

On Point!

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President's MessageHEAR YE! HEAR YE!

On the recommendation of legislator Mike Kaplowitz, the Westchester County Board of Legislators proclaimed September 22, 1998 to be *Northern Star Quilters' Guild Day* in Westchester County!

For those not at the October meeting, Nancy Mirman accepted the Proclamation for us in White Plains at the County Board meeting. She responded with "thanks" and a list of the guild's good works over the years: our annual gift of nearly \$6000 from a raffle quilt going to a charity of our choice, over 100 *Comfort Quilts* per year going to sick and abused children, and for many years the proceeds from a large Christmas tree covered with hand-made decorations benefiting the Putnam Hospital Center.

In essence, this Proclamation states that throughout Westchester County's history, its people have been its most precious natural resource, and its strength has been measured in community pride and commitment. It speaks of the founding of NSQG following the quilt shows that benefitted American Field Service programs in 1980. The guild and the annual quilt show continue to grow in size and scope with the purpose of promoting greater understanding, interest and participation in the art of quilting. It further states, the County Board of Legislators take pride in recognizing the accomplishments of NSQG and paying tribute to its members thanking them for all they have done for the citizens of the community.

Now, smile and be proud of all you have done! Isn't it nice to receive public recognition for helping others while doing the thing that you love — quilting? The proclamation will be proudly displayed at corporate headquarters. See Brenda Strauss for tours and details!

Many thanks to Nancy Mirman for filling in for me last meeting while I sunned on Hilton Head beaches. Quilting is always with me. I made a small quilt for the 20th Anniversary Show's silent auction. Are you making one? Please do — we need quite a few.

See you November 17th. 

Joyce Sullivan

LATE FALL CALENDAR

NOV. 17	GEN. MTG. WITH JO DIGGS
NOV. 18	WORKSHOP WITH JO DIGGS
NOV. 19	COMFORT QUILTS
NOV. 24	ON POINT! ARTICLES DUE
NOV. 24	EXEC. BD. MTG.
DEC. 1	SHOW COMMITTEE MTG.
DEC. 1	RAFFLE QUILT AT B. MARRA'S
DEC. 4	COMFORT QUILTS
DEC. 15	POINSETTIA WORKSHOP
DEC. 15	GEN. MTG. WITH JOAN SHAY
DEC. 15	WORKSHOP WITH JOAN SHAY
DEC. 22	EXEC. BD. MTG.

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The deadline for articles appearing in the December issue is November 24th.

Comfort Quilts

There are plenty of Charming Brick kits available, all pieces cut and ready to sew. There is no matching of corners to slow you down, so you might put one together in an afternoon. Try it; you might like it.

For new members, Comfort Quilters meet on the first and third Thursday of each month at the Katonah Presbyterian Church, from 9:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M., or as long as each person can or wants to stay. All are welcome, once, twice or every time.

Thanks to those who quickly whipped up 16 patches for us (see October's newsletter). Keep 'em coming! 

Pat Baker

Education

Greetings from your new education chair. It seems I was the only volunteer. I was hoping no one else would apply since I thought it would be fun to work in this capacity!

I was a junior high school art teacher in California before I moved to Connecticut in 1986. I have quilted off and on since the 60's, and now have my own machine quilting business. I have been a member of Northern Star for two years but have been attending the annual quilt shows long before I actually joined. Since joining, I have participated in several workshops and have met some wonderful new friends.

One of my main goals as education chair is to have wider participation in the workshops. Being in such a large guild we have a unique opportunity to bring in many talented names from the "Quilting World." For only \$30.00, you can spend the whole day with quilting notables such as Margaret Miller, Carol Doak, and

Jo Diggs. In addition, we can become better acquainted while brown bagging lunch and enjoying a lake front view. Our facility is large and very bright with lots of outlets. What better opportunity could we have?

We have some great meetings planned and I am open for ideas and suggestions for future speakers and workshops. I hope that I can pick up where Meg left off....she did a great job.

Upcoming Workshops

November 18 — Layering for Space with Jo Diggs

December 15 — Poinsettia with Joan Shay

March 15 — Creating Art Fabric with Laura Wasilowski

March 16 — Reversible Jackets with Laura Wasilowski.

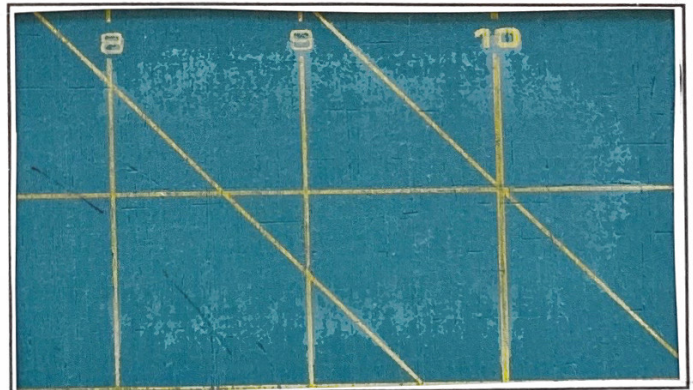
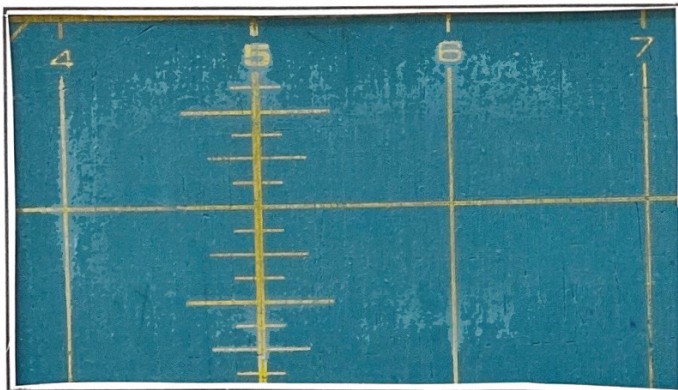
For all workshops, be sure to send your registration to:

Linda Von Ahn
30 Greenfield Road
Mahopac, NY 10541
(914) 628-5380

Include a SASE with your registration so that Linda can mail you a map and supply list. Make checks payable to NSQG. See you there!

Judy Irish
Education Chairman

Congratulations are in order for Maggie Kolvenbach, whose fabulous wall quilt *Home Sweet Home* is prominently featured in Roberta Horton's new book, *Scrap Quilts, the Art of Making Due*.



Programs

Our guest speaker for November will be Jo Diggs, a veritable *living legend* in quilting. Jo has been a mainstay of *the Quilting World*, exhibiting her work since 1967 and teaching since 1974. What makes her so fascinating is that her work and her classes are constantly evolving . . . looking current and fresh with techniques that are always being updated.

Jo's list of credits (exhibitions and publications) goes on forever. Most recently she exhibited at the New England Quilt Museum in a 4 person show called, "Quiltsapes: Views and Visions" and some of her work was published in *Quilt Japan* magazine.

Jo's lecture will be all about appliqué landscapes and is called "Layering for Space." Through *some slides* and a "Show and Tell" of live quilts, she'll be showing examples of the techniques she uses to create illusions of space and distance, effects of color shifts and simple perspective. Her workshop the following day is primarily a design workshop with no machines needed.

Join us for a fascinating evening with Jo Diggs.

Dorothy Scalice
Program V.P.

P.S. Coming in December — Joan Shay of *Petal Play*. Start collecting poinsettia fabrics!

Membership

It was great to see so many of you again. We had 176 members in attendance and 4 guests. We also had a special member with us, Alice Dokken, one of our past presidents. Alice had moved to Montana but is now living in Heritage Hills. I know many of you remember Alice and are just as delighted as I am to welcome her back.

COMING TO THE MEETING ALONE? WANT TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP?

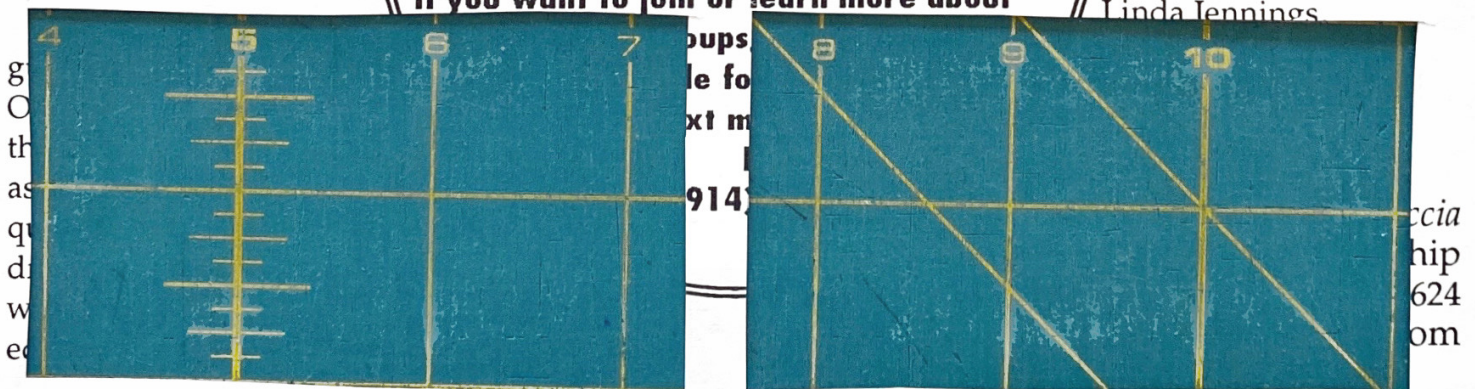
If you come to the guild meetings alone (whether you are a new member or not!) and don't want to sit alone, drop by the New Member Table. You'll find others to chat with, an experienced guild member or two to answer any questions, and a signup sheet for small groups.

If you want to join or learn more about

The new member packets will be available at the November meeting. If you have just joined, please ask for your "new member blue packets" when you sign in.

Please welcome our new members:

Alice Dokken,
Somers, N.Y.
Linda Jennings



More Show Biz Reports.

Raffle Recipient

Thank you fellow NSQG members for the wonderful letters nominating your favorite charities. This year we have *five* charities nominated to receive the proceeds from the raffle quilt. The charities are as follows:

Support Connection — Based in Yorktown, NY, the Support Connection provides emotional, social and education support services to women with breast and/or ovarian cancer. They offer support groups, educational forums, ongoing wellness programs, lecture series, a resource library, newsletter, etc.

Starlight Children's Foundation —

This organization raises money to brighten the lives of many seriously ill children by granting wishes, providing "Fun Centers" and "Starlight Rooms" in hospitals which provide these sick children with much needed fun and distraction from the pain and isolation that so often accompanies their hospital stay.

The W.I.N.-W.I.N. Foundation —

(When in Need, Where in Need) — This organization provides support and networking for children with multiple disabilities and their families in the greater Danbury area. The foundation offers a weekly-integrated playgroup, meal services, support and information network and various handicapped accessible social events.

Friends of Karen —

Celebrating their 20th year of helping children, this charity is dedicated to providing emotional, financial and advocacy support to children in the NY area with life threatening illnesses. They focus on the needs of the family - from paying hospital parking fees to helping with rent and utility bills and shopping for Christmas gifts. This charity serves families in Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Dutchess, Orange and Sullivan counties as well as in New York City, Long Island, Connecticut and northern New Jersey.

Literacy Volunteers of Putnam—

This is a volunteer organization that provides one-on-one and group tutoring to those who cannot read, write, or sometimes even speak English. LVA Putnam's 150 dedicated volunteers provide tutoring in a variety of settings, including libraries, churches, prisons, and substance abuse facilities. Their services are offered to those who need them at no cost, and are tailored to the needs of the individual or group.

Please read over the above descriptions carefully and be prepared to vote at the November meeting. They are all such wonderful charities, but the choice must be made. As you arrive at the November meeting you will be handed a ballot to vote. Ballots will be collected and the winner will be announced that evening.

Kathy Vanacoro

Road to . . .

Exhibitions And Shows

■ Sturbridge, MA: "Northern Comfort: New England's Early Quilts 1780-1850," now through January 3, Old Sturbridge Village, 508-347-3362 ext. 282. 1-800-SEE-1830, <http://www.osv.org>. Handpainted and pieced coverlets to minutely pieced quilted whole-cloth quilts. Also, antique quilt tools! A \$16 admission ticket can be validated for a second consecutive day. Enough local attractions to consider an overnight trip.

■ New York, NY: "The American Collection" and other works by Faith Ringgold, now through November 28, ACA Galleries, 41 East 57th Street, 212-644-8300.

■ New York, NY: "Dancing at the Louvre: Faith Ringgold's French Collection and Other Story Quilts," now through January 3, New Museum of Contemporary Art, 583 Broadway, 212-219-1355, www.newmuseum.org. The Harlem born Ms. Ringgold uses 16 quilts to tell a story of the woman as artist, and racism.

■ New York, NY: "The Art of Being Kuna: Layers of Meaning Among the Kuna of Panama." Now through March 21st. Three hundred works of art, primarily vibrant molas, the colorful, richly decorated appliqué blouses made by the Kuna Women at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, lower Manhattan at Bowling Green, 212 514-3700; www.si.edu/nmai.

■ Queens, NY: Queens Council on the Arts' "All Things Quilted." December 5 – 6. Forest Park, Wodhaven, Queens. Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-5. Admission \$1.00. For information [mail:quiltquest@juno.com](mailto:quiltquest@juno.com).

■ Lowell, MA: "Quilt National '98," November 13-January 2, New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck Street, 978 452-4207.

■ Williamsburg, VA: Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival X, February 25-28, Williamsburg Marriott Hotel. Send \$2.00 to W.F.W. '98, Dept. QN, c/o David M. & Peter J. Mancuso, Inc., P.O. Box 667, New Hope, PA 18938.

Contests

■ Paducah, KY: Contest Deadlines: "Flowers on Parade" quilt design contest — AQS Quilt Contest— January 4, 1999; AQS/Hobbs Bonded Fibers Fashion Contest — January 4, 1999; AQS Amish Quilts Contest — March 1, 1999. For entry form send SASE to American Quilter's Society, PO Box 3290, Paducah, KY 42002-3290.

World Wide Web Sites

■ Fons & Porter at <http://www.fonsandporter.com/>

■ North Country Quilters at <http://www.geocities.com/Heartland/Pointe/1007/>

■ Quilt Guilds Worldwide at <http://www.quiltguilds.com/>

Quilt Show Biz

Invitational Quilts

For our 20th Anniversary Show, we'd like to feature past winners of "Best of Show" and "Viewers' Choice" awards. If you won these awards before 1990, please let me know. A large group of these prizewinning quilts should give us an interesting look back at NSQG's history.

Jackie Stewart
Invitational Quilts
stewtwon@bestweb.net
(914) 225-4696

Quilt Block Contest:

I'm pleased to announce the block contest for our Twentieth Anniversary Gala Quilt Show. The theme is *China*: the traditional gift for a Twentieth Anniversary. The block must measure an accurate 12 1/2" square, including seam allowances. Do not bind or finish the edges! Use prewashed 100% cotton fabric. The background fabric must be *yellow*.

All entrants will receive one of our beautiful show pins and the finalists will receive fabric packets. The finalist blocks will be assembled into a quilt top which will be awarded in a random drawing.

Raffle Quilt 2000

Our Fall Piece-In was a success with 22 Guild members producing lots of flower blocks for the Year 2000 raffle quilt. Beginners picked up the technique quickly, and our piecing pros were great.

Thanks to Susie Anderson, who let me raid her fabric stash prior to the Piece-In, and the participants who brought fabric, we ended up with a wonderful selection in each color family.

A special thanks to Pat Bartimoccia, Judy Jones, Pauline Joseph, Nancy Mirman, and Marie Sugar. They coached the piecing beginners and helped with everything else from setting up tables to making coffee and cleaning up.

We still need many more blocks. I will have kits available at the November 17 General Meeting and hope that many of you will help us out by doing blocks at home. If you can't make the meeting but would like to make blocks for the quilt, please contact me.

Georgia Heller
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Treasurer's Report for the period 9/22/98 — 10/21/98

TOTAL GUILD

Opening Balance \$36,084.97

GUILD CHECKING

Opening Balance \$5,168.69

Income

Membership 6,250.00

Trips 1,300.00

Education 360.00

TOTAL INCOME \$7,910.00

Expenses

Program \$516.68

Education 114.07

Newsletter 5.00

Trips 557.00

Boutique 416.39

TOTAL EXPENSES \$1,609.13

Closing Balance \$11,469.56

SAVINGS

Beginning Balance \$18,818.13

Interest \$77.81

Closing Balance \$18,895.94

GUILD SHOW ACCOUNT

Balance \$10,448.54

TOTAL GUILD ACCOUNTS \$40,814.04

Cynthia Henke
Treasurer

News from the Library

The library has three new books:

Jacobean Appliqué — Patricia B. Campbell and Mimi Ayars

What's American about American Quilts — Smithsonian Museum

Rhymes I Remember — Linda Jenkins and Becky Goldsmith

The following members are delinquent:

Barb Burns Signe Nirasen

Chris Novell Christa Zago

Carol Engler Edith Pryor

Kathy Nazario K. Creedan

Pat Ward Linda Schattschneide

Terri Jannelli Lois Gregor

The following members have been delinquent since last year:

Alice Beardsley

Susan Arnold

Betty Breman

Signe Erikson

Micki Tedesch
Librarian

The Jelly Bean Quilter — Mary Eddy has started a custom long arm machine quilting business. She also bastes for hand quilters. For information call 203 426-7911.

1998/1999 Challenge: A CHARMING ILLUSION!

CONTEST: To be voted on by membership at the February, 1999, guild meeting.

THEME: This year's challenge for guild members involves the concept of illusion. This can be interpreted in numerous ways, according to the quilter's perception. Quilts that convey the illusion of depth and/or optical illusions are appropriate, as are quilts that portray magic and tricks.

TECHNIQUE: Hand- or machine-pieced quilts, hand- or machine-appliquéd quilts, pictorial quilts, and clothing/accessories may be entered. Paper piecing is acceptable. Quilting may be accomplished by hand or machine.

SIZE: The perimeter of the quilt must be less than or equal to 160 inches.

FABRICS: In honor of NSQG's 20th anniversary, a minimum of 20 *different* fabrics must be used in the quilt top. Do not repeat any fabric. There is no limit on the size of any fabric; therefore, the background fabric of an applique design will count as one piece of fabric. You may use fabrics of any content: you are not limited to cotton.

EMBELLISHMENT: Your entry must be embellished in some way: beads, threadwork, silk ribbons, etc.

FINISHING: The item must be quilted and bound.

LOOKING FOR IDEAS: Check out the various books and computer programs for blocks that lend themselves to illusions, such as Card Trick and Baby Blocks. For computer-literate quilters, search out programs and web sites that feature appropriate designs. Quilter Karen Combs' book, *Optical Illusions for Quilters*, is a good reference for entrants who want to "learn how to unravel the mysteries of creating space, depth, and perspective in your quilts." Another good source is a Dover Needlework book entitled *Visual Illusion Quilts: Full Sized Templates for 12 Patchwork Patterns*. "Patterns of Illusion" by Karen Combs, found in *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine* in November 1998, pp. 54-58 has some useful ideas, also.

RULES: Keep your creation a secret. Entries must be ready for drop off a week before the February guild meeting. Drop-off points will be announced in January. All entries will hang together in a Challenge display at the World of Quilts XX in 1999. Your 1998/1999 Challenge project may not be entered for judging in NSQG's "A World of Quilts" until the year 2000. ❏

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Jo Diggs is the speaker

Don't forget

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