



Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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NEWS & NOTES

OCTOBER 1984

***** HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE *****

Our annual holiday boutique will be held at Fox Lane High School in Bedford on November 17. This is a wonderful opportunity to make and sell your craft items and meet many other talented crafts people. Items sold by the guild should be fabric related. Our commissions is only 10%.

As our holiday boutique grows each year so does our responsibility to ourselves and the public to provide a worthwhile and professional show that will continue to draw people back each year. Most of the publicity for the show is also our responsibility; again we are asking each member to hand out or mail out post cards printed for the occasion. They will be available at the October meeting along with inventory sheets for those of you selling your crafts.

Please think about what you'd like to make and sell, and sew on! This group has endless talent and we are counting on you to participate and make this boutique a hugh success.

If you have any questions and/or if you would like to volunteer to help run the boutique, please call me.

JEAN SPARACIN - 941-8422

about 30 people going to see
October 13 along with 14 people
Patch Quilters. There is a
that First Dutchess will organize
QUILTERS in November and they
people to qualify for a group rate.
interested in going in November,
t me for details.

Jean Sparacin - 941-8422

11 Your Quilting Needs!

THE FABRIC SHOPPE



1,000 pieces of Calico

Supplies: Books, batting, thread,
rulers, hoops, templates,
pressers, boards, etc.

Lessons: Come on in and let us
show samples of what is being taught.
An expert teaching staff.

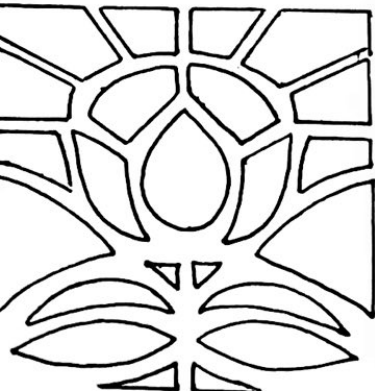
Inventory on all fabrics to Northern
Dutchess Guild members.

The Shoppe is a complete quality
store for all your sewing needs. Our
friendly staff is very knowledgeable
in areas of quilting, fashion sewing,
embroidering, etc. Come in today
and we will assist you in all your sewing

THE FABRIC SHOPPE

Baldwin Place Shopping Center
Baldwin Place, N.Y. 10505

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From Membership-----

Many thanks to everyone who helped make the
sign-in go so smoothly at our first meeting of
the new year. A special thanks to Joan Crawford
and her daughter, and also Linda Lim for helping
me distribute the folders and collect the dues.

We received 26 new members at the meeting
and although I don't have an exact total, I
believe we are approaching 250 members. For
those of you who have not paid your dues, the
deadline is the October meeting.

Please remember to fill out your membership
questionnaires and return them to me at the next
meeting. I am anxious to tally the results and
let our board members know of your interests and
concerns.

NEW MEMBERS: Nancy Gillert
Gloria Verrone
Nancy Martin
Ruth Page
Doris Majesky
Rita Floess
Lenore Fortunoff
Sarah Marroning
Patricia A. Waill
Eda Steinman
Avis Dreyfus
Helen Lifschitz
Dorothy Schrade
Phyllis Spivak
Cindy Extance
Marianne Laffredo
Gerri Schlieff
Carol Blaszczyk
Priscilla Jay
Camille Bennett
Kathleen Wall
Katherine Tanner
Andrea Wolf
Pat Chalco
Audry Gannuscia
Lois Jackson

I apologize if I have left any new members
out. If so, please see me at the meeting and let
me know. Also, I would appreciate it if all of
these new members could stop by the desk and give
me their phone numbers so we can add them to the
directory.

Pat Davis - Membership

Warning: The Surgeon General Has Determined
That Prolonged Abstinence From Quilt Making
May Cause Brain Damage.



***** THANK YOU NOTES *****

Dear Guild Members,

I am grateful for your donation to Kennedy High School. We are pleased that you had a good turnout for your show. The date for next year is already on our calendar and we look forward to welcoming you again.

Sincerely,
(Rev.) Robert J. DeJulio
John F. Kennedy High School

It is difficult for me to find adequate words to describe how grateful I am for your kind and generous donation to "Friends of Karen." Thank You! Your willingness to help the children that "Friends of Karen" serves is a credit to your group and surely an act of kindness.

I enjoyed my visit to both the Quilt Show and your meeting. It was a pleasure to be able to tell you about the children.

Again, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your kindness to the children who deserve our caring and our love.

Gratefully,
Sheila Petersen
Executive Director &
Founder
Friends of Karen

UPCOMING EVENTS - - -

Cooper-Hewitt Museum, 2 East 91st Street,
New York - - Workshops

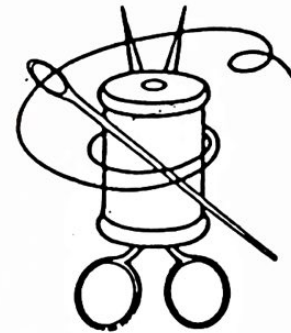
Oct 12 or 13 - Applique Floral Motifs, the techniques of cutting and shaping floral designs and blind-stitching them to background material.

Oct. 19 or 20 - Hand-Pieced Traditional Patterns

Oct 26 or 27 - Log Canin Variations

Nov 16 or 17 - Trapunto and Stuffed Work

THREADNEEDLE HOUSE



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QUILTING SUPPLIES*
PATTERNS: VOGUE*BUTTERICK*FOLKWEAR

UPCOMING EVENTS - - -

Oct 6 & 7 - "Festival of Quilts II", Berkshire Community College, West St., Pittsfield, Mass.

Oct 12&13 - "Fifth Annual Quilt Show", Center Congregational Church, Broad & East Main Sts., Meriden, Ct.

Oct. 13 - Cold Spring, NY. One-day Quilt Show by Putnam Historical Society. 10 am to 4 pm at Schoolhouse Museum, Chestnut Street. About 50 quilts, etc. by Hudson Valley quilmakers.

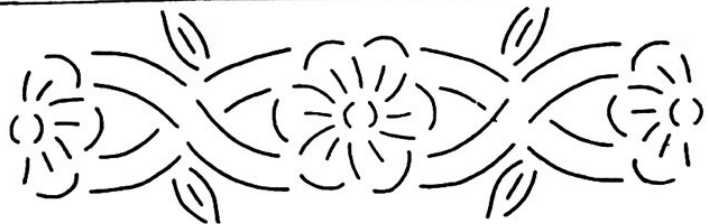
Oct. 13-14 - Pennsylvania Quilters, Quilt Show at Pennsylvania State University Wilkes-Barre, Lehman, Pa. Quilt show, vendors, Christmas room.

Oct.11-Nov. 7 - Rye, NY. Rye Historical Society Quilt and Crevel Show. 1 Purchase Street

Oct. 13-14 - Rosemont, Pa. Main Line Quilters Quilt Show '84. Bryn Mawr College, 300 Airdale Road.

Oct. 19-20 - "Quilt Show", Enfield Congregational Church, 1295 Enfield St., Enfield, Ct. Boutique, vendors, lunches available. Traditional & contemporary quilts.





* * * * THE QUARTER YARD SYNDROME * * * * *

Last Week my older sister came to visit and to do the things sisters do together, shop and talk. Jo lives on Fishers Island where there are two grocery stores (three in summer), a gift shop, a beauty shop and the Post Office. Naturally, the local malls were a delight to her; however the piece de resistance was that certain chain store that was selling fabric at a 30% discount.

We found what she wanted for a dress, a soft pale gray cotton with a tiny white design. I was going to buy just a quarter yard, but steeled myself against the purchase. A while ago this quilter determined she would buy no more fabric unless she had a special plan for it. No more one yard plus pieces because it was the end of the bolt, no more half yard samples, and definitely no more fat or skinny quarters.

My love affair with fabric in the past was carried on via the mail order catalogues of Wards and Sears; when five yards was needed for two girls dresses rounding it off to six yards was so simple. There it was - my stockpile grew and grew. I seldom went into a fabric shop because it was so overwhelming. All those bolts upon bolts of rainbow colors made it difficult for me to make decisions. Catalogue shopping was far easier.

Then we began to hear about the "rebirth" of quilting; mills began reviving old calico prints, and everyone was "name-dropping" - Peter Pan, Concord, V.I.P. and Cranston prints. These were the "in" fabrics. 44" wide and 100% cotton. Quilt shops stocked with mouth-watering supplies sprang up all over the country, and quilt courses were offered in Adult Education. It wasn't long before everyone with a new idea was writing a book on quilting techniques. Nothing was left to ingenuity; everything was pre-measured, pre-planned, pre-cut and color coordinated - and please do not forget to pre-wash! What was once a necessity had become a hobby, a craft, a business, and I was just as hungry for it all as my sister quilters.

Over these few short delirious, delicious "fabric and supplies" filled years, a new phenomenon came into being - the one quarter

yard. This was absolutely unthinkable for me. My mother would never go into a grocery store for just a quart of milk. She would buy eggs, butter and bread whether she needed them or not, and this nicety rubbed off on her daughters. For me to walk into a fabric shop and buy a quarter yard of fabric was unscrupulous. HOWEVER - in time and with proper training I succumbed. Oh, not whole heartedly at first, mind you. In the beginning I would buy at least three one quarter yard pieces. Gradually it became easier to boldly ask for "just one quarter yard, please". It really was simpler than going to market for one quart of milk - everyone was doing it!

Christmas was really the best time for one quarter yard shopping. I tried every new bolt in all the local shops; just like going into a cheese shop with no intention of buying the whole wheel of cheese. My stockpile ran over and I made a dismal discovery. Very few of my quarters lived well with each other, and I had to come to a turning point in my buying. Enough was enough; no more fabric, until I had a need for it here and now, no more plans and dreams without finished products. After all, how many retiring Guild presidents could I live through to deplete my hoard?

Now what could I possibly do with all this unrelated yardage? Of course! How Simple! Where did I go off the trail? What had been my first love? Why my scape-bag wedding ring - my first quilt! It was time for another decision. Did I really want to learn curved piecing, or quick piecing, or make wall-hangings, vests and placemats? Of course I did! Did I really have the time? No, not really. What kind of quilt grabs at my heart strings? Scrap bag quilts do! "Fat quarters", you have found your place in this quilters' life.

The day after my sister left for her Island, I trotted right back to that store with the 30% discounted fabric and bought two yards of that lovely soft gray print cotton. Maybe I can use up some of my pink quarters, or perhaps the lavenders.

Irene Nappi

P.S. Gals - - - did you know that there is a shop in Yorkshire, England that cuts fat quarters from half of the folded material making them 18" X 22"; and there is also a shop in New Mexico, U.S.A., that will sell you as little as 5" X 44" of calico?

HOW ABOUT THAT??????????





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"DON'T FORGET"

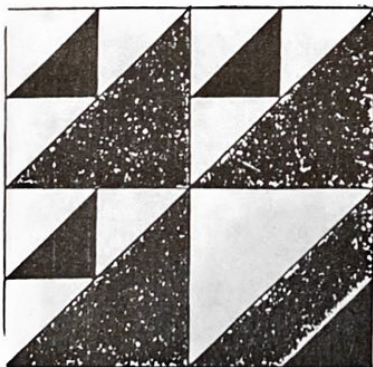
October 16 meeting, 7:30 pm. Our guest speaker will be Jo Diggs. I'm sure you all got to see the pictures of her work that Terri Reilly had displayed at the September meeting. If not, come to the meeting and see the real thing. See you there.



No longer do quilts and pillows claim all the glory of patchwork. The modern bath or lounging robe goes patchwork, too. A smart new design in blocks may be used or an old-fashioned one of grandmother's.

The airplane block, below, was especially designed for the robe illustrated. It was selected for originality, and for the simplicity with which it fashions into a robe. The airplane block measures nine inches square. Tuck a new patchwork robe in the girl's trunk as she returns to school for the new semester. If it is made in her favorite colors she will delight in wearing it and find it practicable.

The Household Magazine, February 1931



* * * AN EXHIBIT OF QUILTS * * * *

A fascination of names like Virginia Lily, like Nine Patch, Sunburst, Flower Basket, Log Cabin, and Star of Bethlehem; bright burst of color, fancy patterns, and plain old patchwork - worn cottons, lush velvets, and the gay fancy silks; but beyond all this, just letting into mind all those women all over - each one scatching a minute from cooking, churning, washing, gathering eggs, milking cows to put in a few stitches and then a few more until one day a new quilt top was finished and she could show it off to Pa and the kids! I wish I'd been there

Elizabeth Searle Lamb