

# Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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Newsletter

October 1985

## 1985-6 GUILD MEETINGS

Tuesdays:	October 15	January 21	April 15
	November 19	February 11	May 20
	December 17	March 18	June 17

Meetings are held at the Primrose School, Route 139, Somers. We begin promptly at 8:00, with refreshments served from 7:30. And, at the October meeting, there will be a special demonstration at 7:30 by Rachelle Friedle on "Color and Design."

Any cancellations will be announced on radio stations WVIP, WHUD and WFAS. Call any one of the board members if you are uncertain.

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## PROGRAM

Thank you all for helping make our first meeting such a super success! The response to Judy Mathieson was marvelous. Your notes and phone calls praising her and her quilts and lecture were enormously appreciated.

Many people commented on how much they enjoyed Show and Tell. It's inspiring to see how capable and talented our Guild sisters are. The time slot before the lecture works well, so please plan to bring more treasures this month.

I need a couple of volunteers to hand out door-prize tickets before the meeting. If you usually get there early and would like to help, please call me (946-4035).

Our speaker for the October 15 meeting will be Judy Robbins. She has recently finished her new book, HANDS ALL AROUND, and is also one of the authors, with Mickey Lawler, of NOT JUST ANOTHER QUILT. Judy will speak to us on cooperative quilts -- from basic how-to's to stories that grew out of their making. She'll bring some of her own quilts as well.

Thank you for taking the time and effort to deal with ALL those questions last month. Your ideas and suggestions will help us plan meetings that will be tailored to your needs and preferences.

-- Elva Fisher

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was nice to see so many of you out for our first meeting to enjoy Judy Mathieson's quilts and her talk. I hope her slides and the opportunity to have a close look at a "professional" quilter's work inspired everyone.

The participation in Show and Tell was great, and I hope made more of you comfortable enough to bring your work for others to see. Every piece that is displayed seems to have an effect on someone in the group. You or your work might be just the thing that inspires someone else. No one was born knowing how to make a beautiful quilt, and very few people have any extraordinary gifts that allow them to produce "show-stoppers" without working very hard. So we all have to keep learning, experimenting and stretching our imaginations to develop as much of our abilities as we can. Sharing with each other is a great way to start.

I am sorry that no one called me to take on the chairmanship of the Ronald McDonald quilt project, but that doesn't mean there is a lack of interest. So-o-o-o-o, let's try another approach to the project: If you have a group that would like to make a quilt together, or if you want to make one yourself and donate it, call me. There are several possibilities for sharing fabrics, getting together to plan a quilt and to begin work on squares. This could be a good learning experience for many of you who are relative beginners. We have heard of many other facilities in the area that would like very much to receive quilts for their beds too, so perhaps we can share our scraps and our expertise to make someone less fortunate more comfortable. How could you help? Our speaker for the October meeting may be just the person to help us get organized -- she wrote the book on making a group quilt.

The quilted weather map that we have been asked to do for the Museum of American Folk Art will be coordinated by Pam Gibson. Irma Shore will be our liaison with the museum. Pam is working with a design that includes an appliqued border of state flowers, and she and her committee will have a display on the bulletin board at the meeting. If you would like to participate in any of the various stages of this project, do give Pam a call at 232-9214. If you did not have a chance to do a block for the raffle quilt, here is another opportunity to join a group effort. Everyone is busy; that's no excuse!

-- Alice Dokken

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MEMBERSHIP

Total attendance at the September meeting was 226: 196 "old" members, 12 brand new members and 18 guests.

I'd like to thank Jill Tucker, Dorothy Sullivan and Ceil Rosenfeld for their help. I think everything ran smoothly and we all got in without too much waiting around.

My next job will be to update the membership list -- now 354 names long! To do this, we must set a cutoff date of November 1. If you have not already paid your dues, please do so by that date, or you will miss being on the 1985-6 list and will not receive another newsletter until your dues are paid. We hope to have the new list ready to mail with the November newsletter.

I am missing phone numbers for the following people: Elizabeth Bender, Janet Cole, Virginia Corey, Lynn Della Posta, Marjorie Foulkes, Ann Lindau, Sarah Marroni, Joyce Oehrle, Jacqueline Petersen, Vivian Rothermel. If you would like to have your number listed, please drop me a postcard or give me a call (279-4537) before November first.

-- Lis Greene

GLADYS GRACE WORKSHOPS

Monday, October 21 - lampshade stencil  
Thursday, November 7 - cameo quilt

Both of the above workshops will be held at the Northern Westchester Center for the Arts in Goldens Bridge. Call 232-5740 for more information.

QUILTERS' CHALLENGE

Try some curved piecing. A small piece will do. We'll pin all the challenges to the bulletin board at the next meeting.

-- Kay Jordan

QUILTING GROUP

At last! Our quilting group has a set schedule: the second Tuesday of each month at Mercy College, Yorktown (the Rochambeau Room), and the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Hart Library, Shrub Oak (Community Room). These are evening meetings -- from 7 to 9 p.m.

On Wednesday morning of every week, we meet at the Shrub Oak Library from 10 to 12. All are welcome.

If you have any questions, call

Kay Fowler  
245-1277

or

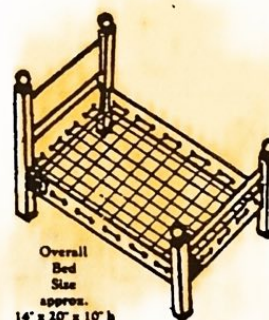
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HOSPITALITY

Thank you's go to all the marvelous volunteers for the beautiful assortment of baked goods and refreshing fresh fruit at our September meeting. They all generously signed up in July while on the Vermont trip: Denise Zimmerman, Sandra Cinfo, Clara Hendrick, Sharon Honegger, Sherry Dey, Terry DiMinno, Marianne Loffredo, Jane Fulton, Betty Whitley, Edie Keasbey, Terry St. Martin, Ethel O'Hara, Audrey Gannuscio, Pat Barker, Irene Buckley, Carol Smith, Joan Bristol, Pat Waill and Pauline Joseph.

I will have sign-up sheets at future meetings. Please pick a date to bring something, and put your name down at the next meeting. I'll send you a reminder, so don't worry about forgetting.

I could also use some help setting up. If you can meet me at the school at around four o'clock in the afternoon on the day of the meeting, please give me a call (248-7491).

Finally, I still have a couple of utensils left over from the pot-luck supper of the quilt show. If you're missing something, ask me about it at the meeting.

See you all on the fifteenth!

-- Liz Doyle

CLASSIFIED

- Sue's quilt-cutting service will cut any pattern with your fabric from available list. Send \$1 with SASE to Sue Light, 126 Edgewood Road, Ossining, NY 10562. Discount available for NSQG members.
- Need repair of old patchwork feather-stitched quilt. Please call Joyce Schmidt (248-8528).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 12 & 13 - Thames River Show, North Stonington Elementary School, Route 2, North Stonington, CT.

October 12, 13 & 14 - Rockland Quilt Expo, Rockland Community College, Fieldhouse Arena, 145 College Road, Suffern, NY. Hours 9-5.

October 13 & 14 - Pennsylvania Quilters Show, Pennsylvania State University Wilkes-Barre, Lehman, PA. Hours 10-6 on Saturday and noon-6 on Sunday. Admission \$2.50.

October 19 & 20 - Berkshire Quilt Festival, Berkshire Community College, Pittsfield, MA. Hours 10-5.

November 9 - NSQG Holiday Boutique, Fox Lane High School, Route 172, Bedford, NY. Hours 10-4.

June 13-19, 1986 - Ulster County Quilt Exposition, this year featuring flowered quilts. More info in future newsletters.

RESOURCE DIRECTORY

Nancy Mirman and her committee have started updating the Resource Directory. Since the inception of the directory, we have been accumulating names of out-of-state quilt shops -- many of which have now gone out of business, and some of which members have told us were not worth a visit. In order to make this section of the directory more meaningful, we are going to start with a clean slate.

Please look over the list. If there is a shop you feel should remain, give us a little more information about what the shop has to offer and why you enjoyed your visit there. We would also like similar information about any new shops you discover. Contact Nancy Mirman, or leave the information in the Quilters' Queries pocket on the bulletin board.

-- Kay Jordan

## QUILT BLOCK CONTEST

This year, the theme for our quilt block contest is "Trees and Their Bounty." Stretch your imagination. Be creative. Some of the bounty you might consider:

leaves and blossoms  
fruits and nuts  
books, birds and baskets

...etc.

The size of the block must be no smaller than 16" and no larger than 24". It can be square or rectangular in shape. The block must be quilted and bound. There are no restrictions on color or fabric content. Prizes will also be "trees and their bounty."

The deadline for submitting your block is April 1, 1986. All blocks received will be hung at A WORLD OF QUILTS VII, and will be returned to the sender after the show. A stamped, self-addressed envelope must accompany all blocks entered.

Mail to:                    Betty Whitley  
                              Route 2  
                              1 Mahopac Avenue  
                              Granite Springs, NY 10527

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## APRON WORKSHOPS

At the October 15th meeting, there will be a fashion show of some of the many styles of NSQG aprons to be worn by volunteers at the show in May and at our Holiday Boutique on November 9. Free workshops will be held to help get you started on your apron if you don't already have one:

Monday, October 21 - 10 a.m. till noon and 7 p.m. till 9 p.m.  
Instructor: Suzanna Valentinetti, 27 Montgomery Street, Ossining (762-7115).

Wednesday, October 23 - 10 a.m. till noon and 1 p.m. till 3 p.m.  
Instructor: Sandra Cinfo, 44 Sudbury Drive, Yonkers (969-3052).

Tuesday, October 29 - 7 p.m. till 9 p.m. Instructor: Ginny Watson, 50 Hillside Avenue, Mt. Kisco (666-4257).

Bring your own muslin and apron pattern; the blue material will be supplied by NSQG.

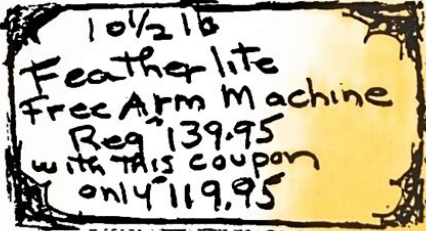
Questions? Call Suzanna Valentinetti (762-7115).

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## ANTIQUE QUILTS

The first meeting for those members of NSQG interested in antique quilts took place at the Southeast Museum on September 26. Although the general theme of antique quilts brought us together, we spent the morning discussing numerous short- and long-range goals for this ongoing group. Our first major project will be collecting quilts for A WORLD OF QUILTS VII.

This year, the antique quilt display will be those selected from NSQG members. The committee asks that anyone wishing to display a quilt send a description to Irma Shore, 24 North Street, Katonah, NY 10536.

Please include documentation, size, pattern color and condition. (Documentation is more important than condition.) Although the quilt show is months away, we need to have this information as soon as possible in order to determine the space needed for the quilts.

The next meeting of the Antique Quilt Group will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 10 at Irma Shore's (232-4211). Future monthly meetings will be given more advance notice. Our group is looking for a permanent meeting site.

-- Irma Shore  
Pat Baker

## QUILT SHOW

The ballots have been counted, and the results are in!

As you remember, at our September meeting all members present were asked to vote on how they would like to see this year's quilt show judged. 135 voted in favor of a show to be judged by our own judging committee; 28 in favor of a judged-juried show; 25 in favor of a viewer-judged show; and 5 in favor of an open show.

The quilt show board will hold a special meeting to discuss the results of the voting.

At press time, we are still looking for someone to head the judging committee. Anyone with good organizational skills who is interested in this position is urged to contact Rita Floess at 762-0475.

Our thanks to everyone for their input on this important aspect of our quilt show.

-- Rita Floess  
Pat Dawe

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Brewster, NY 10509

Elizabeth Bender  
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Danbury, CT 06814

Kaila O. Eisenkraft  
7 Iroquois  
Ossining, NY 10562

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Somers, NY 10589

Annette Huntington  
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South Salem, NY 10590

Barbara Kotoski  
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Mahopac, NY 10541

Agnes Lindsay  
RD #6, Montrose Drive  
Carmel, NY 10512

Rosemarie Nagy  
Vail Road  
Bethel, CT 06850

Kathy Oehl  
29 Emmalon Avenue  
North White Plains, NY 10603

Joyce Oehrle  
52 South Hillside Avenue  
Elmsford, NY 10523

Jacqueline Petersen  
22 Old Silo Road  
Ridgefield, CT 06877

Winifred Rehmet  
3 Townsend Court  
Armonk, NY 10504

Emily Robbins  
Arden Drive  
Amawalk, NY 10501

Faust Spallina  
P.O. Box 207  
Mahopac, NY 10541

ADDRESS CHANGES

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Hitchcock Hill Road  
Mahopac, NY 10541

Irene Buckley  
9 Colonial Road  
New Fairfield, CT 06812

Eva Fisch  
1349 Walter Road  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

QUILTERS' QUERIES

I would like to remind everyone that the suggestion box has been incorporated into the bulletin board. There is a pocket on the lower left-hand corner and a pad of paper for you to use for your comments.

One of our members has suggested that we give up dessert and instead spend the time before the meeting working together on blocks for a quilt for Ronald McDonald House. We would appreciate some response from the membership on this suggestion. Use the pocket on the bulletin board -- or call me.

-- Kay Jordan

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS

These results are based on the 200 questionnaires filled out at the September meeting:

Quilting Experience - We have members who have not quilted at all (so far), and we have members who have been quilting for up to 25 years. In fact, one even said "forever."

Quilting Techniques - This is how many of us have done:

Piecework	179	Seminole	38
Applique	174	Celtic	15
Miniatures	33	Hawaiian	32
Stained Glass	41	Clothing	80
Trapunto	86	Quilt-as-You-Go	61

Quilting Interests -

- 143 of us are interested in Traditional Quilting
- 93 in Antique Quilts
- 133 in Contemporary Design, and
- 94 in Quilted Clothing

Techniques We'd Like to Learn -

Piecework	29	Seminole	61
Applique	39	Celtic	49
Miniatures	62	Hawaiian	40
Stained Glass	53	Quilt-as-You-Go	52
Trapunto	38		

Some other suggestions were: Baltimore Brides' Quilts, Victorian Crazy Quilts, Molas, Whole Cloth Quilts, Dolls, Stencils, Curved Piecing -- and one of our members would like to make a quilt of her life story.

Workshops

- 113 of us said we have participated in workshops given by Guild teachers. And there are 173 of us who would like to take workshops.
- The most convenient time for workshops seems to be evenings, followed by days, and then Saturdays.
- There were a few suggestions for teachers the Guild should bring in for workshops: Nancy Crow, Michael James, Yvonne Porcella, Nancy Bradford Garver, Pat Morris, Jo Diggs, Judy Warren.

Hospitality

- The majority says yes, we want goodies at each meeting.
- As for the June meeting, there were several suggestions, which have been passed along to Liz Doyle.



QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS (continued)

Resource Directory -

140 of us said it was helpful  
21 of us said it was not helpful

Further tabulations and updates will be in a future newsletter under the direction of Nancy Mirman.

Monthly Lectures - These answers will be looked at carefully and tabulated by Program Chairman Elva Fisher, and the results will be published later.

Monthly Meeting Time - The most popular, with 84 votes, was 7:30; then came 8:00 with 62 votes; and 7:00 with 20 votes.

Thanks to all of you for your cooperation in filling out the questionnaire. There is a lot of useful information that will help us fill the needs of our membership and further educate ourselves in the world of quilting.

-- Lis Greene

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RESOURCE AND EDUCATION

There are a few additions to our workshop schedule. Please call the teacher to make a reservation when you decide you want to take one of the workshops. They will be cancelled if there is not sufficient interest.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

- OCT 15  
10 a.m. to noon      Just Quilting - Using your own layered and basted work, instruction will be given on equipment and techniques. Instructor: Kay Jordan (248-5241). Fee \$5.
- OCT 16  
2 p.m. to 4 p.m.      Quick Piecing - Using Olfa cutter and sewing machine, beginning student will learn how to make several different blocks using the same process. Instructor: Pauline Joseph (628-2350). Fee \$5.
- OCT 22  
7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.      Applique Technique - Student will learn how to use freezer paper to facilitate the shaping of applique pieces, eliminating the basting process. Instructor: Penny Black (271-8846 or 424-3443). Fee \$5.
- OCT 23  
10 a.m. to noon      Scaling Patterns - Workshop will deal with problem of reducing or enlarging patterns. Instructor: Claire Oehler (277-4958). Fee \$5.
- OCT 28  
9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.      Beginning Applique - Workshop will deal with techniques for handling basic shapes, inside and outside curves, points and reverse points. Completed project suitable for pillow top or sampler block. Instructor: Gloria Hartley (628-5954). Fee \$10.

WORKSHOP SCHEDULE (continued)

OCT 28  
9 a.m. to  
11:30 a.m.

Holiday Workshops

Instead of eight separate workshops, how about all eight at once?! We have scheduled two such workshops.

OR

7 p.m. to  
9:30 p.m.

Beginning at 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., there will be a half-hour demonstration of all projects. Then, for the next two hours, you may choose whatever project you wish -- or have time to complete.

There will be 6" braided calico wreaths, 6" teddy bears, Victorian pinwheels, calico birds, miniature folk-art dolls, mouse-in-a-sock, mini Christmas stockings, shadow-quilted goodies, and maybe a few surprises too. Kits are available for each project, and all machine sewing will be completed.

Cost for this amazing workshop and all this fun? Just \$6 plus the cost of whatever kits you use. Kits range in price from \$1 to \$3.50 (bears).

Bring basic sewing supplies, and everything else will be provided.

Instructors: Joan Crawford (279-3457)  
Ginny Watson (666-4257)

The Holiday Workshops will be held at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, opposite the hospital in Mt. Kisco. Participation is limited to 20 people per session.

NOV 4

Color and Fabric Selection Workshop (Mickey Lawler) - There is one daytime opening and there is one evening opening left for this workshop. If you are interested, please contact Kay Jordan (248-5241).

NOV 6  
7 p.m. to  
9 p.m.

Seminole Piecing - Using Olfa cutter and quick-piecing methods, participants will learn how to make trims for clothing and home furnishings. Some sewing knowledge and a sewing machine are necessary. Instructor: Jean Jackson (628-6044). Fee \$5 plus \$2 kit (supplied by instructor).

NOV 11  
12 noon to  
4 p.m.

Reversible Quilt-as-You-Go Baby Quilt - Quick technique to make an entire baby quilt in one session. Some sewing knowledge and sewing machine necessary. Instructor: Jean Jackson (628-6044). Fee \$10.

-- Kay Jordan

Laurie Walsh is coming to NSQG!

Many of you who were on the Vermont trip last summer met Laurie. Some were also disappointed they could not get into her workshops in Vermont. Your opportunity has arrived! She will be giving two workshops at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection in Mt. Kisco on Whole Cloth and Trapunto, for which she is well known. We hope you enjoy these workshops.

Monday, November 18

7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.  
Fee \$10

Whole cloth workshop and discussion of trapunto uses. Instruction will consist of preparing and making a whole-cloth quilt in miniature. Trapunto as a decorative technique will be discussed.

Tuesday, November 19

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (with a one-hour lunch break)  
Fee \$15

Whole cloth and trapunto workshop. Ms. Walsh will teach whole cloth as above, then we will have a lunch break. In the afternoon, the class will complete a trapunto project using Ms. Walsh's techniques.

Class size is limited to 25 per session.

To reserve your space, send:

- Check made out to NSQG
- Name, address and phone number
- Indication of day or evening session

to

Kay Jordan  
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## LAURIE WALSH

HIGH MEADOW  
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[802] 888-4456



Laurie Walsh, President of the Green Mountain Quilters Guild [1982-84], is committed to the world of quilting as a teacher, lecturer and judge. She is a regular contributor to QUILT magazine and a designer and publisher of her own Trapunto patterns. She is especially well-known in Vermont for her skill as a teacher -- with workshops at the Vermont Quilt Festival in Northfield, Vermont [one of the highest rated instructors]; The Vermont State Craft Center at Windsor House, Windsor, Vermont; Fletcher Farm Craft School, Ludlow, Vermont, and with private classes at the Helen Day Art Center in Stowe, Vermont. In addition, Laurie has served as a judge at Northfield's Vermont Quilt Festival -- the largest in New England, at the Shelburne Museum's Quilt and Hooked Rug Show and was selected as a Discussion Leader-Scholar with the University of Vermont's Humanities Film and Discussion Program.

Laurie's expertise reflects her life-long commitment to teaching, rooted in a Bachelor's Degree in Education and years of experience as an elementary and middle school teacher and music consultant. In all workshops, students are taught the basic skills of quilting through a small project using that particular technique. Laurie's method enables participants to take home a completed or nearly completed project in order to be proud of their accomplishment and fully understand the technique. Later, the quilter can experiment and expand on the ideas presented with great success.

She has been featured in QUILT, LADY'S CIRCLE PATCHWORK QUILTS and QUILT WORLD OMNIBOOK.

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