

On Point!

March, 1997
Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

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

President's Message

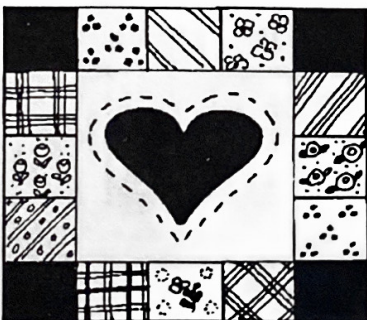
Winter is rapidly turning into spring, the quilt show deadline is fast approaching and there are many stitches still to be taken.

March is a busy month for the guild . . . we'll have an exciting program by a member of the *Thimbleberries* organization at the March general meeting, Super Saturday and two days of comfort quilts . . . enough to keep most of us busy.

The nominating committee is also working on a slate of officers for next year. If we call you and ask you to volunteer, please remember that the guild functions only if someone is willing to do the work.

I want to thank the Challenge committee for their great work. The challenge quilts always show off the eclectic originality of our members — what an inspiring display! Thanks, also, to Sondra Shapiro and Kathy Sica for their presentation of slides from last year's quilt show.

Millie Clinton
President, NSQG



Meeting Checklist March 18, 1997

- Our speaker will be Marilyn Ginsberg of *Thimbleberries*.
- Inventory forms will be available for our members making articles for the show boutique! See Pat Baker.
- See Ann Fitzell and her volunteer chart to sign up for *your* job at the show!
- Sign up for the few remaining spots in the guild's upcoming workshops.

Programs

Aren't we all glad that winter is behind us at last?

Our March speaker will be Marilyn Ginsberg, who works very closely with Lynette Jensen of *Thimbleberries*. Marilyn will give us a glimpse into what it takes to make such a company prosper and grow.

She'll also be bringing lots of quilts for us to ogle over!

I look forward to seeing you all at the March meeting!

Nancy Murphy
NSQG VP, Programs

Do You Love Quilts, Quilting & Quilters?

Then our guild's upcoming show, *A World of Quilts XVIII*, is the perfect place for you! True, you could attend and spend all your time looking at the quilts and shopping with friends you already know. Friends, after all, are our most valuable treasures in life.

This year, why don't you give yourself the chance to add to your treasury? Volunteer, and work alongside someone you have not had a chance to talk to before — make a new friend!

Having been Show Committee chairperson twice, I can tell you that every time I come to a meeting, I am warmed by the friendship of those who worked beside me at previous shows. Many of these are people I barely knew before. Guild meetings are so packed with things to do that we scarcely have a chance to get acquainted with someone new, much less share our quilting problems with someone who may have a new slant, or know just the thing that makes your quilting better and more fun.

I have gotten so much from the guild over the years, that working two hours *each* day at the show is little to give back . . . but that's not why I do it. I do it for the pleasure it brings me.

Pat Baker
Former Quilt Show
Committee Chairperson, '91, '92

Education

The Guild has been able to secure another day for the workshop **Designing from Nature**, taught by **Ruth McDowell**, on Monday, May 5th; there are still a few spots left. In this class, block designs and full-size free-hand drawings will be discussed. You'll begin to develop your own quilt design, reflecting your own response to nature. Cost is \$30; intermediate to advanced skill levels.

There are still openings left in the workshop **Fabric Postcards**, taught by **Judi Warren** on Monday, May 19th. In this class, you'll design and sew a small-scale two-sided fabric postcard, complete with scenic view, postage stamp, postmark, address and message. Cost is \$30; for intermediate to advanced skill levels.

To register for a workshop, date check (payable to NSQG) with workshop month; mark check and SASE with workshop name. Mail to Karen Eckmeier, PO Box 139, Bedford, NY 10506, or drop in the reservation box. Stamped envelopes are available at each meeting for 35¢

Judy Rosenberg
Education Chairperson

Oops!

In last month's issue of

On Point

*a line was omitted from
the treasurer's report.*

It should have read:

**Show Checking Opening
Balance (from 11/19/96)
\$16,802.75**

Quilt Show Report

A great big thank-you to Nancy Hantman for coming forward and taking over the letter-writing responsibilities for the invitational quilts that hang at our show. Your help is very much appreciated!

Show time is almost upon us! I hope you have all been busy working on those quilts. Don't forget the registration deadline for quilts is March 13th — get those quilt registration forms in to Jeri Riggs! Remember, if they're not finished, they can hang in the Works in Progress room. Joanne Finnigan will be looking for those projects.

Marie Sugar is eagerly awaiting the entries for the Block Contest. You have a good chance of winning all those "gems".

In case you have not picked up your raffle tickets, Kathy St. Leger will have them available at the March meeting. Remember that each member is expected to sell at least two books of tickets. *Our Sister's Place* is a very worthwhile organization and is in need of the funds that we raise. Get out and sell those tickets!

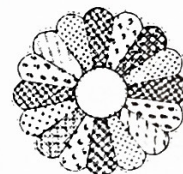
There are still a few volunteer positions that need to be filled:

- (1) Barbara Powers is *still* looking for a member who can assist her with the transportation of the quilt frames on the Thursday before the show. The frames need to be taken from Barbara's house in Shenorock to the JFK gym. We need someone with a truck or large van for this job.
- (2) On Sunday evening, I will need assistance with transportation of the frames and ladders to the Storage Barn in Brewster.

- (3) I am also looking for assistance with putting up those bright, pink signs on Thursday or Friday before the show. The signs are lightweight and compact, and are very easy to set up.

Please come forward if you can help with these jobs ... find out how much fun it can be to get involved!

Brenda Strauss
VP, Quilt Show



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 are *usually* due one week after the general guild meeting, and may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed. All contributions are welcomed! Send to:

Elizabeth Rosenberg
2888 Hemlock Street
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598
914-962-1452
Fax: (914)962-1159
E-mail: ELIZQUILT @ AOL.com

The deadline for articles, classified listings or advertising appearing in the April issue is:

March 19th, 1997
(earlier than usual, 'cause the editor
is going to Lancaster!)

Library News

Celebrate the wearin' of the green by creating a project from *Celtic Geometric Quilts* by Camille Remme. Reflecting her interest in Celtic art and mythology, Remme's designs are uniquely inspirational. This recent acquisition is intended for "any level quilter who is familiar with using a rotary cutter, and who has the ability to transfer cut fabric strips into a block based on graph paper designs," Remme states. Jewel tones, symbolism, and the intricate-looking designs combine to give these quilts tremendous appeal.

Continue feasting your eyes with Paula Nadelstern's *Kaleidoscopes and Quilts*, another new purchase. Photographs of kaleidoscopic designs, as well as guidelines for adapting them to quilting, are connected by Nadelstern's lively style of writing in this fascinating book.

When real live bears emerge from hibernation, they can't look any cuter than the creatures which enliven the pages of *Bears, Bears, Bears*, by Karen Kay Buckley. Directions for a pieced and appliqued quilt, as well as three-dimensional teddies are sure to win you over.

For a special baby, if the above-mentioned bears aren't just right, *P.S. I Love You Two ... A Sequel*, by Nancy J. Smith and Lynda S. Milligan, offers many other delightful possibilities, with lots of colorful ideas and easy-to-follow directions.

From That Patchwork Place comes *Miniature Baltimore Album Quilts*, by Jennifer Buechel. Embroidery, applique and silk-ribbon stitches are used to produce miniature masterpieces

in this lovely and clearly-detailed collection of projects.

Many thanks to Jeanne Homan, Linda Love, Margaret Phillips and Catherine Smith for your recent generous donations to our library!

With more than 360 items in our collection, we have a wide variety to enjoy. Make sure to return books on time, and don't miss out on the fun!

See you in March!

Kathleen Sambora
NSQG Librarian

The Hudson Valley Children's Museum is going to have an exhibit entitled "Quilting to Read".

This exhibit will help prepare children to be readers.

As part of the exhibit, they would like a few quilts that, in some way, tell a story.

They are not looking for "museum quality" quilts. If you have a quilt that you would like exhibited,

please call Sandra Bodin,

Director of Education & Exhibits,

at her home number: 914-741-0385.

The exhibit will run from March 22 to the end of May, 1977.

*An enormous
thank-you
to Claire Oehler
and The Country Quilter
for her donation of a
"mountain"
of fabric for
Comfort Quilts.*

We are delighted!

Comfort Quilts

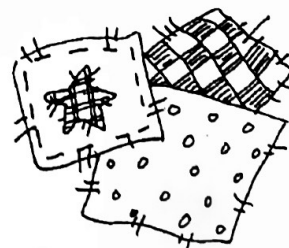
Those of you who were not at the February general meeting missed the following exciting announcement:

Since September, we have distributed 81 quilts!

That astounding number is thanks to all of you participating in many different ways — including the good wishes of those who would like to do something but find life has other ideas!

At the March general meeting, the Comfort Quilt Committee will have new kits ready. Come by our table, and have a look at our sample to see the new pattern!

Pat Baker
914-279-8840



Membership

Two new members "materialized" (hee, hee!) In February. Please add them to your membership list!

Linda Felix
64 Chestnut Ridge Road
Mt. Kisco, NY 10549
914-273-3146

Miriam Schachter
2 Lyons Court
Armonk, NY 10504
914-273-8514

See you at the meeting -- and don't forget to wear your name badge so I'll know who you are!

Pat Rowan
VP Membership

Have you signed up for
Super Saturday?
Hurry...It's March 22nd!
Call Carol Alt --
914-245-2697

NSQG '97 Challenge "For the Birds"

What an outstanding array of quilts we had on display at the February meeting! The "For the Birds" theme brought out the best in design and workmanship from our talented members who participated in the challenge. It was truly hard to give only four votes with so many great quilts to choose from.

Here's how you voted:

Favorite Traditional Quilt:

- 1st Stephanie Sze,
"Kitty's Thicket"
2nd Maryann Weinberg,
"For the Birds"
3rd Fayette Wester,
"The Crazy Bird Search"

Favorite Innovative Quilt:

- 1st Corinne Moschelle,
"Blue Moon Crooner"
2nd Cathy Neri, "Orange You
Plaid, It's Time to Quilt"
3rd Linda Lim, "Origami Birds &
Ginkgo Leaves"

Best Embellishment:

- 1st Cathy Neri, "Orange You
Plaid, It's Time to Quilt"
2nd Vicki Perri, "The Bluebird of
Happiness Gone Crazy"
3rd Corinne Moschella,
"Blue Moon Crooner"

Favorite Bird:

- 1st Corinne Moschella,
"Blue Moon Crooner"
2nd Millie Clinton, "The Adjutant"
3rd Linda Lim, "Origami Birds &
Ginkgo Leaves"

Remember to keep your quilts in pristine condition for the show. They'll be collected again in April and displayed in an area designated just for the Challenge.

The Challenge committee is a very rewarding guild job. In order to keep fresh ideas flowing, participation is limited to two consecutive years. Several members will be leaving for this reason. If you would be interested in serving on the Challenge committee, just let Millie Clinton know. She will soon be appointing a new chairperson, who will then select her committee.

Many thanks to my wonderful committee:

Linda Lim
Cobb Stewart
Terry Melillo
Karen Eckmeier

Joyce Sullivan
Challenge Committee Chairperson

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 1/22/97 - 2/18/97

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|----------------------------------|-------------|
| TOTAL GUILD | |
| OPENING BALANCE | \$31,924.15 |
| Checking Opening Balance | \$4,164.99 |
| INCOME | |
| Programs | 100.00 |
| Raffle | 249.00 |
| Transfer from Show Account | 3,000.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | \$3,349.00 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Raffle | 250.00 |
| Block of the Month | 16.96 |
| Rent & Services | 20.00 |
| Bank Charge | 12.00 |
| Programs - Speaker Expenses | 457.06 |
| Special Events | |
| Lancaster Trip | 50.00 |
| Recording Secretary | 15.08 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | 821.10 |
| Checking Closing Balance | \$6,692.89 |
| Savings Opening Balance | \$6,851.74 |
| INCOME | |
| Interest | 14.56 |
| EXPENSES | 0 |
| Savings Closing Balance | \$6,866.30 |
| Show Checking Opening Balance | \$20,907.42 |
| INCOME | 0 |
| EXPENSES | \$3,897.85 |
| Show Checking Closing Balance | \$17,009.57 |
| TOTAL GUILD CLOSING BALANCE. | \$30,568.76 |

Jeanie Hunter
Treasurer

Did you know?

The JFK High School campus, where we hold our general meetings and annual quilt show, has been designated a "smoke-free-zone" — that means that no cigarette smoking is allowed anywhere on the grounds — inside or out!

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On the Road Again

Seats on the bus are filling up fast for our annual trip to *Quilters Heritage Celebration* in Lancaster, Pennsylvania! The cost of the trip is a bargain at \$135 per person. It includes bus fare, dinner on the 4th, breakfast and dinner on the 5th, tickets to the show on the 5th, and a tip for Charlie, the bus driver. If you'd like to come with us, please let me know ASAP!

We will be leaving on Friday, April 4th at 7a.m. Please note the following change from the regular bus-trip routine:

WE CAN NO LONGER PARK OUR CARS AT THE MILL POND OFFICES!

The bus will be picking us up at JFK High School in Somers, but we will not be permitted to park our cars --

NO ONE MAY LEAVE THEIR VEHICLE AT THE JFK PARKING LOT!

We are sorry about this, but we have been unable to obtain permission to park our cars *anywhere*, so you will all have to figure out a way to carpool and/or meet at someone else's house and arrange for someone to drop you off at JFK. When we return on Saturday, April 5th, the bus will make a stop about an hour before we get to JFK, at which time you'll be able to make a phone call to make arrangements for someone to pick you up. The bus usually returns somewhere between 10 and 11 p.m.

Other upcoming trips...

June 27th & 28th:

Syracuse, NY (National Quilting Association 28th Annual Quilt Show) NOTE: This show is not always in NY State, so this is a first time trip for us.

September 13:

Fort Washington, PA (National Quilt Extravaganza) NOTE: If you can't make it to Lancaster, this show is a must!

November 8:

Westford, MA (A Quilter's Gathering)

Please call me at 914-766-3426 (work) or 914-628-4241 (home, after 6:00 p.m.) if you have any questions.

Dorothy Fiederlein
Chairperson, Special Events

The Centennial Committee of Katonah

would like one or two quilters to do a demonstration as part of their celebration activities on July 5th, 1997.

If you are interested, please call Liz Doyle at 232-3040.

Hospitality

We would like to thank everyone who braved the cold with their delightful delicacies for the February meeting. We had a wonderful selection of tasty treats.

For the March meeting, I would like to remind anyone born during the month of March to please bring something to share.

Everyone is reminded to **please bring your own mug** to the meetings, and to check the Hospitality table at the end of the break to retrieve any serving utensils or plates.

Thank you!

Sari Langlois & Teri Anzalone
Hospitality Chairpersons

The Institute of Electrical and
Electronics Engineers
is sponsoring a
12-inch quilt block design
contest.

Categories include:
Communications, Computers,
Consumer Electronics, Power &
Energy, Transportation.

Winners will receive EE-themed
fabric,

and their blocks
will be featured in
IEEE SPECTRUM
magazine.

Deadline is September 2, 1997.

For complete contest rules,
contact NSQG member
Nancy Hantman.

From the Quilt Show Registrar . . .

Time is getting short! Please
send your registration forms in
ASAP. My mailbox loves to get all
those letters!

If you need an entry form,
you can get one by sending a
self-addressed and pre-stamped
envelope to:

Jeri Riggs
37 Oakdale Drive
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522

I'm having a wonderful time
pouring over all the lovely photos
attached to your entries... keep
'em coming!

Jeri Riggs
Quilt Show Registrar

Happy
Saint
Patrick's
Day!



Thank you to member
Maxine Oliver,
who volunteered to compile "On
Points of Interest" appearing in
this issue of *On Point*.

— Editor

Ravelings

Do not aim
for perfection,
but for
improvement.

You
will be
a happier quilter.

Anonymous

A quilt is not a quilt ... until it's quilted!



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On Points of Interest

Shows

March 15th - 16th
Hands All Around VI
Amherst College
S. Pleasant St., Amherst, MA
Contact: Marion Newell,
413-549-6009 or 413-253-9496

April 5th - 6th
The Greater Hartford Quilt Guild's Quilt '97
The Colonnade
2941 Main St., Glastonbury, CT
Contact: Quilt '97, PO Box 310213,
Newington, CT 06131

April 12th - 13th
The Pieced Together Quilters' Quilting Stars Quilt Show
Somerset County 4H Ctr,
310 Milltown Rd., Bridgewater, NJ
Contact: Pieced Together Quilters,
PO Box 131, Bound Brook, NJ 08805

May 16th - 18th
17th Annual Merrimack Valley Quilters
Holy Angels Church Hall,
Plaistow, NH (on MA Line)
Directions: Rt. 495, N or S, Exit 51B
to Rt. 125N. 1.3 miles to show. Go
straight at "To NH121, Atkinson" sign.
No contact number available.

July 18th - 20th
Vermont Quilt Festival
Norwich University, Northfield, VT
Send \$2 to Vermont Quilt Festival,
Box 349-PD, Northfield, VT 05663

Exhibits

Feb. 22nd - March 23rd
Quilted works by Arle Sklar-Weinstein
Animazing Gallery,
Hastings-on-Hudson, NY
Computerized images on cloth.
Contact: 914-478-7278

March 10th - April 11th
Broadway Haiku
by The Manhattan Quilters' Guild
The Interchurch Center,
475 Riverside Drive at 120th St.
New York, NY 10115

Other Interesting Stuff

April 4th - 6th & 18th - 20th
A Quilt Retreat at The Highland Fling Inn
Main St, Fleischmanns, NY 12430
The retreat, entitled "Card Trick" will
be held at the inn and the price of
\$179 includes 2 nights lodging, 7
meals, quilting instruction by a local
store owner, and show and tell!
Contact: The Inn at 914-254-5650, or
the instructor, Ruth Welch at 607-652-
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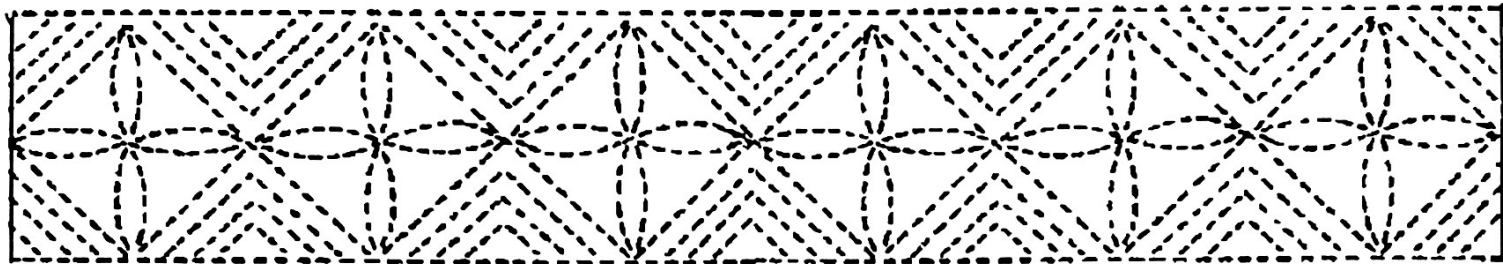
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NSQG Calendar

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| 3-18-97 | General Guild Meeting , 7:30 p.m. JFK HS | 5-3&4-97 | World of Quilts XVIII!!! |
| 3-19-97 | <i>Comfort Quilts</i> at Katonah Pres. Church | 5-5-97 | <i>Logs Plus</i> Workshop |
| 3-22-97 | Super Saturday , Katonah Presb. Church. | 5-5-97 | <i>Designing from Nature</i> Workshop |
| 3-25-97 | <i>Executive Board Mtng</i> , 7:30 pm JFK HS | 5-6-97 | <i>Designing from Nature</i> Workshop |
| 4-3-97 | <i>Comfort Quilts</i> at Katonah Pres. Church | 5-19-97 | <i>Fabric Postcards</i> Workshop |
| 4-8-97 | <i>Quilt Show Committee Mtng</i> , 7:30 pm JFK HS | 5-20-97 | <i>Transformations: Creating Transparencies with Color and Light</i> Workshop |
| 4-12-97 | <i>Mariner's Compass</i> workshop | | |



The Northern Star Quilter's Guild
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FIRST CLASS MAIL

March 15th is
National Quilt Day!
How are *you* planning to
celebrate?