



On Point!

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Sondra J. Shapiro, Editor

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***** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *****

Dear Fellow Quilters,

Maddie Horr wrote a lovely note to the Board after our last meeting. She said "the program was superb, what resourceful people we are, what talents we possess. How rewarding to be part of it all." I agree! Many thanks to the Challenge Committee - Adrienne Yorlins, Lorraine Mioducki, Angela Kamen and Lorraine Gansinger - for a job well done.

And thanks to Joyce Sullivan for making 19 people feel guilty enough to each finish a project.

We moved to JFK in the nick of time. With approximately 200 people in attendance, we certainly needed the space. I'm sure we'll work out most of the kinks - a spotlight for the stage, and learning to speak away from the cafeteria microphone and to speak closer to the auditorium microphone. I'm not sure about the people entering to go to other meetings; that may be the comic relief part of our business meetings.

Look for a one-page Quilt Show flyer in the next newsletter. It will be printed like a poster so that you can display it in your car or in a local store.

As we gear up for the Quilt Show - May 30 & June 1 - remember that your block contest entries are due at the March meeting, and snowball quilts should be getting to the finishing stages. I'd like to encourage everyone to enter a finished quilt. Remember, it is your choice whether your quilt is judged or not; judging is not a requirement for entering a quilt.

NANCY MIRMAN

***** PROGRAMS *****

Our March 15 meeting will feature Nancy Johnson-Srebro, who will speak about "Small as Small Can Be." A professional quilt piecing designer, author, teacher, lecturer and president of Silver Star Publishing, her forte is the precision piecing of miniature quilts. Ms. Johnson-Srebro developed specialty rotary cutting and sewing techniques to achieve the accuracy needed for the work.

In 3 year's time, she has made more than 1000 miniatures. In 1989, Nancy astonished the quilt world by designing her first full-size miniature quilt. She has made several others since then. These quilts are bed-sized but are pieced with thousands of miniature pieces. Nancy's miniature quilts are eagerly sought by quilt collectors, and her work has been featured in many articles. She has published many books.

NANCY MURPHY



***** SECRET PALS *****

Has anyone figured out the identity of their SECRET PAL? If you think you know, send a postcard to Maria Tamaoka, 103 Elmore Ave., Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520. You will receive your Secret Pal Prize if you are correct! Let's all try to decipher those clever clues we have been receiving.

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Now that the weather is taking a turn for the better, I'm sure we are all getting in the mood for Spring House Cleaning. When you come across those weird and unusual quilt-related items (those things that make you say, "Why did I ever buy this thing?") think about our Second Annual June Salad Supper and Auction.

You know the old saying - One woman's unused quilting supplies is another woman's treasure. So, for the time being, just set a box in the corner of your sewing room and when you come across one of those rare treasures, simply set it aside. We will offer more details about this wonderful event in the coming months.

NANCY MURPHY

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******* MEMBERSHIP *******

The February 15 meeting was attended by 164 persons who signed in, plus those of us who were so involved in guild duties that we neglected to sign the attendance sheet. We had 4 guests and 9 new members. Our guild roster currently numbers 284!

I want to thank Simone Montegut for helping me at the membership table. If you need a name badge, or if you have an address or telephone change or correction, please let me know. I will be revising the membership list before the April meeting.

MILLIE CLINTON

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***** EDUCATION *****

By the time you read this, the first of our three March activities, Super Saturday, will have come and gone (winter willing). Next will be Nancy Johnson-Srebro's miniature class, which is full to overflowing, on March 15.

Following that is the March 19th Nine-Patch Saturday at Lincoln Dale Clubhouse, when we will, together, finish as many ABC Quilts as possible. PLEASE SIGN UP if you intend to come, and bring your sewing machine, standard sewing supplies, a brown-bag lunch if you are staying for the day, and ENTHUSIASM. We'll begin at 9 a.m. and stop at 4 p.m. You are free to come for 2 hours, half a day, a whole day or however much time you can spare. We will piece, layer, bind, machine-quilt, hand-tie; you name it, we'll be doing it.

The Prairie Point demonstration will start at 7:15 p.m.

Mystery Workshop participants can pick up step 2 at the Education Table at the March 15 meeting.

REMINDER: March is the last meeting at which you can sign up for the following workshops before they are opened to other guilds:

April 18: Anita Murphy, Sunshine and Shadow Reversible Quilt.

May 2: Judy Mathieson, Looking Through Your Attic Window.

May 3: Mary Hickey: 1+1=3.

PAT BAKER

***** CONGRATULATIONS *****

To: NSQG member Anita Vecchia, who has a quilt entered in the third juried quilt exhibition at The Museums at Stony Brook. It is titled Innovative Traditions 1994, New Expressions in Contemporary Quiltmaking.

To: NSQG member Kathleen Etherington-Schlano, whose quilt, Generations, is featured in America's Best Quilting Projects, a new book published by Rodale Quilt Books.

***** QUILT SHOW NEWS *****

March is here and I'm sure the snow we have had has been beneficial to quilters. I see a lot of snowball quilts and wallhangings being done. We will have a special section in the show to display these quilts. They need to be registered and can be judged in their categories if an individual wants.

* Jane Fulton, 277-3864, is Quilt Registrar, and will have registration forms at the March meeting.

* Marla Tamaoka, 271-2186, will have raffle tickets at each of our general meetings, or call her if you run out between meetings.

* Ann Fitzell will have her chart to sign up volunteers for the various jobs at the show.

We thank you all for signing up for various jobs on our big weekend. We need lots of help. Remember this is your guild.

Here are some reminders: your Block Contest entries are due at the March 15 meeting, as well as your doll for the Cloth Doll Exhibit. Call Luran Tyler, 232-8470, for doll exhibit information.

BARBARA LERCH

PLEASE NOTE: Caroline Kearney's correct phone number is 232-7761.

***** BOUTIQUE *****

I know there is snow on the ground, but Spring is really not far away and with Spring comes the Boutique at our Quilt Show. Members who bring items for sale may volunteer the required 2 hours anywhere at the show. Boutique volunteers are signed up by the volunteer chairman, Ann Fitzell. Inventory sheets will be available at the March and April meetings.

Thank you.

Lorraine Gansinger

**NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS GUILD
TREASURER'S REPORT
Feb-94**

BALANCE FORWARD	12/30/93	\$38,826.97
GENERAL ACCOUNT		\$25,024.67
INTEREST INCOME	38.01	
TOTAL INCOME	38.01	
EXPENSE		
NEWSLETTER	252.00	
OFFICE EXPENSE	11.94	
BANK CHARGES	12.00	
TOTAL EXPENSE	275.94	
NET INCOME/EXPENSE		(\$237.93)
BALANCE		\$24,786.74
QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT		\$13,802.30
EXPENSE		
INFORMATION BOOTH	12.81	
MAILINGS	623.33	
TOTAL EXPENSE	636.14	
NET INCOME/EXPENSE		(\$636.14)
BALANCE		\$13,166.16
BALANCE	1/31/94	\$37,952.90

******* TIDBITS *******

The Red River Quilters of Shreveport, La., use a sense of humor when naming their "tributaries": Noisy Broads, Nimble Thimbles, Thread Benders, Little Country Quilters and Sew 'n Sews. Which group would be appropriate for you? Never mind!

If you are lucky enough to be able to watch the quilt and sewing programs on channel 21 from Long Island, N.Y., you may wish to let the powers that be know of your appreciation. It is said that the programmers do take into account the comments of viewers. You may send a postcard to Channel 21, P.O. Box 21, Plainview, N.Y. 11803, or call the station at (516)367-2100.

In fact, one such program, Quilting from the Heartland with Sharlene Jorgenson, is soliciting support from viewers. You may send your comments and suggestions to Network Marketing, 36875 Meadowdale Drive, Solon, Ohio 44139, or call (800)348-3909.

******* FABRIC RAFFLE *******

Bring as many fat quarters (18"x22") or long quarters (9"x44") in blues and whites as you wish to the March meeting. In return, you will receive a fabric raffle ticket for each of your quarter-yards. A table for the raffle fabric will be located at the back of the room.

LILLIAN COLLYER



******* NINE-PATCH PROJECT *******

March will be the last time we will ask for Nine-Patches, this time in primary colors.

Well, this project is really underway thanks to a great group of women who came to our cutting day last month. We cut pieces for approximately 45 quilts. Yes, 45 quilts! I lost an accurate count after a while because I was busy working. The ladies were terrific, you will agree.

Please mark your calendars so that when March 19 rolls around we will be signed up for our Nine-Patch Saturday at Lake Lincolndale at 9 a.m. If we complete most of these kits (I call them quilts-in-a-bag) we are going to have a great display for our show. See you there.

******* POT LUCK SUPPER *******

The April 29th Pot Luck Supper will be here before we know it. Last year we served 175 of the people who set up the quilt show.

Please help this year by signing up at the March meeting to bring either a fully cooked casserole or an easy-to-eat dessert to the supper. If you are unable to cook or bake, how about a bottle of soda? I will collect the bottles at the March and April meetings.

Thanks for your support.

KATE PEARSON
528-3057

MARY PODGORSKI
COORDINATOR

***** FROM THE EDITOR *****

Just a few random (or rambling) notes. I haven't bothered you lately, have I?

What's the deal with the snow? I'm beginning to take it personally. It's Feb. 23, the kids are on vacation from school - as if they haven't been home enough this winter - and it's snowing. What a surprise. And, as I'm writing this, each of my two teen-age sons are taunting their beloved-but-crazed dog to bite the other brother. Oh, the noise. If they don't soon quiet down I may bite the three of them.

And just when I've mustered enough discipline to stay home more often - and out of the quilt shops - to work on a Baltimore Album quilt, what do I see but a quilting supply show on the QVC shopping channel on cable television. You can purchase a rechargeable, battery operated, motorized rotary cutter for just \$80, including shipping and handling. Help me! (I didn't buy it.)

As you can tell, television has been helping pass the hours I spend with needle in hand trying to master the points on applique leaves. I've been enjoying the Olympics and the gorgeous scenery of Norway. A twisted friend of mine, however, suggests that we could earn some fabric money by marketing Nancy Kerrigan and Tonya Harding action dolls. I may have to bite her, too!

Smile. I hear Spring should be here soon. And I'm gearing up for the Lancaster trip and our own quilt show. There is light at the end of the igloo!

SONDRA SHAPIRO



THE MARCH 15 MEETING WILL BE HELD AT JFK HIGH SCHOOL ON ROUTE 138.

***** HOSPITALITY *****

Congratulations to lucky Ann Fitzell, who won the floral arrangement from Posles. I'm sure it gave her home a much-needed hint of spring.

Please keep in mind that all of the desserts at the hospitality table are donated by members each month. We really need your support to help feed all of our hungry quilters. If you haven't brought in anything yet this year, please consider signing up to bring something to one of our remaining meetings. Remember, it does not have to be homemade. If you bring in something store-bought, we'll all assume you are working on a great quilt idea and can't be bothered with trivial things like baking, dinner, housework.....

Thank you to the following people who signed up to bring something to the March meeting: Carol Nugent, Rene Savage, Lisa Curtis, Judy Rosenberg, Barbara Catherine, Micki Tedeschi and Cindy Extanice.

We will gladly take donations even if you haven't signed up. Thanks.

CHRIS ROCHE

***** ON THE GO *****

Woodbridge Quilters' First Annual Quilt Show, St. James Church, Main Street, Woodbridge, N.J. On Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, April 17 from noon to 4 p.m. Raffle quilt, vendors, guild boutique. Donation: \$4.

13th Annual Cape Cod Quilt Festival: The Quilter's Palette, presented by Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod. On Aug. 4 from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, Route 124, Harwich, Mass. (Exit 10 off Route 6.) New quilts, boutique, raffle quilt, doll exhibit, merchants mall, demonstrations, quilts for sale, appraisals, cafeteria. Contact: Susan Campbell, (508)775-6239.

***** CHALLENGE QUILTS *****

Thank you all for rising to the challenge. The quilts are exquisite. And thank you to our appreciative audience.

The results are:

Best Use of Challenge Fabric:

Angela Kamen for Terrapin Tango.

Best Interpretation of the Theme:

Jane Davila for Willy's Sister.

Favorite Quilt Category:

1st place: Tamar Drucker, The Flower in the Garden.

2nd place: Luran Tyler, Love Will Come to You.

3rd place was a 4-way tie: Susan Andrews, Carol's Dancing Bridesmaids; Jane Davila, Willy's Sister; Mary Franc, Flowers of the Water; and Nancy Mirman, Hummock Pond.

A reminder: all Challenge Quilts must be turned in at the April meeting and will be displayed at the Quilt Show. Due to security reasons, your quilt must be picked up on Sunday after the show ends.

The April meeting is also the deadline for any additional challenge quilts that will be exhibited in the quilt show. If you finish your challenge quilt by the April 19th meeting, please send to me your 3x5" card as soon as possible so that I can type the information onto cards for the show. Please include your name, the quilt's title and a brief description of your theme. Thanks.

ADRIENNE YORINKS

***** NSQG CALENDAR *****

- 3-15 General meeting with Nancy Johnson-Srebro at 7:30 p.m., JFK High School, Route 138. Doors open at 7; demo of continuous strip of prairie points at 7:15.
- 3-15 Miniature Country School-house workshop with Nancy Johnson-Srebro.
- 3-19 Nine-Patch Saturday.
- 3-22 Board meeting, 7:15 p.m. at Nancy Mirman's. Newsletter deadline.
- 4-8 NSQG 2-day trip to Lancaster, Pa.
- 4-18 Workshop: Anita Murphy's Sunshine and Shadow Reversible Quilt.
- 4-19 General meeting.
- 4-26 Board meeting.
- 4-30 A World of Quilts XV at
- 5-1 JFK High School, Somers.

CLOTH DOLL EXHIBIT: The entry deadline for the Quilt Show's cloth doll exhibit is March 15, our next meeting. The theme is "In a Secret Garden." For more information, call Luran Tyler, 232-8470.



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February 16, 1994

Dear Ms. Shapiro,

I am a chiropractor who has three friends who are quilters, and it is through them that I have seen your publication, "On Point." It is a great newsletter and I would like to offer your readership a few suggestions on how to make it easier on their backs and necks and shoulders. My friends often complain of tight or stiff neck and shoulders from quilting, and these are several things that might help:

1. Move your chair as close to your working section as possible. This will keep the stretching forward to a minimum.
2. Do not sit with your legs crossed, either at the knee or ankle. Both feet should be firmly on the floor. This ensures good circulation to the feet and proper support for the lower back.
3. Sit with your fanny as far back as possible in the chair. If your feet do not touch the floor, then use a phone book to rest your feet.
4. Try to keep your work directly in front of you to avoid prolonged twisting in the back.
5. Try to keep the height of your work at a level that keeps your wrists straight. That means that the forearm and hand should form a straight line, without a bend at the wrist.

Using these changes will help prevent excessive wear and tear on the spine. If your back is pain-free - keep it that way! I've worked at Pepsico International, the Army National Guard, Philips Laboratories and each time we set up a more "user friendly" work environment, everyone is amazed that a few little changes can make such a big difference.

I always enjoy attending your quilt show. If I can help keep you making those beautiful quilts for all to enjoy, then I've done a community service.

Best wishes,



Holly

Maria Tamaoka

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