

# Northern Star Quilters' Guild

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PAT DAVIS, EDITOR

MARCH, 1984

## FROM OUR PRESIDENT...

So it rained...nothing new about that. But add fog...that's new! Even that didn't deter 100 NSQG quilters. Dinah provided a real party setting for our Valentine's Day meeting. Thanks to Alice and our speaker, Maria Beldon, it was another great program. I'll even add a tidbit of history to Maria's delightful and informative lecture... the ladies of early Vermont enjoyed teas. However, the hostess rarely had more than a few cups for everyday use by the family. So each guest brought her own cup and saucer (as well as her handwork) to the tea. How were these precious cups and saucers transported? In little quilted bags, of course!

Due to some anxious quilters, we did opt to hold Show and Tell till the March meeting. Our apologies to those who rushed to get things ready for the February meeting. I hope you will return with them in March. Don't forget the aprons are for Show and Tell too.

I heard rumor that the Star quilt is finished! Gold stars to all those responsible for that happening. If the old saying, "A good quilt takes time", is true, then this should be a VERY good quilt.

As the Guild grows in numbers, it becomes increasingly difficult to know everyone. At the same time, it becomes easier to "do nothing". Both are unfortunate consequences. The more members each of us knows, the more we ourselves, as well as the Guild, will benefit. This requires personal responsibility of each of us to attend meetings and workshops (there's always

something new to learn about our craft) volunteer for the Quilt Show, sell raffle tickets, make things for the Boutique (you can make money too), make an apron for yourself (maybe even extras), and be good, positive representatives of the Guild. Being an early bird on meeting nights might be a good idea. There are people here by 7 or shortly thereafter. Dinah's refreshments are ready before 7:30. Avoid the 7:45 crunch at the door! Beat the crowd! Come early! Meet someone new!

Diane Durr, Jan Lotz, and Alice Dokken have spent hours getting all the new name tag buttons ready. These will be big help with making new friends and remembering names. Thank you Diane, Jan, and Alice!

So to all of you I hope to greet (by name) and those I hope to meet at the March meeting and to all the others who cannot attend...Keep on Quilting... for the Show!

Ginny Watson, President

## NOTICE:



The March meeting of the Northern Star Quilters Guild will be held on March 20, same time, same place. Please join us for refreshments and a lot of enjoyable moments. Lets see if we can break 150 in our attendance. Come on, meet me there!!

Pat Davis, Newsletter Editor

PROGRAM....

I had many nice comments on the Nov. meeting where we heard Patsy Orlofsky from the Textile Conservation Workshop in South Salem. After the meeting, several people said that there was not enough time to ask some questions that many of you seemed to have. I talked to Ms. Orlofsky and asked those questions for you. Hope I have covered most of them.

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She could not give a price because we would certainly not be buying in the amounts that they must have for their business.

On the question about her book, "Quilts in America", she was sorry to report that the ability to reproduce and re-issue this work was destroyed by accident at the publishers. At this point in time, there is no way it can be republished with all the color prints the way it was earlier. People are always advertising in the "Quilter's Newsletter" looking for a copy. I have never seen one, but it is suppose to be a great book. Maybe if someone of you has it, you would at least bring it to a meeting and let us look at it. (I would not blame you for holding it the whole time you were sharing it).

There were several related questions about how we should care for, store, and handle our quilts (heirlooms of the future) that we are making right now. Rather than go into a lot of detail on the phone, she said that she has written an article on just that subject for the next issue of the Quilt Digest that will be out this Spring sometime. Look for it or order it from T. Reilly like some of us did this fall. Nice book with many informative articles and great pictures in it.

Our March meeting will be on Tues. the 20th. We will be having a visit from Helen Kelley from Minneapolis. She has been a quiltmaker for much of her life. In 1972, a photo article in the Minneapolis Sun Tribune featuring her eldest daughter's wedding quilt introduced her work to the public. She has, since that time, been actively teaching and lecturing throughout the U.S.

Mrs. Kelley is considered an artist in the creative way she executes a quilt. A knowledge and sense of materials has gained her the admiration of her contemporaries. Her quilts have brought prizes and recognition at shows through the country. The "Mother Goose" quilt which she made for her granddaughter, has been the subject of articles in several magazines. She spends a great deal of time researching quilts and fabrics, and has made an in-depth study of quilt history. Because of her keen interest in traditional methods, each quilt she creates is an exploration of a "new" technique.

Mrs. Kelley conducts classes in her Minneapolis studio and markets many of her original designs. Her by-line appears frequently in quilting and craft publications. She was the organizing president of the Minnesota Quilters.

Her topic for our meeting next month will be "Where In The World Did That Come From?". A slide presentation of patchwork and quilting from around the world. Included is a display of international work.

On the morning of the 20th of March, she will also conduct a workshop for our members at the Lutheran Church in Mt. Kisco. That workshop will be for three hours and entitled, "How to Successfully Stray from the Straight and Narrow or the Drunkard's Path and Other Curvy Edges". This is a workshop where there is a variety of difficulties presented. She uses old pieced patterns that require curved edges to complete their effect but will help you select something that

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will be to your level. So here is something for everyone. Check Terry Reilly's news about workshops for all details and how to sign up for this. (Mrs. Kelley will conduct a workshop at the Highland Needlecraft shop on Sunday afternoon, Mar. 18. The title of that workshop will be "The Shape of Things to Come", an opportunity for practical experience in successful applique.)

APRIL 10 - Demonstrations on Tools, Materials and Skills for Quilters.

This will be a program put on by our members. I will be gathering people to demonstrate or talk about some very basic materials and some new things just out that quilters can use to make their creating more accurate, professional and more fun to do. There will be some repeats of items that were a part of last years program that was similar, but having listened to some of the questions and seen some of the wonder at what I thought everyone already knew - we will be including some of these things. Even if you think you have seen everything - I hope that we can help you look at another way of doing something, or a new tool or pattern will catch your interest. Last year, the biggest complaint was that there was not enough time to really get to everything. We will have a "menu" for you when you come into the meeting so that you can decide what items in our "Smorgasbord" you would like to sample this year.

MAY 15 - Sandi Bard - Lecture, Pictures, and the "Vests for Every Season" right there for us to see up close. She does beautiful applique and we hope to learn more about her techniques of layering applique. We will also be offering a workshop with Sandi while she is here. More details later.

JUNE 19 - We will wind up the year with our Salad Supper and Mini-Show. (That is what we hope our show and tell that night will be.) Try to finish up something to share with all of us. If

it is not finished - show it anyhow. There go all your excuses. There is so much inspiration coming your way in all these meetings, we hope that everyone will have something at least started. So bring it, it may be just the inspiration someone else needs to get them started.

Alice Dokken, Chairman



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WORKSHOPS:

NAME: Checkerboard - A Quilted and Tied Gameboard  
 TEACHER: Diane Durr  
 CLASS LIMIT: 6  
 DATE: Thursday, March 22, 1984  
 TIME: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm  
 SUPPLIES: Sewing machine, sewing box of basic supplies, fabric, quilting thread, and needle, and lunch. (Olfa cutter and board is helpful but not necessary.)

FEE: \$10  
 SEND CHECK TO: Diane Durr  
 Jaycox Road  
 Cold Spring, NY 10516

A specific list of supplies will be sent upon receiving your check.

DESCRIPTION: This class involves many techniques used in quilting: quick piecing, use of a rotary cutter, tying a quilt, layering, quilting, binding, a quilt, and matching up seams. It is a quick project that lets you use all the basics of quilting. A quilter at any level could enjoy making this project.

Resource Directory

We will be revising and updating our resource directory. Please let me know about new books you have - your opinion of them and their special features. If you teach, please let me know where and what you teach. If you have found a shop close to home or from trips, etc. let me have their name, address, and type of merchandise featured. If they have mail order, so note.

Please give me this information at the next meeting.

THANKS!!

Our thanks to the following gals who supplied the refreshments for the Feb. meeting:

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## THE QUILT

Within my cedar chest abides  
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 of pieces worked by loving hands  
 that are forever stilled.

And many years ago when I  
 was just a little child,  
 I lay upon that brilliant cloth  
 and saw my world, and smiled.

And not so many years ago,  
 my daughter, newly born,  
 was wrapped within it, comforted,  
 upon her first bright morn.

My quilt is saved quite gently now.  
 the patchwork wearing thin,  
 but love and warmth are folded there  
 to wrap a grandchild in.

-by Virginia C. Boswell

FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN...

With May just around the corner, our thoughts begin to dwell on our annual quilt show. We all anxiously await those two days when we can immerse ourselves wholly into the passion of our lives - quilting. We get to enjoy all those lectures, see all those stunning quilts, buy whatever supplies we need (or just got to have!), and spend some time with some of the friendliest people in the world - quilters. What better way to join in the fun and the sharing than by helping out at the show. The Guild's membership table needs at least two people available each hour. The table will be in the gym with all those lovely quilts. What better company is there for an hour? And you can pass on some of the Guild's enthusiasm and knowledge by answering questions visitors may have about the Guild or how to join the Guild. Pamphlets and newsletters will be on hand to help you answer any questions. The membership table needs YOU. Can you volunteer by yourself or with a friend for just one hour? Please consider helping out. It is a wonderful opportunity to get involved. If you can, please give your name to Kay Thorn and specify you'd like to work at the membership table.

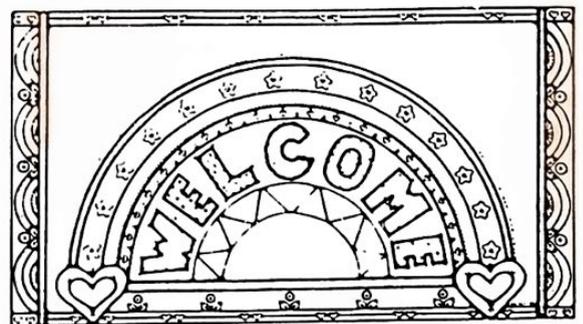
Attendance at our February meeting was 111. We had 107 members and 4 guests. For the middle of winter and being Valentine's Day, that was an impressive number. It goes to show you where a quilter's heart is on Valentine's Day!!

As of February 1st, membership dues are \$7.50 for the remaining half of the year which ends August 31st. Yearly dues will again be collected starting September 1, 1984 for anyone wishing to join again. Guest fee is still \$2 which is quite a small amount to pay for coffee, cake, and an evening's program. You can't go to the movies, get a babysitter, or even sit in a restaurant all that time as inexpensively as that. So please remember anyone who is not a member must pay a guest fee. Most guests have been cooperative with our policy, and I am truly grateful for this.

Membership is now 198! Two more and we top 200 members. Who would ever believe five years ago, the growth the Northern Star Quilters' Guild would achieve!

The Guild would like to welcome its newest members:

- 277-3478 Ginny Callahan  
Rt. 1, West Shore Dr.  
Carmel, NY 10512
- 969-4224 Peg Eaton  
100 Hoover Rd.  
Yonkers, NY 10710
- 241-2648 Jean McAward  
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43-14 219 St.  
Bayside, NY 11361



FROM OUR QUILT SHOW CHAIRMAN...

Everything is proceeding on schedule and the quilts are being quilted, the raffle tickets are in hand, the quilt block contest deadline is almost upon us, the lecturers and vendors are all ready and waiting, the quilts are being registered, aprons are being made, and the fashion show is starting to come together.

This month, I would like to see more of you signing up to be involved in the parking effort, the boutique area, and the fashion show. There is still room for YOU to participate.

Connie Iurato has the Boutique inventory sheets available and will have them at the March meeting. It is important to get your inventory sheets and let Connie know of your interest. You can call her at 271-5961.

Larry Black is waiting to hear from you, concerning parking. Please make him happy and call him (271-8846). This is an essential need for the show!

Jean Jackson (628-6044) is still eagerly looking for clothing for the fashion show. It's starting to shape up very nicely.

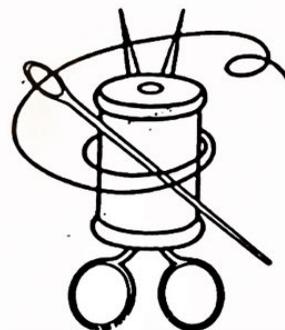
And Carol Hallenbeck will be looking for help with the pot luck supper at this month's meeting. Everyone who is working on set-up on Friday evening, May 4, including arriving lecturers and vendors will share in this popular pastime-- EATING. , If you aren't able to physically help set up, perhaps you could help Carol with food preparation.

Raffle tickets are available and will be distributed at the March meeting. If you are not able to attend this meeting, please contact me (Claire Oehler, 277-4958) and I will get them to you. The Friends of Karen and Guiding Eyes For the Blind are the recipients of this raffle money - both very worthwhile organizations. Tickets will be \$1.00 each or 6/\$5.00.

Prizes will be a Bernina 930 Sewing Machine, donated by Stretch and Sew in Hartsdale, NY, and a beautiful Applique Sampler Quilt, courtesy of NSQG and Pat Wiley and her committee.

Claire Oehler

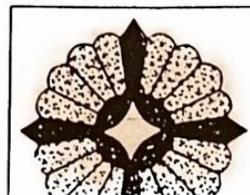
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Ramona Carpenter, 1210 Lodema Ln. Duncanville, Texas 75116

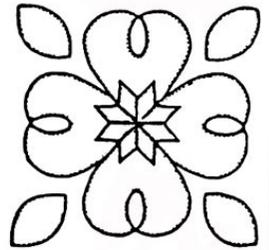
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Pattern Drafting: Beyer  
Color For Quilts: McKelvey  
Special Tour: Md. Historical Soc.  
Luncheon - Speaker: J. Beyer  
Medallion Quilts: Beyer  
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Shadow Trapunto: Murphy  
Dinner - Speaker: M. Murphy

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**April 7<sup>th</sup>**  
Bus Trip  
Two Block Quilt: Leone (all day)  
Patchwork Clothing: Beyer  
Adapting Quilt Patterns: Yonce  
Intro. to Shadow Trapunto: Murphy  
Sophisticated Scrap Bag Quilt: Beyer  
Wine and Cheese - Auction

**April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
Brunch - Speaker: D. Leone  
3 Dimensional Applique: Murphy  
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