



On Point!

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Elizabeth Rosenberg, Editor

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

President's Message

Our October meeting was great! Many thanks to Sandra Townsend Donabed for sharing her eclectic approach to design. It was great to see the work of such a fascinating quilt artist!

The November meeting promises to be interesting and inspiring. Bonnie Lyn McCaffery will give a lecture/slide show on her evolution as a quilt artist. Also this month, there are two workshops, a trip to Westford, Mass., the holiday boutique, demonstrations at the Neuberger Museum and the guild trip to the Neuberger. Whew!

On a more serious note, it is my duty to inform the NSQG membership that the Board has accepted the resignations of Liz Doyle, Karen Abramson, and Cathy Neri, each from her respective position on the Board. It is with pleasure that I introduce the following new board members: Nancy Murphy as Program VP, Pat Rowan as Membership VP and Elizabeth Rosenberg as Newsletter Editor. I am sure that you will all join me in welcoming them to the Board. They have already begun their jobs, and are making a smooth transition.

By the time you receive this, we will be gearing up for Thanksgiving. Somehow, we need to find time to give our creative side an outlet, our nerves a rest and our inner selves some peace; quilting does this for me, and hopefully for you, as well! See you at the November meeting!

Millie Clinton

NSQG Calendar

- Nov. 16 *Holiday Boutique*, at Bedford Presbyterian Church 9 am - 3 pm
- Nov. 19 *Comfort Quilts* at the Katonah Presbyterian Church 9 am - 3 pm
- Nov. 19 Quilting on *Raffle Quilt* 6:30 pm at JFK HS
- Nov. 19 *Guild Meeting* 7 pm at JFK HS
- Nov. 19 *Color/Fabric Selection*, Bonnie Lyn McCaffery at Lake Lincolndale
- Nov. 20 *Free Form Applique*, Bonnie Lyn McCaffery at Lake Lincolndale
- Nov. 23 Tour and Slide Show, *Neuberger Museum*, Rye, NY 10 am.
- Nov. 26 *Board of Directors Mtg* 7:30 pm JFK HS
- Nov. 26 Newsletter Articles Due
- Dec. 3 *Quilt Show Committee Mtg* 7:30 pm JFK HS
- Dec. 5 *Comfort Quilts* at the Katonah Presbyterian Church 9 am - 3 pm
- Dec. 6 Ornament Saturday Tree Decorating at Carmel High School's Festival of Trees

Programs

Get ready for a treat as our November speaker, Bonnie Lyn McCaffery takes us on an adventure! We will travel through time as we witness the evolution of one quilter from traditional bed quilts to contemporary wall pieces. We will get a peek at what has influenced some of Bonnie's designs.

I look forward to seeing all of you in November!

Nancy Murphy

Education

We are very lucky to have Bonnie Lyn McCaffery with us in November, teaching two workshops! There are still openings in both: Nov. 19 will be a half-day (pm) class, **Color and Fabric Selection** (\$15). On Nov. 20, **Free Form Applique**, (\$30) will feature a no-template method of applique -- freely cut shapes are laid out and then machine-applied in place -- for a hand-applied appearance!

We need a monitor for Nov. 19th. If you volunteer, the workshop is free -- What a deal!

Registration reminder: Date check (payable to NSQG) with workshop month; include SASE for each workshop; mark check and envelope with workshop name. Mail to Karen Eckmeier, P.O. Box 139, Bedford, NY 10506, or drop in the reservations box. Stamped envelopes will be available at each meeting, for \$.35.

Judy Rosenberg

Comfort Quilts

That crunching sound you hear is me, eating my words. Yes, there will be a workshop on Tuesday, November 19th. However, Comfort Quilts *will* meet on that date, even though I had announced that it wouldn't happen. It seems the conflict for space at the Katonah Presbyterian Church de-materialized . . . anyway . . . crunch, crunch, crunch . . .

As I mentioned at the October meeting, ten Comfort Quilts made by NSQG members are going to the Russian orphanage where Karen Abramson's friend will be adopting two babies. I would like to share part of a note that I received from Karen:

" . . . After the meeting, I went straight to my friend Cookie's house . . . though it was quite late . . . to share the quilts. She was overwhelmed! It was such an honor for me to deliver this wonderful gift. I can't think of anything that more effectively shares both our American style and love."

Pat Baker

A Clarification

Last year, guild members who attended the April meeting were told that the evening's scheduled program, "Culture and Quilting," presented by Emiko Toda Loeb, had been cancelled without notice, due to a misunderstanding.

Ms. Loeb was not in any way responsible for our lack of a prepared program that evening. She had never been invited to appear as a speaker before our guild. We are sorry for any confusion.

The NSQG Board of Directors

Congratulations

to two of our very talented members!

At the recently held
Pacific International Quilt
Festival V –

Karen Eckmeier
won First Place,
Innovative Category
with her quilt
"Positive Energy"

and

Alice Garrard
was awarded an
honorable mention
for use of color
with her quilt
"A Farewell to Charms"

Way to go, ladies --
you make us proud!

the 1 yard point, fold over the remaining fabric, then fold down to the 1/2 yard, etc. Store these fabrics on edge in a drawer or bin. A narrow strip of each piece of fabric is visible at a glance when the drawer or bin is opened. You may easily adjust your folding measurements to accommodate the depth and width of your storage container."

It sounds a whole lot more complicated than it really is... try it and see! I would add that looking often at your fabric will help to keep your "idea bin" full, too!

Anonymous

Quilt Show

Work on the show is progressing nicely -- invitations have gone out to vendors and a contract has been signed for the special doll exhibit. Leona Trinin and Elizabeth Rosenberg, the Judging co-chairs, have contacted judges and details are being worked out. For those of you who were not at the October meeting, a vote was taken, and it was decided that the recipient of the raffle quilt proceeds will be *Our Sister's Place*, which operates a home for battered women and their families.

My thanks to Bernice Strauber and Collean Butler for taking on and sharing the responsibilities of Equipment Manager. As Chairperson, I really appreciate it when volunteers come forward. It makes my job so much easier and more pleasant!

If any member would like to work with a show subcommittee, please call me, or see me at guild meetings. We can always use extra hands! Besides, we really need people to familiarize themselves with the operations of the committee so that we will have members to call upon for work on future shows. Thanks to all for the support that has been given to date.

Brenda Strauss

Ravelings

Having trouble fitting your stash into its allotted space? Here's a tip which appeared in "Sew News" last year.

"When storing fabric, easy retrieval and fast storage are the keys. Scraps and small pieces store easily in plastic bins. Pieces over a half-yard are worth folding . . . For short yardage, 1/2 to 1-1/2 yards, fold the fabric twice lengthwise (reducing a 44" wide piece to 11"). Next, fold to the half yard.

A 3/4 yard piece folds like this: Measure the first half-yard of the piece, then fold the remaining quarter yard over the half yard. Next, fold the half yard twice. When finished, your folded piece will measure 4-1/2" by 11". If the piece is over one yard, measure to

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The Northern Star Quilters' Guild newsletter is published monthly, except for a combined July/August issue. Subscription and mailing are included in the annual \$35 membership fee.

Articles are due one week after the general guild meeting, and may be mailed, E-mailed or faxed. All contributions, (ideas, suggestions, comments, etc....) are welcomed! Send to:

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Library News

The flowers of summer may be long gone, but lovely facsimiles are yours for the making with *Blossoms by the Sea: Making Ribbon Flowers for Quilts*, by Faye Labanaris. The author, inspired by the poetry of Celia Thaxter and by her garden in the Isles of Shoals, created a quilt as a tribute to this poet-gardener, who lived from 1835-1894. Labanaris' interest evolved into a biography, complete with photographs and poems, as well as step-by-step directions for duplicating the aforementioned quilt with all its gorgeous blooms. This recent acquisition is delightfully fascinating!

No struggling with bias edges when you use *Magic Base Blocks for Unlimited Quilt Designs*, That Patchwork Place's recent donation. Authors Patty Barney and Cooky Schock have designed a treasury of quilts all relying on one or both of two "magic" block units.

These are squares constructed from face-to-face fabrics which are marked, stitched, and cut to create new designs. Presto, change-o! It looks like fun, and the results are both admirable and inspiring.

Stop at the library table to see the prize-winners in the Spectrum magazine's quilt block contest. Nancy Hantman was the quilt contest coordinator for this feature in a publication for the Institute of Electrical & Electronics Engineers, Inc.

Thank you to Nancy and Doris Aragon, also, for their donations of *The Great Noank Quilt Factory*, Eleanor Burns' *The Sampler*, *May You Always See Rainbows*, and a second copy of Linda Macho's *Quilting Patterns*.

Thank you, too, Mary Scott, for a second *Oh Christmas Trees!* It's right in season.

Which reminds me ... if you borrowed a Christmas book in October, please be super-conscientious about getting it back for the November meeting. Time is short for holiday projects.

A thoughtful guild member has suggested that perhaps there are some of you who would like to provide a dropoff point for book borrowers who cannot make a meeting. I would be happy to list anyone who would be willing to do this. You may leave your name with me at the next meeting. The alternatives are to send a book back with a friend, or to mail it to me.

At our October meeting, 112 books were checked out. Seventeen are now overdue. Please make sure to return them in November. See you soon!

Kathleen Sambora

Bring your hoops and needles! Quilt on the Raffle Quilt with us on Tuesday, November 19th at 6:30 p.m. at JFK High School!

Treasurer's Report

For the Period 9/18/96 - 10/15/96

Total Opening Balance	24,316.87
Checking Opening Balance	6,403.16
INCOME	
Comfort Quilts	150.00
Library	42.45
Membership	5,100.00
Raffle	250.00
Special Events:	
PA Show	1,300.00
TOTAL INCOME	6,842.45
EXPENSES	
Bank Charge	33.75
Boutique	29.30
Education:	
Block of the Month	8.48
Comfort Quilt	50.87
Ornament Saturday	100.00
Speaker Expenses	102.50
Speaker Fees	275.00
Workshops	1,000.00
Other	19.46
Total Education	1,556.31
Library	65.08
Membership	51.35
Newsletter Printing	118.00
Office Expense	27.61
Accountant	1,100.00
Raffle Expenses	150.00
Rent & Services	40.00
Special Events:	
PA Quilt Show	40.91
Westford	700.00
Total Special Events	740.91
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$3,912.31
Checking Closing Balance	\$9,333.30
Savings Opening Balance	\$2,803.19
INCOME	
Interest	18.42
EXPENSES	0
TOTAL INCOME	18.42
Savings Closing Balance	\$2,821.61

Jeanie Hunter

NSQG On the Road

On November 23rd, a free tour and slide show for up to 50 NSQG members will be offered by the Neuberger Museum. The tour will begin at 10 am. NSQG will not be providing transportation for this trip. Please call me if you are interested.

Dorothy Fiederlein

Membership

Many thanks to Liz Doyle for turning over a very well organized membership file. It certainly has made my job very easy!

At the October meeting we greeted six new members and welcomed back one former member. The new members are:

Sandy Fenton, Mt. Kisco, NY
Mary Nicolani, Croton, NY
Nancy S. Pruyne, Valhalla, NY
Ina Helfand, Yorktown Hts, NY
Margaret A. Phillips, Cos Cob, CT
Jill Robinson Terry, Warwick, NY

And a welcome back to

Eda Steinman, Harriman, NY.

Eda had been a member years back and we are glad to have her back where she belongs!

We now have 272 paid members. Current membership lists will be available at the table when you sign in for the November meeting.

Pat Rowan

Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks to the October meeting. What a wonderful selection of tasty treats! Remember, if you were born in November, bring food to the next meeting! **Please bring your own mug** and check the Hospitality table at the end of the break to retrieve your serving utensils or plates. Thanks!

Sari Langlois
Teri Anzalone

**Remember to bring a mug
and wear your name badge
to the meeting on
November 19th!**

Block Contest

The NSQG Block Contest committee is looking forward to "appraising" all of your precious gems and jewels . . . Diamonds and rubies and sapphires and more will be sparkling and gleaming at the special display at next year's *World of Quilts!* We're expecting a wealth of ten inch blocks to come our way, so get stitching!

For an entry form, see the September newsletter, or pick up an entry form at the next meeting or send a SASE to:

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**Anita Veccia,
another of NSQG's
talented members,
was awarded an
Honorable Mention
at the
Northeast Quilts Unlimited
Exhibition
in Old Forge, New York.**

Congratulations, Anita!

Ornament Saturday Update

Thanks to all the good-hearted members who gave of their time at this fun event. We produced lots and lots of adorable Santa Claus ornaments to decorate the tree, which will be raffled off to benefit the Putnam Hospital Center. A great time, a delicious lunch, and the warm feeling that comes from doing a good deed for your fellow man was had by all!

Very special thank-yous go out to the day's wonderful instructors: Bat Barker, Kay Frischmann, Pat Baker, Nancy Murphy, Linda Von Ahn, Liz Doyle and Kay Fowler. They were so well-prepared, that it made it really easy for the members who participated in this special event to produce some great-looking Santas!

The actual decoration of the NSQG tree will take place on the afternoon of December 6th, and then the tree will be raffled off at the Festival of Trees on December 7th at Carmel High School. If you'd like to join the group of members who'll be decorating the tree, contact Lorraine Mioducki at 914-279-7293. Or, you could attend the Tree Festival, and buy a raffle ticket. You might become the lucky owner of all those adorable Santas!

From NSQG's Board of Directors. . .

The Board held its first meeting with its three new members on Tuesday, November 22nd. There was a sense of excitement and renewed energy at the table, and after some catching up (after all, we hadn't seen each other for a whole week!) we sat down to get to work. After the customary committee reports and necessary business matters, we did a little brainstorming, and . . .

here's a taste of what our newest members have in store for us!

Nancy Murphy, our Program VP, hinted at a super-special program one evening next spring -- And that's all you're going hear about it from us, because she swore us to secrecy! We can tell you, though, that Nancy's glad to be back on the board -- she has served as Program VP once before, and says it was a real treat to meet so many talented, outgoing and awe-inspiring people. (Aw, shucks! -- well, wait a minute, was she talking about her fellow NSQG members, or the speakers she'd hired? Hmm...) She wants the membership to know that if she

can answer a question, or pass along information about a speaker you'd like to have at our meetings, just let her know -- her door is always open and her phone is sometimes free (she has a teenager).

Pat Rowan has stepped in as Membership VP. She's really pleased to have the opportunity to greet old friends at the membership table -- and she adds that getting to meet new people is a great added bonus! There was also some talk about an incentive program for name-tag wearers (you know what they say ... offer a quilter fabric or food, and she'll do anything you ask!). We'll give you a hint -- you might be pleasantly surprised if you wear your badge to the next meeting!

NSQG's new newsletter editor, Elizabeth Rosenberg, wasn't able to attend the meeting. A nasty case of bronchitis kept her home that evening. She did send word, though, that she's planning to fill the newsletter with interesting news and details, and hopes that her pride in our marvelous guild and all its talented members shines through on every page!

The Board all agreed, as we

gathered up our files and headed back to our cars, that we wanted to let the membership know: We've got some great ideas for the future . . . we're hoping to hear from you with any questions, concerns, ideas or suggestions ... and we're looking forward to lots of fun NSQG times ahead!

The NSQG Board

***The Fabulous Fabricators
will show their group quilts
at the Wilton Library in
Wilton, CT.***

***Quilts: Uncommon Threads II,
runs from Nov 3 until Jan 4.***

***Their most recent project,
Variations on 54-40 or Fight
will be featured.***

Members include:

***Millie Clinton, Lauran Fowks,
Alice Garrard, Angela Kamen,
Linda Lim, Kathy Schiano,
Joyce Sullivan***

***and Adrienne Yorinks.
for info call 203-762-3950***

A Message from the Quilt Show Registrar

The Northern Star Quilters' Guild show, *A World of Quilts*, will be held this year on May 3rd and 4th, 1997, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day, at John F. Kennedy High School, Route 138, Somers, New York.

Show space is limited, so only the first 200 entries will be accepted for this year's show. There is a limit of three entries per quiltermaker. **Registration closes March 13, 1997.** If more than 200 quilts are entered, a waiting list will be created to try to accommodate as many as possible.

Please note that this year, there are a few new entry rules!

- Each quilt entered in our show will require a registration form.
- The registration fee for each quilt will be \$5.00 (check payable to NSQG)
- Each registration form must be accompanied by a photograph of the quilt. A photo is essential for planning the layout of the show, ensures identification of your quilt and allows for proper judging. **We will not accept any entries without a photograph.**
- Incomplete registrations will be returned and will not qualify for entry.
- Only the first fifteen entries will be accepted into category 1400, "Young Quilters".
- Entries in Category 1400, "Young Quilters" will be limited to one entry per quiltermaker.

Registration forms will be available at the January meeting. If you have any questions, call me at 914-478-7646.

Jeri Riggs, Quilt Show Registrar

*Of all the things
a woman's hands have made,
The quilt
so lightly thrown across her bed --
The quilt
that keeps her loved ones warm --
Is woven of her love and dreams and thread.*

Carrie A. Hall
"The Patchwork Quilt"

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