

On Point!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Quilters,

The level of enthusiasm I heard about our last meeting was exceptionally high; and we did it ourselves! Many thanks to Mary Rossetti for the Quilt Show Slide Presentation, to Adrienne Yorinks and her Challenge Committee for the wonderful presentation, AND to the 39 quilters who rose to the challenge. It was a dazzling display.

It's hard to believe, but this is the time of year the Board starts organizing for next year. There are so many new members over the last two years who we would like to involve in the Guild activities. What kind of thing would you like to do? Are you good at organization? Do you type or use a computer? Can you store and/or tote stuff? Please call me if you can help out, even if only in a small way.

***** NANCY MIRMAN

PROGRAMS:

We are all so thrilled that Roberta Horton is coming to Somers from California for our March 21 meeting. She has been teaching quilting since 1972, has taught on five continents and is always in tremendous demand. We thank Nancy Murphy for her insight of inviting Roberta long ago.

So many of Roberta's many published books have become classics, and many of her ideas have become automatic rules that many of us follow. Her lecture, Beyond Calico: The Use of Non-Traditional Fabrics in Quilts, should be of interest to all of us, as well as great fun.

Thus far, I have received a bunch of manufacturers evaluations from the batting program. They are very interesting and informative, and I look forward to receiving a sizable number - THAT MEANS YOURS - so I can begin compiling the report. My heart always gladdens when I see members stitching on small pieces of fabric. (I'm sure that as show Quilt Registrar, Jane Fulton doesn't feel that way.)

***** ALICE GARRARD

* Congratulations to NSQG's Lois Lober, who had completed her 1994 quilt New Year's Resolution but kept it a secret!

* A blue eyeglass case containing brown & gold framed bi-focals was left in the JFK auditorium after the last meeting. Call Nancy Mirman, 277-5210, if they are yours.

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NSQG CALENDAR

- MARCH 20-22: 3 ROBERTA HORTON WORKSHOPS
- MARCH 21: 7:30 PM GENERAL MEETING AT JFK HIGH SCHOOL, ROUTE 138, SOMERS. ROBERTA HORTON TO SPEAK.
- MARCH 28: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT NANCY MIRMAN'S
- APRIL 1: SUPER SATURDAY
- APRIL 4: ABC QUILTS MEETING AT BREWSTER PRESBYTERIAN
- APRIL 4: QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE MEETING AT BARB BROSHOUS'
- APRIL 7: GUILD TWO-DAY TRIP TO LANCASTER
- APRIL 18: GENERAL MEETING
- MAY 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
- MAY 6&7: A WORLD OF QUILTS XVI

CHARM QUILT SWAP:

MARCH COLORS: BLUE/TURQUOISE
MARCH THEME: SKY FABRIC/NIGHT & DAY

Here's our version of Quilters' New Math:
47 = 3290!

That's right. Forty-seven participated in February's swap, resulting in 3290 pieces being exchanged.

Also, we want to share our CHARM QUILT THOUGHTS.

C - Consider the recipient, use good quality fabrics, cut carefully.

H - Have fun.

A - Appreciate what you receive, people try their best, enjoy the experience of sharing.

R - Rulers and methods of measuring may vary so cut squares may not all be identical. We recommend that you do not use them as 5" squares.

M - Mark your packs with name, theme or color. Limit on packs for each category is 12.

MAKE A QUILT!!

***** LORI VANACORE & DEBORAH EHRICHS

DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AND BRING A MUG

TRAVELING QUILTERS:

EXTRA! EXTRA! Second bus has been formed for the Lancaster Trip, Fri. & Sat., April 7 & 8. There is room for YOU! So you last minute people, here is your chance. The cost is \$130 for bus, room, 2 dinners, breakfast and show.

Be aware that Amish stores do not accept credit cards; only cash and checks will do the trick.

Somers pick-up for the trip will be at Mill Pond Office on Route 100 behind the Shell Gas Station at 7 AM SHARP. Please park in back by the dumpster. Lower County pick-up is 7:20 at the Ramada Inn on Route 9A in Elmsford. Please carpool to the pick-up sites, and let me know where you will board.

A day trip via a van is planned Sunday, April 23 to AnnaMarie Tucker's QUILT INN SHOW at West Kill, N.Y. Cost: \$5 plus admission.

We can hitch a ride with the Nutmeg Quilters on Thurs., May 11 or Sat., May 13 to view THE NEW YORK QUILT FESTIVAL. The cost for bus and admission is \$27. Bus leaves from Ridgefield and Darian, Conn. If there is enough interest, we could have our own bus to the show on Saturday.

Please call me (628-5380) or see me at the March meeting to make reservations ASAP for any of the trips.

***** LINDA VON AHN

TREASURER'S REPORT, as of Jan. 31, 1995

Guild Balance Forward-	Dec. 31, 1994	\$37,690.31
General Account Balance-		\$22,212.03
Income-		
Membership-		\$ 105.00
Workshops-		\$ 480.00
Raffle-		\$ 478.00
Special project/Tote bags-		\$ 648.00
Boutique-		\$ 120.60
Interest Income-		\$ 46.01
Total Income-		\$ 1,877.61
Expense-		
Speaker-		\$ 216.28
Raffle-		\$ 219.82
Newsletter-		\$ 443.60
Boutique-		\$ 8.99
JFK Service-		\$ 20.00
Workshop Supplies-		\$ 96.91
Workshops-		\$ 672.80
Office Expense-		\$ 11.23
Bank Charges-		\$ 12.00
Total Expenses-		\$ 1,701.63
As of Jan. 31, 1995-		\$22,388.01

QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT-		
Quilt Show Balance Forward-		\$15,478.28
Expense - mailings-		\$ 756.21
Balance as of Jan. 31, 1995-		\$14,722.07

GUILD BALANCE as of Jan. 31, 1995- \$37,110.08
 ***** MARY ROSSETTI

CALLING ALL DOLLMAKERS



Get ready for our 4th annual Cloth Doll Display at World of Quilts XVI! This year's theme, IMAGINARY FRIENDS, is sure to inspire all dollmakers to create something beautiful and unique for this fun and favorite display.

Please note that the registration forms are now due by Fri., April 14 - that's a 30-day extension. Dolls are not due until May 1. For more information and a registration form, call either Jane Davila at The Country Quilter, 277-4820, or Luran Fowks, 232-8470.

HOSPITALITY ALERT: Thanks to all the members who contributed an ample amount of food to the February Hospitality Table. Not enough people volunteered to bring food to the March 21 meeting. WE WILL NEED MORE MEMBERS TO BRING GOODIES (not drinks) TO THE MEETING. Flowers will be raffled among contributors. ***** BARBARA RICCI

SHOW BUSINESS:

Thank you Mary Rossetti for the wonderful slide show of the NSQG Quilt Shows of yesteryear. It was most motivating to see the participation, growth and quality of work produced by our members over the years.

And a special thanks to Jane Fulton for speaking up for the Quilt Show Committee at our February meeting. Her enthusiasm is catching and we all went home with renewed energy to finish our quilts for the show. Remember, quilts must be registered by March 15. Also, that is the deadline for the block contest entries. Maddie Horr has received a wonderful selection so far. Please get your block to her by March 15.

We still have some volunteer hours open for both show days. Please sign up at the next Guild meeting or call Ann Fitzell. For every two hours you work, you will receive a free one-day pass to the show.

If you have a workshop project completed, call Margaret Midgley; if your wearable art project is completed, call Suzanne Sunday. However, if these items are not finished by May 6, please bring them to the Friday night 'set up' to be displayed with Works in Progress.

A reminder to all Guild members: the Show opens on Sat., May 6 at 9 a.m. JUST FOR YOU - and then at 10 for the general public. Please tell your friends that there will be free parking at the Goldens Bridge train station at Rt. 138 and I-684. A FREE shuttle bus will run every 15 minutes to & from the Quilt Show at JFK to the station parking lot.

***** BARB BROSHOUS

CLOTHING DISPLAY AT QUILT SHOW:

There's still time to display your wearable works of art at the Quilt Show. If you would like to participate, please write your name, phone number and a description of the article on an index card and either hand it to me at the Guild meeting or mail it to me. One article per card please.

We are also looking for dress forms/manniquins to display the clothing. If you have any dress forms, please call me, 234-6810. ***** SUZANNE SUNDAY

SUPER SATURDAY: If you are registered for our April 1st Super Saturday but have not received information, please call Carolyn Abrahams, 478-0581.

I HATE WHEN THAT HAPPENS: Your lost needle is found by a barefoot husband. Your interfacing fuses to the iron. The pattern you wanted to make again is missing a piece. The seam you rip out is the wrong one. You're quilting and the family wants to eat. I hate when that happens.

***** SONDRAS SHAPIRO

MEMBERSHIP:

We had 182 people, including 12 new members and 7 guests, sign in at the February meeting. Enrollment now totals 307 members. Special thanks to Simone Montegut and Linda Goodhart, who helped at the membership table last month. Reminder: if you leave flyers on the membership table for distribution, please pick them up at the end of the business meeting. New members, please remember to pick up your information folders next month. Please call me if you can help at the membership table March 21.

***** MILLIE CLINTON

BOUTIQUE (that's BOO TEK, not BO TEK):

The Guild is looking to get rid of one of its Christmas trees. Call me at 741-0903 if you are interested in taking the 6' tree.

I hope many of you are busy making items for our Spring Boutique at the Quilt Show. You can pick up inventory sheets at the March meeting. Please remember that in order to sell items at the Boutique you must volunteer two hours. If your name is not on the volunteer list, your items will not be accepted for sale.

***** JULIE LONG

NATIONAL QUILTMaking CONTEST:

A total of \$4000 in cash awards will be received by winning entrants in the 1996 third annual National Quilting Contest of the Museum of the American Quilter's Society in Paducah, Kentucky. Quilters around the world are invited to enter innovative quilts they have made which are based on the traditional Ohio Star pattern. Slides of quilts are due Nov. 1, 1995, for the initial jurying, with finalists being judged in December.

The competition is sponsored by Fabric Traditions, Fairfield Processing Corp., and New Home sewing machine company, and includes a traveling exhibit and book.

For complete rules and an entry form, send an SASE to: MAQS, P.O. Box 1540, Paducah, KY 42002-1540.

RYE ARTS CENTER QUILT EXHIBIT:

The creations of several Westchester master quilters are included in "The New Quilters: Quilting as an Art Form." Original, one-of-a-kind quilts and wearable art will be on view in the Gallery at The Rye Arts Center, 51 Milton Road, Rye, April 10 - May 6. Opening reception: open to the public April 9, 4 - 6 pm. Lecture: Breaking Patterns: Creative Directions in Quilting, 4 pm, April 30. Tickets, \$5, may be purchased at the door. Free admission to the center gallery: Monday - Friday, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, and 1:30 - 5 pm; Saturday, 1 - 4 pm. Gallery closed April 14 & 15. Call the center at 967-0700.

PLEASE HELP:

There are many ways in which to participate in the Guild. Some jobs are year-round biggies; others are small or a one-shot deal.

PROGRAMS needs several people: two to spend the Guild's money for raffle tickets each month; one to select, interview and write Member Spotlight articles for On Point!; an audio-visual person to keep those microphones going; a 'logistics person' to coordinate travel arrangements and find hostesses for out-of-town speakers. This means we also need a list of members willing to host speakers. Did you know that Guild policy allows hostesses free attendance at their guests' workshops? We also need people to drive to Westchester or Stuart airports to transport speakers.

EDUCATION committee needs several people: a Registrar who is active from September to May, collecting money for workshops and sending out supply lists; people to organize Super Saturday programs; and others to help with projects such as ABC Quilts.

TEACHERS are always needed for Super Saturdays and hands-on programs.

WORKSHOP REP has to get the donuts, get to the class location early, set up coffee and make sure the space is cleaned up afterward. This volunteer gets free attendance at workshops.

BOUTIQUE committee needs several people to prepare for the November and April boutiques. Responsibilities are short-lived.

HOSPITALITY needs two people who are able to come to meetings by 6:30 p.m., and who are willing to shop for soda and supplies.

LIBRARY needs one person to help at meetings.

NEWSLETTER needs someone to pick up newsletters from printer, stamp and mail newsletters. One afternoon a month.

MEMBERSHIP needs eight helpers at September meeting, four at October meeting and one for rest of year.

As you can see, we need your help. Please call me at 277-5210 if something on the list appeals to you or if you have any questions.

***** NANCY MIRMAN

NEW YORK QUILT FESTIVAL: May 10 - 14, 1995 at Exhibition Pier #92, West 52nd Street and Hudson River. Cars enter on West 55 Street. On-site parking available. Hours: Wednesday - Noon to 8 p.m.; Thursday & Friday - 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday - 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Sunday - 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission: tickets available at door or by advance sale. Children 16 and younger admitted free when accompanied by a paying adult. Single day pass: \$10. Two day pass: \$17. Five day pass: \$25.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT ON KAREN HAGERT, written by Tina Hoffman

"Besides family... quilting is my life".

Such is the philosophy of Karen Hagert, a 13 year member and former president of the guild. Karen has lived in Croton for 21 years. She is the mother of three and a proud grandmother of one. She is a member of the local choir and works as a purchase clerk at the Croton Harmon school district.

Karen was first introduced to quilting in 1982 when she attended a NSQG meeting with some friends. As she seems she does with all her endeavors, Karen immediately became an extremely active member in the quilting community. Her warmth and commitment to the craft has led her to teach quilting classes for the elderly through an Adult Aid program, and to the formation of the Croton Pointers group which focuses on charity work in her community.

Karen likes to work with the very basic. Her quilts reveal commitment to the traditional, and her gentle use of color divulges her inner warmth. Although her focus is on the quilting itself, every step and stage of the process in a quilt is pleasurable to her. Among many teachers along the way Karen emphasizes: Penny Black, Claire Ochler, and Gloria Hartley as being great sources of inspiration.

Karen showed me her vast fabric collection. Until recently her husband, a police officer, worked a 4 PM to 12 AM shift. According to her this was the perfect time for a fabricoholic to bring home new additions to her palette. "No hiding... no justifying", she joked. Now that he is retired I think she finally understands what the rest of us have gone through all along, when trying to satisfy our addiction.

It has been my pleasure to spend some time with Karen. She seems to be a great contributor to our community.

LIBRARY NEWS

Many thanks to guild member Catharine Smith for donating the following books from her collection to the library: A Patchworky Apparel Book by Jean Wells, Quilting Patterns by Linda Macho, The Romance of Double Wedding Ring Quilts by Robert Bishop, and the classy classics The Quilt Digest Nos. 1, 2 & 3 by Kiracofe and Kile.

A new purchase by our library, Collector's Guide to Quilts by Suzy McLennan Anderson, provides everything a collector needs to know, including a brief history of quilts and fabrics, how to recognize a "good" quilt, and how to display and care for it.

New donations from "That Patchwork Place" include:

Machine Quilting Made Easy, by Maurine Noble, contains a series of exercises designed to familiarize you with the many aspects of machine quilting and tying. Borders by Design, by Paulette Peters, shows you how to design and custom-fit borders including techniques such as Dividing the Side, Using the Unit, and Connecting the Corner.

The Easy Art of Applique, by Mimi Dietrich and Roxi Eppler, discusses in detail the techniques of traditional hand applique, invisible machine applique, and fusible applique.

Applique in Bloom, by Gabrielle Swain, is full of clearly-illustrated applique techniques and breathtaking floral designs by this award-winning quilt artist. Around the Block with Judy Hopkins, is a reference book containing rotary-cutting requirements for 200 classic quilt blocks in six different sizes.

Lauran Fowks, Librarian (232-8470)

EDUCATION:ABC QUILTS

Next meeting is April 4 at Brewster Presbyterian Church. Call Pat Baker to let her know you will attend. She can also give you directions. We always welcome blocks for these quilts. It is a great way for beginners to learn and for more advanced quilters to put their "practice" blocks to good use. If you have extra scraps around just stitch up a few 9-patches and deposit them in the ABC basket near the education bulletin board at meetings. We can also use pieces of spare fabric large enough for sashing, borders & backs.

FABRIC NSQG NAME TAGS

Edith Pryor will have fabric kits with directions available at the March meeting. Come at 7:00 to mark pieces from templates and get started. If follow-up help is needed it will be discussed. There is no cost involved. If you don't have a fabric name tag, and want one, find Edith at 7:00.

EDUCATION

As a point of reference we will post up-to-date class lists on Education bulletin board. DO NOT add your name to these lists in an attempt to sign up. You must register using these procedures:

- Include check, money order (payable to NSQG) or cash for each workshop.
- Include SASE for each workshop.
- Mark check and/or SASE with workshop name. (Not instructor name.)
- Mail to Pat Baker or drop in Registration box near bulletin board.
- Fee for full day workshops is \$20. Half days are \$10.

You can still sign up for some Spring workshops.

May 5 - ½ day from 12:45 to 3:45. "Measure The Possibilities".

Nancy Johnson-Srebro will teach multitudes of short-cut tricks and a wide variety of geometric shapes using the rotary cutter. For beginners and "lefties" this is a must. For anyone else, a mistake to miss it.

May 8 - "Dutch Country Hearts". This teaches hand applique 12 easy ways with Elly Sienkiewicz.

May 9 or 10 - "Dimensional Blooms Seminar". Your choice of Tues. or Wed. for this advanced applique workshop. It is a real treat for us to have the expertise of Elly Sienkiewicz for all these classes.

May 16 - "Think Big!" Libby Lehman will explore with us the dynamic results from using large scale prints in our quilts.

Mystery Quilts - Registered participants may pick up Step #2 at the Education table. One set of directions still available. Send \$10 to Pat Baker if you wish to join in this fun project.

The Mystery Mop-up session is scheduled for June 10, Saturday, when completion and comparison will take place. Site to be announced.

Pat Baker and Joyce Sullivan



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