

On Point!

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A Message From the President

Once again we have provided "A World of Quilts" to the general public. What a beautiful show, thanks to the help of so many people. The show committee did a splendid year-long of planning and preparing. All the volunteer assignments of show week were completed happily and efficiently. A GREAT JOB GANG! Thank you so much.

Congratulations to all the prize winners...also to those who shared their quilts with us and did not win a ribbon. Every quilt had a special meaning and value to those who made them and to those who viewed them. We want all the ribbon winners to bring their quilts to Show & Tell at the May meeting so we can get another look. Please stay near the stage so members can ask questions during the break. Projects from workshops with Libby Lehman and Velda Newman will also be looked forward to. Don't forget to bring them even if they are incomplete.

May is our designated Annual Meeting at which election of officers takes

place. Find the short BIOs for the nominated officers in this newsletter. There are still a couple of openings for non-elected Board positions next year so let us hear from some volunteers. The Quilt Show Committee is also forming again for next year's show. It is a wonderful place for new members to "get their feet wet." Lots of jobs that don't require a lot of time and many opportunities to apprentice with someone who is already familiar with a position and needs some help. Marie Sugar is the contact person for show jobs.

Comfort Quilts has made some large commitments for next year. Every guild member should try to help with this charitable work in some way. The Board has agreed that we will again begin a block-of-the-month and perhaps a round-robin format intended to end up as Comfort Quilts. Details will be ironed out and more information will be forthcoming by summer. Prepare to participate.

Everyone enjoyed the interesting scrap

approach presented by Sally Schneider last month. In spite of the fabric yardage purchased in Lancaster and at our own show we all have some holes in our stash that need filling. Diane Rode Schneck will tell us this month about her secret places to fill in the gaps. Don't miss these tips.

NSQG pins are available again for members to purchase. They are only \$3.00. Get them at the membership table.

See you May 16th,

Hospitality

Greetings from the hospitality table. We would like to thank all the members whose last names begin with S,T and U. You folks did a splendid job in filling the hospitality table with tempting treats at the April meeting. We are asking members whose last names begin with V, W, Y and Z to bring something to share for next month's meeting. In June, we will all be bringing in salads for our annual Salad Supper. More details will be in the June newsletter.

As always, thanks to everyone who make the hospitality table a fun place to pick up a snack and chat.

Kate and Joanne



V
W Y
Z

Please Bring Your Mug

General Meeting
Tuesday
May 16, 2000
JFK High School
Somers, New York
7 pm

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Articles must be submitted to the newsletter Editor (generally one week) after the general meeting and may be submitted by postal mail, e-mail or fax. E-mail *attachments* cannot be accepted. **Please include your text in the body of the e-mail message.**

The deadline for articles appearing in the June issue is May 16, at the General Meeting. Send articles and information to:

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Programs — May and June

Well, Sally Schneider's class on Painless Borders was just fantastic. We all had a great time, both beginners and advanced quilters alike. We saw many beautiful quilts in the afternoon, and another trunk full in the evening, along with some great slides of her quilts and quilt room. (We always love to see other quilter's studios.) She was quite a fun speaker and we hope you all enjoyed her.

Moving onto May, we will welcome Diane Rode Schneck who will lecture on "The Haunts of the Phabric Phantom." This slide lecture will take us through New York's famous Garment District, teach us valuable tips and tricks of shopping for fabric in the big city (and anywhere else). We will also see how New York quiltmakers are using unusual fabrics to make incredible, imaginative quilts. Hope you can join us for this fun evening.

In June, get your fat quarters ready to make a "Happy Meal." We will place 5 fat quarters in a brown lunch bag and label our ingredients. Those who participate will get a chance to taste some really good treats.

See you in May,

Kathy & Eleanor

Important Dates

May 11	Comfort Quilts
May 16	General Meeting Diane Rode Schneck The Haunts of the Phabric Phantom
May 23	Exec. Board Meeting <i>On Point!</i> Articles Due
June 6	Quilt Show Meeting Astoria Fed. Savings Bank, Somers
June 11 & 16	Comfort Quilts
20	General Meeting Salad Supper
27	Exec. Board Meeting <i>On Point!</i> Articles Due

New Officers for 2000-2001

Linda von Ahn — President

I have been a member of NSQG since 1986 or there about. I have served on the Board in a few positions and also on the Quilt Show committee. I am an addicted "fabricholic" and a compulsive quilt maker. I love the process, the feel, the look, the comfort and everything else about quilts.

As President of your guild, I would like to have more input from the membership as to the direction they want the guild to head toward as we start the 21st century.

I will do my best to continue the fine reputation our Guild has maintained by the dedication of our past leaders. \

Kathy Vanacoro — V.P. Programs

I started quilting about six years ago and have been addicted ever since. This is my fifth year with NSQG. After the first year I was hooked and offered to volunteer. Nancy Mirman called and asked me to do a "small job" on Show Committee as Raffle Chairperson. I loved it and stayed on for two years.

I met some great quilters, shared lots of laughs and made some terrific friends. This past year I served as Co-VP-Programs, which I shared with Eleanor Hibbin. I am so excited to be working this year with Joan Weth, who has graciously agreed to help me out. I welcome help and ideas for speakers/programs from everyone. You can contact me at vanacoro@rcn.com. I need all the help I can get!!!! I am looking forward to another great year.

Georgia Heller — Recording Secretary

I started quilting four years ago after retiring from a long career in the software industry. I love to design and make quilts and collect those wonderful fabrics. This guild has been a source of inspiration, education, and many new friendships for me. Working to design and coordinate the work on this year's raffle quilt was a great experience and I'm looking forward to serving on the board.

Lauran Fowks — Treasurer

I have been a member of the Guild since 1988 and have held many positions on both the Board and the Quilt Show Committee. For the last two years, I have been serving as Quilt Show Treasurer. I have loved being a part of the excitement of planning Guild meetings and the supportive camaraderie of the Board, and look forward to all that and more next year, if I am elected as Guild Treasurer.

Dorothy Fiederlein — Corresponding Secretary

Marie Sugar — V.P. Quilt Show

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NSQG Well Represented at ASQ Show in Paducah, KY

Four NSQG members were among the quilt artists whose work was juried into the 2000 AQS Quilt Show. Two of these entries returned home with ribbons attached. Our warmest congratulations to Alice Garrard, Karen Echmeier, Maxine Oliver and Angela Kamen, who all had quilts juried into the main show. The show received over 7500 entries, of which about 750 were selected for display, so to be in the show is a high honor. In addition, Margaret Phillip's entry in the red and white wall hanging challenge was displayed in the main quilt display area. This entry was donated to benefit the Museum of the American Quilter Society (MAQS). Our thanks to these ladies for doing NSQG so proud.

Special congratulations to Alice Garrard whose "Rally Round Raspberry Ruff" received a Second Place (and cash award) in the Innovative Pieced, amateur or professional category and to Karen Eckmeier for securing an Honorable Mention in the Theme: Dogwoods category with her piece "Dogwood Acres."

If you go to Paducah, MAQS is a must see. Once again, NSQG has much to be proud of. Two of our members' quilts were on display from the permanent collection. "Jellybean" by Angela Kamen was displayed as part of the exhibit from the permanent collection. Adrienne Yorink's "Ducking the Storm" Quilt was displayed within the Storm at Sea: New Twist on an Old Favorite special exhibit. Adrienne's work was also featured in a new AQS book that is a companion to the exhibit. Finally, we could all look on the wall and find the dedication plaque reading "In Memory of Doreen Speckman from Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Somers, NY."

If you are planning a trip to Paducah, be sure to take along the NSQG MAQS membership card for free admission and discounts at the museum bookstore.

Karen Abramson
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Quilt Show Meetings

Quilt show meetings are held at the Astoria Federal Savings Bank in Somers at 7:30 pm. Please call Marie Sugar for directions if you are not sure of the location of the meeting.

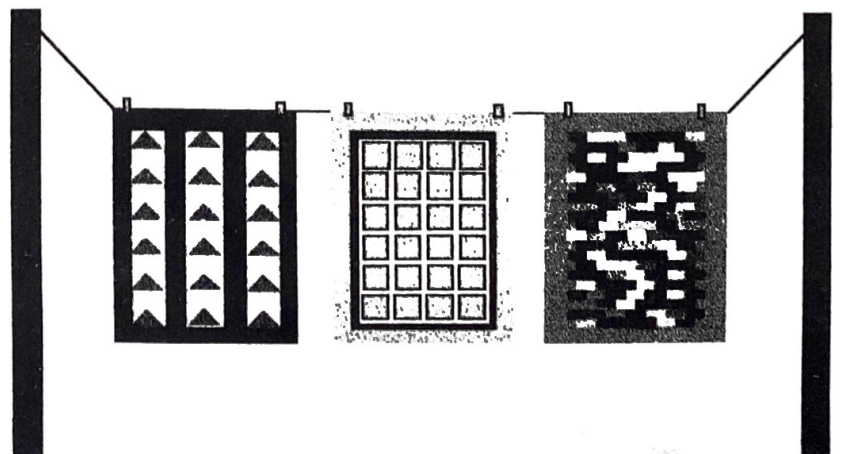
June 6

Comfort Quilts

Calendar Dates: May 11, June 1 and 15

The Comfort Quilt Committee is honored to have been asked to provide some quilts to a member's daughter to take to Rumania in June. She will give them to an orphanage there, and return with a small American-to-be. They are learning about quilts over the ocean, as the orphanage asked for quilts. Please note that Comfort Quilts will meet only once in May, on Wednesday, May 11. The next meeting after that will return to our regular first and third Wednesday schedule.

Pat Baker
Comfort Quilts

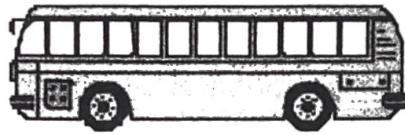


The Road to Houston November 1 to November 4th 2000

The trip to Houston is well on its way to becoming a reality. Hotel reservations and airfare have been confirmed. The cost of the round trip, nonstop Continental airfare and reservations at the Hyatt Regency is \$650.00. This is a very good price. I am still working on a highly recommended side trip to Old Spring, Texas and two and a half days at the show. More details as they arrive. If you are at all interested let me know as soon as possible as there are only 25 openings and nine are spoken for. A \$40.00 deposit will hold your place. If you have any questions please call or e-mail me.

If you asked to have your name put on the list and I have not contacted you please let me know as my original list is misplaced.

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Lancaster Bus Sags Under Weight of Purchases Made by Guild Members (not really)

A wonderful time was enjoyed by everyone in Lancaster. Lots of beautiful quilts to see, vendors, and good food. I would like to thank everyone on this trip for being so cooperative, (always on time, lots of smiles and warm fuzzies) and choosing for me the most interesting and beautiful fabrics. Most of the fabrics will go into an autumn quilt.

Although we had a last minute change of pickup and a late startup, this was a terrific group to plan for since once we hit the road everything went smoothly.

This group will forever be known as the Big Spenders. There were 43 on the bus and we bought a total of 1,098 ³/₄ yards of fabric. The total spent on fabric, quilt-related things, a free motion machine and one Bernina was \$21,273.44.

The closest guess on fabric was submitted by our own Joyce Sullivan (1,021 yards) and Linda Jennings (\$21,000) guessed the closest to the amount spent.

Fort Washington Trip Saturday, September 16, 2000

Come join us for a delightful day in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania. Our bus is ready to go. We will be going on Saturday, Sept. 16, 2000. The cost of the trip is \$50 which pays for the bus and entrance to the show. Call me or e-mail to save your place on the bus.

Looking forward to your reservation.

Library News

We'll have a few new novels at the May 16th meeting —

The Quilter's Apprentice

and

Round Robin

both by Jennifer Chiaverini. So stop by to check them out!

Here is the list of overdues. For those due in February, please give me a call so we can find a way to get these back to me before the May meeting. (Book rate postage is pretty inexpensive, if it comes to that.)

Due February:

Susan Arnold: More Quilts for Baby
Easy as ABC

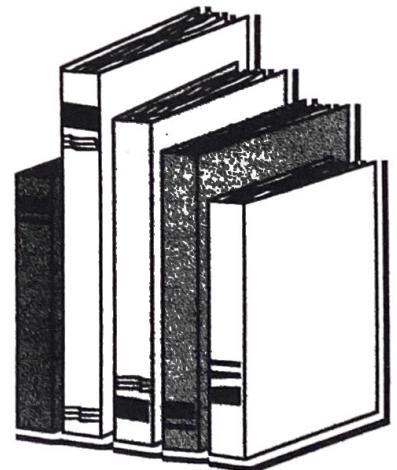
Mary Eddy, Quilting with Style

For these, due in March, please return at the May meeting: Joyce Bergstrom, Julie Long (3), C. Novell (3), Lois Lober (3) Pat Marciano, AnneMarie Ramirez, Cindy Powers, Laura Goldstein.

Also a handful of books due in April, please return them at the May meeting also!

Thanks,

Kim Silva-Lepe
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Membership

The April meeting was well attended. 156 members were there plus 7 guests (one from Germany). We accepted two new members :

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Add these e-mails to your list:

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At the May meeting you will have a chance to buy a NSQG pin. Show off your membership when you go off to all the other shows in the area. The pin was originally sold from 1985 or 1986 until the supply ran out. For several years now it has not been available. Since the original artwork was nowhere to be found, one of our members, Jackie Stewart created a copy of it and we are again able to offer you a guild pin for only \$3.00. They will be for sale at the admissions table at all the meetings.


Enjoy the show.

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
Fabric Exchange

Spring is here and it is a good time to go through your stash, give it some air and exchange some of that fabric for fresh new fabrics!

The themes for the following months are:

May Orientals 
June Potpourri - anything you want to exchange.

The rules remain the same:

1. Fabric must be 100% cotton of quilting weight. 
2. Fabrics must be washed, pressed, and cut in 6" squares.
3. Each square must have a clear, identifiable image of the theme.
4. Place six fabrics in a clear sandwich bag with your name clearly visible.
5. Each person will bring six bags.

I am looking for someone to take my place for next year. If you have any questions please call me or just come and sit with me and observe how easy the exchange process is. It only takes a few minutes of your time and it is always fun to see what everyone brings.

If you have questions please call Martha (914) 232-7298 or e-mail jbuhl@bestweb.net.



Treasurers Report

Period 2/22 - 4/25

TOTAL GUILD	
Opening Balance	\$42,191.18
GUILD CHECKING	
Opening Balance	\$8,585.44
Income	
Trips	6,984.00
Newsletter	100.00
Education	810.00
Programs	177.16
Membership	963.50
TOTAL INCOME	\$9,034.66
Expenses	\$5,930.10
Newsletter	\$1,410.83
Education	\$1,867.47
Programs	\$370.86
Library	10.40
Membership	681.00
Boutique	250.00
Hospitality	47.00
Super Saturday	1,080.97
General Office	233.10
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$11,881.73
Closing Balance	\$5,738.38
SAVINGS	
Beginning Balance	\$19,408.52
Interest	63.26
Closing Balance	\$19,471.78
GUILD SHOW ACCOUNT	
Beginning Balance	\$14,197.21
Income	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$0.00
Expenses	\$79.87
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$79.87
Closing Balance	\$14,117.34
TOTAL GUILD ACCOUNTS	\$39,327.50

Road to . . . A comprehensive list compiled by Nancy Hantman

Exhibitions and Shows

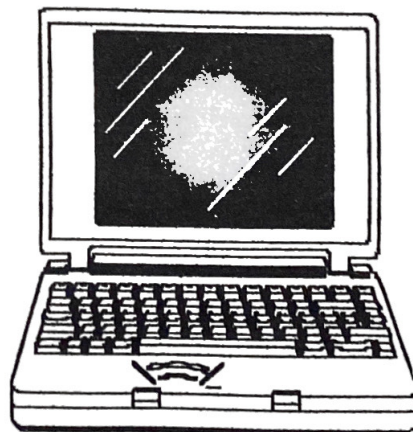
- Middletown, NJ: "Rebecca's Reel Quilters' Inspirations: A Quilt Show for the New Millennium," May 19-21, Poricy Park, Oak Hill Road. Contact: Julie Bleickhardt, c/o Poricy Park—RRQ, PO Box 36, Middletown, NJ 07748.
- North East, MD: Delaware Valley Quilt Show, May 26-27, Physical Education Building, Cecil Community College. Contact: 856-935-1722; <http://www.dca.net/ladybugsquilt>.
- Northampton, MA: Paradise City Arts Festival (includes quilts), May 27-29, Tri-County Fairgrounds. Contact: Geoffrey and Linda Post, 66 Northampton Street, Easthampton, MA 01027; 413-527-8994; fax 413-527-8093; info@paradise-city.com; <http://www.paradise-city.com>.
- Troy, NY: NYQuilts!, June 3-4, Robison Athletic Recreation Center, Russell Sage College, First Street. Contact: PO Box 93, Brainard, NY 12024-0093, 518-766-6279; info@nyquilts.org; <http://www.nyquilts.org>.
- New York, NY: "Alphabet Atlas" Quilts by Adrienne Yorinks (a guild member), June 6-30, Sidney Mishkin Gallery, Baruch College, 135 East 22nd Street.
- Rutherford, NJ: Quilts: Stitches Through Time, The Meadowlands Museum, 91 Crane Avenue, 201-935-1178. Groups by appointment.
- Oberlin, OH: "The Artist as Quiltmaker," May 14-July 30, New Union Center for the Arts, 39 South Main Street; 440-774-7158; fax 440-775-1107.
- Lowell, MA: The Lowell Quilt Festival (includes New England Images 2000) and Antique Quilt Show & Market, August 17-20, Tsongas Arena and Lowell Auditorium. Send \$1 to Connie Bastille, Images 2000, PO Box 100, West Peterborough, NH 03468; neimages2000@hotmail.com.

Other Events

- Golden, CO: Support Project Linus by making "Warm Wishes" quilts for seriously ill or traumatized children. Free pattern: SASE to Quilts to Comfort, 741 Corporate Circle, Suite A, Golden, CO 80401.
- Bronx, NY: Floral Fabric Brooch Class taught by Annie Coan, June 3, Wave Hill House, West 249th Street and Independence Avenue. \$10 materials fee; register at 718-549-3200, ext 213; <http://www.wavehill.org>.
- Japan: "Autumn Splendor" tour led by Susan Faeder, November 2000/"Hawks and Heroes Quilt Challenge." SASE to Quilters' Express to Japan, 80 East 11th Street, New York, NY 10003; 212-404-0480; fax 212-505-0510.
- Cincinnati, OH: Sew Near to My Heart Competition, February 9-11, 2001. SASE with \$1.00 to Sew Near to My Heart, P.O. Box 62222, Cincinnati, OH 45262.

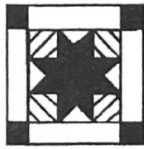
World Wide Web Sites

- Bonnie Lyn McCaffery at <http://www.home.ptd.net/~bmccaffe>
- Marge Hurst at <http://nzquilter.org.nz/artists/MMH/>
- Mary Ann Beattie at <http://home.kiski.net/~mayann/>
- Quilter's Newsletter Magazine at <http://www.quiltersnewsletter.com>
- Quilts, Counterpanes & Throws at <http://www.si.edu/organiza/museums/nmah/ve/quilts/quilt.htm>
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