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# *On Point!*

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## **President's Message**

The October meeting with Sherry Sunday was inspiring: seeing the progression from traditional bed quilts to art quilts was stimulating. Her workshops were informative and great fun. I look forward to using her painless applique methods soon.

Seeing Barbara Broshaus's large applique quilts all together was a definite "WOW." We will miss you, Barbara.

We'll continue to meet in the auditorium for most general meetings. We have less clean up and we actually all fit in the space. However, we need to start the business meeting **PROMPTLY** at **7:30**. Please arrive early enough to buy raffle tickets, take out library books, turn in fabric swap packets and look at the education and other special interest tables before 7:30. There is also an opportunity at the break for many of these activities. We will flick the lights about five minutes before the start of the meeting.

I want to thank everyone who has helped make the guild function well. Please remember there are many jobs; some major and time consuming and some that take only a few minutes. We need your help. Thanks.

New members, please get involved. I've never been at a workshop where the instructor did not love to introduce her techniques to beginner quilters. Also, if you have the time to help on one of the committees, you will not only help the guild function better, but you will get to know some terrific people.

Many guild activities occur between the October and November meeting: **The Boutique, the trip to Westford Quilt Show, Comfort Quilts and Ornament Saturday**. This jam-packed schedule of quilt activities should offer something for everyone.

**The November meeting is on Tuesday, the 14th.** This is one week earlier than normal (because of the Thanksgiving Holiday). Mary Anne Caplinger will talk about woven quilt garments. When I put my loom, (that was only gathering dust), in the attic; I never realized that I might be weaving quilts someday

Remember the doors open at 7 P.M., the business meeting starts at 7:30, and hopefully we will be out before 10 P.M. See you on the 14th.

*Millie Clinton*

## **NSQG Calendar**

11/2	Comfort Quilts
11/4	Trip to A Quilters Gathering
11/7	NSQG Quilt Show Meeting
11/8 - 11/14	Raffle quilt at Linda Goodhart's
11/11	Ornament Saturday
11/14	NSQG General Meeting
11/14	Deposit due for Paducah trip
11/15 & 16	M.A. Caplinger's workshop
11/28	NSQG Bd. Meeting
12/4 - 12/8	Raffle quilt at June Ortiz's house
12/5	NSQG Quilt Show Meeting
12/7	Comfort Quilts
12/11 - 12/15	Raffle quilt at Andrea Winter's
12/12	NSQG General Meeting

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*November's meeting will be held on the second Tuesday, instead of the usual third.*

## Ornament Saturday

Saturday, November 11th

9:15 to 3:30 at

Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse

**We need your help!** More hands are needed to ensure having enough ornaments to decorate a Christmas tree that will be raffled at Putnam Hospital's Festival of Trees. The "Guild Tree" has always brought in the **most money** for them.

If you are a new member and feeling a bit lost in this large organization, **THIS IS THE DAY TO COME**. Feedback from previous years shows us this is one of the warmest, friendliest events of our guild -- and all for a good cause! If you can come, even for only a half day, please call ASAP, either Pat Baker [(914) 279-8840], or Joyce Sullivan [(914) 277-3230]. See October's **On Point!** for full details.

*Pat Baker & Joyce Sullivan*

## Membership

We had 182 people sign in at the October meeting, including 6 new members and 12 guests. Laurie Gillette, Janice Nastasi, and Andrea Winter did a great job signing everyone in quickly. Thanks for your help! As of the meeting date, we have **295** members!

Most of you took the time to check my draft copy of the membership list. I will be busy making those corrections. If you didn't get a chance, or if you are a new member, please check your mailing label for accuracy. I will have copies of the membership list available at the November meeting. Please help yourself to one.

If you are a new member, please pick up your blue folder. It contains some great information about the Guild as well as your name badge.

*Liz Doyle*

P.S. Three of you signed the label for my quilt. Please see me if you are one of the missing eleven. (See last month's newsletter for information.)



## Education

As of this writing, there are spaces available in the Mary Anne Caplinger November 15 & 16 workshop, Woven and Quilted. Check the Sept. **On Point!** for complete information.

I still need a monitor for the workshop on November 15. If you're interested, call me at (914) 232-4971. (You'll get a free workshop!)

## March Workshop

Joel Wolfrom will be giving a two day workshop, Landscapes and Illusions, on Monday March 18 and Tuesday, March 19. This class offers you the information that's necessary to create a strip pieced landscape quilt. The two day class presents a variety of ideas, techniques, and visual concepts. Although you may begin your landscape quilt in class, most of its construction will be done in your home, surrounded by all your favorite fabrics. The cost for the two days is \$50. (Intermediate to Advanced Level).

Send your reservation to Karen Eckmeier, P.O. Box 139, Bedford, N.Y. 10506, or drop them in the Reservations Box.

*Judy Rosenberg*

## Show Committee

Many thanks to Andrea Winter for taking over as Lecture/Chairperson. If you have any suggestions for speakers for the '97 Show, please contact her.

In the meantime, progress on the rest of the show is being made. Cathy Izzo has sent letters requesting "Invitational Quilts." As of the last Show Committee meeting, we had 8 positive responses. Leona Trinin is contacting judges and Suzanne Sunday will inform us next month about plans for the perimeter display. Vendors have been invited and we are awaiting their responses.

Stayed tuned for more progress reports.

*Brenda Strauss*

## Raffle Quilt

November starts our hand quilting on the raffle quilt. Caroline Kearney has done a wonderful job machine quilting the straight line portion of the work. We are truly grateful for the many hours she has devoted to help make our quilt a wonderful representation of our Guild's talents.

Linda Goodhart, of Katonah, will hostess the raffle quilt from November 8th through the 14th. Her number is 232-5270. The quilt will be residing with Hawthorne's June Ortiz from December 4th through the 8th. Her number is 769-3446. Waccabuc's Andrea Winter, will keep it from December 11th through the 15th and she can be reached at 763-5064.

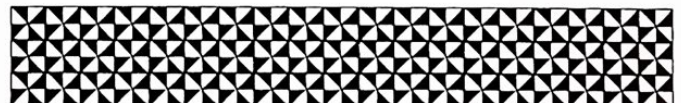
Anyone wishing to help at one of these gatherings, should phone the hostess first to make sure there is room and verify the date.

This year, we would like to see the quilt travel out of the immediate Somers location. How about some of you gals from White Plains, Yorktown, Bedford, Danbury, Ridgefield and Lower Fairfield County adding your stitches.

I hope to have "quilting bee" locations and dates in our newsletter and at our guild meetings. You may call me for information at 279-4310.

*Marie Rohrman*

***Janice P Johnson and Carol J. Peterson, a mother and daughter team, have recently been awarded Second Prize in the Group Bed Quilts division for their entry, "Island Suns." The contest, "Salute to Quiltmakers of the Past," was sponsored by QNM and RJR Fabrics and the theme was the utilization of Smithsonian Reproduction Fabrics. Congratulations on this very fine achievement!!!***





## Programs

True serendipity brings us our talented, innovative November speaker, Mary Anne Caplinger of Wilkesboro, NC. Two of our past presidents (Nancy Mirman\* and Joyce Sullivan) had the good fortune to meet Mary Anne on their 'Quilter's Tour of Japan' in 1994. Mary Anne has combined her love of painting, sewing, weaving and quilting to produce truly imaginative contemporary quilts and clothing. We will be treated to her "Woven and Quilted" Trunk Show on the 14th and Mary Anne's workshops - the following Wednesday and Thursday - will show you how it's done.

If you would like to model Mary Anne's wearables at the meeting, please call me ASAP at 248-7309. We need six models, size medium, so don't be bashful! Besides, it's a great chance to get your hands -- literally -- on designer originals.

As I write this, Sherry Sunday is teaching the first of her two intriguing workshops at Lincolndale, and I'm really looking forward to her lecture tomorrow evening. Janet Broad has taken Sherry's "Imaginations" workshop and, as our speaker's hostess, will enjoy some one-on-one time with her. (Sherry was eyeing Janet's coral-reef motif shirt, and mentioned something about working that idea into a quilt.) Remember, if there is a speaker you'd really love to hostess, just let me know.

### Member Spotlight

Our "Member Spotlight" is off and running! Thanks to Provi Svensson, Susan Andrews, and Karen Eckmeier for helping launch a new season of "quilter profiles" - surreptitiously interviewing Barbara Broshous, and helping her find some of her quilted treasures for October's showing.

For those of you not familiar with the "Spotlight," (previously known as "Member of the Month") our binder, dating back to 1990, will be on display on the education table at every meeting. If you know someone deserving of such recognition, please drop a note into the Suggestion Box.

## Fabric Swap

The November fabric swap will continue the experiment begun in October. For November, the THEME will be LARGE-SCALE FLORALS and/or LIGHT or DARK colors. (Do NOT put both LIGHTs and DARKs in the same Ziplock bag.) Continue placing four fat eighths (11" by 18") in each baggie. This is your chance to weed through all those fat quarters you purchased, but haven't figured out what to do with. You might get something great in return!

### Block of the Month

Last of all, I'm still trying to find someone to coordinate our Block-of-the-Month. This would be great as a guild project for the 1997 NSQG Show. If you are interested in getting involved in any aspect of this project, please call me.

*Cathy Neri*

*\*Editor's Note: Thanks, Nancy, for sharing your wonderful pieces with us.*

## Hospitality

The hunt is on... To date I have had no "nibbles" to my quest for my replacement come January 1996. Remember, this position can be co-chaired... So don't be shy, see me at the meeting or call me at (914) 762-5419 with any questions/concerns you may have regarding Hospitality.

Thanks again to all of you who contributed goodies to the October table. We all appreciate and enjoy your contributions. And, again, we need volunteers for a "quick clean-up" after the meetings.

*Marilyn Maiorana*

### For Sale

29" Hinterberg Quilting Hoop on Stand.  
Almost new. \$45. Please call Lillian Colyer  
at (914) 277-8106.

# Traveling Quilters

## Extra!!! Extra!!!

There are still some seats available for our trip to "A Quilter's Gathering" on November 4th in Westford, Mass. The cost is \$30. We will be leaving from "Mill Pond Offices" at 7 A.M. and returning about 9 P.M. Call me ASAP. This is sure to be a great day!!!

## Looking Ahead!!

The Lancaster Quilt Show Trip will be April 12th and 13th, Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$125. That includes round trip coach bus, overnight stay at the Ramada Inn, dinner at Miller's, breakfast, Show ticket and dinner at Zinns. What a Bargain! Sign up soon, this trip fills up fast.

The cost will be about \$750 for our trip to the Paducah, AQS Show, on April 24th to 28th. This will include the plane to Nashville, ground transportation and accommodations. We will be staying at "Town and Country" cottages in Benton Kentucky (about 35 minutes from Paducah). I need to know if you are really interested, and a \$100 deposit is required by the November meeting or ASAP. Refunds will be made up until the plane tickets are purchased. So far there are 37 ladies making this pilgrimage. It will be a lot of fun!

Please make your reservations for any of these trips now. You can send your deposit/trip fee check made out to NSQG or call me for more information at:

**Linda von Ahn**  
**30 Greenfield Road**  
**Mahopac, N.Y. 10541**  
**628-5380**

## For Sale

Model 690 Viking Sewing Machine -- almost new. Lots of Extras -- Hard carrying case. \$550. Call Peggy Mohr at (914) 277-5265.

## Northern Star Quilter's Guild Treasurer's Report

For the Period September 25, 1995 through  
October 15, 1995

Balance Fwd, Sept. 25,	\$27,519.14
General Acct Balance Fwd.	\$14,976.71

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### INCOME:

Membership	1,850.00
Challenge	624.00
Interest	64.53
Raffle	(20.00)

<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2,518.53</b>
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### EXPENSE:

Programs:	
Speaker	20.00
Workshop	200.00
Raffle	150.00
Boutique	100.00
Newsletter	758.69
Treasury	61.99
Library	296.00

<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>	<b>1,586.68</b>
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General Fund, Oct 15,	15,908.56
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Quilt Show Acct Balance Fwd	12,363.01
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Hospitality Expense	11.82
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Quilt Show Oct. 15,	12,351.19
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GUILD BAL. as of Oct. 15	28,271.57
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*Karen Abramson*





## Ravelings

Cutting, piecing, following patterns -- these are all really tasks which must be done alone. But sharing ideas, problems, techniques and inspirations with a group of quilting friends multiplies your pleasure many times over. And sitting with a group of friends quietly quilting and chatting (and sometimes laughing), sharing life's happy and sad moments is enriching beyond description.

There are a number of small groups from our guild whose members would attest to the above. Some meet during the day and some in the evening. You could be the nucleus of a new group: all you need to do is to skim through the membership list, find several members living relatively near to you, call them up and suggest getting together. You only risk finding some new life-long friends as well as a sense of community sadly missing in our busy urbanized society.

*Anonymous*

## In Stitches with Sondra Shapiro

Elsewhere in this edition of On Point! you have read about the Block Contest for our 1996 Show. I am a member of the block contest committee, along with Marie Sugar, Chairwoman, Chris Roche and Kathy Sica. The topic we agreed upon is **POSITIVELY WOMAN**. I thought I'd share with you just how complicated it can be to choose just the right words to convey a certain idea.

We long debated whether the word female would be a wiser choice than the word, woman. I can't remember what was said then that convinced us to use the word, woman, but my dictionary first described female in biological terms: "of or characteristic of the sex that produces egg cells or gives birth to offspring"; "a female animal or plant." Whereas the word, woman, is "an adult female human being; women in general; womankind."

For our purposes the word, *woman*, more closely conveys our subject to block contest entrants. Actually, we probably should have used the word, womanhood - "the condition of being a woman; the qualities, feelings, etc., considered typical of women; womankind."

Please enter the contest. But think about the message or image you wish to convey about yourself or womanhood in the block and how you design it -- abstract or representational. You know the old saying, that a picture is worth a thousand words. If you choose those thousand words carefully your finished block will be picture perfect. And you may discover something about yourself in the process.

## Comfort Quilts

If you would like to come to a meeting of Comfort Quilts, but have just an hour or so to spare, come anyway. There are labels to sew by hand on completed quilts, and we will be tying some quilts in the future. Even a half hour would represent lots of knots.

Beginning in November, kits will be available to take and work on at home. Pieces will be ready-to-sew, with complete instructions included. Even if you choose to just piece a top and return it to us, that would be progress toward another finished quilt.

In order to provide funds to support Comfort Quilts, a log cabin quilt (or child's quilt or wall-hanging) will be raffled to NSQG members only, at our December meeting. The blocks for this handsome quilt were made by our President, Millie Clinton, and they were put together and machine-quilted by Denise Kaplan, both active participants in Comfort Quilts. Tickets will be sold at the November and December meetings at \$1 each or \$5 for six. If you want tickets but cannot be at either meeting, have a friend buy them for you. Remember, only guild members may participate.

*Pat Baker*

***Congratulations to Denise Kaplan for winning a Blue Ribbon for her "Constellation of Stars" full sized bed quilt and an honorable mention for "Dream Village" (her NSQG Challenge quilt) at the "Colorfest" Show, sponsored by the Keystone Quilters.***



## Meet Barbara J. Broshous

What do you do when you have to sell a house, buy or build a new house, and pack to move to the other side of the United States? QUILT, of course! That's what Barbara does. She finishes UFO's, goes to quilt meetings, and looks for super fabric sales. Barbara's favorite saying? "What a deal!" And she can find them!

Barbara grew up in Pennsylvania and although we see visions of Lancaster and Amish quilts, Barbara did other needlework but not quilting.

As a nurse she accepted a blind date set up by a nursing friend. Now 30 years, 2 kids, a nursing career and appropriately 20 towns later, Russell and Barbara are still an "item." (At the time of this blind date, Russell was a graduate student at Princeton and would take his bride on his Military tour of duty to many towns and cities.) Now, Russell's retirement will take them to Colorado. ("Them" includes her two puppies Tigger and Ladybug.)

Her children, Chip, a state trooper in Colorado, and Susie, working at an art gallery in Vail, are anxiously waiting for their parents to move to Colorado Springs. ("The Final Move - Part 21 of a Series"!)

According to Barbara, her first exposure to quilting was when her children were small and the family was stationed in Taiwan. A woman stationed there was working on a quilt with lots of small pieces, and Barbara became interested in her work.

Barbara currently lives in Lake Katonah, and indicates that she has never lived in one place longer than 5 years. This is where her work has really "blossomed." Inspired by a Baltimore Album class, Barb is now known for her wonderful applique works of art. Her three dimensional appliqued flower quilts have won many ribbons. In fact, her quilt, "Baltimore Gardens" was featured on the June 1994 cover of "Quilting Today."

As a member of our guild, Barbara has served on the Guild Board and on the Quilt Show Committee in numerous positions. In 1995, she served as the Quilt Show Chairperson. She has also shared her time and talents with smaller informal groups, made up of guild members and members of local communities.

Barbara will be sorely missed. We all wish her many hours of quilting and creating. (Make sure those guest rooms are ready!)

P. Svensson 10/95



## On-Line Quilting

Have you ever wished for a quilting group with meetings you could attend any time of day or night without even leaving home? Dreamed of having hundreds of international quilting buddies? Longed for a mailbox brimming with fabrics from all over the world? Perhaps your dreams can come true --through the world of computer on-line quilting!

Most members of on-line services find they can dedicate time to their love of quilting while they balance busy careers, families and schedules. They use their home computers to communicate and exchange information through an electronic networking service that puts them in touch with quilters from all over the world.

The possibilities are endless. . . Desperate for a certain fabric? "Post" a request, and within hours, that UFO could be on its way to completion! . . . Undecided about that newly released book? Just ask for a book review! New to quilting and need help with the basics? Just ask!

Most home computers purchased today come equipped with everything you need to communicate and sign up with many of the large commercial on-line services. Each service has its own idiosyncrasies, formats, and pricing policies.

*GEnie On-Line* calls its bulletin board a "round table", from which users select an area of interest, among which are Guild Discussions, Traditional Techniques, Professional Quilting and Quilting Activity. As a member, you may even start your own topic by entering information and checking the "bulletin board" for replies.

Another service, *Prodigy*, sometimes hosts conferences led by nationally known professional quiltmakers that occur live at scheduled times.

The *Compuserve Information Service (CIS)* was available on my son's new computer. Being a novice to the on-line experience, and a bit intimidated by the technicality of it all, I became a "lurker" (no, that's not a federal offense, it's just a term used for a person who reads public messages left by others, but doesn't enter information in exchange). Almost immediately, though, I attained member status by becoming involved in a charm exchange (oh, boy, do I need blacks and whites!) and I even made plans to meet a new friend at an upcoming quilt show.

Our own Provi Svensson, who belongs to the *America On-Line* system, enjoys participating in swaps, block contests and round robins. She says that on-line "chat" can be very exciting, and shared with me the story of how, when a quilt book was being sold for a lower price than the price originally advertised in a promotional mailer, the on-line group's united effort succeeded in obtaining refunds from the publisher for all those who had purchased the book at the higher price.

Quilters love to keep in touch, whether it's with a nice, fat traditional letter, or with the quiet hum and blue glow of a PC. Either way, friendships emerge and there is true "electricity" in the air!

For more specific information about how you can get "on-line", contact:

America On-Line: 1-800-827-3338  
Compuserve: 1-800-848-8990  
Prodigy: 1-800-776-3449

*Elizabeth Rosenberg*



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## ON POINTS OF INTEREST

Following is a partial listing of contests and shows that might be of interest to our members. Listings are as accurate as possible, but we strongly recommend that you call ahead.

### CONTESTS TO ENTER

**4-H "Tie it all Together" Earth Day Challenge.** Solve the riddle, "What do Earth Day, Water, 4-H and 100,000 Neckties Have in Common?" Wallhangings & wearable art using neckties (must purchase kit for \$10). **Deadline: 2/1.** *Entry form: Cornell Coop. Extension, Attn.: Mary B. de Munecas, 26 Legion Drive, Valhalla, NY 10595.*

**1st Annual Northeast Quilt Festival.** Juried exhibit on July 26-28 at Radisson Convention Center, Cromwell, CT. Awards include sewing machines and sergers. **Deadline: 4/15.** *Entry form: NEQA, 2717 Main St., Glastonbury, CT 06033.*

### OTHER EVENTS

**New England Crafts & Stitches Expo.** 11/17-19 at Eastern States Exposition, W. Springfield, MA. Exhibits, shopping, hands-on classes, no registration. *For more info, call 800-699-1030.*

### EXHIBITIONS

**Quilt National: Innovation and Impact.** Now through 3/3 at the Textile Museum, Washington, D.C. Quilts selected from '93 Quilt National. Demos and lectures. *For more info, call 202-667-0441.*

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