

On Point!

May, 1997

Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

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

President's Message

I'm writing this the day after the quilt show. I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did. The quilts were gorgeous . . . this guild has very talented members!

The vendors offered much to entice us, the lectures and demonstrations were informative and inspiring and spending over two days with friends was great!

I want to thank all the members who worked long and hard to make the show a success. Most jobs were done efficiently by those who had volunteered to do so. When a few fell short of expectations, others jumped in to fill the gaps.

A special thanks to all the family members who helped set up on Friday night. I especially want to thank the people who, though exhausted, stuck around to make sure that everything was taken down and packed away for next year. The members of this guild should be very proud of the show that we put together every year — I can hardly wait for next year!

The May meeting is our official meeting of the year. We will be officially voting in the nominees for next year's board. See you then!

Millie Clinton
President, NSQG

Quilt Show Report

Wow! What a fantastic show! We had only a few tiny glitches — and fortunately, only those who were involved were aware of them.

The total number of people who paid to be admitted to our show was 2,926. If we added those of you who volunteered, we probably had over 3,100 in total attendance.

Weren't the quilts gorgeous? Thanks to everyone who submitted a beautiful quilt for display, and congratulations to the talented ribbon winners.

Weren't those new vendors a great addition? A few changes each year make the show so much more interesting and keeps our members and the paid attendees on their toes.

Thanks go to all members of the show committee — those who volunteered themselves and your families. We couldn't have pulled it off without the husbands and children who assisted at set-up on Friday evening and take-down on Sunday evening. We appreciate your volunteering them. I wish that I knew all the names so I could thank each one personally.

Another great big thank-you to Bruce Hartley, who came all the way from Washington to put up our signs!

Joan Weth, our hospitality chairperson, did such a phenomenal job with the Friday night supper! Who could possibly duplicate her wonderful set up? The tables were lovely, and the food was plentiful and delicious. In addition, she put on breakfast and lunch for the workers on Saturday and Sunday with virtually no assistance. Thank you, Joan, your efforts are truly appreciated.

The speakers were interesting and entertaining — at least that's the feedback I have gotten. I was unable to get to all the lectures, being just a little bit busy elsewhere at the show.

Thanks again to all of you who did yoeman-like work putting the show together. We had fun along the way! We met new friends and broadened our horizons.

Next year, perhaps more of you will join us and discover how rewarding working for a common goal can be!

Brenda Strauss
VP, Quilt Show

**Our Next
Meeting
will be on
May 20th, 1997**

Programs

"Fabric Postcards: Landmarks and Landscapes/Monuments and Meadows" is the title of our May lecture given by the wonderful Judi Warren. She will show us how quilting is full of references to the natural landscape, geography, travel and architecture.

Contemporary quilters have expanded on these classic themes with intriguing Fabric Postcards that describe canyons, cathedrals, monuments, temples, sea coasts, city streets and country fields — picture postcards, complete in every detail, executed in cloth. Judi will help us see and understand the technical aspects and the inventive use of patterned fabrics — a quilter's "trip around the world", revealing scenic views that say, "wish you were here!"

Nancy Murphy
NSQG VP, Programs

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 due one week after the general meeting, and may be submitted by mail, e-mail or fax. All contributions are welcomed!

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The deadline for articles in the June issue is May 27, 1997.

Education

The workshop, *Fabric Postcards*, still has some openings; this class, taught by Judi Warren, will be on Monday, May 19th. The student will design and sew a small-scale two-sided fabric postcard. The cost is \$30; for intermediate to advanced level.

To register for a workshop: date check, payable to NSQG, with workshop month. Mark the check and a SASE with the workshop name.

Mail to Karen Eckmeier, PO Box 139, Bedford, NY 10506.

Judy Rosenberg
Education Chairperson

Library News

The merry month of May is your last chance to check out books for this season. (In June, it's "returns" only.) Please make sure to return any items you've borrowed, so that they are available for others to enjoy, and so that our inventory will be complete.

Fresh from That Patchwork Place, and just the book for those of us in the vacation mode, is *Appliquilt to Go*, Tonee White's new addition to her appliquilt series. Projects in this volume are designed to be created one block at a time, and joined later . . . just the thing for carrying along to appointments or longer sojourns.

Flowers, a lighthouse, whales, an angel, and other delightful motifs are cheerful and inspiring.

A new acquisition by Diana McClune and Laura Nownes, who

also wrote *Quilts, Quilts, Quilts* and *Quilts, Quilts, and More Quilts*, and *Say It With Quilts*. Twenty-three quilts and their stories are presented, with clear directions, cutting charts, yardage, etc., with the flair which makes these author-designers so popular. Pieced, appliqued, traditional and contemporary, the designs offer something for everyone.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting!

Kathleen Sambora
NSQG Librarian

Membership

We had one new member sign up at the April meeting. She is:

Judy Irish
135 Carmen Hill 2
New Milford, CT 06776
(860)355-7131

We've come up with a new idea that we'd like to try out in September. We thought it would be nice to identify new members and guests with name tags showing their name and the town where he/she resides.

When we see someone who is a new member or a guest, it would be a very welcoming gesture to introduce ourselves and some of our friends to that person and perhaps invite him/her to sit with us.

Pat Rowan
VP Membership



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100 - PIECED QUILTS

3rd 104 *Autumn in New York* Maggie Kolvenbach*

200 - PIECED WALLHANGINGS

1st 202 *Twirly Giggles* Karen Eckmeier*

3rd 210 *Balinese Cabins* Laura Book*

HM 201 *Full Circle* Karen Eckmeier*

300 - APPLIQUED QUILTS

3rd 301 *Tokyo To Baltimore* Jean Henderson*

400 - APPLIQUED WALLHANGINGS

2nd 403 *Transition from Tenugui* Joyce Sullivan*

500 - MIXED TECHNIQUE QUILTS

1st 501 *The Current* Lauran Fowks*

3rd 505 *Unnamed* Ann Fitzell*

HM 502 *Boundaries* Rene Bracken*

600 - MIXED TECHNIQUE WALLHANGINGS

1st 606 *Simple Gifts* Maria Ramon Weber*

3rd 203 *Mariners Compass* Jeanne Homan*

700 - MACHINE QUILTED QUILTS

1st 701 *At the Still Point* Jeri Riggs*

3rd 716 *Dolphins at Dusk* Corinne Moschella*

HM 703 *Santa Quilt* Margaret A. Phillips*

800 - MACHINE QUILTED WALLHANGINGS

1st 815 *Aurora* Eda E. Steinman*

1st 804 *Venice* Angela A. Kamen*

2nd 802 *Star Gazer* Jeri Riggs*

HM 812 *Fractured Log Cabin* Janet Brodie*

1000 - COMBINED TECHNIQUES WALLHANGINGS

1st 1002 *FF-Self Portrait* Joyce Sullivan*

2nd 1005 *Kansas Trouble: To Oz* Anita Veccia*

3rd 1004 *Kaleidoscope II: Arabian* Barbara Sferra*

HM 801 *Almost 'Sconset* Nancy Mirman*

1100 - MINIATURE QUILTS

1st 1101 *Positive Energy, Too!* Karen Eckmeier*

2nd 1102 *Baby Bunting* Meg Mooar*

rd 1105 *What You See is What You Get: II* Anita Veccia*

HM 1108 *Cliff Dwellings at Sunset* Barbara M. Hicks*

1200 - SPECIAL TECHNIQUES

1st 1213 *Brush Strokes* Caroline Kearney*

2nd 1212 *Wily Creilly* Jeri Riggs*

1300 - GROUP QUILTS

2ND 1306 *Variations on a Theme: Fifty-Four Forty or Fight Fabulous Fabricators**

JUDGE'S RECOGNITION AWARDS

Jan Snelling-McTaggart

1306 *Variations on a Theme: Fifty-Four Forty or Fight Fabulous Fabricators**

HM = Honorable Mention

And, these were the lucky raffle winners!

The Mariner's Compass Queen Size Quilt — Lelia Johnson, Brooklyn, New York

First Prize, Bernina Sewing Machine donated by Pins & Needles of Mount Kisco, New York
— Sean Rowan, Yorktown Heights, NY (Pat Rowan's daughter!)

Second Prize, A Basket of International Fabrics donated by International Fabric Collection, Erie, PA
— Richard Bouton, Sr., Mahopac, NY (Dolores Bouton's husband!)

Third Prize, Original Stained Glass Ornament donated by Jayne E. Young, Maple Tree Glass
— Susan O'Leary, Greenwich, CT (A NSQG member!)

Our NSQG Guild Officer Nominees

At our May meeting, we will vote to accept the following new officers for the guild year of 1997-1998:

President:

Lauran Fowkes

I'm excited to be nominated for President for the coming guild year. I've been a member of the guild since 1987, and I still remember how thrilled I was at my first guild meeting — I thought I was in Quilt Heaven!

I've since served several years on the Quilt Show Committee, as well as on the Board as VP Membership, Education and Librarian. I'm looking forward to taking an active role once again, and working with the other board members to provide you all with a monthly dose of Quilt Heaven!

Co-Vice President, Program:

Marie Pedlow

After several years of a friend's urging me to join the Guild, I finally succumbed in 1988, and a whole new world opened up for me. Quilting has enriched my life in ways that continue to surprise and delight me (winning the raffle quilt in 1995 was no small surprise) and has enriched the lives of my family as well. My grandchildren learn to say the word, "quilt" early on, and it's usually preceded by, "Where's my".

In the past, I have served on the Show Committee as JFK Liaison and as Treasurer. I welcome this opportunity to serve once again, as I accept the invitation, together with Adrienne Yorinks, to present to you a year of interesting and challenging programs.

Co-Vice President, Programs:

Adrienne Yorinks

I've been a member of NSQG for seven years and am delighted to be nominated for VP, Programs. I served as program director for two years and found it a rewarding experience. When Marie called me to ask if I would act as a consultant, I surprised myself and her and volunteered to co-chair the position with her.

I look forward to working with all of the board members and serving the NSQG membership.

Vice President, Quilt Show:

Nancy Mirman

Quilting and NSQG have been a major part of my life since 1984. I was on the Show Committee for many years, served as Treasurer and then President, each for two years.

I am looking forward to being Show Chairman because I *know* so many of you are going to help out and make my job easy! Seriously, NSQG has given so much to me, I am happy to give back to the guild by serving as Show Chairman. I remember that back in 1985, I worried about running out of quilting projects (can you imagine?) Well, here I am, thirteen years later, as interested and enthusiastic as I was then. For that, I thank our guild.

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Vice President, Membership:
Pat Bartimoccia

Hello to all my friends and to those I hope to get to know throughout this coming year. My love for quilting was instilled in me as a child, living on a farm in rural Mississippi, watching my mother, grandmother, aunts and neighbors quilt on a regular basis. I was permitted and encouraged to quilt and to make my own clothing. Quilting has been a big part of my life.

I owned and operated The Fabric Shoppe in Baldwin Place for twenty-five years (the best years of my life) where I taught quilting and made many friends. I have been a member of NSQG for sixteen glorious years, served on the Show committee for four years, and have tried to attend all NSQG meetings. I anxiously and eagerly wish to serve you in the capacity of VP Membership.

Recording Secretary:
Andrea Winter

Piecing and quilting a block for our town's (Lewisboro) memorial quilt several years ago changed me from believing quilting to be for out-of-touch old-fashioned women to feeling a deep bond with every woman who had ever put needle to cloth. A new friend and a new grandchild led me to the Guild and to more quilting.

I am delighted to have been welcomed by so many creative women, all so willing to share their time and talent. Being on the Board is a way for me to give a little back.

Corresponding Secretary:
Cobb Stewart

After a childhood spent sleeping under handmade quilts, many years of household sewing, and a desire for a craft to be done in retirement that was challenging, fun and filled with the fellowship of other women, quilting seemed to be the answer for me. And it was, in large part because of NSQG. I am a retired library director (the John C. Hart Library in the Town of Yorktown) with two daughters, two grandchildren, and Bob, my husband of nearly 44 years. In addition to quilting, reading and trying to stay ahead of the deer in the garden, Bob and I are traveling extensively — and spending a lot of time in fabric stores wherever we visit.

My job this past year as Corresponding Secretary has been a way I can repay the guild in a small way for the inspiration and fun given me. I'm pleased to do the job once again!

Treasurer:
Jeanie Hunter

Having served as Guild Treasurer for the past year, I'm looking forward to the next year of continued service to the Guild. I live with my husband, Mike (and a continually changing array of cats) in Old Greenwich.

Next year promises to be one of great change for NSQG. We have a new Board coming in with lots of very creative and forward-thinking ideas, a sense of cooperation, and a desire to serve the members and have a lot of fun along the way! It's going to be great!



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Quilting on the Web

by Harriet Bertsche

Recently I've done a lot of "quilt browsing" on the internet. Every time I sign on, there are more quilt sites to choose from. I have looked at several, and so I'm going to give you the benefit of my experience so you won't have to waste time. Just click away to quilt heaven!

Here are two of the best sites I've discovered:

The Quilt Stash:

www.quilt-stash.com

This site has it all! It is a mail order company that sells fabric and quilting supplies. You can browse their catalog, and see the "pick of the week," a special deal on a great product, and the bargains and closeouts, which change frequently. You can see a picture of almost everything before you order it. In addition, there is a newsletter, which you can read on the site, or have e-mailed to you regularly. There is also a quilter's chat. Here you can talk to other quilters around the country. I met someone at this chat site whom I then met face to face at our show! You can put in a classified to buy or sell some quilt related item, or just post a question for other quilters to answer. There is also a list of quilt related sites to get you cruising the web. You could spend hours at this site alone. But try some others, too.

The World Wide Quilting Page

<http://www.quilt.com/>

[MainQuiltingPage.html](#)

This is an internet quilt magazine. It has a link to Ami Simms' "Worst Quilt in the World Contest." See a picture of this year's winner. There are chats, although more complicated and less frequent than at the previous site. There are profiles and interviews with renowned quilters.

(The current one is with Marsha McCloskey.) There are quilt show reviews, patterns, instructions, quilting tips, a trading post. You name it, it's there. Find out about quilt related exhibitions and museums, quilt software, read book reviews. You get the picture. It's a site with lots to see, including links to other sites!

These two sites should keep you busy for a good long time.

[Editor's note - Thanks, Harriet!]

A Message from a Lifetime Member

Having returned home to Washington after the warm and wonderfilled NSQG show in Somers, I am very aware of the unique gifts that our guild affords its members. The support and acceptance I felt truly touched me. I had come for the closure that I had missed, by not being able to attend last year's show, prior to our move. Instead, I found a connection that I don't want to break this side of the grave. For this feeling of 'belonging' I am truly grateful.

Now, I have a favor to ask that I feel will not only assist me but all of those members who wish to maintain that 'connected' feeling. How about adding your e-mail address to your regular address in the membership list? The editor of this worthy newsletter has offered to print all of those that are sent to her prior to the printing of next year's list. I know that I am not the only one that would appreciate having such a connection. Give it a thought. We are only as far apart as our keyboards.

Gloria Hartley
hartley@whidbey.net

From the Editor

I try to keep a low profile as NSQG's newsletter editor, preferring to put words in everyone else's mouth instead of having them appear under my own by-line.

But this month, I have something to say.

Since the show has ended, I've spoken about the events of the weekend with a good number of my fellow members. Over and over again, members have called me to check on their faxes or e-mail, or to see if I've heard from the printer, or ask if they can squeeze one more article in under the deadline. Once the "business" part of the call is out of the way, though, we get right to the "good" stuff — and we talk about what fun we had at the show. I guess it's typical human nature to want to go over and over all the good stuff. It must be some kind of subconscious effort we're all making as we try to sort of "re-live" the good feelings we've experienced.

As usual, the dedicated, talented, incredibly organized and hardworking members of NSQG have pulled off another wonderful show. All of us who worked so hard are tired and happy — and, yes, by the end of the weekend, maybe we were even a little bit punchy and cranky, too.

But that's not what we'll remember about this year's show — instead, we'll always talk about the fantastic food, the beautiful quilts, the great vendors, the silliness and comradery in the hospitality room, the feeling of belonging.

I, for one, am honored to be a part of such a great group. My sincere thanks to everyone who made the show possible.

Elizabeth Rosenberg

On the Road Again...

Everyone came back from Lancaster happy! It was a good trip, and now we're looking ahead towards the next one. The dates are June 27 and 28 in Syracuse. I will have full details about the trip in the next newsletter. What I can tell you at this time, though, is that we have permission to park our cars in the JFK parking lot — that's a relief!

However, I do need you to sign up as soon as possible! Send me a check (made out to NSQG, please) for \$135.00. Mail your check to:

Dorothy Fiederlein
4 North Lane
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If you have any questions or concerns (and also to sign up) please call me at 914-628-4241. Thank you!

Dorothy Fiederlein
Special Events Chairperson

Boutique

Our gross sales were \$4,085.27. The top individual earner was Ruth Page.

Many thanks to the volunteers who worked at the Boutique this year — especially those volunteers who worked in the room although they did not have any items for sale.

As usual, the boutique room boasted an impressive range of beautifully made items. I hope that each of you had a chance do some of your shopping there.

Pat Baker
NSQG Boutique Chair

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 3/19/97 - 4/15/97

TOTAL GUILD	
OPENING BALANCE	\$33,428.50
Checking Opening Balance	\$9,100.40
INCOME	
Newsletter	50.00
Raffle	283.00
Super Saturday	720.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,053.00
EXPENSES	
Newsletter	
Printing	183.34
Postage	108.80
Programs	
Speaker Fees	400.00
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Workshops	
Teacher Fees	400.00
Travel Expense	27.50
Hall Rental	600.00
Workshops- Super Saturday	
Teacher Fees	800.00
Hall Rental	200.00
Lunch	414.00
Table Moving	70.00
Breakfast/Copies	72.62
Education - Misc.	40.03
Library	29.95
Special Events (Lancaster)	631.87
Corresponding Secretary	17.10
Hospitality	22.17
Comfort Quilts	174.69
Transfer to Savings Account	4,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$8,712.07
Checking Closing Balance	\$1,441.33
Savings Opening Balance	\$6,866.30
INCOME	
Transfer from Checking	4,000.00
Interest Income	17.64
TOTAL INCOME	4,017.64
Savings Closing Balance	\$10,883.94
Show Checking	
Opening Balance	\$17,461.80
INCOME	1,177.50
EXPENSES	\$1,610.05
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Closing Balance	\$17,029.25
TOTAL GUILD	
CLOSING BALANCE.	\$29,354.52

Jeanie Hunter
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Hospitality

Teri and I would like to thank everyone who brought treats to the April meeting. All were more than generous, and we are looking forward to the great goodies we will have at the May meeting.

If you bring a dish, please collect it at the end of the break. We need to clean up then, before returning for the second half of the meeting.

Please remember to bring your own mug!

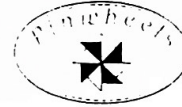
Thanks to all.

Sari Langlois
& *Teri Anzalone*
Hospitality Chairs

NSQG Calendar

- 5-8-97 *Comfort Quilts* at Katonah Pres. Church
- 5-19-97 *Fabric Postcards Workshop*
- 5-20-97 *Transformations: Creating Transparencies with Color and Light Workshop*
- 5-20-97 **General Guild Meeting**, 7:30 pm JFK HS
- 5-27-97 *Board Meeting*, 7:30 pm, JFK HS
- 6-3-97 *Show Committee Mtng*, 7:30 pm, Nancy Mirman's

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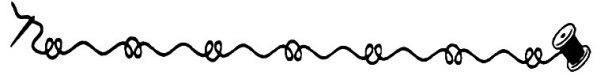
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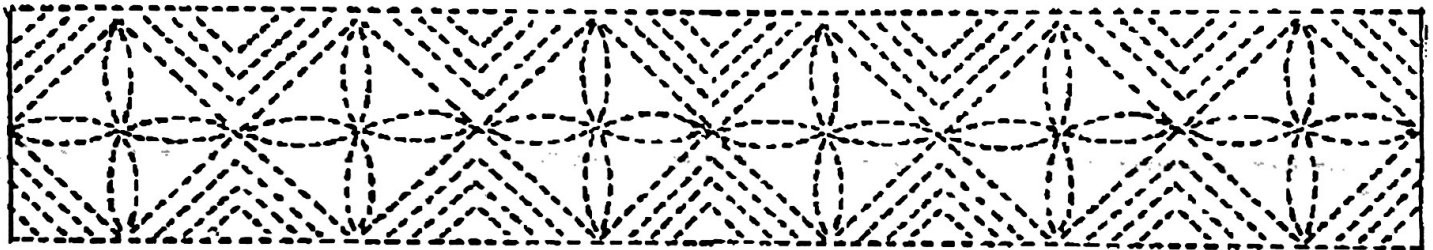
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