



# Northern Star Quilters' Guild

P.O. Box 232 · Somers. NY 10589

JoAnn Turrin, Editor

NEWS 'N SUCH

MARCH 1990

Our MARCH 20th meeting will be at the SOMERS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL, ROUTE 202, SOMERS, N.Y.

Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with the BUSINESS MEETING COMMENCING AT 7:45 P.M.

## Programs

I'm always amazed at the amount of talent hidden at our guild meetings. The creativity and workmanship on every challenge quilt was impeccable. I can't wait to see our members quilts hanging in the Quilt Show.

Hope everyone had fun experimenting with color combinations over the past month. If anyone missed the chance of buying a mirror at the February meeting I have 7 left at \$5.00 a piece. The mirrors will come in handy when Mary K. Ryan comes to our March meeting to speak on the Feathered star.

Looking forward to April we will have Pat Morris along with The Home Sweet Home Contest Quilt.

See you in March.

DEBBIE HALL  
LORRAINE GANSINGER

I have been made Chairman of the nomination committee. We will be voting on a new slate of officers at the May meeting. We will also be taking nominations from the floor at this time.

In the meantime, I will be busy telephoning many of you asking you to run for one of the six elected positions in order for us to present you with a slate of officers.

If you feel you would like to help in the decision making of our guild and be an officer, please call me within the next few weeks. If you know someone that you feel would make a good officer, please let me know that as well.

This guild belongs to all of us. Let's give it some thought and come up with suggestions, or better yet, volunteer your own services. Your vote is important, but what is more important is to have a slate of officers to vote for. This is your chance to do your part. Let me hear from you.

Pat Bartimoccia - 628-6820  
Chairman - Nominating Committee



# Show News

Of special note is the Pot Luck Supper. People are needed to prepare and drop off food late Friday afternoon for the Friday night supper, which is held for all those who volunteer to help set up the show, the vendors, and early arriving speakers. Two main dishes will be served, one of two recipes will be given to each of the individuals who sign up. Recipes will be available at the sign-up table at the March and April meetings. This has always been a very successful feature of our show... quilters like to cook too!

The show of the Challenge quilts at the February meeting was WONDERFUL!!! I can't wait until they are displayed at the quilt show, so that I can see them all again. What an impressive variety of design ideas. There were no two quilts alike. This exhibit is sure to be a favorite at the show. If you haven't yet finished your quilt, you still have plenty of time, so keep working...

The deadline for the Quilt Block Contest is March 20th... the evening of the March meeting. The theme is "Spring", the rules are simple...an accurate 12 1/2" square (includes seam allowances), no restrictions on color, must be prewashed 100% cotton fabric. There is still enough time to complete an entry for the contest. You've done so well with the challenge quilts, I'm sure you can manage to turn out one block for March 20th. Think birds, flowers, trees, sun, grass,.....

If you need more raffle tickets, see Kathy Grose,.....she'll be happy to help you.

Stop by the Volunteer Sign-Up table at the meeting, if you haven't already done so, and sign up to help at the show. Two hours of volunteer time will gain you free admittance to the show and make you feel an integral part of it all. The WORLD OF QUILTS enjoys a very good reputation for being a quality quilt show and depends on your help to be successful. Besides... you'll have fun being involved!

Barbara Lerch is coordinating the "Works in Progress" room and is seeking such items for display, as well as arranging demonstrations. If you have anything that may be helpful, please get in touch with her. Is there any among us who does not have a "work in progress"?!

Lisa Salvestrini will be collecting the Challenge quilts to be exhibited at the show. Please be sure to see her at the March or April meeting to arrange delivery of your quilt.

Linda von Ahn and Jean McAward are coordinating the Christmas and Nursery display areas and will need to know what items they may expect to borrow for these areas. Check the Volunteer table at the meeting for the procedure for registering those items that you're able to loan for these special exhibits. Or you can call Linda (628-5380) or Jean (241-2648) and tell them what you have.

Many thanks,

**CLAIRE OEHLER**



# Financial Report

**BALANCE FORWARD 1/31/90 \$6,732.36**

**CASH DISBURSED**

Tote bags	760.00
Church rental (Super Saturday)	125.00
Friends of Karen	200.00
Workshops	353.80
Program	533.80
Publicity	13.30
Printing February newsletter	117.12
Postage (Treasurer)	<u>5.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,108.02</b>

**CASH RECEIVED**

Workshops	380.00
Membership	12.50
Friends of Karen	2.00
February meeting raffle	<u>112.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>506.50</b>

**BALANCE 2/28/90** 5,130.84

An additional donation to Friends of Karen was received before the check was sent, so the \$148.00 listed in disbursements from last month's report was voided, and a new check was drawn.

**INVESTOR'S CHOICE ACCOUNT**

Interest 1/31/90 \$29.88  
Balance 1/31/90 \$5,109.35

**QUILT SHOW FINANCIAL REPORT**

BALANCE 1/31/90	\$12,420.40
CASH DISBURSED	810.89
CASH RECEIVED (vendors, raffle)	1,285.00
BALANCE 2/28/90	12,894.51

A detailed report is available from the treasurer.

**PEGGY MCKINNEY**

# Welcome New Members

7 New Members at the February Meeting: Welcome to each one of you.....

Darlene Donahue (203) 438-4942  
55 Country Club Road  
Ridgefield, CT. 06877

Gail Cali 232-4339  
189 Valley Road  
Katonah, NY 10536

Alice Thomas 276-3807  
366-C Heritage Hills  
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North Salem, N.Y. 10560

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20 Royal Pine Drive  
Danbury, CT. 06811

Lorraine Mioducki 279-7293  
Red Fox Lane  
Brewster, NY 10509

Henny DiBenedetto 245-3674  
2625 Broadview Drive  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

One Renewal:  
Sally Kingston 946-8638  
P.O. Box 183  
Valhalla, NY 10595

Current membership stands at 217.

**SUSIE LAWRENCE**

**GENERAL MEETING DATES**

**APRIL 17th, MAY 15th, and JUNE 19th.**

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING DATES:**

**3/27, 4/24, and 5/22**

The fourth block pattern of this year's series will be available at the March 20th meeting. Patterns for the other three blocks will also be available in case you missed them. Remember that our June salad supper meeting is a show-and-tell of what we're done with this or last years guild patterns. We had a wonderful and exciting showing for the challenge in February. Hopefully you'll consider this a "challenge" too and do as well. We will have a good head start on next year's show if the participation is as good. I'm really looking forward to it.

On Friday, March 16th I'm putting the coffee put on and opening the door to any of you who wish to come to my home for a while. Bring whatever you're working on and spend a few minutes or all day. You're welcome from 9 AM on. If you don't know the way to my home on Lake Drive in Mahopac, call me at 628-5954. Let's get together.

**GLORIA J. HARTLEY**

**1989/90 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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The quilt will be at JEAN NcAwards house. PHONE 241-2648

If you really want to have a fun day, come quilt on the raffle quilt.

You will have a chance to get to know other quilters better and, best of all, you get to see the hostesses quilts, treasures and other goodies.

**BARBARA BEAUDRY** (A member of the guild)

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It is with a great deal of pride that I am able to report on a member of our guild who has received an outstanding reward.

This is the story of Lillian Hoffman, a NSQG member and a volunteer worker for the thrift shop at the West. Med. Center in Valhalla. Lillian was honored this past week as the VOLUNTEER OF THE WEEK, REPRESENTING THE SPIRIT OF WESTCHESTER.

A great honor indeed! To be so honored, Lillian has put in over 16,000 hours of volunteering her services to the thrift shop and over 22 years of her life in this service.

Lillian started out 22 years ago running white elephant sales on the porch of the West. Med. Cntr. When the porch was torn down, she moved inside opening up the first thrift shop. She started it from scratch and has nourished it, fed it, negotiated with the hospital for a room and has been the all-around business manager ever since. Lillian calls working in the thrift shop her very own special therapy.

The monies from the thrift shop go to the hospital auxiliary who in turn uses the money to benefit patient care. For instance the money has been used to give handicap children a campership that enables those children to go to summer camp who wouldn't otherwise be able to go. They have also bought special cribs for quick evacuation of babies from the ward. A special clock for the recovery room and many other patient care needs too numerous to mention.

Congratulations Lillian on your recognition. It is much deserved. Along with her recognition, she received a bond and a guest spot on the radio.

It's nice to know that our guild members not only volunteer their services to our guild, but that they are involved in many other worthwhile projects as well. On behalf of myself and the guild, it's a pleasure to have you as a member.

If anyone would like to visit the thrift shop, go to the Macy Pavilion entrance. There you will find a dummy all dressed in a beautiful black dress, and next to this lovely dummy will be a large sign telling you to please drop in. Follow the arrows to find hidden way in the back, in an out-of-the way place, a wonderful little shop.

Immediately upon entering, you will be greeted by a stack of quilting books. You know then that you are in the right place. You will be greeted by Sis O'Keefe, another long-time volunteer, and of course, Lillian Hoffman.

Inside this little shop is all kinds of neat things, all categorized, and neatly displayed.

While I was there, many doctors and nurses came in to shop and to congratulate Lillian on her reward and her dedication to this worthwhile project. Many people said, "It's about time you received your recognition". We agree.

Your friend in quilting,  
Pat Bartimoccia

April 16-20 and his Quiltin' Thyme  
 May 21-25  
 Sep 14-15 1990  
 and Oct 1-5 and Oct 22-26

We're not moving!  
 We'll be gathering at Marie's Dream House with the new owners, Carl and Dale Schwaizenegger.

You'll arrive at Marie's Dream House in Westkill, Monday evening to enjoy Strudel and coffee. Tues. Wed. and Thurs. are full of sewing time and class time. There will be a trip to the Haybarn with a picnic lunch on Wed. Friday we depart after breakfast.

All meals, classes and room = \$200.00

The April + May class will be this Log Cabin variation along with applique and curved edges. Three great lessons in one stunning quilt!

A deposit of \$75.00 holds your place. The balance is due 2 weeks before class.



# coming events

## VARIABLE STAR QUILT SHOW

March 16-17, 1990

Friday 11-8, Saturday 10-5

Alderfer Auction House  
Fairgrounds Road  
Hatfield, PA.

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PATCHWORKERS QUILT CLUB IS  
Presenting its 15th annual  
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Saturday, April 21, 1990  
10AM-5PM

Sunday, April 22, 1990  
12PM-5PM

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April 21-22, 1990 4th Pieced  
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sale at the Bound Brook High  
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Bound Brook, N.J. Sat. 10am-5pm.  
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Analia Cooper 155 Tanglewood Dr.,  
Branchburg, NJ, 08876,  
(201) 722-6461.

BRANDYWINE VALLEY QUILTERS  
1st Quilt Show Nov. 10th and  
11th, 1990 at Neumann College, Life  
Center, Aston, PA. They will be  
featuring an exhibit of  
"Challenger Quilts", Quilts made  
in memory of the Challenger  
astronauts.

## AMERICAN QUILTER'S SOCIETY APPRAISER CERTIFICATION PROGRAM.

As a service to the quilt world,  
the American Quilter's Society has  
developed a program to certify  
appraisers who are qualified to  
give insurance values for quilts  
and quilted textiles. Certified  
appraisers have been tested on  
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recognize patterns and regional  
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AQS Certified Appraisers are  
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with written complaints about  
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Appraisers has been set up.  
Letters of complaint specifying  
the actions should be addressed to  
the administrator of the Appraiser  
Certification Program and  
accompanied by a \$10 processing  
fee.

## INSURING YOUR QUILTS

If something should happen to the quilts in your possession, and you would be comforted by receiving payment for their loss, they should be insured.

The best way to get an accurate insurance value on a quilt or quilted textile is to have it appraised by a qualified quilt appraiser. Insurance value is not likely to be the same as market value or what a dealer will pay. A list of AQS Certified Appraisers is included.

If you do not have access to a qualified appraiser, use the following rule of thumb for shipping and display of new quilts: Three times the cost of the materials in the quilt.

A homeowner's policy will not cover the artistic value of your quilts. You should talk to your agent about obtaining a Fine Arts Floater. It can include coverage for quilts in transit and display, but only if it is in writing.

## SHIPPING YOUR QUILTS

Shipping Companies are self insured, which means that the value you put on an item may be difficult to defend. They usually settle for the cost of materials only, unless a written appraisal is available and can be supported. Shipped items should be carefully packed, preferably double-boxed, since they may claim that damage is partly the result of the packing method.

## AQS QUILT APPRAISER CERTIFICATION

If you are currently appraising or feel qualified to do so, you may apply for certification. The first step is to request an application form from the AQS Appraiser Certification Program. The completed form and a \$50 fee must be returned to the committee by July 15 to be considered for evaluation at the next year's AQS Annual Show.

Benefits of certification include:

Inclusion in the AQS list of Certified Appraisers, made available to members and interested members of the public.

Permission to use the official AQS Insurance Appraisal form.

Opportunities to set up quilt appraisals at quilt show and work with certification candidates as assistants.

Opportunities to work with the AQS Certification Committee in developing and administering the program.

As part of the certification process, you will be asked to sign a code of Ethical Practices. Certification must be updated every three years.

At the present time, oral evaluations of candidates are planned only for April of each year in Paducah, prior to or during the AQS Annual Show.

Send an LSASE to AQS Appraiser Certification Program, Box 3290, Paducah, KY, 42002, requesting the Candidate Application Forms. 502/898-7903

## LEARNING TO BE AN APPRAISER

If you are interested in becoming an appraiser, you may register for our basic educational program for \$12.a year. The program includes:

Recommended bibliography of resources.

Copies of materials used as handouts at Seminars.

Quarterly mailings which list recommended workshops available at major quilt shows around the country.

Opportunities to assist AQS Certified Appraisers at the Annual Show in Paducah and elsewhere.

Advance registration opportunities for the seminars at the Annual Show in Paducah.

Advance registration opportunities for two-day Appraisal Skills seminars, now in the planning stage.

Send \$12 to AQS Appraiser Education Program, Box 3290, Paducah, KY 42002.



## CARING FOR YOUR QUILTS

Textiles are sensitive to light, chemicals, dust, dirt, oils, smoke, stains, perfume, and excessive washing, and will absorb odors and moisture. Here are some tips for prolonging the life of your quilts:

Control the light the quilt receives.

Provide a stable environment, preferably 50% humidity and 60 degrees to 70 degrees temperature.

Store properly. The quilt should be free of dust and folded as little as possible or rolled. Use inert or acid-free materials to cover and store.

When in doubt about cleaning, don't. The safest cleaning is to use a hand vacuum with a fiberglass screen to protect the surface of the quilt.

Wet-cleaning(washing) should not be attempted unless quilt has been tested for wash-fastness. If it is necessary, obtain detailed instructions for safety.

If quilts are displayed, they should be protected from damage by light or handling, or from the backdrop and hanging system.

Any repair or restoration should be reversible. Keep a detailed record of the work done.

Use the best quality materials in your own quilts. Treat them with respect if you want them to survive.

## STAR PATTERNS

Dorothymae and Harold Groves have never hoarded their vast collection. On the contrary, they offer copies of it to anyone who's interested. They have gathered the "clip and save" quilt patterns published in a weekly Kansas City (Missouri) Star volume between 1928 and 1961 and published all one thousand one of them in ten spiral-bound volumes with a separate index.

Mrs. Groves, a quilter who recently won top honors for her Noon Day Lily quilt at the Missouri State Fair, recalls seeing a scrapbook containing patterns from the newspaper at a local flea market. She recognized a few of the patterns as having been passed on to her by her husband's grandmother and mother.

Deciding to compile a complete set of the patterns, the couple found that the Star's files did not cover the whole period when the patterns appeared. In true collector fashion, they frequented quilt shows and flea markets; Mrs. Groves even donned a sandwich board advertising their search for the patterns. "It saved us a lot of running from one booth to another," she explains.

Although the Star employed three quilt-pattern illustrators over the thirty-three-year period, many of the designs were contributed by the Paper's readers in eight states. "Whenever possible," says Mrs. Groves, "we've listed the contributor's name, so someone looking at the books might see a grandmothers or mother's name on a pattern.

The Groves feel that not only can the volumes inspire modern quilters, but they may also aid quilt collectors in dating and identifying their quilts. The patters are authentically reprinted with instructions, just as they appeared in the paper (\$11.95 each plus \$2.00 postage from the Groves Publishing Company, P,O, Box 5370, Kansas City, Missouri 64131, 816/361-1528)

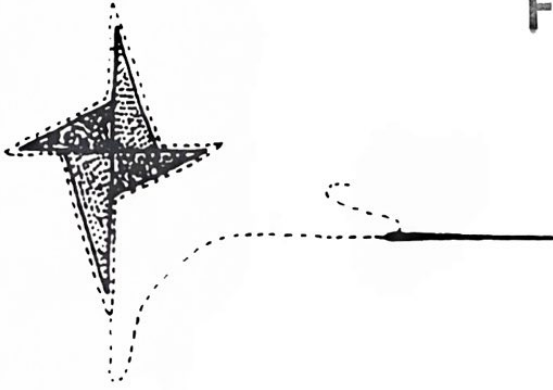
Joyce Parente (from AMERICANA February 1990.)



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