

Northern Star Quilters' Guild

P.O. Box 232 Somers, NY 10589

• BITS 'N' PIECES •

Word of The Northern Star Quilter's Guild is spreading quickly and we're growing by leaps and bounds. Our membership is already over 70 in number.

We are always happy to accept new members, just fill out the membership form in this newsletter and send it in or bring it to the next meeting with your dues.

October Meeting

The date of the October meeting has been changed to Tuesday, October 13 at 8:00 at the Elephant Hotel in Somers, N. Y. at the junction of routes 100 and 202.

Because of the unavailability of the Elephant Hotel on the third Tuesday of the month, November's meeting has also been changed. It will be on Wednesday, November 18 at 8:00.

We apologize for any inconvenience the change in dates may cause.

"Quilting as a Hobby and as a Profession "

The main part of our October meeting will be devoted to a panel discussion on " Quilting as a Hobby and as a Profession ". Four of our members will tell a little about how they have turned a love for quilting into a career.

Brenda Strauss sells her pillows through a local store, Craftsman Unlimited in Bedford. Co-President, Beryl Lawson is working full time with her husband, Norman. They go by the name, Echo Hill Workshop. Treasurer Claire Ohler creates beautiful string quilted vests among other things and attends 3 or 4 craft shows a year. Crib quilts, pillows and things for babies are Sue Mungavin's main items, she also sells her things at area craft shows. Irene Nappi will be the moderator.

Four different women each with varying amounts of time they can devote to their craft and each has different expectations. They will also tell how they manage quilting (and we all know how long that takes) as a career with the rest of their lives.

The discussion will then be open to your questions. We want you to feel free to ask what you wish and we know everyone will use discretion and taste and not ask questions that are too personal or ask anyone to divulge any "professional secrets".

Quilt Books Make Cozy Reading

The book report this month will be given by Co-Pres. Gloria Hartley. The book is How to be a Super Quilter by Carla Hassel. Gayl Kreighbaum will also have the book on sale if anyone should want to purchase a copy. In keeping with N. S. Q. G.'s policy concerning anything sold at the meetings, Gayl will give 10% of her sales to the guild.

November Meeting

Christmas comes upon us before we know it. Our November meeting will feature an expanded show n' tell of Christmas and Holiday items. If you have something you would like to show and explain how it can be made everyone would be very interested. Please call Program Chairwoman Teresa Perry and let her know what it is you would like to show.

Life is a patchwork quilt
And each little patch is a day,
Some patches are rosy, happy and bright,
And some are dark and gray.

But each little patch as it's fitted in
And sewn to keep it together
Makes a finished block in this life of ours
filled with sun, and with rainy weather.

So let us work together on Life's patchwork quilt
Through the rainy days and the sun -
Trusting that when I have finished my block
the Master may say: "Well done".

Elizabeth Ryan DeCoursey

Many thanks to Dot Mills of Bedford who contributed this lovely poem!

A Circle of Friends

We are trying to do many things so that we can all get to know each other. Membership Secretary, Madeline Horr will be passing out a list of all the members, their addresses and telephone numbers at the next meeting. Then you will know just who lives near you if you wish to get together to quilt or for car pooling. Once you have the list how do you find each other? If we all have name tags there won't be any problem! Right?

New Format

We all have so much to say and do in the two short hours we have at each meeting, that the board has decided to change the format. Coffee and refreshments will be served at 7:45 and the meeting will begin promptly at 8:00. Please arrive early enough so that you can get your coffee and cake and take a seat by 8:00.

Almost everyone's favorite part of the meeting is Show And Tell or Ooh and Ahh time. How we love to see all the beautiful thing everyone has made. Show and Tell will now be during the last 15 minutes of the meeting. Since there is a time limit you should call Teresa Perry (277-3593) if you wish to show something. We don't want to have anyone disappointed if we run out of time.

World of Quilts

It looks as though the N.S.Q.G. will be working along with the Somers A.F.S. on another quilt show next spring. The details were still being ironed out as the newsletter went to print (now doesn't that sound impressive?). Assuming all goes well Beryl or Kay Thorn, special events chairwoman, will have more information at the October meeting. We will be making a quilt to raffle of at the show, and you will have a chance to sign up if you would like to contribute your time and skill.

Getting to Know Us

As a mother, grandmother, active Girl Scout and our Membership Secretary, MADELINE HERR has been teaching crafts and handiwork in Somers for years.

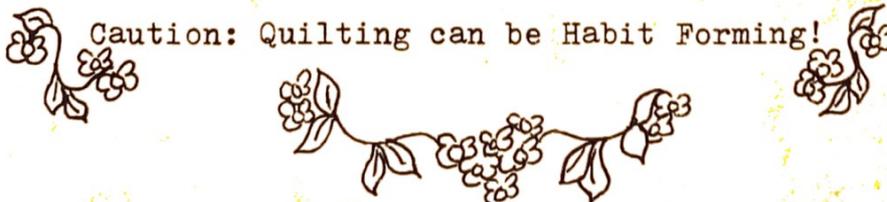
She has been quilting for five years. Madeline enjoys restoring old quilts and combining applique and embroidery in her quilting projects.

She is co-founder of the Freindship Patchers Quilt Club in Peekskill and also Resource and Education Chairwoman for the N.S.Q.G., she's IRENE NAPPI of Peekskill and Irene has been quilting for 14 years. In that time, she has made a quilt for each of her six grandchildren. For her first patchwork quilt she chose a double wedding ring and made it all with scraps.

Irene will be teaching Beginner Quiltmaking and How to Make Gift Pillows at Kings College starting Oct. 19.

Board Position Open

The guild needs someone who is willing to be the recording Secretary. The job requires you to take the minutes at both the monthly guild meetings and the monthly board meetings. If you are interested contact either Beryl or Gloria.



You're Always Welcome

We understand that prospective members like to attend a meeting before they join the Northern Star Quilters Guild, because once you've had a look we know you'll be back. However, it is only fair to our paid members that we charge our guests. Beginning January 1982, we will charge nonmembers \$2.00 at the door.

Newsletter News

We want to include everyone in the guild in this Newsletter. If anyone has anything they would like to see in the newsletter send it along to Sue Mungavin, 23E Surry Lane, Wappingers Falls, N.Y., 12590.

You may also advertise for minimal cost. And don't forget about our swap column! It is only \$1.00 for 15 words. Right now we print 400 copies.

(Editors note: as you can see I need some help, especially in filling up small spaces like this one!)

List of Officers

Here again is a list of the Officers of the N.S.Q.G.. We are always happy to help you.

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| Beryl Lawson | Co-President | 277-3775 |
| Gloria Hartley | Co-President | 628-5954 |
| Teresa Perry | V.P. Program | 277-3593 |
| Madeline Horr | V.P. Membership | 248-7454 |
| Claire Ohler | Treasurer | 277-4958 |
| Kay Jordan | Correspondence Sect. | 248-5241 |
| Gayl Kreighbaum | Publicity | 424-3443 |
| Kay Thorn | Special Events | 248-5472 |
| Jill Burckmyer | Hospitality | 277-5294 |
| Irene Napoli | Resource and Education | 737-2409 |
| Sue Mungavin | Newsletter | 831-9422 |

Just think! Your name could be up here , If you volunteer to be the new recording secretary!

A Celebration of Historical Westchester Quilts

This show, which is at the White Plains Public Library from Sept. 20th to Nov. 1st is featuring 10 quilts from 10 Westchester communities. They are from Ardsley, Dobbs Ferry, Larchmont, Mount Pleasant, New Castle, New Rochelle, Scarsdale, White Plains, Yorktown, and a quilt to honor the Hudson River. All the quilts were made in honor of the bicentennial in 1976.

New and Old

If you wish to join the guild please fill out the form below and send it with a check for \$15.00 annual dues to N.S.Q.G., Box 232, Somers, New York, 10589 or bring it to the next meeting.

If you are already a member, don't be shy, blow your own horn a little and fill out the bottom half, check the proper box and bring it with you to the next meeting. There will be a box marked Newsletter for that purpose.

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 I would like to become a member of the Northern Star Quilters Guild. Enclosed is my \$15.00 for annual dues.

I am already a member. I want you to know a little about myself for the newsletter.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

Would you consider yourself a beginner _____ intermediate _____
or an expert _____ quilter?

How long have you been quilting? _____

Favorite pattern _____

Tell us a little about yourself _____

Do you have any special talents or interests that you could share with the guild _____
