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# *On Point!*

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## **President's Message**

The year got off to a great start; a whirlwind trip to Philadelphia (a large show of diverse quality [beginner to exquisite] and more vendors than this shopper had time to see), a busy meeting, an inspiring lecture, and a workshop that was instructive, stimulating and fun.

Having the business meeting in the auditorium seemed to work alright. Since we need to return tables and chairs to their original position, we will move only those near the front of the cafeteria; this should make the library and education table more accessible to members. The cafeteria has a posted capacity of 185 and we have frequently exceeded that number.

The speaker at the October meeting, Sherry Sunday, is well known and we anticipate an enthusiastic interest, therefore, we will again meet in the auditorium for the business meeting.

A new fabric swap will begin this month. (Details in following pages.) This promises to be fun. Comfort quilts are in full stitch, the holiday boutique and ornament Saturday workshop are fast approaching, and we should all be composing our challenge quilts. I'm not sure I can stitch this fast, but what fun trying.

We want all members to be involved. New members/new quilters are always welcome at workshops, comfort quilts, trips and the boutique. Get involved, we all love to share our knowledge and comradery. We also need volunteers for the infinite number of jobs that keep this organization functioning. If you have no free time outside of

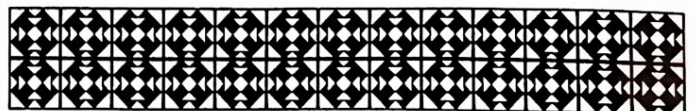
meetings -- a couple of minutes to help straighten up is one of our omnipresent needs. Thanks to all who helped out in September.

October will be the last meeting that Barbara Broshaus (last year's Show Chairman and Viewer's Choice winner) will attend before moving to Colorado. I will miss her quiet efficiency and her cheerful laugh, as will the guild. Let's all wish her a pleasant move and happy stitching. See you on the 17th.

*Millie Clinton*

## **NSQG Calendar**

10/16	S. Sunday's "Imaginations"
10/17	S. Sunday's "Perfectly Painless..."
10/17	NSQG General Meeting Deadline for raffle recipient Deposit due for Paducah trip
10/24	NSQG Bd. meeting
10/28	Holiday Boutique
11/2	Comfort Quilts
11/4	Trip to A Quilters Gathering
11/7	NSQG Quilt Show Meeting
11/11	Ornament Saturday
11/14	NSQG General Meeting
11/15 & 16	M.A. Caplinger's workshop
11/21	NSQG Bd. Meeting
12/5	NSQG Quilt Show Meeting
12/7	Comfort Quilts





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On Point!, NSQG's newsletter, is published monthly, except for a combined July/August issue. Subscription and mailing are included in the annual \$25 membership fee.

Articles for the newsletter are usually due one week after the general meeting. The deadline, however, for the November newsletter will be October 16th. Written contributions are welcomed and should be sent to:

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*November's meeting will be held the second Tuesday, instead of the usual third. It is important to have your newsletter articles for that issue ready by the October general meeting, or the very next day. Electronic communications via E-mail are strongly urged.*

## Membership

WOW!!! What a meeting. Thanks to my nine helpers, we had 216 people signing in at our meeting. That included 22 new members and 5 guests. Welcome to all of you. I also want to thank everyone who sent their dues ahead of time. That made the sign in a lot easier, too. (A couple of you seemed to have paid twice, please return my call so we can straighten out my confusion.) To date, the guild has 264 paid members.

Just a reminder, if you are a new member, please pick up your membership packet the next time you come. It will have your nametag and some other interesting information about our guild. Also check your address label for any misspellings or typos. If you are a returning member, please be sure to pick up your membership card. You should have received one at the meeting as you signed in. If you didn't get one, or you misplaced it, just ask and we will see what we can do to help.

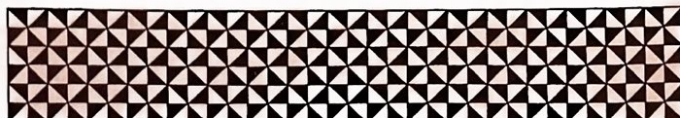
There is still time if you haven't paid your dues yet. But this is your last newsletter if you don't pay by the October meeting. Please have a check ready for \$25 to "NSQG" when you come, or better yet, why not send it to me at 854 Mustato Road, Katonah, NY 10536.

I hope to have a few DRAFT copies of the membership list available at the October meeting. If you could check your entry for any typos and correct phone number I would appreciate it. (I fully admit that I'm a lousy typist...thank goodness for spell check.)

I'm looking for someone to coordinate small quilting groups who would like additional members, and people seeking to join such groups. Give me a call if you can help.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in October. Happy stitching.

Liz Doyle





## Education

The complete reservation procedure for workshop reservation appeared in last month's newsletter. Please be sure to save it.

There are still openings for October and November workshops. The October workshops will be taught by Sherry Sunday. The Imaginings session on Monday, October 16th, presents a spontaneous approach to design. The Perfectly Painless Applique by Machine session on Tuesday, October 17th, presents a quick and exciting applique technique. The cost each day is \$25.

Woven and Quilted, taught by Mary Anne Caplinger\*, is a two day workshop, taking place on Wednesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 16th. You will learn a new technique in this class, giving you a break from matching 1/4" seams! The cost is \$50 for the two days.

Reminder: Make workshop checks payable to NSQG and send a separate STAMPED, self-addressed envelope for each workshop since supply lists are mailed at different times.

*Judy Rosenberg*

*\*Editor's Note: Nancy Mirman wore a yellow vest, using the 'woven and quilted' technique to the June Salad Supper. Perhaps she can be persuaded to show it. Nancy and Joyce Sullivan spent two weeks with Mary Anne touring Japan last year and thought she was terrific!!!*

## Holiday Boutique

The Holiday Boutique is right around the corner and everyone is encouraged to participate. However, **you must be a current member and all items must be made by you of fabric and/or be quilt-related.**

Inventory sheets will be available at the October general meeting. Participants in the sale will be able to sign-up for your work hours.

The boutique will be held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church, located on the Village Green,

from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, October 28th. Guild members may shop at the Boutique starting at 9 AM. Drop-off for items to be sold, is before 8 AM on that day.

If you have any questions about the procedures, please don't hesitate to call me.

*Madeline Horr*

## Hospitality

Many thanks to my hospitality "elves," Laurie Fasone, Barbara Catherine, and Adrienne Randall and to all those who signed up to provide us with October's goodies. We really appreciate your generosity.

January will find me returning to night school. In the next few months I'll be looking for a replacement. Fortunately, Hospitality can be co-chaired; so if anyone is interested in filling this position, please contact me at (914) 762-5419.

Once again, we need volunteers to help clean up after the meetings. And remember, many hands make light work.

*Marilyn Maiorana*

## Attention members circa 1989...

Did you make a block for the 1989 (tenth anniversary) raffle quilts that didn't get used? It was the applique sampler designed by Cindy Exstance in pinks and greens. I won those extra blocks and have FINALLY completed making a quilt with them. I would like to share the credit for the blocks with you. Please see me at the next couple of meetings so you can sign your name to the tag I'm going to sew for the back of the quilt. I hope you will be pleased with the results. I know I am.

*Liz Doyle*



*Singer Featherweights available. Call Brenda Strauss at 277-3884.*



## Programs

Many thanks to Alice Garrard for making initial contact with our September speaker, Barbara Caron. If you weren't already inspired by the "Show and Tell" of Charm quilts already in progress for our 1996 Show, you should speak to one of the 25 members who took Barbara's workshop, or look at her book.

A questionnaire will appear at the membership table, please give it a few moments of your time. The topics range from speakers and workshops to your own quilting habits and experience. The forms will be collected at our October and November meetings, and results will be reported in December. This wishlist/guild profile will help better serve your interests by providing programs relevant to our membership.

A special thanks to Barbara Powers, Lisa Curtis and Joan Weth for providing the wonderful display of raffle merchandise. There were five lucky winners. How about past raffle winners volunteering for one month, in exchange for their good fortune!

Special thanks to Linda Lim for stepping in as Barbara's hostess. It was a terrific experience for her (and she received a free workshop!).

Our Show-and-Tell was an inspirational success, due in no small part to Jeanne Homan, Simone Montegut, Carol Nugent and Cobb Stewart. (I really was kidding when I asked for non-vertically challenged volunteers.)

Thanks also out to Brenda Strauss who so kindly donated a Polaroid camera for our future "Spotlighted Members."

## Fabric Swap

For those of you swapaholics, we will start our new Swap Program at the October meeting. This year we will start by exchanging **fat eighths**. **Please be sure your dimensions are 11" by 18."** We will swap in packs of **four different pieces**.

October's theme will be **Autumn Colors and/or Neutrals**. If you have twelve fat eighths,

you'll toss three packets into the pool and draw as many in return. We hope this will be a useful compromise between the "fat quarter" and 5" charm swaps of the past, while allowing a larger portion of useable fabric to participants. (Feedback, comments, criticisms are always encouraged.)

Debbie Ehrichs deserves a lot of credit for expediting last years' charm quilt swap. She will coordinate this program, also.

*Cathy Neri*

## Comfort Quilts

Special thanks go to the following:

All those who finished those wonderful quilts over the summer.

Susan O'Leary, through whose efforts we received five rolls of cotton batting, plus a heap of fabric.

First Presbyterian Church of Katonah, for giving us permission to meet there for the rest of the year (maps will be on the bulletin board table).

Check the calendar listings for our meeting date each month, and come help us use up some fabric! Sessions are from 9 AM to 3 PM.

*Pat Baker*



Many thanks to Gerry Kane for sharing this tidbit of information that was published in September 3rd's N.Y. Times:

"A new clinical study indicated that something is not hazardous to your health. Recreational sewing, as it turns out, can significantly reduce heart rate, blood pressure and sweat. In this test, needle playing lowered the heart rate between 11 and 7 beats a minute."

*Editor's note: We no longer have to feel guilty about not participating in time-consuming, boring aerobics. I wonder if the more you sew, the healthier you become... Any volunteers for that study!*

ORNAMENT SATURDAY, 1995

WHEN: 9:15 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Nov. 11 WHERE: Lake Lincolndale Clubhouse

Come spend the day making decorations for a Christmas tree to be raffled at the Putnam Hospital Service Club's "Festival of Trees" to be held in December. Learn, have fun, and enjoy a day of good fellowship with NSQG members. Our own members will give instructions to make the following ornaments:

- TREE SKIRT with Joyce Sullivan
- BUTTON-TRIMMED STAR with Pauline Joseph
- MINI CHRISTMAS TREE with Nancy Murphy
- DOLLY with Pat Barker (Warning: Addictive; space fills immediately!)
- GINGERBREAD MAN and MITTEN with Pat Bartimoccia
- FOLDED FLOWER with Linda von Ahn
- DECORATED BALL with Pat Baker

Samples of all ornaments were on display at the September meeting, and will again be shown in October. The fee for this wonderful day is only \$10, which includes lunch and beverages.

You will go home with patterns for all ornaments.

BRING basic hand sewing materials (pins, needles, thimble, scissors for fabric and paper, turning or stuffing tool such as a hemostat if you already own one. A few people may be asked to bring sewing machines, and a few may be asked to bring some small pieces of fabric.

QUESTIONS? Call Pat Baker, (914) 279-8840.

This is a fun day! If you can't spend the whole day, come for half and have lunch with us, but please, everyone **MUST** pre-register.

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TO REGISTER: You may take two classes, one morning and one afternoon (registrar will arrange). Fill out the form below with your choices; we cannot guarantee you will get first choices. Along with your check for \$10 (to NSQG), seal it in an envelope and drop it in the Christmas box which will be on the bulletin board table at the October meeting, OR Mail it to: Pat Baker  
2 Friendly Road  
Brewster, NY 10509

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

My choices in order of preference are:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Just put me where I'm most needed.

For my lunch sandwich, I prefer  Italian  American  Vegetarian



## Traveling Quilters

We had a wonderful time at the Pennsylvania Quilt Show and Charlie, our renowned bus driver, loved his quilt. Our next day trip will be to "A Quilter's Gathering," Saturday, November 4th in Westford, Mass. The cost is \$30. We will be leaving from "Mill Pond Offices" at 7 AM and returning about 9 PM.

### Looking Ahead!!

The Lancaster Quilt Show Trip will be April 12th and 13th, Friday and Saturday. The cost is \$125. That includes round trip coach bus, overnight stay at the Ramada Inn, dinner at Miller's, breakfast, Show ticket and dinner at Zinns. What a Bargain! Sign up soon, this trip fills up fast.

The cost will be about \$750 for our trip to the Paducah, AQS Show, on April 24th to 28th. This will include the plane to Nashville, ground transportation and accommodations. We will be staying at "Town and Country" cottages in Benton Kentucky (about 35 minutes from Paducah). I need to know if you are really interested, and a \$100 deposit is required by the October meeting or ASAP. Refunds will be made up until the plane ticket are purchased. So far there are 30 ladies making this pilgrimage. It will be a lot of fun!

Please make your reservations for any of the trips now. You can send your deposit/trip fee check made out to NSQG or call me for more information at:

**Linda von Ahn**  
**30 Greenfield Road**  
**Mahopac, N.Y. 10541**  
**628-5380**

*Liz Cousins (a new member) would like to know if there is a group in the Pawling, Patterson, Brewster area. Carmel would be a possibility, too. Phone 855-5285*

## Show Committee

Once again, I am here to beg for the assistance of the guild members. The show committee needs someone to take over the position of lecturer chairperson. Most of the work for the 1996 who is completed, but if we are to have dynamite speakers for 1997, it is necessary to start contacting those people now! Please call me ASAP.

The other position we need filled is the chairperson for the frames. Bill Thorn has done this job for many years. He will be doing the 1996 show, but it would be great if he could work with the new representative before and during the show set-up and break-down.

The Guild averages four rentals to other guilds during the year. The first two rental fees go to our treasury and any others go to the person who maintains the frames and handles the rentals. This would be a great job for a retired husband -- it doesn't involve a great deal of time (except around show time) and provides some extra income. Please call either Bill or me.

Hopefully next month I will be able to tell you that all positions are filled, and of the wonderful progress the committee is making.

*Brenda Strauss*

## 1995/1996 Challenge Project

We certainly did a brisk sales business at the Challenge table last month. There are about 15 packets of fabric, with the instructions, remaining for sale at \$8.00. They will be available at the October general meeting on a "first come" basis. Don't miss out on this great annual guild event.

Questions? Call a committee member. Joyce Sullivan-277-3832, Linda Lim-248-7623, Kathy Schiano-623-1874, Mary Ellen Lanigan-(203)355-3940, Cobb Stewart 238-8653.

*Challenge Committee*



## Library News

One of my co-workers recently commented that he supposed most of the books in our collection bore very similar titles. Not so! We have an amazing variety of titles, and they reflect a very wide range of content.

Of 260+ items, 108 were checked out at our September meeting. It's great to know they are being enjoyed! Please try to return them as soon as you arrive at the October meetings, so that we can process them to recirculate.

Special thanks to Gene Mioducki, Lorraine's husband, and to my spouse, David, for transporting the books and cart to our meeting!

Courtesy of That Patchwork Place, we have several new and interesting books:

Treasures from Yesteryear, Book 11, Replicating Antique Quilts, by Sharon Newman, contains patterns, directions and historical tidbits to assist in recreating vintage quilts.

Roxanne Carter's All Star Sampler features 14 star blocks produced with rotary cutting techniques, to incorporate into a sampler or other quilt.

Freedom in Design, by Mia Rozmyn, is a unique, artistic approach to the artist-author's own brand of foundation paper piecing, using freezer paper templates.

From Carol Doak are two additions to her paper piecing repertoire: Easy Mix and Match Paper Piecing, and Easy Paper-Pieced Keepsake Quilts.

Trouble Free Triangles, by Gayle Bong, is an awesome assortment of more than 50 block examples using 60 degree triangles, and created with a rotary cutter and ClearView ruler.

The Quilt Patch, Fairfax, Virginia, is a new addition to the American Quilt Shop Series. Photos of historic sites, as well as recipes, are interspersed with the lovely and original quilts between these pages.

The International Quilt Shop Series welcomes The Calico House, Perth, Australia. Take an armchair tour of this delightful country as you admire the one of a kind quilts with a "Down Under" flavor. Try the traditional tea-time recipes, too.

Special reminder to Paulette Harrychan (Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!) and Winifred Van Blerkom ((Visions: Layers of Excellence). Please return these books ASAP so that others may enjoy them.

*Kathleen Sambora*

## From the Editor:

Wasn't it great getting back to guild activities, after the summer's hiatus!!

Barbara Broshaus is going to be featured as "Spotlighted Member." If you have never seen her work, you're in for a treat. Her two dimensional appliques have been astounding viewers at shows. A very active member, who has been generous in sharing her talents and skills, will be missed by all.

Sherry Sunday, this month's guest, is an extraordinary quiltmaker. She creates very original designs using innovative machine work. Regularly featured on the national circuit, we are indeed fortunate to have her at NSQG. I have heard that her workshops are terrific.

It was quite rewarding to see the progress members have been making on their charm quilts. I had a renewed burst of energy (really a large infusion of new fabrics). After pawing through squares countless times, my pieces start looking very stale. The time was ripe to hunt through the stashes of quilting buddies. A rejuvenation for the spirit.

Collecting pieces is a great way to see the holes in your collection. No one seems to ever have enough lights or darks. These are good things to remember the next time you're in a quilt shop. The newer and splashier prints catch the eye, but the deep darks and lights are often needed to make the others shine.

*Alice Garrard*

Exhibit B

Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.  
 Statement of Revenue and Expenses- Cash Basis  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 1995

<b>Revenue</b>			
Membership and Dues		\$ 7,860.00	
Quilt Show	(Schedule 1)	27,554.58	
Boutique		11,257.21	
Special Events - Trips		8,677.00	
Education		7,916.37	
Raffle		2,460.25	
Pins		73.64	
Shopping Bags		824.00	
Donation		150.00	
Interest Income		500.75	
<b>Total Revenues</b>			<b>\$ 67,273.80</b>
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>Program Services:</b>			
Quilt Show Expenses	(Schedule 2)	26,346.77	
Boutique		10,711.76	
Special Events - Trips		8,284.11	
Education	(Schedule 3)	17,592.48	
<b>Total Program Services</b>		<b>62,935.12</b>	
<b>Support Services:</b>			
<b>General &amp; Administrative Expense</b>			
Membership		197.14	
Hospitality Expenses		518.91	
Bank Charges		283.75	
Office Expenses		673.79	
Newsletter	(Schedule 4)	2,903.27	
Professional Fees		975.00	
Insurance		630.00	
Library		436.18	
Contributions		1,000.00	
Canvas Bags		2,085.00	
Rent & Services		1,180.00	
Raffle Expenses		2,010.21	
<b>Total General &amp; Administrative Expenses</b>		<b>12,893.25</b>	
<b>Total Support Services</b>		<b>12,893.25</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>			<b>75,828.37</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses</b>			<b>(\$ 8,554.57)</b>

See Accountant's Compilation Report



**Northern Star Quilter's Guild**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
**For the Period August 22, 1995 through**  
**September 25, 1995**

Balance Forward, Aug. 22, 1995     \$28,253.88

General Account Balance Forward     \$15,711.45

INCOME:

Membership	3,525.00
Programs (Class)	600.00
Trips	1,340.00
Raffle	315.00

TOTAL INCOME     5,780.00

EXPENSE:

Programs:	
Speaker	1,052.00
Workshop	672.43
Raffle	363.21
Trips	1,800.00
Newsletter	674.75
Treasury	1,083.47
Hospitality	110.00
Library	9.00
Challenge	749.88

TOTAL EXPENSE     6,514.74

General Fund as of  
 August 22, 1995     \$14,976.71

Quilt Show Account Balance  
Forward     \$12,542.43

No Activity

GUILD BALANCE AS OF  
 September 25, 1995     \$27,519.14

The annual financial report form from our account-  
 tant is on file in the guild library.

*Karen Abramson*

## Ravelings

Don't take what any class instructor says as the **only** way to do a task. Even the most well-known (even famous) quilters do not have special access to The Right Way to do anything, because there isn't just **one** "right" technique to accomplish a given goal in quilting, or in any of life's endeavors. What one instructor feels is the only way, another will contradict with energy. So, what is the poor quilter looking for the 'best way' to do?

Why, **TRY THEM ALL!** The way that gives you consistently good results and brings you the most pleasure, **will be your best way.**

*Anonymous*

## In Stitches with Sondra Shapiro

The rumors circulating about NSQG's Eleanor Scarcella are true. This ribbon-winning quilter has put all else on the back burner to follow her dream of becoming a doctor. She's devoting this school year to science courses needed to get into medical school. A former school teacher and a current quilting teacher, Eleanor says the time is right for her to pursue a new career. Her husband travels frequently, and her children are almost grown. "Whether it works out or not, it'll be fun getting there," Eleanor said recently about her new quest. We'll find her mostly hitting the books from now on, but her Saturday evenings are reserved for hand applique. One thing is for sure, no other MD will be able to match Eleanor's sutures. Good luck, Eleanor.

I've received a meager response to my call for info for NSQG professionals for listing in a guild Speaker's Bureau. Let's not give up on this. Please get your information to me by mail, fax (914 276-0637) or at the October 17th meeting.

L.A. prosecutor Marcia Clark keeps me company as she begins her closing argument in the OJ Simpson trial. This sorrowful American saga finally is winding down as I hand-piece a drunkard's path, and machine quilt a charm quilt. My memories of how Nicole Brown Simpson and Ron Goldman met their fates and the resulting trial, are forever stitched into these two quilts.

# ON POINTS OF INTEREST

The following is a partial listing of contests and shows that might be of interest to our members. Events are listed as accurately as possible, but we strongly recommend that you call ahead before planning to attend.

These listings do not infer endorsement by NSQG. For more details, see the education bulletin board, or call me.

**Elizabeth Rosenberg**  
2888 Hemlock Street  
Yorktown Heights, NY 10598-2726  
(914) 962-1452  
fax (914) 962-1159

## Quilt Contests to Enter

**AQS 1996 SANTA CONTEST** benefits MAQS. Theme: "Santas." \$1,000 in prize. Entry deadline is **March 1, 96**. Entries will be auctioned off April 27, 1996. *Entry forms can be obtained by sending large SASE to AQS, Attn: Entry Forms, P.O. Box 3290, Paducah, KY 42002-3290.*

**VISIONS 1996** is a juried exhibition in San Diego. Prize is a one-week, all expense paid trip to Japan. Entry deadline is **January 1, 1996**. To obtain entry form write to *Quilt San Diego, 9747 Business Park Avenue #228, San Diego, CA 92131.*

## Quilt Shows

**Sept. 17 - Jan. 7: The Art of the Quilt**, Macculloch Hall Historical Museum, 45 Macculloch Ave, Morristown, N.J. *For more info. call 901-538-2404.*

**Oct. 21-22: Ninigret Quilters 11th Hr Quilt Show**, Westerly Armory, Railroad Ave. & Dixon St., Westerly, RI. *For more info call 401-377-2470.*

**Oct. 21-22: The Molly Pitcher Stitchers Quilt Show V**, Marlboro Middle School, Rt. 520. **Marlboro, NJ.** *For more info. call 908-257-3244.*

**Oct. 28: Quilt Show**, Middletown United Methodist Church, Middletown-Lincroft Rd., **Middletown, NJ.** *For more info. call 908-842-5918.*

**Oct. 20-21: South Shore Stitchers Sand Sea & Sky**, Moorlyn Terrace & Boardwalk, **Ocean City, NJ.** *For more info call 609-398-2266.*

**Oct. 2-31: Quilts of Upstate New York**, Albany City Hall, **Albany, NY.** *For more info write: Visitors Center, 25 Quackenbush Square, Albany NY 12207.*

## Shows and Events for Travelers

**CREATIVE SEWING AND NEEDLEWORK FESTIVAL** will be held on Nov. 3-6, 1995, at the Exhibition Place, **Toronto, Canada.** Billed as "the world's largest event of its kind", this 8th annual "event" features many different needlecrafts and arts, including quilting, of course. *For info and registration forms, call (800) 291-2030.*

**GATHERINGS: AMERICA'S QUILT HERITAGE** September 8 through October 29th, 1995 at the New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., **Lowell, Massachusetts., 01852.** *Contact the Museum at (508)452-4207.*

**THE CREATIVE SEWING AND NEEDLE ART EXPOSITION** sponsored by the American Sewing Guild, in **Pittsburgh, PA** Oct. 20-22, 1995. *For a schedule, call (800)325-1882.*



# Charm Quilt Swap

The form swap held during last month's meeting was a great success. The feverishly excited voices coming from behind the educational bulletin board may have sounded like the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, but the "traders" were NSQG swappers busily posting and choosing their tickets.

Unfortunately, some members were not sure how to use the form. Here's how:

1. Fill out the form and cut along dotted lines.
2. Post your form on the rear of the bulletin board.
3. Tear off one or more tags from forms left by other members, if you can help them.
4. Contact that person/s and arrange for the swap.
5. It's the responsibility of the person who took your tag to tell you what kinds of fabrics she needs.

If you are short of just one color, you may wish to fill out several tags with just that hue filled in. However if you have several gaps in your palette, each tag/tags should indicate one of the colors you want.

The amounts you need will vary as will the timeliness and other specifics. Be sure to clearly discuss time, place and quantity. To prevent possible misunderstandings, be specific about your needs and honest about what you can provide.

Participation should provide some great opportunities: you'll get the chance to meet other members (and rummage through their stash!...or show off your own); you'll have the satisfaction that only comes from helping others; AND you'll all get to see some really great charm quilts!

If you haven't already exchanged charms with those whose tags you took in September, please make the call **NOW**. Perhaps you can arrange a swap at the October meeting.

We will keep printing these forms as long as guild members express a need for them. If you forget your forms, or need more, blanks will be available at the October meeting.

*Elizabeth Rosenberg*

If you need more charm quilt squares, fill out the forms and post at the educational bulletin board.

Name:  
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