



# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER 1992

## President's Corner

It is always fun for me to go to Hilton Head but I wish the timing was not such that I have to miss a meeting. I am sure October's was a good one.

There has been considerable talk lately about the "art quilt" and quilt designing. For many of us, this is of primary importance and what keeps our interest up. I think sometimes these wonderful innovative quilts are intimidating to the less adventurous among us, and they shouldn't be.

An article in Quilter's Newsletter Magazine (October 1991) introducing Shirley Wegert, who makes sample quilts for Leman Publications, spoke to this subject by relaying her outlook. Her brother died this year after many years as a successful symphony conductor. Shirley said, "He was not a composer, he was a conductor. I'm as much into quilting as he was into music. I know I'm not a designer, and that is OK. Just like my brother took someone else's music and made it beautiful, I make quilts to compliment what the designer did." She advises, "Don't ever worry about making a quilt like someone else's. You are being creative by putting it together in your own way. The important thing is to enjoy yourself." Shirley also states that making sample quilts for a quilt company challenges her and has made her grow. She would not have done many of the projects or tried the various color combinations on her own.

In this same way we can gain from NSQG. Put your creativity to work on someone else's design by participating in the "Block of the Month" this year. Take the challenge of completing an Attic Windows for this year's Challenge project. Your creativity will come alive in every window. Start early--maybe you'll want to do two!

Piece, piece and peace,  
Joyce Sullivan

## Guild Calendar

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| 11/7  | Guild bus trip to "Quilters Gathering", Westford, MA                                                                                     |
| 11/14 | NSQG Holiday Boutique at Fox Lane High School in Bedford, Rt. 172 (Exit 4 off 684)<br>9-4:30 for Guild members<br>10-4:30 for the public |
| 11/16 | Liz Porter Workshop                                                                                                                      |
| 11/17 | Marianne Fons Workshop                                                                                                                   |
| 11/17 | NSQG General Meeting at SIS, R2. 202, Somers<br>Doors open at 7:00<br>Meeting starts at 7:45                                             |
| 11/24 | Newsletter Deadline                                                                                                                      |
| 12/1  | Quilt Show Comm. Mtg.                                                                                                                    |
| 12/8  | NSQG Board Meeting                                                                                                                       |
| 12/15 | NSQG General Meeting                                                                                                                     |

## Current Events

- 11/19--3/29/93 "Nancy Crow: Work in Transition" Quilt Exhibition, American Craft Museum, 40 West 53rd Ave., New York. Info: Frances Kelly (212) 956-3535

## Board of Directors

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## Financial Report

BALANCE 9/1/92		32255.84
GENERAL ACCOUNT 9/1/92		19297.94
Cash received:		
Interest	37.50	
Membership	2727.50	
Raffle	164.00	
Cash Dispersed:		
Program	939.67	
Newsletter	172.00	
Office Expense	71.30	
Resource/Educ.	240.00	
Bank Charges	33.78	
BALANCE 9/30/92		20770.20
QUILT SHOW ACCT 9/1/92		12957.90
Cash received:		
Quilt Frame	200.00	
Cash Dispersed:		
Printing	93.76	
1993 Quilt	54.08	
Balance 9/30/92		13010.06
BALANCE 9/30/92		33780.26

Nancy Mirman

### FABRIC RAFFLE

For the November 17 meeting, please bring in as many fat or long quarter yards of fabric as you wish in reds and greens. You will receive a fabric raffle ticket for each quarter yard.

Lillian Colyer

## Program

For November's Program we will welcome the famous duo Marianne Fons and Liz Porter. Hailing from Lorimor, Iowa, these two ladies are known for their exquisite quits and vibrant personalities. Their lecture is titled The Quilters Book of World Records. We will become familiar with the world's smallest quilt, largest quilt and ugliest quilts, among others. Get ready to have some fun!

Some things to consider...in February, we'd like to focus on the work of Guild entrepreneurs by displaying their work. We will limit raffle items to those made by these folks. If you are interested in participating, call Debi or Adrienne or see one of them during the break at November's meeting.

The March Program will be Virginia Avery's Trunk Show. To celebrate the return of spring, we will showcase the wearable art creations of Guild members by making Show-and-Tell a fashion show. So here's your advance notice--get those patterns out as spring will be here before you know it. We'd love to see you on that runway. Stay tuned for future information.

Adrienne Yorinks 669-9450  
Debi Tong Gray 232-0604

### HOSPITALITY

The following members have signed up to bring cookies or other finger food for the November 17 General Meeting: Eileen Ford, Kay Fowler, Mary Gall, Lorraine Gansinger, Janice Hart, Mabel Hart, Terry Melillo, Lorraine Mioducki and Micki Tedeschi.

Thanks to all who remember to bring their own coffee mugs.

Barbara Yerks  
Vickie Ramella

## Resource & Education

Upcoming Workshop Information:

### TESSELATED STARS with Liz Porter

Monday, November 16th 9:00-3:30  
Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse

### FINE FEATHER QUILTING DESIGNS

with Marianne Fons

Tuesday, November 17th 9:00-3:30  
Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse

"Tesselated Stars" is filled, but there are still a few places left in "Fine Feather Quilting Designs". If you would like to sign up, please give Mary Rossetti a call at 245-3070.

If you have signed up for either workshop but have not received your supply list yet, please also give Mary a call.

### SKILLS BANK QUESTIONNAIRE

In last month's newsletter we included a Skills Bank Questionnaire asking for information from members who are interested in demonstrating skills at our general meetings or teaching workshops at our Super Saturday this Spring. If you are interested in teaching or demonstrating, please be sure to turn in your completed Skills Bank Questionnaire to the Resource & Education Table at the November general meeting.

### SECRET QUILTING PALS

I have a terrible confession to make. One of the Secret Quilting Pals envelopes was left unclaimed after the September meeting, and so I brought it home to await a call from its owner. Unfortunately, it disappeared into the Black Hole of my household clutter and hasn't turned up yet. I don't know whose name was inside the envelope since it was sealed. Soooo....I'm hoping you will all help me out of this mess. Everyone should have heard

from their Secret Quilting Pal by now; If you've been a little slow getting started, please send a note to your Secret Quilting Pal right away so she'll know that she isn't the "unclaimed one". If you haven't heard from your Pal by the November meeting, please give me a call so we can make up a new envelope for your name and give you to your eagerly awaiting (and very patient) pal.

(P.S. If you had meant to participate in the Secret Quilting Pals but missed your chance at the September meeting, please give me a call right away and we can fix you up.)

Lauran Tyler  
232-8470

## Library News

Our featured book this month is Let's Make Waves by Marianne Fons and Liz Porter, our November speakers. You may wish to add the following newly donated titles to the Library Inventory list that appeared in your October Newsletter:

A Quilter's Companion

Dolores A. Hinson

Complete Catalog of Quilting Books 1992

Distaff Sketch Book

Robert Klingler

How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch, Ami Simms

Making Dolls

H. Witzig and G.E. Kuhn

Patchwork Patterns

Jinny Beyer

And lots of magazines.

We have a missing book, donated by Suzie Lawrence last year, titled The Applique Book. If anyone has it in their possession, please return it to our library.

Overdue Books--According to our records, these books have been out since last spring (Please either return the book or give me a call if there is a problem):

Flower Gardens & Hexagons for Quilters, Betty Boyink

Radiant Nine Patch

Blanche Young

Linda Love 232-9295

OCTOBER MEMBER OF THE MONTH

MEET LORI VANACORE--Lori spent 25 years growing up in Yonkers, although her birthplace was the Bronx, New York. She and her husband, Joey, now live in Goldens Bridge. Lori's three pride-and-joys are Max, Melissa and Rainbow--her kitties!

When asked whether sewing and handiwork was part of growing up, Lori answers, "I had no idea, I had no clue!" She started her addiction to quilting and sewing when she lived in Hartsdale. Hartsdale Fabrics was across the street, and she decided to take a sampler class. So, with no sewing experience, "A seam allowance? What's a bobbin?", Lori was on her way. She was inspired to continue her quilting by our own Claire Oehler. According to Lori, "Claire taught me all the little details." Lori saw a Lone Star Quilt--she had to have it and couldn't afford it, so she made it!

Lori has many quilting and sewing loves. She especially loves strip quilting and states that she can't live with out it. (Max and Melissa love it too!) She gets inspired by a fabric, a color or a special design, and when you look around her workroom, you can tell she gets inspired a lot! There is not only the usual fabric stash, but many projects in different stages of completion.

Lori is looking forward to expanding her quilting techniques by exploring more contemporary and dimensional quilting. She is currently self-employed. She does home decorating items (curtains, pillows, etc.) In addition, she teaches quilting at the Bedford Correctional Facility, The Chappaqua and Katonah Adult Education Programs, and at Pins and Needles in Mount Kisco. She especially loves to teach quilting to children.

When asked what tidbit of information she learned that helped or changed her quilting, she shares with us, "Learn to straighten the grain of fabric properly." To new quilters she says, "Keep quilting and try new techniques."

We all hope Lori will continue to introduce children to the joy of quilting and we wish her more hours to enjoy her many quilting interests.

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REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AND  
BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG!  
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DID YOU KNOW?

\* I'm sure you've all read about the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History selling the reproduction rights to the more than 300 historic quilts in their collection to American Pacific enterprises for mass production in China. The address to write to lodge your protest is:  
Smithsonian Institution's  
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Licensing Department  
Suite 260 Capital Gallery  
600 Maryland Avenue S.W.  
Washington, DC 20024.

\* NSQG members can place a short, quilt-related notice in the newsletter once a year. Perhaps you want to sell your quilt frame or form a neighborhood quilting group. Mail me your typed copy (3 1/2 wide) and I'll publish it in order of receipt on a space-available basis. Please include your name and day-time phone number.

Carolyn Koetse  
2908 Saddle Ridge Drive  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

## Show Report

At the November 17 General Meeting, the vote will be held to determine the recipient of the profits of our raffle quilt. Ballots with a description of the five candidates will be handed out as you enter. Each person who has submitted the name of a candidate will have two minutes to tell why her group should be chosen.

Wouldn't you like to put a few stitches into our lovely raffle quilt? It will be at Jean McAward's in Bedford (241-2648) the week of November 9, and at Brenda Strauss' in North Salem (277-3884) the week of November 16. Please call either one to make arrangements. There's lots of straight "in-the-ditch" quilting to be done, as well as the beautiful flowing patterns that Gloria Hartley designed especially for this quilt. We need volunteers to hostess the quilt for a week, or to take the quilt home to work on alone over a weekend. The time between Thanksgiving and New Year's is open. Lets hear from some of you who have never worked on one of our raffle quilts--find out what the fun is all about! Call Maddie Horr at 248-7454 or see her at the November meeting to sign up.

Information sheets and entry forms for our Quilt Block Contest "Into the Woods" are still available. Thanks to Mary Leahy and Suzie Lawrence for their good organization.

The Show Committee needs someone to work with Linda Love to obtain Lecturers with the idea of taking over the job next year. We also still need someone to work with the JFK youth for parking at the quilt show. Lets get the men in our lives involved. Bill Thorn has been hanging our quilts, fixing frames and working with the committee for fourteen years. He is still alive and well. Please call me.

Barbara Lerch 245-3932

## Membership

If you have paid your dues and have not picked up your new membership card, be sure to do so at the November meeting. If you have not paid your dues by then, this will be the last newsletter you receive so be sure to get the check to me.

Bernice Strauber

Claire Oehler, Owner

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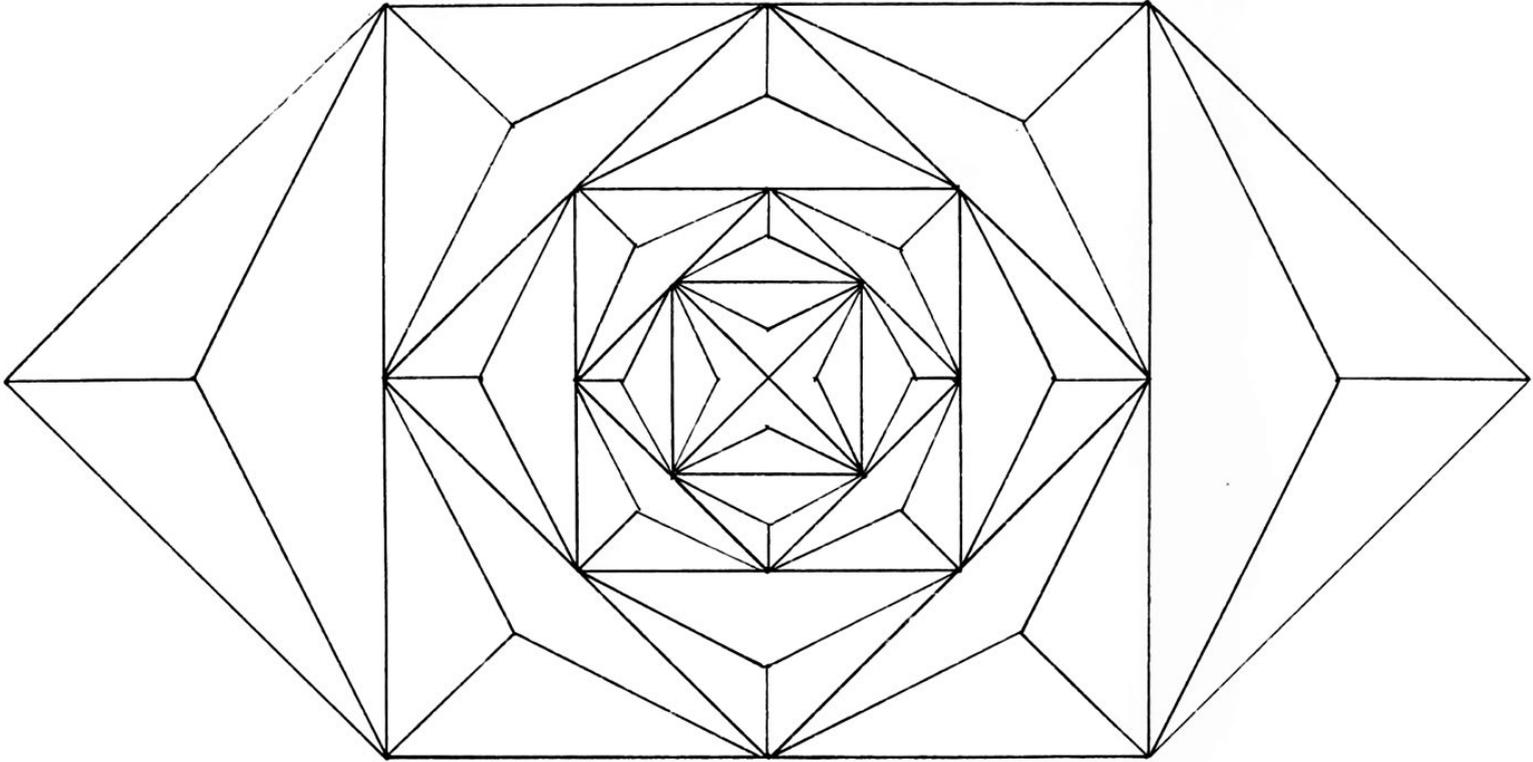
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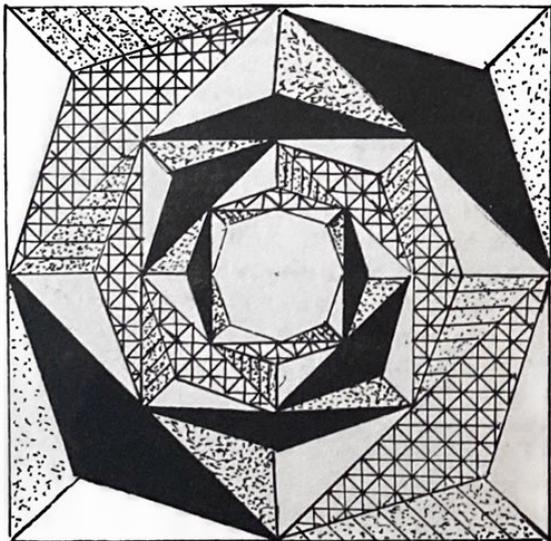
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