to make one. This book, we hope, will help set their qualms aside.

"By friendship quilt we mean any quilt designed and executed by a group of people, usually for a specific purpose such as a gift, fundraiser, children's project, community event, family occasion...etc....We are looking for a variety of contemporary (and a few antique) friendship quilts to serve as idea-makers for readers. Our aim is not to exhibit only the most dazzling designs, but to show how simple, how stunning, how workable, and ultimately how appealing friendship projects can be. (Of course, if you happen to have a dazzler, we would love to see it!)

"Please tell possible contributors to: 1) Send us the best slide of the complete quilt (and any of the quilt's details) you may have. Any size color slide/transparency is fine. 2) Make sure the owner's name and phone number are printed on all slides. 3) Enclose a brief description of the quilt that includes size, date, techniques used, and information about your group and the quilt's purpose. 4) Mark "PHOTOS: DO NOT BEND" on the outside of the envelope for safety's sake. All materials will be returned promptly..

"I'm looking forward to hearing from you. Feel free to call or write me with any and all questions."

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