

Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

P.O. Box 232 Somers N.Y. 10589

Elaine Merritt

NEWS 'N SUCH

MAY 1991

PROGRAMS:

Applause and gratitude to those members who participated in April's Shoppers Showcase: Mary Leahy, Susie Lawrence, Gloria Hartley, Jane Davila, Claire Oehler, Joan Crawford, Suzanna Valentinetti, Karen Hagert, Ingrid Courtney, Janice Gerth, Pat Baker, Kathy Sica, Sue Bennett, Jennifer O'Brien, Susan Andrews and the Prodigy Gang. And thanks to all of you who attended I hope we were of help.

Our May program will feature a quilt-full lecture by Shirley Hedman on "Ethnic Influences in American Quilts." You can meet Shirley in the Great American Quilts 1991. Also, Shirley's work can be seen on the cover of Quilters Newsletter Magazine No. 230 (March 1991); she was a participant in the group quilt "The Odense Album". Her enthusiasm and skill in all phases of quilting should make this an interesting evening.

Shirley did a great deal of research before making the quilts for this lecture and one of her first source books was Roberta Horton's Calico and Beyond. This book will be a raffle prize.

Also on our raffle table will be another collection of fabrics - flowers, flowers, flowers - an English garden medley for May.

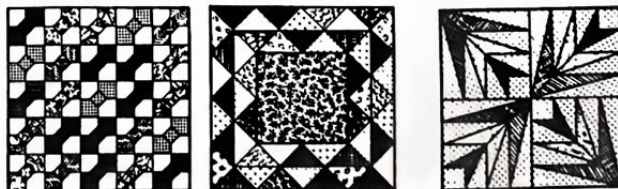
Eleanor Scarcella

VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL -July 11-14

Stay at an authentic ski lodge at the base of Mad River Glen in Waitsfield, Vt. Contact Linda von Ahn at 628-5380 if you, your friends, or family would like to stay at the Ski House. Bed & Breakfast is \$5.00 per night per bed.

Norwich Univ. is about a ½ hrs. drive as is Burlington, and the Shelbourne Museum. Hiking, swimming, golfing, and shopping are available in the area. It is a beautiful area to spend a mini-vacation and see the quilt show. I must know if you are interested no later than June 20th or sooner.

Linda von Ahn



Our May meeting will be held at the Somers Intermediate School on May 21. Doors open at 7:00 pm with the Business meeting commencing at 7:45.

Our last meeting of the year is June 18th, and the Board meets on May 28, June 25, and July 23.

FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE FORWARD 2/28/91 \$8,166.86

CASH DISBURSED

Newsletter	169.20
NYS sales tax	7.42
Super Saturday	780.00
Program	283.70
Resource & Education	491.20
Office exp. (secretary)	2.54
TOTAL	1,734.06

CASH RECEIVED

March mtg. raffle	176.00
NSQG totebags	18.00
Lancaster trip deposits	1,135.00
Super Saturday	735.00
Color wheel kits	50.00
Workshops	180.00
Magazine rebate	3.50
Membership	195.00
NSQG pins	19.05
Newsletter ad	15.00
TOTAL	2,526.55
<u>BALANCE</u> 3/31/91	8,959.35

INVESTOR'S CHOICE ACCOUNT

Balance 2/28/91	\$5,489.89
Interest 3/29/91	\$27.15
Balance 3/29/91	\$5,517.04



Hospitality

Only three people volunteered to bring cookies to the May meeting. Since our guild is growing we really need more. Please try to bake, or buy, and bring.

The June meeting will be our Salad Supper. Start thinking now about your favorite recipe.

Rita Palumbo

President's Corner

A few years ago, there was a complaint voiced regarding our guild that we were placing too much emphasis on fun. This came from people who are no longer members. I have never been able to understand this comment. It seems to me that something I choose to do with such an obsession would be quite tedious without any fun. Whether it be a workshop, a trip, our Quilt Show or even the programs we attend each month, one of the greatest joys for me is working with and getting to know each of you.

The World of Quilts XII is now over, and a whole year of planning has come full circle. Now that one can sit back and look at all the work - planning, meeting attended, letters written, quilts sought and finally arriving, all those deadlines, etc. - this year's Quilt Show Committee can bask in the knowledge that a great job has been done. You, the members can also feel proud of yourselves for coming forward for the jobs that needed doing. It was a week end full of rewards, most of all fun.

Now our thoughts are turned to a new year. New Board members, and a 10th Anniversary Salad Supper and World of Quilts XIII. Our raffle quilt top has been assembled; and now as members, we should turn our thoughts to the many jobs that will be available. I trust that each of us will consider a job either serving on the board or show committee. The prospect of working together within our chosen craft brings so many rewards, not the least of which is FUN!

Karen Hagert



Resource & Education

May is a pivotal month for our Guild we elect our new board and the old board and committees make assessments of the past year to plan and recommend for the new. On our raffle table sits a "Suggestion box". As Program Chairman I ask you to use that box this month and next to help me with my recommendations and summaries for the new Vice-President. Inviting guest speakers is expensive and we want to serve your needs wisely.

Did you know that lecture fees can run from \$100 to over \$300 plus travel expenses (anywhere from .22 a mile to airline tickets)? Resource and Education's budget will share half of the travel expenses if workshops are scheduled for that lecturer.

Did you know that workshop fees are also \$100 to \$500? Did you know that we rent the Lake Lincolndale clubhouse for its use on workshop days? Our teachers love that room for its space and light, but \$30 for workshop participation means that 10-15 students are needed to keep our budgets balanced.

Do you want more hands-on programs with in-house leaders or are you too tired in the evenings to sew? Can you be a project leader? You'd rather be entertained? Topics you want? Names you want?

Thanks for your input.

Eleanor and Joan

NOTICE:

Maria Tamaoka has some Yukata cloth for sale. Imported from Japan and perfect for Kitty Pippin's class on Sashiko quilting, this cloth is hand screened, hand woven, and hand printed. It is available in 14½" sq. at \$7.00 apiece and some 1 yd pieces at \$15.00 each. Call Maria at 914-271-2186.



Show News

Because of lead time necessary for our newsletter, this must be written before the show takes place. While I know the best thing about our show is the quilts, for me the next best thing is seeing all of us working together. In honor of all of you, our volunteers at "A World of Quilts XII" here is a poem:

What are volunteers?

Volunteers are like Fords,
they have better ideas.

Volunteers are like Coke,
they are the real thing.

Volunteers are like Pepsi,
they have a lot to give.

Volunteers are like Dial soap,
they care more, don't you
wish everybody did?

Volunteers are like VO 5 hairspray,
their goodness holds in all
kinds of weather.

Volunteers are like Hallmark cards,
they care enough to give their
very best.

Volunteers are like Standard Oil,
you expect more and you get it!

But, most of all

Volunteers are like Frosted Flakes,
They're GRRRRRRREEEEEEAAAATTT!!!!

Pat Baker

LAST MINUTE BULLETIN!!!!

These are early figures and the next newsletter will give details. But, I thought you'd want to know that we had 3,006 in attendance at the show. And our Boutique took in over \$4,000.00 !!!





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BOOK REVIEW:

How to Make An American Quilt by Whitney Otto, Villard Books, 179 pp.

Whitney Otto's book was recently (and positively) reviewed in the New York Times Book Review. It is not an instruction book; it is Otto's first novel.

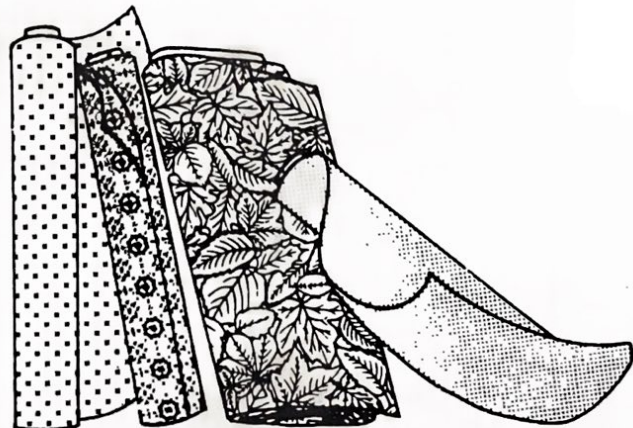
The story is a short read, but not too gentle. We meet the eight members of the ladies quilting circle in tiny Grasse, Ca. -sisters, neighbors, mothers and daughters. They gather regularly to quilt and chat and the reader is led beyond the circle one by one to see how their lives are pieced together. These are women with woman stories. I found myself muttering out loud and nodding with understanding and heartfelt sympathy.

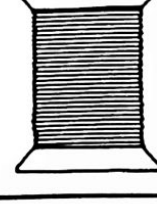
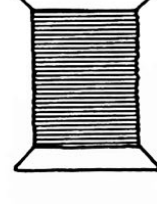
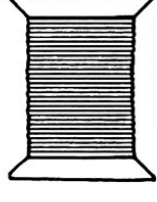
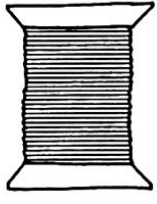
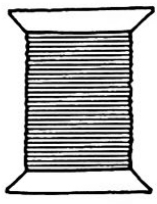
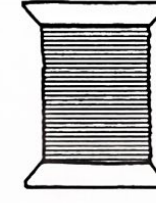
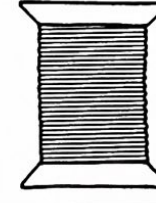
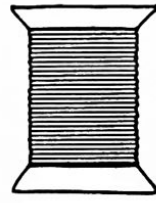
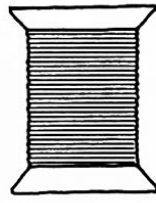
Interspersed among the storylines are quiltmaking instructions and lore.

Non-quilters will find this charming. Quilters will be critical; the novelist writes here like a research student who culls from select sources without being a quilter herself. Step back from your quilter's mind set and appreciate the quilting segments as metaphones of these women's lives. It is "bound" together nicely - an interesting read for the vacationing quilter this summer.

How to Make an American Quilt will be a featured prize in the May raffle.

Eleanor Scarcella





It's that time again, the old board is making way for the new.

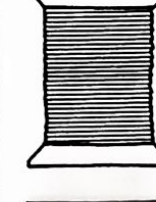
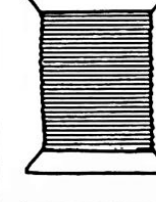
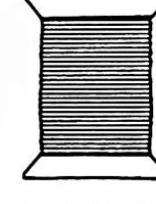
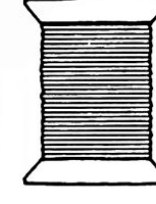
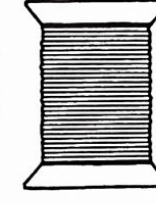
As a thank you, job well-done statement etc. we would like to surprise Karen Hagert at the June salad supper with a gift from the membership.

Please bring fat quarters, or $\frac{1}{4}$ yd pieces for fabric to the May meeting and give it quietly to Linda Love.

She will make nice bundles of lovely colors. I'm sure Karen will be thrilled with.

Thank you, The Board

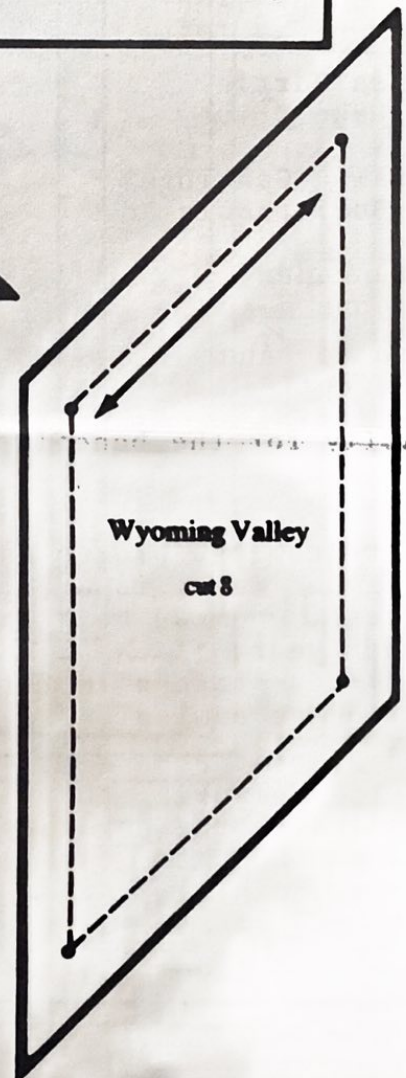
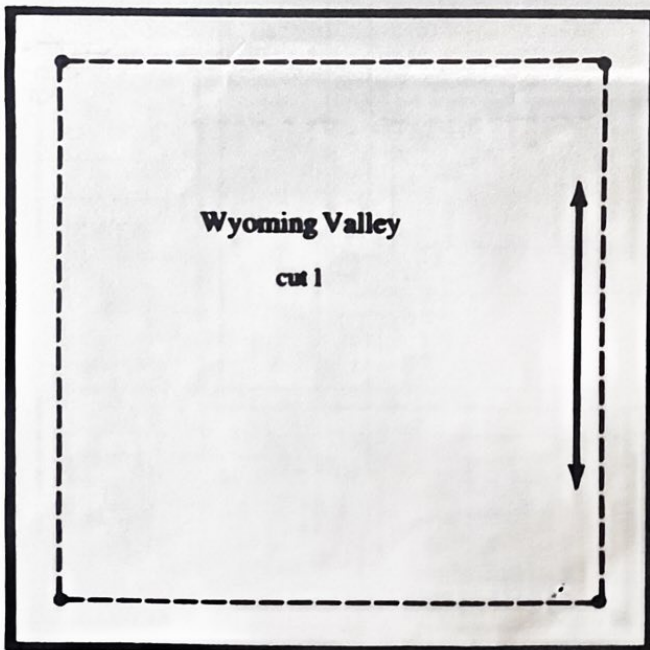
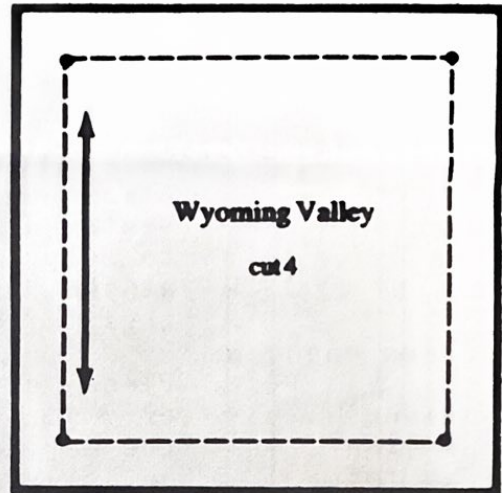
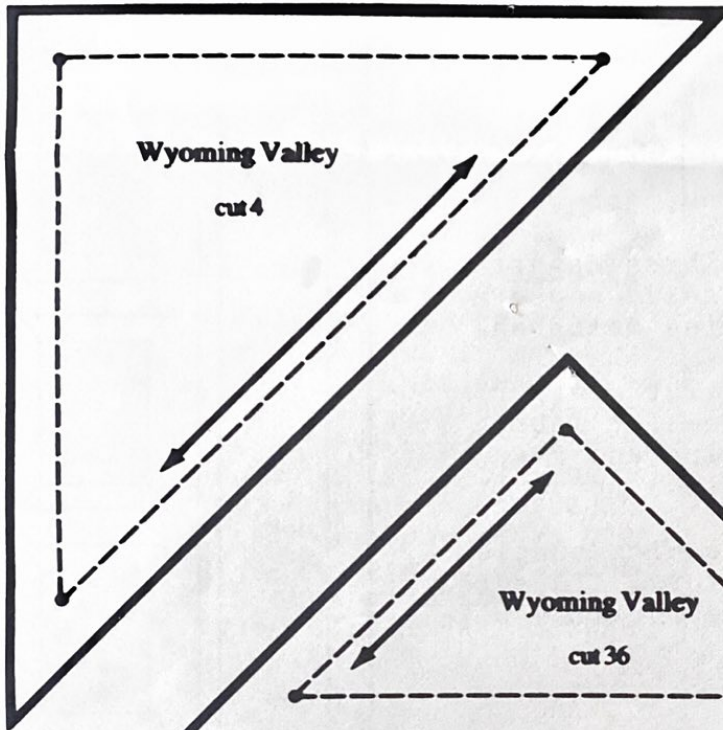
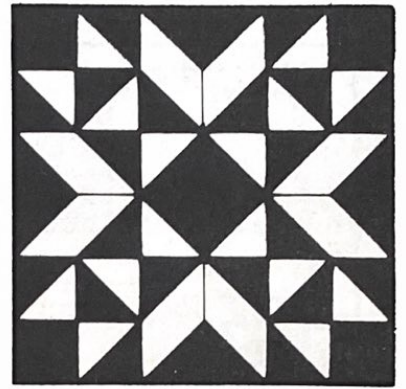
Mum's the word!



GREAT AMERICAN QUILTS

Wyoming Valley

12" square block
5 templates; 53 pieces



Membership

Please make the following changes to your copy of the current membership list:

Address change for Judy Marino who is moving to Japan for three years. Mail can be sent to her via P.O. Box 340 in Briarcliff Manor.

New members are:

Carol Anne Sears
62 Seifert Lane
Putnam Valley, NY 10579
528-0411

Judy Condreras
5 Panorama Drive
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Mahopac address changes:

Pauline Joseph
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130 Lake Drive

Lorraine Gansinger
478 Bullet Hole Rd.

Laura Paden
29 Kennard Rd.

Linda von Ahn
30 Greenfield Rd.

Primarily for the benefit of our many new members I would like to clarify our policy regarding guests.

We do welcome guests to our general meeting but there is a \$5.00 fee per guest. One can be a guest only once per year, if there are any unusual circumstances in this regard speak to the admissions chairman.

Should a guest choose to join the guild the following the \$5.00 fee is applied to the payment of membership dues. Dues for new members (not renewals) joining after mid-year are reduced to \$12.50.

Joyce Sullivan

1992 Raffle Quilt Update:

Many thanks to all those who made 6" sampler blocks for "Lillian Gish". The top is pieced and I hope to start the quilting schedules real soon! Again, Gloria Hartley's help in sewing the repeat blocks was invaluable. There were a few blocks not used and some fabric left over. I think we can devise a delightful "participants raffle" out of this. Keep you posted.



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coming events

Quilters Workshop- Cape May, NJ

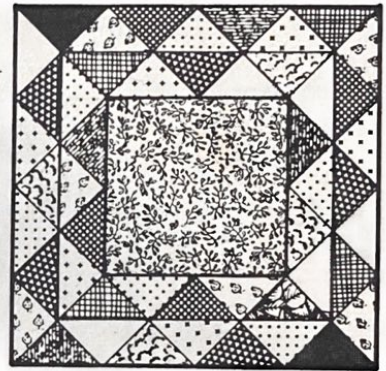
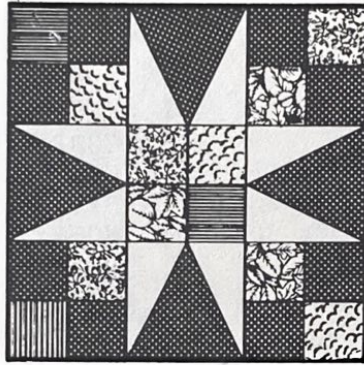
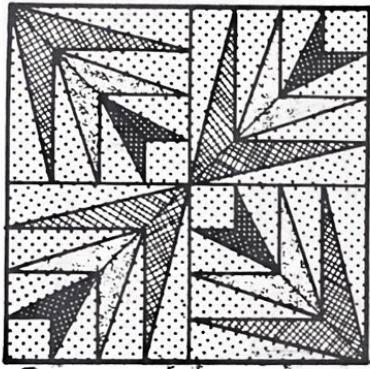
Sunday, Sept 29th--Friday, Oct. 4th

Instructors: Virginia Avery and

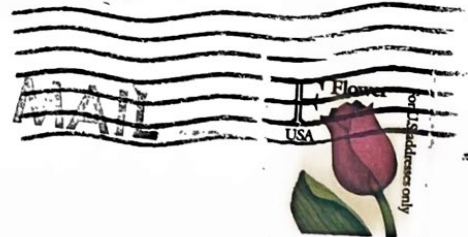
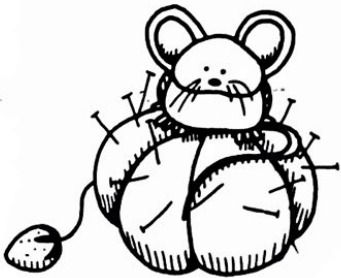
Sue H. Rodgers

Info: Chalfonte Hotel, or call Annie Van at 609-884-8409.

Courthouse Quilters are holding their quilt show in conjunction with the Raritan Valley Comm. College on May 11 & 12, 1991. Info: call Judy 908-782-0597 or Janice 609-466-3880.



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