

# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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Sondra F. Shapiro, Editor

NEWSLETTER

JUNE 1993

## President's Corner

I confess to sadness at leaving my post as President. It has been busy, yes, but such fun that the work was always a pleasure. Both years I felt privileged to have energetic, talented, "thinking" board members who made my job easy and who now are my friends. Together we have worked toward making NSQG meetings fun to attend, providing a variety of ways to improve our skills, and re-writing procedures and policies for smoother, more efficient committee and Board management. I feel we have accomplished our goals and I hope you, the members, have been pleased with the results. That is what really matters.

My sincere thanks to each and every Board member for your superior efforts - to the show committee and volunteers for another grand show - to every helper at general meetings - and to all the members for attending meetings with a smiling face and being happy with what you got.

I pass the gavel to Nancy Mirman, one of the most organized and talented people I know. She has a wonderful Board working with her so next year can only be GREAT! See you at the Salad Supper-Flea Market-Auction for our final fling this year. Then it's down to serious quilting this summer and looking forward to September when I can sit and enjoy the meetings.

Happy quilting,  
JOYCE SULLIVAN

## Guild Calendar

- 6/15 Salad Supper, Flea Market and Auction at SIS, Rt. 202, Somers. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will start at 6.
- 7/27 Joint meeting of outgoing and new Boards with dinner at Nancy Mirman's, 7:30 p.m. Summer newsletter deadline.

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 REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AND  
 BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG!  
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## Hospitality

On June 15th, we will have our annual Salad Supper to celebrate the end of another quilting year. Each member is asked to bring a "main-dish" salad to share. No tossed green salads please. If you have a problem transporting your salad (if you are coming straight from work) please call us and we will assign you something else.

There will no raffles.

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Dinner will be served at 6. Remember to bring your mug.

See you there.

BARBARA YERKS  
VICKI RAMELLA



## Financial Report

TREASURER'S REPORT	MAY	1993
BALANCE 3/31/93		34,994.55
GENERAL ACCOUNT 3/31/93		20,634
CASH RECEIVED		
INTEREST		33.50
RAFFLE		166.00
LANCASTER TRIP		265.00
CASH DISPERSED		
PROGRAM		498.00
NEWSLETTER		409.33
RESOURCE/ED		800.00
OFFICE EXP.		207.85
LANCASTER TRIP		343.62
INSURANCE		58.78
DONATION		500.00
BANK CHARGES		12.00
BALANCE 4/30/93		18,268.92
QUILT SHOW ACCT.-3/31/93-		14,360.55
CASH RECEIVED		
RAFFLE		1,203.00
ADMISSIONS		819.00
SHOW PINS		488.00
REGISTRAR		381.00
CASH DISPERSED		
EQUIPMENT		867.55
INVIT. QUILTS		8.27
JUDGING		642.46
ADMINSTRATION		57.53
VENDORS		12.12
QUILT REG.		223.64
FRAME STORAGE		600.00
HOSPITALITY		100.00
CASH BOXES		1,520.00
BALANCE 4/30/93		13,219.98
BALANCE 4/30/93		31,488.90

### LIBRARY NEWS

Please return all borrowed books to the library at the June meeting.

The library does not lend books during the summer months. If you will not be at the June meeting, please give Linda Love, our librarian, a call to arrange delivery of your books to her.

## Traveling Quilters

The Ski House in Vermont is just about full. If you are interested in going to the Vermont Quilt Show, July 7 to 11, please call me immediately. Deposit for your room (\$6 per bed, per person, per night) is due at the June meeting.

Mark your calendars for Friday, Aug. 13, to attend the New England Quilters Guild's "Images 4" show. The cost, \$35, will include the bus and show at the Royal Plaza Inn in Marlborough, Mass.

It was suggested at the last meeting to have a trip to Lancaster. There is a Quilt Show Oct 1-3, "Flight of Imagination" at Doneckers in Ephrata, Pa. We could visit some other towns and sights, and, of course, make a quick stop at Sauder Fabrics and maybe the Reading outlets. Please let me know if you are interested. We could make plans for the Fall.

To make reservations or for information about any of the trips, please call Linda von Ahn, 628-5380, after 6 p.m., or send a check to me at 30 Greenfield Road, Mahopac, N.Y. 10541.

LINDA VON AHN

## Board of Directors

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## Programs

Come feast at our June SALAD SUPPER and enjoy a monumental event - the NSQG FIRST ANNUAL FLEA MARKET AND AUCTION. Here is the golden opportunity to rid your drawers, shelves and closets of all those quilt and craft supplies you no longer use. Bring all your white elephants, large or small, to trade for valuable raffle tickets to use at the auction and flea market. All of us have bought a few items that just seem to sit and take up precious space that could be filled with new and better fabric, thread, needles, hoops, books, rulers, etc.

Keep in mind that flea market items usually represent 20 to 25 percent of the original price and "One person's discards are another person's delights." (N.M.)

The guild has purchased some wonderful items in lieu of a program and raffle to add to the fun of our SHOPPING FRENZY.

Here's how you'll obtain tickets:

1. Each member will receive 5 free tickets to spend at the flea market or to use in bidding.
2. Each item donated will be worth a certain number of tickets.
3. You may purchase extra tickets - 5 for \$1 - to give you a better chance at the auction.
4. There will be a "mystery process" that will award tickets during the salad supper.

Here's how the event will be organized:

Five tables will be set up for flea market items:

1-ticket table (notions, fat quarters, quarter-yards, bag of old buttons, small templates);

5-tickets-or-less table (yard of fabric, patterns, large templates, book of postcards);

10-tickets-or-less table (8 fabric markers, embroidery hoop, special rulers);

15-tickets-or-less table (3 yards of fabric, large hoops, some books, new batting);

20-tickets-or-less table (new books, 3+ yards of fabric, rarely used items, large packets of fabric).

The sixth table - the AUCTION table - will display items, such as standing hoops, quilt frames, expensive new books, and large cutting boards with rotary cutters.

Use this last meeting of the year to get your sewing area or room into tip-top shape. Everyone has at least one item that's been sitting around too long. Here's your chance to recycle those mistakes or gotta-haves and return home with something you really will use (or recycle next year).

Any left over items will be delivered to the women's prison in Bedford Hills by Lori Vanacore.

Adrienne Yorinks  
Debi Tong Gray

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MEMBER OF THE MONTH  
MEET JOAN CRAWFORD

Some of Joan Crawford's earliest memories are of her family's embroidery, dressmaking, knitting, crocheting and crafts in North Tarrytown. Dollmaking was, and still is, a passion. Joan participated in the first Dollmaker's Magic which was part of the Houston Quilt Show.

However, it was not until Joan made a quilted pot holder and pumpkin in grade school that she was exposed to the art form in which she excels today.

Joan, curator of the Southeast Museum in Putnam County, is a teacher of beginner and intermediate quilters in the Southeast Recreation Department, the adult education programs in North Salem and Brewster and at a local Ben Franklin store. Her classes include piecing, quick-piecing and applique.

Applique and piecing happen to be the part of quilting Joan loves best. Her current inspiration usually comes from workshops, books and special occasions such as weddings, graduation and new babies. Maybe this explains why Joan has so few of her own quilts - they usually end up as gifts.

Her quilting career began in 1972 when Joan and a co-worker took a quilting class at Dutchess Community College and then a class at Carmel's adult education program. Inspired by her first quilting teacher, Joni Barkley, Joan was hooked! The first guild Joan joined was the Quilters of Hudson Highlands in Highlands Falls.

As a founding member of NSQG, Joan was part of the first organizational meetings. She feels the guild provides motivation and encouragement to all quilters, new and old. Everyone is learning - everyone is sharing.

Joan encourages new quilters by saying, "Be as precise and accurate as you can and it will come."



For the past 30 years Joan and her husband, Alvie, have lived in a charming rural house in Brewster where they raised their three children, John, Jeff and Cindy. Today her expanded family includes grandchildren Rebecca, Jason, Samantha and Caleb.

We wish Joan many hours of happiness with both her love of quilting and her passion for dollmaking - and we won't tell Alvie and the kids!

PROVI SVENSSON

ABC QUILTS

ABC QUILTS, which stands for At-risk Baby Crib Quilts, is an organization that delivers quilts to babies who have been abandoned and those affected with AIDS, fetal alcohol syndrome or drug addiction. As of February 1993, the project had delivered 95,000 quilts to facilities in 45 states, Puerto Rico, Chile, the USSR and Romania. The organization brings love and comfort to the little ones who are in such desperate need, and will continue to bring support and compassion to their families and care-givers.

Your help would be appreciated. Here are the guidelines for making crib quilts for the organization:

\* Size: approximately 36" x 36" for infants or 38" by 44" for toddlers to 6-year-olds.

\* Fabric: only cotton or cotton/polyester.

\* Finishing: check for stray pins; leave threads no longer than 1"; quilt by hand or machine or tie with embroidery floss, making double square knots every 4"; top stitch around outside 1" from edge.

\* Use permanent ink pen or embroidered patch that says ABC QUILTS and COMFORT TO YOU; print with small letters on lower corner of quilt back your first name, state and the date. Do not use magic marker.

\* To protect confidentiality, do not use the words AIDS or DRUGS on any quilt.

Any help would be appreciated.

SHARON HAGERT  
Area Coordinator

## Quilt Show Report

QUILT SHOW XIV 1993

So many wonderful, friendly folks made it happen again by sharing your time and talents to make this great show succeed again. My thanks to one and all.

A total of 3,401 people attended the show on Saturday and Sunday, including volunteers.

Kate Pearson put on a spread Friday night fit for a King. Our guild has the best cooks. We thank all who brought food and helped feed 135 hungry folks. The memory lingers on.

Liz Doyle was in charge of raffle tickets. At this time the final figures were not available. However, after expenses for the quilt and printing of the raffle tickets are deducted from the amount collected, the balance will be presented to the Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam.

A special thank you to Carolyn Koetse, who designed the Show Pin and the badges worn by committee members and quilt registrants. You will be sorely missed but not forgotten.

The judging went smoothly on April 28th, thanks to Gloria Hartley and her judges. Fifty ribbons were awarded, 34 of which were earned by NSQG members.

"Best of Show" was awarded to Alice Garrard, a guild member, for her beautiful piece, "Bright Stars Over the Bering." This talented and lucky lady also won the Bernina sewing machine.

Barbara Broshous' "Baltimore Garden" applique quilt was voted "Viewers Choice" at the show. Barbara is an NSQG member.

The Quilt A'Bout bag, donated by The Country Quilter, was won by Jean Paterson of Connecticut.

Jane Cross of Maryland took home the Raffle Quilt, and K. Aljian of New Jersey won the Inlaid Box, donated by Windblown Square.



Ann Fitzell did a superb job on the Invitational Quilts. A great deal of thought and effort goes into finding exceptional quilts for us to enjoy. Thank you, Ann.

Mary Leahy and Susie Lawrence selected 20 winners from the 30 entries in the Quilt Block Contest. The choice of setting strips and borders were fantastic. Good job; well done.

Our thanks to Bill Kegan and his crew of parking attendants for a job well done.

My thanks to Bill Thorn and his tireless effort to keep our quilt frames in order. No, Bill, I won't forget the ladders.

Carolyn Koetse, my thanks to you for all your help in bailing me out of the newsletter deadline. I hope Sondra will be as kind. Best of luck in your new home. Out of sight but not out of mind.

Pat Rowan, thanks for keeping us in order at all of the Quilt Show meetings. You did a great job, even when there was so much happening that it was difficult to follow.

For all the many, many people that I haven't mentioned, and there are so very many, THANK YOU!

I'll be back as Chairman of the WORLD OF QUILTS XV. Please join us. It is a wonderful experience.

Best wishes for a healthy, happy and relaxing summer.

BARBARA LERCH

### HELP WANTED

We want you to help name this newsletter. Put on your thinking caps and come up with something snazzy, elegant or a pun that will make us groan. Drop your suggestions in the box I'll leave at the membership table at the June meeting, or else call me with it. The winner will be chosen at the July 27 Board meeting and make its debut in the summer newsletter.

SONDRA SHAPIRO  
277-4292

## Coming Events

5/30 - 6/20: Third Annual Quilt Exhibit at Long Beach Island Art Studios & Gallery in N.J. Call Jane Law, (609) 494-4232.

6/5 & 6: Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show VI, Falcon Hall, Dutchess Comm. College, 53 Pendell Road, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. Hours 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Send LSASE with 52 cents to: Dutchess Heritage Quilters, Box 3024, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. 12603, or call (914) 635-8889 or 877-3345.

6/19 & 20: Brownstone Quilt Fair, St. Joseph Regional High School, Chestnut Ridge Road, Montvale, N.J. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Send LSASE to Brownstone Quilters Guild Inc., Box 161, Carlstadt, N.J. 07072.

6/28-7/2: Quilt Inn at Marie's Dream House, Westkill, N.Y., with Annamarie Tucker. Costs \$250 for meals, lodging and classes: Storm at Sea and Mini Mariner's Compass. Call Annamarie, (518) 287-1368.

7/17 - 20: Adirondack/North Country Quilt Camp. LSASE to Paul Smith's College, Box 265, Paul Smiths, N.Y. 12970-0265.

7/24 & 25: The Calico Geese Quilters and Sullivan Community College are co-sponsors of a Quilt Show at Sullivan Community College: Judged show, block contest, etc. SASE to Deborah Persoon, Quilt Show, Box 258, Summitville, N.Y. 12781.

8/14 & 15: Champlain Valley Quilters' Guild of New York's Fourth Quilt Show and Sale, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Clinton Community College, Route 9S, Plattsburgh, N.Y. For info: Nancy Gordon, Box 180, Port Kent, N.Y. 12975.

9/26-29: Quilting-in-the-Valley IV features quilting seminars at Warwick Conference Center. \$295 for entire seminar. SASE to Quilting-in-the-Valley, 29 Jones Road, Warwick, N.Y. 10990.

## THANK YOU - THANK YOU

I want to thank all the members that have helped me with membership, and a special thank you to Cathy Izzo and Barbara Broshous. It was a pleasure serving as Membership Vice President and meeting and greeting everyone.

BERNICE STRAUBER

I would like to thank NSQG for allowing me to serve you as Vice President of Programs for the past 2 years. I have learned so much and am so grateful for this rich and rewarding experience. I relish the wonderful friendships I have made at NSQG. Thank you.

ADRIENNE YORINKS

"It was the best of times. It was the worst of times." Wait a minute! It was a year of worrying about whether or not all of the equipment needed was in place for the meeting, wondering whether or not our choice of raffle items was exciting, nervously addressing "packed houses," and caring for the needs of our various speakers. Am I masochistic or was that fun? I can now admit that at times I wondered, but.... Yes, I did have a GREAT time working with Adrienne, the Board and you, the guild, in creating what was for me a most memorable year. Thank you all for making this possible.

DEBI TONG GRAY

## DID YOU KNOW.....

May's meeting hosted 147 members and 1 guest.

Approximately 100 books are checked out of the NSQG library each month.

NSQG spouses Bob Lerch and Bruce Hartley traveled a combined total of 68 miles installing the pink quilt show signs. Thanks guys!

Lauran Tyler and Adrienne Yorinks will exhibit their art in the 2nd annual "Collage of Quilts." Their works, from classic to contemporary, can be seen from 6/26 to 7/21 at the North Salem Winery on Hardscrabble Road. Also included will be antique quilts, 1860-1940, from their collections. For times, call 669-5518.

**MAKING WAVES**

Here are suggestions culled from Judith Reilly's delightful presentation last month on how to add whimsy to our quilts and our lives. She encouraged us to break free from the traditional, comfortable and predictable way we may be approaching our artform.

Cherish your own ideas and give yourself permission to DECLARE YOUR INDEPENDENCE from the expected. Find a rebellious spirit within yourself and stretch one thought at a time. Look for the unpredictable, turn things off center and go for the asymmetrical. Take the traditional and make it fun for yourself. Look for inspiration in all you see, including photographs and cartoons.

Here's how: approach life with a joy-filled sense of confidence; find inspiration in all around you; employ a unique innervation; set your imagination free; and do it with determination.

In other words (mine): LET YOURSELF GO. Don't be a slave to tradition, your old art teacher or quilt show judges. Be yourself. Use crazy colors. Applique purple leaves on a yellow sky, if that's what you like. Change a Bear's Paw block until it's not recognizable to anyone but you. Make a statement. Be unique.

As for me, my goal is to come up with an untraditional use of the hundreds of cut out but unpieced flying geese that I've been feeling guilty about the past 5 years. Somehow, the image of a staple gun keep flashing through my head.

I may even go so far as to break with NSQG tradition and change the newsletter format. Who knows what

I'll do next?  
SONDRA

SHAPIRO



**NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS - 1993/94**

The following NSQG officers were elected at the May meeting:

President:	Nancy Mirman
1st VP-Programs	Nancy Murphy
2nd VP-Membership	Millie Clinton
3rd VP-Quilt Show	Barbara Lerch
Treasurer	Fran Schleif
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A thank you goes out to nominating committee members - Linda von Ahn, Joyce Sullivan and Sharon Wren - for their hard work in putting together such a terrific team.

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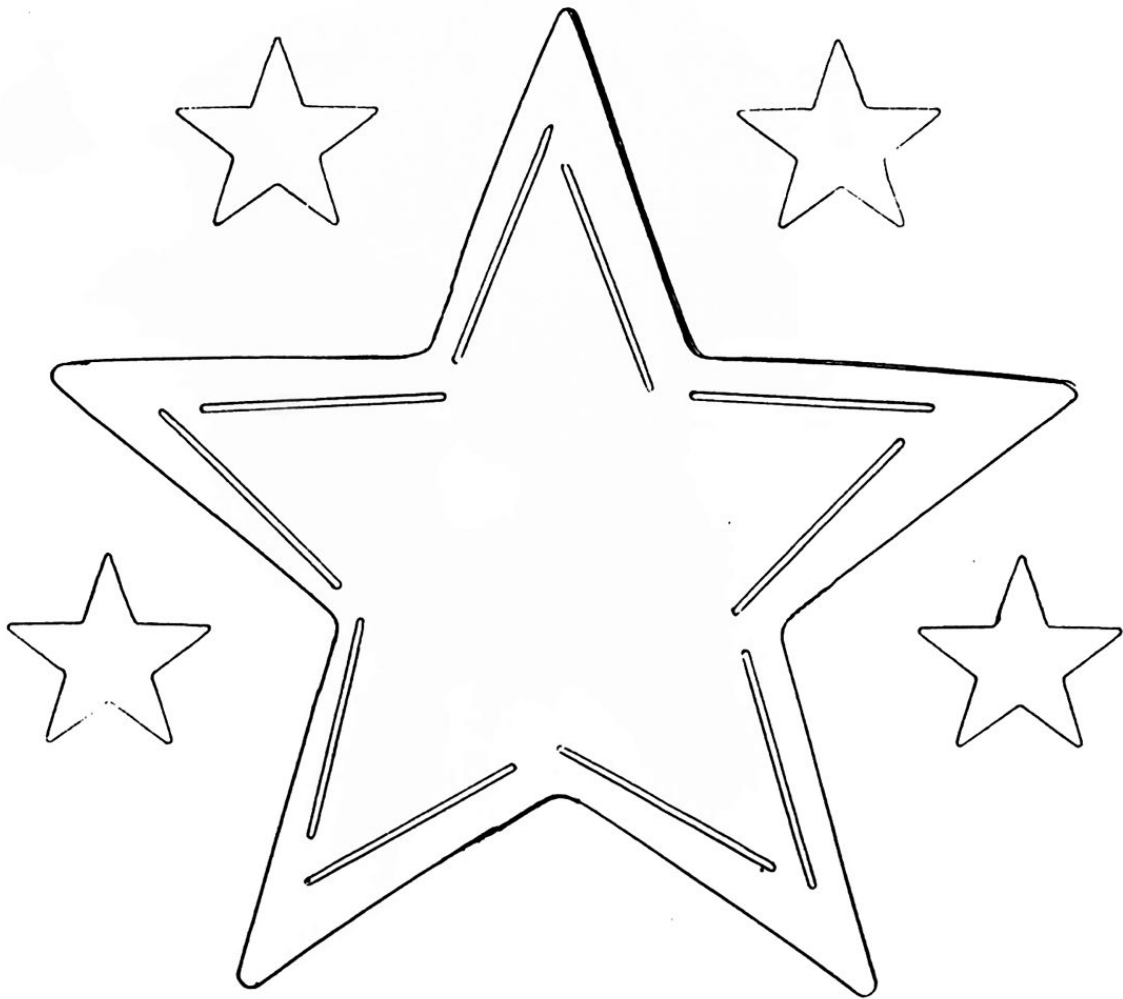
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**SECRET QUILTING PALS-  
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The time has come for all Secret Pals to reveal their true identities to their year-long pals. The Resource and Education Bulletin Board will be set up at the June Salad Supper for this purpose. Please bring a card to the June meeting addressed to your secret pal and signed with your real name. Pin it up on the bulletin board and then find the card addressed to you! If you won't be able to attend the meeting, please give your card to a friend to pin up for you so that your pal will not be disappointed.



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===== JUNE 15: SALAD SUPPER =====

===== FLEA MARKET & AUCTION =====

===== DOORS OPEN AT 5: 30 =====

===== DINNER AT 6 P.M. =====