



# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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NEWS & NOTES

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## FROM THE PRESIDENTS' DESK

Dear Friends,

Have you ever seen the commercial where a man slaps aftershave on his face to refresh himself and then says, "I needed that!" Well, it was about time for a break from by-law madness and quilt show frezzies for me. And thank you Judy Dales and Quilt Blossom Festival in Baltimore. I NEEDED THAT!

What a delight April's meeting was with Judy Dales. I never laughed so much at a meeting. It was pure wonderful escape into Judy's world of quilting and bargains and even mistakes. And all you members who got up and shared stories and boobos were just terrific. Boy can I identify with those all too well! Even though we had almost 200 people and most of us strangers, I felt such an outpouring of friendship and joy that made the meeting seem like a small intimate gathering of friends. I hope many of you felt the same.

Did you guys miss alot of fun at Baltimore! They had excellent quilts on display with unbelievable workmanship. I have pictures, of course, and will display them at the meeting. I also took three workshops with Liz Porter of the books, Classic Quilted Vests and Classic Basket Patterns. I learned how to draw any size and any variation of feathered designs. She was a great teacher. Connie Turato, Joan Johnson and I made all quilted vests in another of Liz's classes. We stayed up late into the night while in Baltimore quilting and hoping they will be ready for next years quilt show. Last of all, I took a class on woven applique baskets with Liz for six houres. Phew! She's a slave driver but you learn so much. She has all these techniques and tricks her grandmother taught her that she shares with you. So if you ever get the opportunity to take a class with Liz Porter, go to it.

After all the above, what comes next?

Our Quilt Show and Marge Murphy in May! Our Quilt show is always so exciting, A special report is written separately from my letter. Please read it. And get ready gals. Marge Murphy is coming in May. Her lecture will include some clothing she is bringing with her besides her shadow trapunto techniques. I do hope to see you at her workshops too. She had alot to offer.

A separate section in the newsletter is devoted to the passing of the proposed by-laws and election of officers. Please take time to read them. I hope all questions are answered. See you all on May 21st.



Diane Durr  
President.

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Congratulations to the winners and better luck next time to all of us who were not picked.



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## PROGRAMS -----

Wasn't Judy Dales terrific last month! I'd also like to thank fellow Guild members who shared their mistakes and hilarious stories. We really laughed it up in April!

After our absolutely stupendous World of Quilts V, we can all look forward to Marge Murphy of Biloxi, Miss. as our May meeting guest. Marge will have examples of her gorgeous trapunto clothing at our show and will have trunk loads with her for our meeting too! She comes highly recommended by everyone in our Guild who has ever heard her lecture. Many of you have probably drooled over the many photos of her work which appear in quilting magazines - including a knock-out bridal gown!

Remember, because of the by-laws ratification vote and officer election, our program in May will postpone Show 'n Tell until June when we will all show up with loaded arms, right?

Enjoy the Show and then look forward to an amazing evening with Marge Murphy on May 21st!



Linda Horton  
V.P. - Program

Thanks to everyone who helped with the Raffle Tickets sales, especially the volunteers during the World of Quilts VI. You were wonderful and totally responsible for our enormous success!!

Elva Fisher

QUILT SHOW NEWS

I know everyone is anxious to hear what the final tally of the World of Quilts VI is. Rather than to give you incomplete information at this time, we will all have to wait until the May meeting. Also the June newsletter will carry this information.

I do want to say thank-you to all the many volunteers and those on the quilt show committee who have worked so hard to make this Quilt Show such a success.

See you at the May meeting with more details.

Ginny Watson

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## WORKSHOPS \*\*\*\*\* WORKSHOPS \*\*\*\*\* WORKSHOPS

Many thanks to all of you who signed up for the Marge Murphy Workshops. There are only a few places left for Mon. May 20 Victorian 3-D Applique 10am - 1pm and Wed. May 22 Curved Patchwork Jacket 10am - 3pm. If you signed up but need to send me a check, please do so soon. Also if you did not receive a list of supplies, call me (428-3468) and I'll send you one.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

It is time to up date our "blue" book and give it a "gold" cover for 1985. Inside it we need information on:

- 1) shops you have visited near and far (so we can plan vacation trips or detours)
- 2) museums you have visited that have enough quilts or textiles to make a visit worth while.
- 3) shops we have listed that are no longer in business.
- 4) mail order sources of quilting supplies.
- 5) books to be added to our list.
- 6) **TEACHERS** - if you are a teacher and wish to be listed, please let me know what you teach and where. If you are now listed as a teacher - please let me know of any changes that need to be made.

Please send me this information or bring to the May 20th meeting so that the new-revised directory will be ready for distribution at the June meeting.

So get out your "blue" book and look it over carefully so that we can have an accurate, expanded, revised Resource Directory!

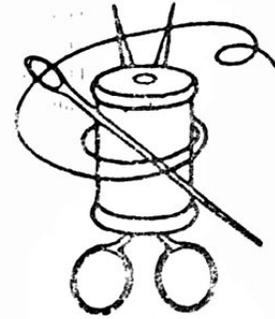
Thanks,  
Teresa Reilly

Is anyone ubterested in giving a 20 min. presentation on some aspect of quilting to the Christian Business and Professional Women's Group in Bronxville? If so, please contact:

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PROPOSED BY-LAWS AND ELECTIONS \*\*\*\*\*

Proxy (absentee) ballots must be post-marked no later than May 7th. So get yours in the mail if you are not going to attend the May 21st meeting. If you plan to attend, you may pick up a ballot when you enter the meeting. You will be check off a membership list and handed a ballot. This is to make sure every-one votes only once.

Elections for officers will be held on May 21st also. There is no proxy or absentee balloting for officers. You must attend the meeting in order to vote. Again, you will be checked off a membership list and handed a ballot.

Please read the articles submitted by members who are running for an elected office.

Diane Durr

\*\*\*\*\* MEET THE CANDIDATES \*\*\*\*\*

Alice Dokken -

I joined the NSQG after watching the enthusiasm of the first year as a guest. I found that being an observer was not enough. There were so many things to be done, many more to be learned and so many people to meet. I served as 2nd Vice President in 1982-83 and 1st Vice-President in 1983-84. Both years I was also involved in the quilt show committee organizing the mailing list and putting together the catalog. This past year I have had a rest from the decision making and concentrated on the business of teaching workshops through the Guild and in Adult Education programs. I have also been part of the judging committee training for the show.

I feel ready to come back to the board with renewed energy and a new perspective. We have to look at the group in a new way as it grows. We are not only growing in numbers and interest but there is a growing expertise in some of the members that should be served and channeled into a sharing with the community and our membership. Since we are such a diverse group in our skill level there is a need to provide a program that not only teaches and guides the beginner and the people who join just because they love quilts, but we must also provide opportunities and stimulation for those in the membership who have gone beyond the beginner level. This is not an easy task and will take the co-operation, suggestions and involvement from many more people than those named here in the nominee list. These people have all agreed to commit their time to being on the board

and working to make things happen. There are some exciting activities, special projects for the coming year. None of these will just happen. I hope that each of you will contribute in some way to seeing that these things come about and find that learning to know some of the other members who share your interests can be the best part of quilting.

Your skill in quilting is not a measure of your ability to be involved and helpful with the guild activities. We need people of many different skills to help put together some of the programs, special activities and the World of Quilts next Spring. We all have the same goal and common interest in quilting, our contributions can be made in many different ways and your life will be enriched because of the contact. The key for success in the next year will be your involvement. I am looking forward to the challenge.

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Elva Fisher -

I have been a NSQG member since the first year the Guild was started (Sept. '81) and have attended all 6 annual quilt shows. How wonderful it has been to find other people who are interested in so many facets of quilting! Over the years I have felt enormous pride in the Guild's accomplishments as we have grown and flourished.

Some personal statistics: I have a degree in education, am also a music librarian, and an opera singer. I have two wonderful children, am very fond of cats, love to sail, ski, swim and quilt. (Preference and importance certainly not necessarily in that order!)

I'd like to see the Guild maintain a balance of programs for next year that includes "outside" lecturers, as well as drawing from our own multi-talented membership; workshops; "hands-on" sessions; demonstrations; and some socializing.

With over 300 members we have an enormous range of abilities and interests. It would be challenging to create programs that will be educational, creative and fun for everyone!

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Kathy Sica -

I have always loved quilts and to be finally creating them is fullfilling a dream. I adore working with color and creating with needle and thread. Joining the guild was the best thing I did. I'm surrounded by creative and giving people. I've learned so much and have made many friends.

How I'm able to not only make quilts but to also create my clothesin dolls and porcelain dolls, is beyond me. May be the answer is a tolerant family who is used to my quicky meals! I also feel that all of you have made me stick with all my hobbies by showing you appreciation and admiration.

I'm extremely flattered to be nominated the Vice President of Membership. It would be a pleasure to try to give back what's been given to me

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Lis Greene -

I have been a member of the Guild since its formation, back in 1981, but I have been quilting for over 10 years now. In this time I have found it is definately one of the true loves of my life (my husband has come to accept this- and for that I love him even more).

Most of you know me from my sitting behind the colunteer table this year at our monthly meetings, hoping to get every available body to work at the quilt show. I have certainly met more of you this way and in a shorter period of time than I have just being a member of the guild for all these years. I have enjoyed the responsibility of organizing the volunteers for our show because of you, the members who are eager and dedicated to see our guild thrive and grow to its fullest potential.

I hope you will give me the great opportunity to serve the guild as membership chairman next year. But either way, I am grateful for the friendships I have found and the encouragement we all need to keep us active in the world of quilting.

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Rachelle Friedle -

Two years ago I moved back to Garrison, after living upstate for two years. I had heard of the formation of an enthusiastic new quilt group while I was away and it sounded too good to be true. I joined NSQG the minute the boxes were unpacked.

Since then I have learned much through

the Guild's meetings, workshops, and fellow members. The energy and inspiration of others can be contagious. My 5 year old is now threading needles and can't wait to start her first quilt.

I enjoyed taking an active part on the Quilt Judging committee. I would like to continue to share my enthusiasm by serving as your Recording Secretary.

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Miriam Dedyo -

I have been into crafts from childhood. I remember as a preschooler being taught embroidery stitches by my grandmother. As a kindergarten teacher, I was right in there with the kids, during art activities, having a wonderful time, using materials in as many ways as we could discover. I also used to knit and crochet and enjoyed the process, but the results were disappointing. Sleeves were never the same length, and even afgans had one end wider than the other. About five years ago I started quilting, and that was IT. I loved the planning, the use of color, the creation, and as a bonus the results are beautiful. Quilting is my medium. I love it.

I have so much enjoyed being a part of the NSQG, and I have learned so much from the various activities. Last year I worked on the show, and this year I have been a member of the quilt show committee. I hope to be able to be of some small service as Recording Secretary.

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Lillian Pallatto -

I live in Shrub Oak and am a nurse. However, I will be retired May 31 so I will have more time to spend on my quilting and gardening, but most especially with my little granddaughter.

I have been quilting since 1974 and have family members who have quilted since I was a child. I'm very interested in upgrading my skills and those of ther Guild members. I think we have a great group in our members and they should be developed to their highest potential. I am committed to working in the guild toward these ends.

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## \*\*\*\*\* MEET THE CANDIDATES \*\*\*\*\*

Linda Higham -

Having been a member of NSQG since its very first meeting, I have appreciated the efforts of those who gave their time and talents to form the Guild and keep it running and growing. I would welcome the opportunity to give something back to the Guild by serving as its Treasurer.

I am working part-time as a computer consultant and have taken business courses, including accounting, in graduate school. I have been quilting since 1976 and also enjoy knitting, cross stitch and smocking.

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Linda Raffaele -

I have been a quilter for over seven years and a member of guild since it was formed. I enjoy meeting other quilters and exchanging ideas about their particular interests and specialties. I feel that I now have the time to take on the responsibility of becoming a more active member. I have gotten a lot of enjoyment from the guild's special programs and activities and would like the opportunity of giving something back.

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Rita Floess and Joan Johnson have resigned as nominees due to other commitments.

## \* \* \* \* \* COMING EVENTS \* \* \* \* \*

May 4-19: Silver Dollar City Quilt Show (#3) & sale 1985. Silver Dollar City, Inc., Marvel Cave Park, Mo. 65616

May 10-11: Merrimack valley Quilters "5th Annual Quilt Show". Unitarian Universalist Church, Rt. 110 & 125 Haverhill, Mass

May 12-

June 14: Council on the Arts for Cortland, NY, Inc. 23 Main Street, Cortland, NY. - Wearable Art, an invitational exhibition surveying innovative design and use of materials in clothing, accessories and jewelry, from leading artists throughout the United States. The work of more than 30 artists will be shown, encompassing quilting, weaving, piecing, felting, applique, leather enamel and experimental metal work.

May 16-18: North Carolina Quilt Symposium '85 to be held at Methodist College in Fayetteville, NC.

May 19: Garden City Quilters 4th Biennial Quilt Show, Garden City Historical Society, 89 Fifth St., Garden City, NY

May 18-19: Plymouth County Cranberry Quilters Quilt Show, Marshfield, Ma.

Thru May: "For the Floor" (Fiber Arts) Show, American Craft Museum II, International Paper Plaza, 77 west 45th st. (corner 6th), NY

June 1-2: Adirondack Spring Quilt Festival, Adirondack Community College; for information: send SASE to: Carolyn Accardi, 9 Hoyt Ave, Glen Falls, NY

June 8-9: Dutchess Heritage Quilters Biennial Quilt Show, Dutchess Community College Poughkeepsie, NY

June 29-30: American Field Service Quilt Show IV by Northern Highlands Chapter at Northern Highlands Regional High School, Hillside Ave. and Forest Rd. Allendale, NJ

June 29: "Kirby Quilt Show & Sale" Caledonia Fairgrounds, Exit 23/I-91, Lyndonville, Vt.

July 12-14: Vermont Quilt Festival, Norwich University, Northfield, VT.

July 10: The Textile Tradition: An Overview, The Kentucky Quilt Project, Militant Needles: Slave Quilting in the Antebellum South, Alabama Quilts: A Personal Odyssey, The Baltimore Album Quilt - Museum of American Folk Art, 125 W. 55th St. NY

July 11: The Pie Safe: A Southern Form, Silhouetting: an Early Form of Portraiture, Movie, Four Women Artists, Quilter, Embroiderer and Painter. Museum of American Folk Art. (See above for address)

August 17-18: Long Island Guild Show, at Adelphi College, Garden City, LI

August 24-25: Eastern Long Island Quilters Guild Southampton College, Southampton, NY

"Quilters" has just won six Tony Award nominations! They include Best Musical; Best Book, Musical; Best Score; and Best Director, Musical, (Barbara Damcheki). Both Lenka Peterson and Evalyn Baron were nominated for Best Featured Actress, Musical. Winners will be announced on June 2, CBS-TV, at 9 PM.