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NEWS 'N' SUCH

MAY, 1992

President's Corner

One of the best signs of Spring are the sprightly pink signs that pop up overnight directing the way to the Quilt Show. What a welcome sight after the late winter snows, and a year of quilt show preparation. I repeat--a year of quilt show preparation! That's what it takes.

What a spectacular event it was. Record breaking attendance, breathtaking quilt displays in every size and category, busy well stocked vendors ready to fill our every need and whim, lectures and demonstrations to add to everyone's knowledge, a place to sell our own wares, and happy faces everywhere.

The Show Committess did an outstanding job. "Thank you" hardly seems to cover it. Congratulations to all of you. Guild members were very well represented in the prize-winning quilts, with Nancy Mirman's Baltimore Nights taking not only a blue ribbon, but also, Best of Show. Lauran Tyler came away with Viewer's Choice for both the Challenge quilt vote, and the general quilt vote! Special applause for both these ladies. It is great to see so many guild member quilts hanging, ribbon winners or not. They are beautiful finished projects from our hearts and our hands. Sharing them fills us with pride and pleasure.

All the special displays looked absolutely professional. They were exciting and fun. Such a talented guild!

I had the pleasure of having a speaker as houseguest again this year. She accompanied me during Friday night set-up, and remarked several times over the weekend how many volunteers we had, how hard they kept working, and how much they seemed to enjoy themselves. That's the story right there--it is all of you who make the year-long planning and effort pay off. You put on this fabulous show. Take a bow!

Your grateful President,
Joyce Sullivan



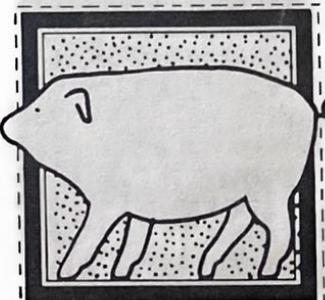
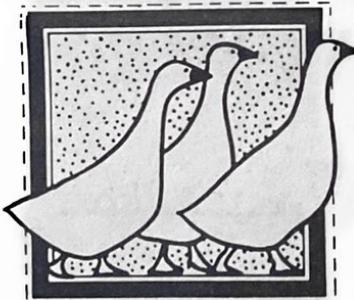
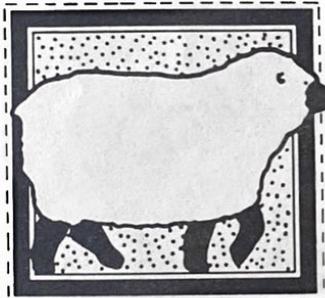
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CALENDAR

5/7-31	Exhibit, Rosemont, PA
5/18-29	Exhibit, New York, NY
5/19	NSQG General Meeting
5/20	Barbara Dannenfelser class
5/26	NSQG Board Meeting
6/2	Quilt Show Committee
6/5-6	Quilt Show, Schoharie, NY
6/12-14	Show, Stone Ridge, NY
6/13	Bus trip Stone Ridge, NY
6/13-14	Quilt Show, Riverhead, NY
6/16	NSQG General Meeting
6/16-17	Colette Wolff classes
7/14	NSQG Joint Board Meeting
8/6-7	Bus trip, Cape Cod
10/2-4	Quilt Show, Ephrata, PA
1/16-23	Quilt Cruise, Miami

Please note: for all General Meetings, the doors at the Somers Intermediate School will open at 7PM, and the meeting will be called to order at 7:45PM.



Hospitality

Many thanks to the members who provided the goodies at the April meeting. The following members have signed up bring food for the May meeting:

Shirley Brinkman
 Mary Hayes
 Sharon Wren
 Doris Aragon
 Sally Pietrobono
 Ellen Sabini
 Leona Trinin
 Betty Combs

The Guild provides the coffee and soda, so hostesses are asked to bring in cookies and other finger food.

June is our **Salad Supper!** More details at the next meeting.

Remember to bring your own mugs.

Provi Svensson
 Cathy Carey

Programs

In May, we welcome Barbara Dannenfelser. She is known as the "Hockey Quilter", and has been commissioned by Phil Esposito to make a quilt for the Hockey Hall of Fame. She has created a number of award winning quilts and appeared in numerous publications, including Hockey Illustrated. Many of us will have seen her as a judge at our quilt show. She has also lectured and taught widely. Her specialties include applique, trapunto, folded applique portraits, machine piecing, and quilting sports commemorative quilts.

Our raffle ladies will have lots of goodies, including some unusual types of fabric that our speaker recommends.

Adrienne Yorinks

Resource & Education

What a terrific Quilt Show Week we had -- with great classes given by Becky Herdle, Mimi Dietrich, Diane Herbort, and Doren Speckmann. It was wonderful that so many of you were able to attend.

We still have two more exciting guest teachers coming up to finish off the Guild year, so sign up soon to take advantage of this great opportunity to learn from these nationally known quilters.

I hope you all got a chance to see the photographs of Barbara Dannenfelser's quilts on the bulletin board at last month's meeting. We will akk be making our choice of one of these quilts in Barbara's class on Wednesday, May 20, when she teaches us her unique Folded Applique for Portraits method.

Collette Wolff's two upcoming classes are an incredible opportunity to learn fabric manipulation techniques from the authority on 3-D. These fascinating textures can be included in any quilt, and are wonderfully suited to quilted clothing. Please note that there are no repeats of techniques in her two classes, so you can sign up for both Border Strategies on June 16th, and Quilting for the 21st Century on June 17th.

PROGRESSIVE QUILT NEWS

We've only got a month to go on the Progressive Quilts, so if you haven't had a chance to add something, please give me a call. It would be wonderful to have them absolutely crammed with personality by the June Salad Supper.



BASTING TABLES

The basting tables will once again be available for your use at the May meeting. If you have a quilt to baste, please give me a call before the meeting to reserve the tables, and then come early to the meeting (7:00) with your quilt top and all the supplies needed, including extra needles and thread for helpers.

LIBRARY

We have a few seriously overdue books we would like returned. Remember, books are loaned out for one month only.

- 1) Ultimate Book of Quilt Patterns, Judy Martin
- 2) Calico Country Crafts, Lensley
- 3) Quilts and Other Treasures, McCalls
- 4) Perfect Pineapple, Jane Hall, Dixie Haywood
- 5) Pineapple Quilt - A Piece of Cake, Loretta Smith
- 6) 2nd Quiltmaker's Handbook, Michael James

Lauran Tyler



Financial Report

There will be no Treasurer's report this month due to urgent family matters which require my attention. Next month's Newsletter will have two months of figures.

Nancy Mirman

Show News

Because of press deadlines, this must be written during the Show. What a wonderful group of people in the guild! If you missed the show, you have my sympathy, because it is beautiful, and I can say that because it is all of you who make it so.

Below are some unofficial early statistics about the show.

- The kitchen crew fed 147 volunteers and vendors on Friday.
- Paid attendance for the weekend was more than 3500.
- More than \$600 in raffle tickets were sold.

There were 12 classes of quilts that were judged. While space doesn't permit me to list all the winners, I would like to recognize those guild members whose quilts were singled out by the judges. We had a guild member winner in almost every class, and the Best of Show and Viewer's choice quilts were done by our own Nancy Mirman and Lauran Tyler.

Best in Show: Baltimore Nights - Nancy Mirman
 Viewer's Choice: One World - Lauran Tyler
 Viewer's Choice-Challenge: Babes in Space, Lauran Tyler; Barbara Broshaus' Stars and Scraps was a very close second.

Pieced Quilts

Honorable Mention: Christmas Quilt, Eleanor Scarcella; One World, Lauran Tyler

Appliqued Quilts

First Place: Baltimore Nights, Nancy Mirman

Mixed Technique Quilts

Second Place: Fans of Love, Brenda Strauss

Mixed Technique Wallhangings

First Place: The Caribbean Sea-Blue, Janet Broad

Honorable Mention: Celebrating Robyn, Debi Tong Gray

Machine Pieced Quilts

Honorable Mention: Sea Waves, Phyllis Solar

Miniature Quilts

Third Place: Spring Tulip, Sharon Honegger

Group Quilts

Third Place: Sarah's Path to Piece, The Hart Quilters

Special Techniques

Third Place: Bob's Brooklyn, Ann Pomeroy

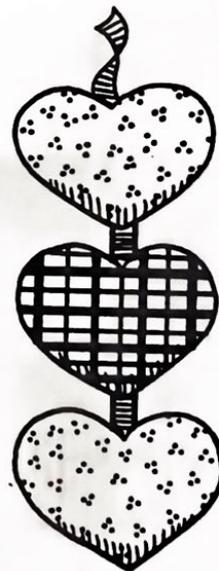
The two lucky winners of the quilts made from the Block Contest blocks were Pat Punton and Connie Weiss.

And finally, below are the winners of the raffle prizes:

Bernina - Mary Alantock
 Quilt - Betty Whitley
 Hoop - Peggy Lawler
 Inlaid Box - Peg Murtha
 Surprise Box - Lisa Leutenegger

Pat Baker

P.S. Everyone did a wonderful job!



MEET BARBARA LERCH

Barbara was born in Mount Vernon, New York. She and her husband moved to Shrub Oak in 1956 to raise a family and enjoy a country life, Shrub Oak, which now boasts a population of 10,000, was a country town of 300 when the Lerch family moved in. Barbara has three daughters and six grandchildren, all of whom live close to Shrub Oak.

Barbara worked as a secretary for an insurance company for many years. She retired from that position 6 years ago.

Barbara's mother taught her how to sew, and was her greatest inspiration as Barbara took to her craft quickly. She sewed doll clothes and learned knitting and smocking, both of which she enjoys today. She started quilting 15 years ago, when a friend handed her a bag full of fabric from a dress factory. In it were pieces left over from cotton housedresses, mostly armholes and necks. With these, and an idea from a McCall's book, Barbara hand pieced her first quilt, a Dresden Plate! Barbara loves hand applique, and usually works on two projects at once. It is no wonder she is currently working on two Baltimore Album quilts simultaneously.

At our meeting, she will be showing a "work in progress", called My Little Garden, which she saw several years ago, and has wanted to tackle ever since. Barbara gets her ideas from many sources: books, magazines, and quilt shows. Then she goes into her sewing room either with a pre-existing pattern, or she draws her own.

Barbara is a founding member of NSQG, and has held many positions, from Treasurer for three years to vendor chairwoman for the Quilt Show. For the past two years she has been in charge of the judges. She is an active member of

the Hudson Valley Smockers, and she teaches beginning quilting with Kay Fowler on Monday nights at the Hart Library. Every Thursday, Barbara meets with the Hart Quilters, a group devoted to raising money for the Hart Library. They have worked on three large quilts, as well as small monthly projects such as pieced placemats, which are raffled off.

With her large family, and two loyal Boston terriers, Barbara never gets away with making one doll or teddy bear. She just completed 6 teddy bears, one for each grandchild. When asked if she could name one kind of quilt technique or project that she hasn't tackled yet, but wanted to, the only one Barbara could think of was a quilt for herself.

Shhhh...This is Top Secret

In order to thank Joyce Sullivan for her hard work and generosity this past year, we would like to show our appreciation by presenting her with a Quilter's Dream Gift -- a basket full of fabric!

We'd like to ask everyone to bring one or two 1/4 yards of your favorite fabric to the May Meeting. Sneak it to the Membership Table Ladies. We will then organize it and present it to Joyce at the June Salad Supper.

Thanks in advance for keeping this Top Secret! (Joyce's copy of this newsletter doesn't include this piece.)

Lauran Tyler
Addrienne Yorinks

THE TRAVELING QUILTERS

We just returned from a wonderful little quilt show at "Marie's Dream House" in the Catskills. The quilts were from classes that Annemarie Tucker has given at her week-long "Quilt Inns". We saw lovely quilts displayed in guest bedrooms, as if awaiting their owners' return to take a nap. We had a relaxing Sunday in the mountains, capped with snow.

The next quilt show trip will be Saturday, June 13, to the Wiltwyck Quilters Show at Ulster Community College. This show is only about a one and a half hour drive. The cost of the trip will depend upon the size of the group: under 13 people, we will take a van for a cost of \$5-10/person; 20-30 people we will take a "new" school bus for \$15-20/person; or we can car pool. Please let me know if you are interested.

We are also planning a trip to Cape Cod, on Thursday and Friday, August 6 and 7. We will leave New York Thursday morning, tour the V.I.P. factory, then spend the night on the Cape. On Friday we'll attend the Bayberry Quilt Show at Harwich, and return home that night. Estimated cost will be \$150/person. More information to follow.

If you are interested in either or both shows, please call me as soon as possible, so that I can arrange for transportation and accommodations.

Happy quilting,
Linda von Ahn
home: 628-5380 or 621-1945
work: 628-8338



NOMINATING COMMITTEE

After due deliberation, we submit, for election, the following slate:

President: Joyce Sullivan
VP Program: Adrienne Yorinks
Debi Tong Gray
VP Membership: Bernice Strauber
Treasurer: Nancy Mirman
Recording Secy.: Provi Svenssson
Corresponding Secy.: Barbara Sliter

Nominations from the floor will be accepted before the election at the May meeting. Biographies of the candidates are below.

Joyce Sullivan
Sue Bennett
Linda Lim

JOYCE SULLIVAN

Having been before you all year at the podium, I really don't need an introduction. This has been a rewarding year for me, and I hope for you as well.

I am pleased to be asked to continue to serve as your President. With the wonderful Board we have, and the fine support of this membership, we are sure to share another great year together.

ADRIENNE YORINKS

I am very happy to be continuing my work as your Programs Chairman. I have made several friendships this year that I feel will be helpful in providing a fun-filled and informative year for all of us. It has been a pleasure working with Luran, and we have already started to plan a few special activities. It is wonderful that our Board will have another year together to serve NSQG. I am thrilled that Debi will be joining us. She will be adding a lot of creativity and enthusiasm to an already talented, diverse and lovely group of women.

DEBI TONG GRAY

I have always been a dabbler. Since the late 1960's my interests have ranged from embroidery to crotcheting, knitting, macrame, and jewelry making. My "true" fiber arts education began in 1976 in Berkeley, California as a student of Roberta Horton.

I was raised in the tradition of the nontraditional, and am an avid believer in creating as a form of play--if you're not having fun, don't bother. My quilts have been displayed throughout the country, and I have taught, created commissioned works, and had my work published in *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*. In the Fall, I will begin my third career, as a teacher of wearable art and wallhanging classes in Marymount College's Fiber Arts Program.

BERNICE STRAUBER

When a position opened on the Board, I decided to volunteer. Just like everyone else, my schedule is very hectic; in a full time administrative position with a major corporation, and running my own business as a Certified Electrologist.

My membership in the Guild started in 1985, but my feelings are that I really did not become a member until I became active as VP of Membership. This position has afforded me the opportunity to meet many creative and friendly quilters, and my quilting expertise and knowledge continues to grow. Membership in the Guild has climbed to the current count of 274, and I would like the opportunity to continue to become acquainted with you all.

NANCY MIRMAN

I am very happy to be running again for the position of Treasurer for the Guild. Years ago, before I knew anything about quilting, I used to run to the World of Quilts Show

just to see all those beautiful quilts hanging up. Luckily for me, on a day when I felt I needed something new in my life, the Somers Adult Ed pamphlet came, and on the spur of the moment I signed up for a sampler course with Claire Oehler. That was 1984, and I have been hooked ever since. Although I have done all kinds of handwork since I was a child, quilting has become a passion, bordering on an obsession.

I have been part of the Quilt Show Committee for three years, and would be pleased to continue participation in the Guild as its Treasurer.

PROVI SVENSSON

This is my second year in the Guild. Working with the Guild Board, as the Chairperson for Hospitality, was a wonderful experience. What a great way to be part of this Guild!

I look forward to being given the opportunity to serve again as the Recording Secretart.

BARBARA SLITER

Membership in NSQG, and serving on the Board this past year, have been wonderful experiences for me. My membership in the Guild began just a few months after I began to quilt in early 1990, and has been a constant source of encouragement and knowledge. I love the enthusiasm and energy of the group, and I have found my fellow quilters to be friendly, and generous with their support and help.

It was my pleasure to serve as Editor of the Newsletter for the past year, and I'm honored to have been selected to serve next year as Corresponding Secretary. This year's Board worked extraordinarily well together, and began some fine initiatives. I look forward to working with them again next year.



Membership

New members, please check at the Membership Table before the next meeting if you have not received your new member folder. I have several that have not been picked up as yet

If you have admired the cloth name badges that you have seen some members wearing, you can make one for yourself. Instructions and templates are available from Resource and Education. Call Lauran Tyler at 232-8470 to get them.

I'm pleased to tell you that our membership has grown to 274 this year.

Bernice Strauber



FABRIC RAFFLE

Please bring in as many 1/4 yard fat or long quarters in lavender to purple shades. You will receive a raffle ticket for each quarter yard.

Lillian Colyer

P.S. There will be no fabric raffle for June.

coming events

-Quilt Exposition, sponsored by the Wiltwyck Quilters Guild, will be held June 12-14 in the Senate Gymnasium of Ulster County Community College, Stone Ridge, NY. "Hearts and Flowers" is the Theme category for the Judged quilts, and includes quilts and wallhangings of any size which include hearts and/or flowers. No more than 125 quilts will be accepted for judging; only half may be wall hangings. There will be several other Judged Quilt Categories. For more information, and entry forms, send SASE to: Wiltwyck Quilters Guild, PO Box 3731, Kingston, NY 12401.

-Fourth Annual Quilt Exhibition, by the quilt group "New Winds", Emiko Toda Loeb and students. The exhibition will be hung at the Fuji Bank and Trust Company, 345 Park Avenue, NYC (between 51st and 52nd Streets), Monday through Friday, May 18-29, 9AM-3PM (closed 5/24). For more information, contact Emiko Toda Loeb, 233 West 99 Street, NYC, 10025, or call (212) 222-3857.

-Eleventh Quilt Conference, sponsored by the Eastern Long Island quilters Guild, will be held June 13-14, 9A-5P, at Suffolk County Community College, in Riverhead, NY. The conference will include a judged quilt show, lectures, demonstrations, and workshops by Doreen Speckman, Nancy Garver, Sharee Dawn Roberts, and Jane Hardy. For more information, send SASE to Lisa Byers, 57 Woodthrush Lane, Watermill, NY 11976

-The Congregational Church of Brookfield, CT is sponsoring a Biblical Quilt Block Contest, as part of "Pieced from the Past", a quilt exhibit at the Yankee Fair and Barn Sale on October 3, 1992. Blocks must have a biblical theme,

and include fabric provided by the sponsor. For contest rules, entry blank, and fabric, send \$1.00 and long SASE to Barbara Harris, 18 Merwin Brook Road, Brookfield, CT 06804, telephone 203 775-1092.

-Quilt Show sponsored by the Schoharie Valley Piecemakers will be held June 5 and 6 from 10A-5P at the Reformed Church, Main Street (Rte. 30) Schoharie, NY. The show will include vendors, a quilt raffle, door prizes, and have lunch available. For information, or to enter a quilt, write: Cheryl Hudda, RD2, Box 103A, Schoharie, NY 12157.

-Quilt Exhibit, Material Pleasures, can be seen May 7 through 31 at Rosemont College, Lawrence Hill Gallery, Montgomery Avenue, Rosemont, PA 19010, 215 527-0200. The exhibit will feature works by members of the Manhattan Quilter's Guild.

-Quilt Show, Flight of Imagination, will be held October 2-4 at The ARTWORKS at Doneckers Expo Center, 100 N. State Street, Ephrata, PA 17522. Deadline for entries is August 1. The show will include cash and merchant awards, workshops, and a merchant mall. Contact Joyce Sullivan for more information.

-Norwegian Cruise Line has announced its Quilt Celebration '93 Cruise, January 16-23, 1993, sailing from Miami on the M.S. Norway. Teachers will be Margaret Miller, Judith Montano, Janice Richards, Elly Sienkiewicz, Joen Wolfrom, and Lois Erickson. For complete details, contact Cathy Gunstone, 1-800-456-8183.



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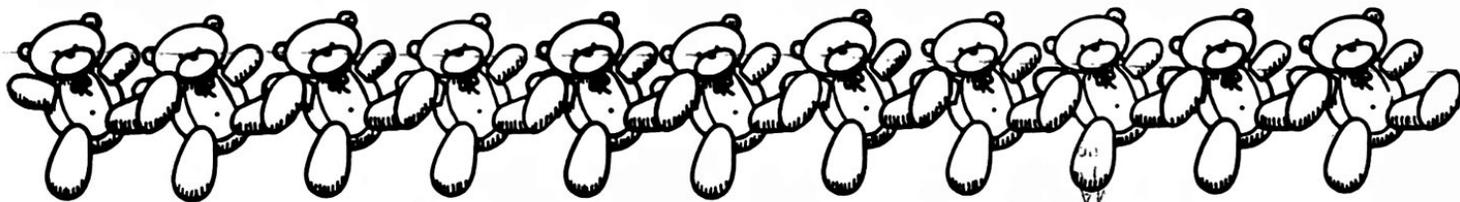
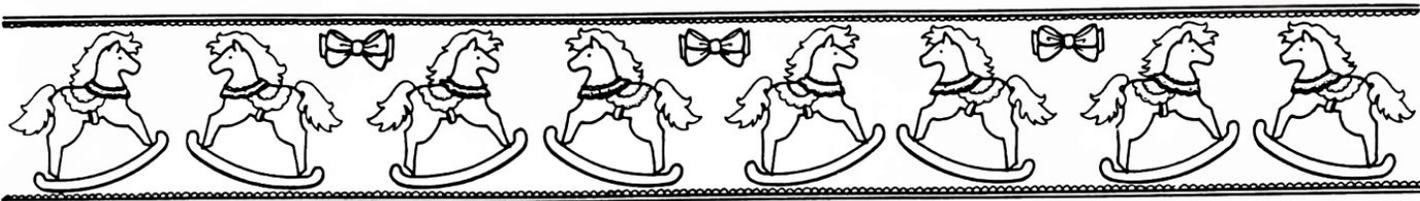
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