

On Point!

June, 1998
Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

The Newsletter of the Northern Star Quilters' Guild
Somers, New York

You are cordially invited to attend NSQG's

Mardi Gras!

June 16, 1998

7:30 p.m.

at John F. Kennedy High School

Admission is free!

See page 6 inside for details!



President's Message

Thanks to all of you who came forward at the May meeting and volunteered to fill many of the guild jobs for next year. You were a ray of sunshine after a rather frustrating "volunteerism dry spell". Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.

There are still a few jobs left for next year:

Newsletter Editor.

We have an assistant to do the folding, stamping and mailing, but we still need someone to prepare the newsletter and take it to the printer each month.

Programs Equipment.

We have one volunteer, but we still need one more person to oversee the projector and help set up quilt frames before each the monthly meetings. This is a shared position, so it only involves being "on duty" for four meetings!

Raffle Table Helpers.

We need a couple of people to help out the Raffle coordinator at the monthly meetings.

While we're on the topic of "volunteerism", the Board has adopted the following new policy at its last formal meeting. Please take this policy to heart — there are many ways to help out, and helping out can be either as simple and quick or as involved as you are willing to be.

NSQG Members' Responsibilities

Northern Star Quilters' Guild provides its members with inspiration, friendship and education through speakers, workshops, and other activities. Recognizing that many volunteer hours go into planning and manning our monthly meetings, extra programs and annual quilt show, members of the Guild are expected to contribute as follows:

A) to participate and share in guild tasks by either serving on a committee or holding a position on the board, or assisting those who do in some way

B) to work a minimum of two (2) hours at the annual quilt show; and

3) to quote our By-Laws (Article III, section 2), "... be active in some phase of the art of quilting, or genuinely interested in the development and preservation of this art."

I'm really looking forward to our June Mardi Gras meeting — it's sure to be an evening filled with fun! Remember to bring your spirit of chance and adventure, and get ready to celebrate another terrific Guild year!! Many thanks to Adrienne Yorinks for all of her hard work planning and preparing this gala event, and to all of the other members of the Board for their assistance and support. There will be no regular Show and Tell at this meeting — instead, we will have a parade by the extremely prolific Comfort Quilters! See you at Mardi Gras!

Lauran Fowks
President, NSQG

On Point!

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild newsletter is published monthly, except for a combined "summer" July/August issue. Subscription to the newsletter is included in the annual \$35 membership fee.

Articles must be submitted to the newsletter editor one week after the general meeting, and may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax.

**Remember,
we will
not
be starting our
meeting early
this June!
Doors open
for
MARDI GRAS
at
7:00 PM.
Business meeting
starts at
7:30 PM.**

NSQG CALENDAR

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| June 16 | Guild Mtng, or..Mardi Gras!!
7:00 pm at JFK |
| June 18 | Comfort Quilts |

*Have a happy
and safe
summer!*

Programs Note

While the June meeting signals the end of the guild year, it also underscores the importance of our participation in programs and the rewards this can bring. Because of the efforts of the Program committee (both last year's and this year's) some wonderful speakers have come to teach and inspire us. The efforts of the outgoing committee will continue to be evidenced for several months into the new year, and the newly elected VP of Programs will be busy from the start planning the programs to follow after that. Keeping you up to date with the latest in quilting is a big job — it requires many helping hands. It also requires your input. It's *your* guild, and those who serve you want to know what you want! One way to be an active participant is to share this information. Send a note, an e-mail, a postcard or place a call.

Each speaker who visits us needs a home, and we need you to share yours. It's great fun, and very gratifying — and again, you become an active participant.

Others may wish to host a dinner for one of our guests whose stay is more than one day. Gather your quilting buddies. Make up a covered dish supper. You'll have a ball!

We always need members for airport trips. How many opportunities do we get to have a famous quilter all to ourselves for an hour or more?

The setup period prior to the meeting takes some effort and extra help is always appreciated. Just ask!

These are some of the ways each of us can help, without becoming burdened with a full-

time commitment. Think it over, and become a volunteer.

Another guild year has whisked by, and all of us who have heard our speakers at guild meetings and attended workshops have certainly come away all the richer. Our speakers have opened our eyes to new skills, stretched our imaginations, and introduced us to new areas of quilting. As always, we've been inspired with their work and accomplishments. Adrienne and I are grateful to an awful lot of people this year, but especially the following, who have taken an active role in making this a successful "program" year:

to *Lauren Fowks* for her wise leadership and inspired ideas;

to *Meg Mooar* for her support and sponsorship for so many delightful workshops;

to *Barbara Powers*, who made us eager to part with our money at the raffle table with her always tantalizing array of choices, and to her helpers, *Janice Nastasi*, *Joan Doggett*, and *Joan Weth*;

to *Elizabeth Rosenberg*, not just for her editing prowess and originality, but also for her ready willingness to go the extra mile and help out when emergencies arise;

to *Carol Totillo*, who reminded us of our need to produce receipts;

to our Hospitality team, *Corrine Moschella* and *Kathy Miller*, for bringing all that "flavor" to our meetings, especially real coffee;

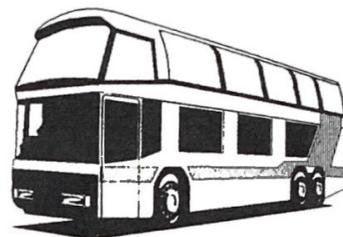
to our volunteer hostesses who gave their time and opened their home to our grateful speakers;

to *Kevin Ryan*, our AV helper, who kept us all calm knowing that everything was going to work; and, of course,

to *Sister Barbara*, who can fill anyone's shoes at any time and is always on the job in case she needs to be!

It has been a pleasure to work with all of you, and all the other members of the Board for the benefit of the guild.

Marie Pedlow
NSQG Co-VP, Programs



On The Road Again

The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza on September 19 to Fort Washington, PA! We will depart from either JFK High School or Trollheimen at 7:00 AM and return around 9:30 or 10:00 pm. The cost is \$50 if we have a full bus.

This is a WONDERFUL show! Please mail your check made out to NSQG no later than August 15 to *Dorothy Fiederlein*, 4 North Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Call me to reserve EARLY @ 914-628-4241 or 914-766-3407 (days). Thank you!

Dorothy Fiederlein
Special Events

P.S. HOLD November 7 for the WESTFORD, MA quilt show and April 9 & 10, 1999 for LANCASTER, PA — Hope you all have a safe and wonderful summer!

Hospitality

Thank you all from A-Z! We are once again coming to the close of another Guild year. Now on to the big event — June Mardi Gras!



Please, everyone is to bring a dish! Below is the key information to follow:

- 1) Read/reread May's "Hospitality" article for food details/suggestions.
- 2) Label your dish in a manner that will be visible as people are helping themselves. Use your name, and the name of your dish!
- 3) Napkins and small paper plates will be provided by the guild.
- 4) Finger foods are best. If your offering requires it, please provide toothpicks, knives for spreading, tongs for lifting... etc.!!
- 5) Eating will commence AFTER the business meeting.
- 6) We DON'T do dishes!!

We look forward to this Mardi Gras event, and hope you can all come!

Corinne Moschella
Kathy Miller
Hospitality Chairpeople

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Comfort Quilts

We will meet every Thursday in July, and then take off the month of August. Any NSQG member is welcome to come for an hour or the entire time.

We meet at the Katonah Presbyterian Church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. You can cut, sew, layer or just look us over and decide whether you'd like to come again.

Pat Baker
Comfort Quilts Coordinator

Education

A special thanks to Karen Eckmeier for her diligent work as Workshop Registrar. She made my job easier by facilitating supply lists and registration. Linda Von Ahn has graciously volunteered to help with this task next year. Dates and descriptions of this fall's offerings will be in the summer newsletter.

Carol Alt will again organize Super Saturday in March. We still need someone to chair October's Super Saturday. This has traditionally been called "Ornament Saturday". If you have a sewing related ornament idea to share, please call!

Many members seek out quilt shops while traveling in summer. We are planning a "Novelty Print" fabric exchange this next quilt year. Pick up fat quarters of novelty prints if you wish to participate (i.e., cotton fabrics with images of pets, people, vegetables, etc...) Samples of how to use these fabrics, along with directions, will be given at the September meeting.

... And Mardi Gras!

Please donate "gently used" quilting items to our flea market. The proceeds will be used to replace the irons we use during workshops. Bring fabrics, books and notions to the June meeting. Also, if you're dividing your perennials, how about packing some for the plant table? Make sure roots are moist and wrapped in plastic. We don't want a mess, so please package the plants carefully. Of course, include the plant's name and cultivating instructions!

Meg Mooar
Education Chairman

Quilt Show Report

A World of Quilts XIX is not over yet! The last order of "show" business is to present the Hospice of Orange with a check for \$5,876.00. As is customary, we'll hold a formal presentation at our June meeting.

While all the figures are not in yet, it looks like the show has made between \$7,500 and \$8,000 for our guild.

We are already looking forward to our next show. For our twentieth anniversary, we will be planning several special events. Be sure to read Joanne Finnigan's article about our planned Silent Auction (see page 9). In case you've never heard of a Silent Auction, it works like this: for each quilt to be auctioned, there is a bidding sheet which lists a minimum amount for the first bid and a minimum amount that one can raise that bid. Bidding will stop at an announced time and whoever has written down the highest bid is the winner.

We'll keep you posted about the other exciting events planned for our gala anniversary!

Nancy Mirman
Quilt Show Chairman



Membership

One hundred and thirty-eight members signed in at the May meeting with four guests and one new member. Let's welcome our new member, and add her to your membership list:

Kathryn Nazario
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Please note the following change!

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The June meeting is coming up which means the end of another fantastic year as a member of this great guild of ours. I've enjoyed serving you all as the VP of membership and look forward to another entertaining, educational and exciting year of serving you all again.

My thanks to Pat Rowan, who turned over a very well organized list of members which made my job easier. Now that I know my job, this year should go very easy. My job was especially made easier by Elizabeth Rosenberg, our NSQG **On Point!** editor. Not only do I want to thank her for helping make my job easier, I want to thank her for performing her job with such professionalism!

I also want to thank those that helped me in September and October with the crowds of returning members all entering at the same time: Cathy Neri, Diane Pleines, Judith Rosenberg, Liz Doyle, Simone Montegut, Pauline Joseph and Joan Weth.

Cathy Neri deserves special thanks for volunteering to greet, sit with, and explain to new members the workings of the guild. Cathy, "thank you."

My most sincerest thanks goes to Pauline Joseph and Joan Weth who sat next to me at the membership table, meeting after meeting, helping and assisting our members with their knowledge and resourcefulness. They truly were my "right hand" friends. They even kept the membership table running smoothly while I vacationed. In their capable hands, I knew all would run efficiently, and it did.

I would also like to thank all my fellow Board Members for their cooperation and friendship. We all worked together in purpose and friendship, to make our guild one in which we can all be proud. And I, for one, am very proud of our guild.

Just one other notice. I will be accepting checks (no cash) at the June meeting for next year's dues. The checks will not be deposited until July. Please make the checks out ahead of time to NSQG for \$35.00. Or if you prefer, you may send the checks to me over the summer at P.O. Box 500, Mahopac, NY, 10541. It sure makes my job easier if the checks come in starting now and throughout the summer. It also saves you from having to stand in long lines in September!

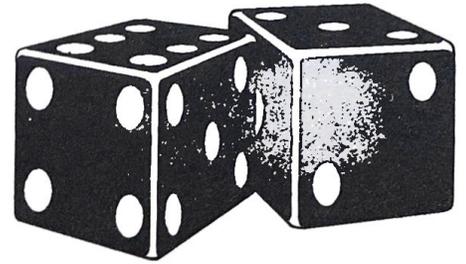
See you all at the June meeting. It should be an exciting time for all; with lots of goodies to eat, too.

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The June Meeting . . . Mardi Gras!



Instead of our usual June end-of-year Salad Supper, we thought we'd "spice up" our June meeting by turning it into a "Carnival" — we'll be offering games, finger food, a flea market, a book sale and lots of fun, fun, fun... it's gonna be a PARTY!!!



For those of you who just have to KNOW — here's a detailed run down of what we're planning!

Food...

Please see the Hospitality article on page 4 of this newsletter for information about what kind of food you should bring.

Corinne and Kathy have spelled it all out for you, and we're expecting some decidedly delicious and GREAT munchies!!

What to Bring...

You will need tickets to play the games we'll be offering — So, we'll give you ten tickets — FREE — at the door when you enter. If you bring a fat quarter of fabric with you, you'll receive an additional ten tickets for each fat quarter!

If you want to purchase more tickets, you can buy five for \$1.00 — So please come prepared, and bring some extra singles, or some extra fat quarters with you. Then, you can play all night long! Remember to bring extra cash for the flea market and book sale, too!

And don't forget to bring items to donate to our flea market!

The Games...

There will be nine opportunities to play! All the games will be quilt-related. We've been working all year developing these games for this special meeting, and we hope you enjoy them!

1. Martha Stewart Ring Toss
2. Quilters 21
3. Lone Star Dart Board
4. Sunbonnet Sue Shooting Gallery
5. Hole in the Barn Door Bag Toss
6. Color Wheel Roulette
7. Quilters Gallery Concentration
8. Quilto (Bingo for Quilters)
9. Electric Quilt Demo Table

Flea Market...

Please see Meg Moor's article on page 4 of this newsletter. Remember that we are asking for your donation of "gently" used articles. The Flea Market activity will be run separately from the games — in other words, the proceeds from the flea market will benefit Education, to be used for new workshop equipment.

Meg will also have a "plant" table — see page 4 for details!

Sit and Sew...

We've set up a special area where you can hang out and sew, if you please! The blocks made that evening will be donated to a charitable cause.

Book Sale...

Linda Love, our hardworking librarian, has organized a sale of some of the extra books from our library as well as some great magazines that have generously been donated. Here's a great opportunity to expand your personal quilting library! All the proceeds will benefit the NSQG library. Magazines will be priced at 10 cents and book prices will vary from 50 cents up. Come prepared with cash or checks to make your purchases.

Prizes...

When we've all had as much fun as we can stand, it'll be time to hand out the prizes! There will be three tiers of prizes (just like at a carnival!!) The top prizes will go to the members holding the most tickets, etc., etc.... But we're sure to see lots of happy members, since we've got SO many prizes!

From the Editor



I've been doing a lot of thinking over the past few weeks about what I wanted to say in this column — after all, this is my final opportunity to use this forum to say what's on my mind.

It's been great fun serving as editor of **On Point!** I've had such a ball doing this that I almost (notice I said *almost!*) wish it wasn't ending! One of the best perks of this job was always being the first member to hear about the guild "scoops"! This is such a perfect job for a busybody at heart — not that I'm admitting any such thing about myself, mind you!

I've really enjoyed the opportunity to use my computer for something creative — the newsletter's given me the chance to experiment with graphics and fonts I'd never be able to use for my husband's boring legal work (I love you, honey!). And, I'm grateful for the learning experience — if I ever do another newsletter (not that I'm in a hurry to do so any time soon!) I'll know so much about design and set-up, and I have NSQG to thank!

Of course, there have been some trying moments in the past two years. For instance, I've experienced an overwhelming desire to cheerfully strangle the

next board member who's said, "Oh, you mean the article deadline was *today?*" And then there was the occasional member who phoned at 7 AM on a weekend with a question about the next meeting. She never fails to say those immortal words, "I didn't wake you, did I?"

But seriously, working with the board has been great. Along with the tremendously hardworking members of the board, there are lots and lots of behind-the-scenes people that I need to thank:

The Hart Quilters mailed the newsletter for many, many months.

Lauren Fowks never tired of hearing me say I couldn't make it to a board meeting ... and I forgive her for being surprised when I *did* show up!

Carol Totilo bore my mathematical inaptitude with great stoicism. She has exhibited the patience of at least two saints. Thank you, Carol!

My sons, *Jordan* and *Andrew*, did a fabulous job of mailing the newsletters for the past few months. I'll bet very few members noticed that some of their mailing labels were affixed upside-down!

A whole army of proofers have made **On Point!** legible over the last two years. Among them are: *Nancy Murphy, Alice Garrard, Barbara Lerch, Fred Rosenberg, Nancy Mirman, Claire Oehler, Jane Davila* and *Linda Oehler-Marx*. Thanks to all of them for agreeing to proof the newsletter "just one more time, please!"

Harriet Bertsche and *Terry Mellilo* made the newsletter much more interesting with their well-written contributions.

Sondra Shapiro always had an encouraging word when it was needed most — She and *Alice*

Garrard, two totally terrific editors, served as great inspirations for me. I much admired their professionalism.

Pat Baker, who has finally been unmasked as the always timely tipster, "*Anonymous*", contributed mightily with her "*Ravelings*" column. I'm glad to call this very sensible lady my friend.

Nancy Hantman has sent me numerous e-mail contributions. I don't know how she finds out about all those great shows and events, but I'm glad she does!

Pat Rowan was always ready with a cup of tea and sympathy when necessary. Thank you.

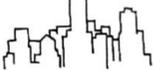
During my term as editor, I've tried to keep the newsletter light, cheerful and positive — always focusing on the good news and fun times the guild has to offer. I've tried to avoid letting the newsletter become bogged down by reports of "negativism" —

After all, when all is said and done, it's my belief that each and every one of us joined this guild (and many of us work very hard to keep it going) for one, very simple reason: To have fun sharing our chosen passion. There are certainly enough problems, disasters, and illnesses in this world that touch our "real" lives — I feel very strongly that we don't need to bring any of those things into our guild. This should not be a place that we bring our personal problems. It's a place to share our happiness, our triumphs and our laughter.

I hope you've all enjoyed reading your **On Point!** — my best wishes to the next editor. It's been grand!

Elizabeth Rosenberg
Newsletter Editor

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Attention!!!

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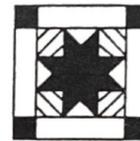
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