

# On Point!

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Did we start the year off with a great meeting? I'll say! Of course, Katie left me with the same feelings I've had after some of the other speakers: inspiration (Wow, I'd like to try that); depression (I'll never be able to do anything like that); and wonderment (How does she get all that finished).

That reminds me to remind all of us from last year and this year who signed New Year's Resolutions that the January Show and Tell is just four months away. You still have time to tackle that UFO.

Thank you so much for all my fat quarters. You have added another 42 yards of fabric to my stash. The amazing thing is that there was only one duplication! I'm looking forward to working with my basket of goodies.

Thanks also to all the people who responded to Barbara and my requests for help. It's very gratifying to ask for help and to actually receive it.

NANCY MIRMAN

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## PROGRAMS:

Our Oct. 18 meeting will feature Sue H. Rodgers speaking about "Stuff It! Or Everything You've Ever Wanted to Know About Trapunto, But Were Afraid to Ask!" Her slide show will explore Sue's unique process, from discovering design ideas to developing patterns and transferring them to fabric.

For those of us (like myself) who are not familiar with trapunto, this will be a great opportunity to see the work of a master up close and learn ways to add this design element to our work.

Let's hope that Sue will bring her WEDDING QUILT: A GIFT OF LOVE, a quilt that recently won the best overall workmanship award at Quilter's Newsletter Magazine's contest at Quilt Expo. This work of art is featured on page 12 of the October issue of QNM.

ALICE GARRARD

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NOTE OF APPRECIATION to Betty Kelly and Edith Pryor for driving guest speaker Katie Pasquini-Masopust.

Merci Beaucoup!

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NSQG CALENDAR

- OCT. 18: GENERAL MEETING at JFK High School.  
Route 138, Somers, speaker Sue Rodgers.  
Doors open 7 p.m.; meeting starts 7:30.
- OCT. 25: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING at Lauran Tyler's house, 7:15 p.m. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- NOV. 1: QUILT SHOW BOARD MEETING at Barb Broshous' house, 7:30 p.m.
- NOV. 15: GENERAL MEETING with speaker Pat Rodgers.
- NOV. 19: HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE, see blurb.
- NOV. 22: EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING at Nancy Mirman's house at 7:15 p.m. NEWSLETTER DEADLINE.
- DEC. 6: QUILT SHOW BOARD MEETING at Barb Broshous' house, 7:30 p.m.

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HOSPITALITY

I want to thank all the Board members who supplied us with the delicious snacks at the September meeting. A special thanks goes to Roseann of Somers Florists for providing the raffle gift which was won by Carol Alt.

I hope to have all the kinks, like adequate hot water, out of the serving process for the next meeting. The members' response to sign-up request for the October meeting was truly encouraging. If it keeps up we will increase not only our quilting shelf but our waistlines as well.

BARBARA RICCI

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TRAVELING QUILTERS

The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza was an outstanding show with interesting vendors. Most importantly, we had a full bus of wonderful NSQG members and friends. THANKS for making my job easy.

Saturday, Nov. 5: We'll take a nice Fall excursion to see A Quilters' Gathering in Westford, Mass. The cost is \$30 for bus and admission. Bus pick-ups and parking will be 7 a.m. at Mahopac Village Center; 7:15 at Mill Pond Offices in Somers; and 7:30 at exit 2 in I684's commuter parking lot. We should arrive at the quilt show around 10 a.m.; return to reality (dishes, laundry, kids) should be between 9-10 p.m. Reservations: at the October meeting or call me, 628-5380.

Mark your calendar, get the day off and save your coupon money for our fantastic trip to Lancaster on Friday and Saturday, April 7 and 8, 1995. The cost will be about \$130. Look for more information in January's On Point!

We are a great group with which to travel, and friends are always welcome.

LINDA VON AHN, 628-5380

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A CHALLENGE OF CHOICES

Our new 1995 Challenge received an enthusiastic response at September's meeting, with the majority of fabric packets purchased. We still have a few left which will be available at the October meeting for \$10 for 1.5 yards. We hope all those who purchased fabric are now in the thinking stage of quilt design - trying to think of a design! We urge you to consider the Challenge a learning experience, and try something you've never done before. In the words of John Cage, "We learn nothing from things we know."

THE CHALLENGE COMMITTEE

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MEMBERSHIP

Thanks to everyone who renewed early (more than half the current paid membership), and to the fantastic job done by the volunteers who helped at the September meeting. For those reasons, the lines at the meeting were not very long. We now have 199 paid members for the 1994-95 year, including 23 new members. At the September meeting, 166 people signed in, including 10 guests.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, please do so by the Oct. 18 meeting, otherwise you will be dropped from the mailing list. I will not be at that meeting. Please give my volunteers a break and mail your renewal to Mildred Clinton, Brewster Hill Road, Brewster, N.Y. 10509. If you need a name badge or have an address correction or change, please either write to me or call me at (914)279-5613.

MILLIE CLINTON

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CHARM QUILT SWAP

What? Charm Quilt: a quilt with no two pieces alike, using one shape only.

When? Our swap begins at the October meeting. The theme is purples/lavenders and/or dots/circles. If you can't find 10 pieces of the correct color or theme, why not team up with a buddy and split it?

How? In each clear baggie put 10 different 5-inch squares of pre-washed cotton. They must be of one theme. Label with your name. Turn in at CHARM table before the meeting. During the break pick up your exchange packet or packets. Extra 5-inch squares can be put into the "pot" for chances for a raffle.

Why are they called charm quilts? Jinny Beyer suggests that because the pieces came from so many hands and there was a sort of serenity attached to acquiring them, the finished quilt might be thought to have a magic quality, as in being charmed or being thought of as attracting good luck.

LORI VANACORE & DEBBY EHRICHS

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DON'T FORGET TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE AND BRING A MUG

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IS THIS YOU?

The Bedford Women's Correctional Facility needs a volunteer to teach quilting to inmates on Wednesday or Friday evenings, 6:30-8:30, or on Thursday afternoons from 3:30-5. A couple of friends could share the work. If interested call Barbara Lynn, 241-3100, Ext. 470.

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EDUCATION (save this information for referral all year)  
 \* All workshops are \$20/day unless otherwise noted. Make checks payable to NSQG. Dating checks with the workshop month will eliminate banking problems. Checks are not cashed until the workshop takes place.  
 \* Hours are from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for full-day workshops. Location will be specified on your supply list.  
 \* Reservations from non-members will be accepted one month prior to workshops if space is available.

RESERVATION PROCEDURE: Follow it carefully. Send a separate check and self-addressed, stamped envelope for each workshop to Pat Baker, 2 Friendly Road, Brewster, N.Y. 10509. Mark each check and envelope with workshop name. (Not instructor name - many give 2 workshops.) Your envelope will be returned with supply list about a month prior to class. Should class be full, your check will be returned in SASE and your name will go on a WAIT list in case of cancellation. Check receipt dates will be carefully observed in first-come, first-served order for both sign up and wait list. You may also use the Reservations Box near the education bulletin board at general meetings and follow same envelope and check instructions as for mailing. You might want to bring prepared envelopes to meetings just in case.

OCTOBER WORKSHOPS: Check your September ON POINT! for the Oct. 18 and 19 workshops with Sue Rodgers.  
Sat., Oct. 29, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in JFK High School, upper corridor classrooms: Christmas Decor Galore is our annual project to benefit Putnam Hospital Center. We need enough ornaments to fill a 6.5' tall tree. Learn from NSQG instructors and go home with patterns plus lunch will be provided, all for \$5 and four 8" squares (2 red & 2 green) of cotton fabric. Christmas prints are OK but not necessary. Sign up at October meeting or mail \$5 to Pat Baker now, giving your four choices from the following list. We will try to give you your first two choices.

- \* Tree Skirt with Pat Bartimoccia
- \* Shadow Applique Hearts with Pauline Joseph
- \* Angels with a new twist with Pat Barker
- \* Quilt patterned Folded Ornaments with Barbara Lerch
- \* Fat Santa ornaments with Pat Baker
- \* Mini-ruffled Wreath & Pinwheel with Edith Pryor
- \* Fuzzy Bears & N.Y. Apples with Joyce Sullivan

Bring hand-sewing kit (needles, pins, thimble, scissors for paper and fabric, threads in red, green, white) and a stuffing tool, if you have one. Machines not needed.

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 PLEASE WATCH THE EDUCATION BULLETIN BOARD FOR PHOTOS AND  
 SAMPLES OF WORK DONE BY THE INSTRUCTORS WE HAVE BOOKED  
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JANUARY: The first of monthly steps in Mystery Series - Down Memory Lane, 54"x66" - by Judy Hopkins. Group workshop in June to finish last step. Fun project with explicit instructions for fabric selection, cutting and assembly. Send \$10 check to Pat, marked Mystery, or in Reservations Box by Oct. 18th the latest. No SASE needed. All levels.

NOV. 15 & 16, Tues. & Wed.: Give Your Feed Dogs A Rest with Pat Rodgers, who excels at imaginative, contemporary fibre manipulations and embellishments. Develop new free-motion skills, including satin embroidery, pattern stitches, drawing with the machine, bobbin work using the latest threads, all while embellishing an art quilt. \$40 for 2-day workshop. Level: intermediate to advanced.

JAN. 14, Sat.: Margit Magic Triangles will feature Margit Echols' secrets for making interlacing designs and Islamic patterns quickly with her Magic Triangle patterns. Make her Star of the East quilt using a patterned stripe fabric and her pattern. If cancelled because of weather, class will tentatively be rescheduled for Sat., March 11.

MARCH 21, Tues.: Plaids & Stripes with Roberta Horton will instruct the use of directional fabrics by creating a quilt made only of plaids and stripes. For all skill levels.

MARCH 22, Wed.: The Great American Scrap Quilt with Roberta Horton will have you experimenting with seemingly unrelated fabric scraps to come up with exciting design possibilities. For all skill levels.

APRIL is for Super Saturday: instructors, classes and sign up to be announced. All levels will be included.

MAY 5, Fri., 9 a.m. to noon: This Nancy Johnson-Srebro workshop will feature a scrap "full-size miniature design" called S.O.S. Pinwheel (Save Our Scraps), which uses as many colors as you wish. No templates. Fee is \$10.

MAY 5, Fri., 12:45-3:45 p.m.: Beginning quilters will be experts after Nancy Johnson-Srebro's A Cut Above the Rest, geared for both left- and right-handed people. Hands-on experience in precision rotary cutting. \$10 fee.

MAY 8, Mon.: Dutch Country Hearts with applique artist Elly Sienkiewicz, who will teach applique 12 easy ways, such as cutaway, reverse, freezer paper, fusible with blanket stitch, needleturn and more. Great for beginners or those stuck in a single mode of applique.

MAY 9, Tues.: Dimensional Blooms Seminar with Elly S. for advanced appliquers who will make a sampler of many flowers, leaves and stem variations in this fast-paced workshop.

MAY 16, Tues.: Think Big! is a chance to experiment with large-scale prints with Libby Lehman, a contemporary quilt artist. All levels.

A JUNE Saturday: Mystery Mop Up for those participants in Judy Hopkins' Mystery Quilt.

Any questions? Call us!

PAT BAKER, 279-8840 & JOYCE SULLIVAN, 277-3832

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THERE'S NO BUSINESS LIKE SHOW BUSINESS

The Quilt Show Committee has started work on the NSQG 16th annual show to be held May 6 and 7 at JFK High School. Mark your calendar and start your quilting; we encourage you all to participate. There is something for everyone!

Wow. Our Scrap Basket Raffle Quilt is beautiful. Thank you Marie Rohrman for getting it all together for our September general meeting. The quilt is now on the "circuit" and we take all quilting volunteers. Call Marie to set up quilting dates.

The proceeds from this beautiful quilt will be going to a raffle recipient voted on by the guild members at our November meeting. Maria Tamaoka is accepting applications for the raffle recipient until Oct. 18. The criteria follows, but if you have any questions please call Maria.

Mary Rossetti has done a terrific job getting lectures for our show, and this year we will have lecturers Elly Sienkiewicz, Nancy Johnson-Srebro and Irma Gail Hatcher. You can look forward to Elly and Nancy giving classes while in town.

We're looking forward to an exciting year. If you have suggestions or comments, please give me a call, 232-9628.

BARB BROSHOUS

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CRITERIA FOR NSQG RAFFLE QUILT RECIPIENT

1. Organizations MUST be a non-profit organization
  - a. can be partially funded
  - b. applicant must have sole control of their budget
  - c. NSQG donation not to affect any other funding
2. Only organizations serving people in the tri-state area are eligible.
3. Organization MUST be sponsored by a guild member.
  - a. applicant MUST submit letter of description of services and purpose of organization.
  - b. letter MUST be received by the October general meeting.
4. Organization cannot receive NSQG donations in two consecutive years.
5. The organization MUST sell tickets - 50 or more books prior to the show.
6. One or more representatives from the organization must be present at the quilt show (Sat. & Sun.) all day to sell tickets at the booth.
7. One or more representatives of the organization must be present at the June salad supper meeting to receive the donation.

Mail applications to Maria Tamaoka, 103 Elmore Ave., Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Due to a lack of space, my review of six new books will have to wait until November's newsletter.

The library now has a complete listing of books in its collection, arranged by title, author and subject. Please use this reference to locate books on specific subjects. We are happy to reserve books for you. Also, please let us know if there is a particular book or subject in which you are interested or that is not covered by the Library. We want our Library to be as comprehensible as possible.

I am delighted that our Delinquent List of people with overdue books is just two names long: Yelena Hill ("You Can Make Money From Your Arts & Crafts) and Louise Ludecke (Quilts in America). Please return your outstanding books to the October meeting. Thank you.

LAURAN TYLER

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HELP WANTED.... NEEDED: are volunteer drivers to transport our guest speakers. The job involves driving to Westchester County Airport, Goldens Bridge train station, guild meetings and workshops. You can pick and choose. Call Barbara Lennox, 664-1803.

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ARE YOU A GROUPIE?

Meeting with other quilters on a monthly basis can be a wonderful source of education and friendship. We will help organize new groups. Sign up at the education table in October or call Nancy Mirman, 277-5210. If enough people sign up we may be able to group people by geographical area. And if there's any groups that would like more participants, call Nancy.

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HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

I hope everyone is busy making items for the Boutique at Fox Lane High School on Nov. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can review the rules in the September ON POINT! Inventory sheets will be available at the October meeting, as well as a sign up schedule to work your mandatory volunteer hours. Remember, guild members will be allowed to shop at the Boutique at 9 a.m. - that's one hour earlier than the public.

JULIE LONG

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MY NAME IS LINDA G. I AM LOOKING FOR MY SECRET PAL. ALL YOUR GIFTS & NOTES WERE SO SPECIAL, AND YET I CANNOT GUESS YOUR NAME! PLEASE IDENTIFY YOURSELF SO I CAN SAY A BIG THANK YOU!

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NSQG SERVICE PROJECT (please save this information)

We plan to continue making quilts this year for At-Risk Babies and Children (ABC). If you choose to participate, please bring either a 6.5" or 12.5" block (measured raw edge to raw edge) to EACH general meeting. You may use any pattern or color. We meet the first Thursday of each month to make sampler quilts from these blocks. Come as often as you can. Experienced quilters will help beginners. The next session is Nov. 3, upstairs at the Brewster Presbyterian Church on Oak Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. BRING a brown-bag lunch, a sewing machine and sewing supplies.

PAT BAKER &amp; BERNICE STRAUBER

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TREASURER'S REPORT. AS OF AUG. 31, 1994

GUILD BALANCE FORWARD-	30 JUNE 1994	\$35,373.53
<u>GENERAL ACCOUNT BALANCE</u>		\$24,025.16
<u>INCOME</u>		
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MEMBERSHIP	\$1,225.00	
EDUCATION	34.32	
TRIPS	200.00	
MISCELLANEOUS	150.00	
INTEREST INCOME	87.05	
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TOTAL INCOME	\$1,696.37	\$1,696.37
<u>EXPENSE</u>		
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POSTAGE	\$177.77	
TRIPS	650.00	
BOUTIQUE	10.00	
SPECIAL PROJECTS	1,500.00	
OFFICE EXPENSE	91.40	
PROFESSIONAL FEES		
(ACCOUNTANT)	975.00	
CHALLENGE FABRIC	1309.71	
BANK CHARGES	24.00	
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TOTAL EXPENSES	4,737.88	(\$4,737.88)
AS OF AUGUST 31, 1994		<u>\$20,983.65</u>
<u>QUILT SHOW ACCOUNT</u>		
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QUILT SHOW BALANCE FORWARD		\$11,348.37
<u>INCOME</u>		
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FRAMES RENTAL	\$200.00	\$200.00
AS OF AUGUST 31, 1994		<u>\$11,548.37</u>
GUILD BALANCE AS OF 31 AUGUST 1994		<u>\$32,532.02</u>

FOR SALE: Sally Kingston (739-5490 after 6 p.m.) is selling a Bernette serger, model MO-203, made by Bernina, about 10 years old. Machine has manuals, one needle, three threads, overlock sewing, hardly used. Asking \$100 cash.

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FABULOUS MEMBERS:

\* Barb Broshous' wonderful quilt, Baltimore Gardens, was beautifully displayed at the recent Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza.

\* Debi Tong Gray's garments were modeled Sept. 17th during an evening celebration of ethnic-inspired fashions, theater, dancing and drumming, offered by Moondog Traders of Katonah and United Talent Television. Also, Debi's Celebrating Robyn, a memory quilt for her daughter, was published in the summer 1994 issue of Alice Korach's Bead & Button magazine.

\* Lauran Tyler's One World wallhanging appeared in the Pacific International Quilt Festival's Color My World exhibit at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the San Francisco International Airport in October.

\* Congrats to Sharon Wren, who's two patchwork pillows were published in Great Patchwork: Working with Triangles.

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FIRST CLASS MAIL

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