



On Point!

A publication of Northern Star Quilters' Guild

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Somers, New York

Editor: Karen Abramson

President's Message

I am saddened to report that Cathy Neri has been too ill to finalize the schedule for this year's programs. However, Nancy Murphy has stepped in and is doing a marvelous job organizing and completing the programs for the year.

Nancy Mirman gave a marvelous lecture at the September meeting. I will now have a better knowledge of the use of colors in quilts. Thank you for sharing your skills. I want to thank everyone for having patience in this time of confusion. I hope everything will be sorted out soon.

October is a very busy month for the guild. Ornament Saturday, two workshops, demonstrations by guild members at the Neuberger exhibit, the general meeting, and of course comfort quilts all create a very full calendar for us. I hope to see you at many of them. (On a personal note I want to point out that I find making a comfort quilt a great way to release stress. They don't have to be "perfect", they're small and fast and there is a great pleasure in hoping that someone will derive pleasure from them.)

Thanks to everyone who gave me fat quarters. I looked at them all night after getting home from the September meeting. It will be great fun using them, the best "Christmas" in September ever.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting and other events.

Millie Clinton

(914) 279-5613

Membership

It was certainly great to see everyone in September. I do have one question, how come we always seem to have such dreadful weather on meeting nights? Thank you to all the helpers who kept the lines moving so quickly. We had 159 returning members, 14 new members and 5 guests present. To date we have 219 paid members. If you have not paid your dues yet, this will be your last newsletter.

I was asked the other night what the fee for an "out-of-town" membership is. Please carefully read the following policies which cover membership. If you have any other questions, please feel free to call me and I will try to answer them if I can.

Thank you to everyone who filled in the volunteer forms. I hope the rest of you will be turning them in this month. I have distributed the information to appropriate chairperson who will surely be in touch with you soon.

It is with deep sadness that I submitted my resignation from the NSQG Executive Board, effective October 1. I wish you all well.

Liz Doyle

(914) 232-3040

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Library News

Autumn, with its cooler nights and heightened colors, is just the inspiration a quilter needs! It's not too early to start thinking about holiday projects, and two new books in our library have just the ideas to get you started.

Quilted for Christmas, Book III, compliments of That Patchwork Place, has 15 projects, from wall hangings to stockings, to pot holders, to please everyone on your gift list. Accompanying the delightful patterns are directions in basic quilt making techniques.

A Quilted Christmas, edited by Bonnie Browning, is AQS's newest holiday book, with 34 items such as banners, greeting cards, ornaments, wall hangings and accessories, to capture the imagination. If you are not yet in the holiday spirit, these books are sure to help.

You can experience the 1996 AQS Show and Contest when you view our new video of the same name. It's fun to meet the prize winners as well as admire their creations....whether you traveled there in April or just dreamed of it Notice Angela Kamen's lovely entry as you enjoy this new acquisition.

Start with Squares: Speedy Square Piecing for Scrap Quilts, by Martha Thompson, is yet another donation from That Patchwork Place. There's nothing square about the imaginative designs in this book of variations on 8 basic formats.

Over the summer we inventoried our collection of 322(!) items. Two books were missing: Deck the Halls by Smith and Easy Reversible Vests by Doak. Chances are someone forgot to check them out. If you are that someone, please return them so we may all enjoy them.

Now a reminder: As I write this we still have one person who has not returned a book that was due in June. I have sent 3 reminders. I love being the Guild librarian, but it's no fun to nag people about overdue books. I have a very demanding full time job which

keeps me very busy, especially during the school year. Therefore it is impossible for me to be personally involved in retrieving overdue books. If you can not get to a meeting to make a return, please have a friend do it for you, or mail it to me at home. The book rate is very inexpensive, and there really aren't any other options. If you are enjoying a particular book too much to return it, please purchase your own copy. When others are waiting to borrow a book, it is not fair to keep it.

'Nuf said! Thank you for being so cooperative. I'm looking forward to seeing you all in October!

Kathleen Sambora

(914)279-8354

Programs

Nancy Murphy has been working with me to finalize the schedule for the year. As of the press date October and November programs have gone to contract and will be as published in the calendar. The October program will be a slightly ineverent slide and trunk show titles "Diversion of a Quilt Maker or Real Artist Don't Do Housework" by Sandra Townsend Donabed. The November meeting will be a lecture/slide show by Bonnie Lyn McCaffrey titled "Inspiration and Development of a Quilt Artist" (the evolution of a quilter from bed quilts to contemporary wall pieces.)

Millie Clinton

Hospitality

A big Thank You to everyone who brought food for the September meeting. We had a wonderful selection of tasty snacks.

We would like to remind everyone who was born in the month of October to bring food for the October meeting. Also, everyone is asked to bring their own coffee mugs to the meetings.

Sari Langlois
Teri Anzalone

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A Few Words From Cathy

This is a very hard message to send, but as a former Board member, I have always felt it was my responsibility to inform and educate our membership. As many of you already know, I am no longer VP Programs. My resignation was not voluntary. My performance over the past few months has been less than exemplary, I have requested this forum to share a few facts.

There are many reasons why people cannot fulfill their obligations. Sometimes there are family commitments, or business obligations, or "personal situations" beyond immediate control. Convenient euphemism, isn't it? I fall into that last category. Many of you know, by my admission or by hearsay, that I suffer from depression. While it may not always be curable, it is treatable; until this past summer, I considered myself one of the lucky ones who could be treated for my "condition". Unfortunately for me, this summer I also endured a series of non-related medical problems that resulted in a combination of pharmacological screwups and medical meltdown. As a result, most of my life went down the tubes. NSQG was a very important part of that life.

My message to you is this: I am hoping that my experience here will serve as an education to many of you and as a solace to many others. While many of us will experience loss and separation in our lives, while many will be touched by cancer and by heart disease and by numerous other temporary and/or terminal maladies, statistically **many** more of you have been or will be touched by depression or other mental illness. October is Mental Health Month and I encourage each and everyone of you to look around and consider the people in your lives, to see if there is some manner in which you can help someone. I owe a tremendous debt of gratitude to a select few of our membership who have been supportive, understanding, and willing to help. (I owe many of you phone calls).

I hope that each and every one of you has just such a network of friends and family whom you can truly

count on in times of such difficulty. I am not happy to be leaving the NSQG board, but I know I can count on many of you to be my lifetime friends. I am exceedingly happy to have known and worked with so many of you.

Cathy Neri

(914) 248-7309

Comfort Quilts

Thanks to all who brought their Comfort Mysteries to the September meeting for that grand Show and Tell. While there were too many to "tell", the quilts spoke for us.

Thanks also to those who turned their quilts in. If that was you and your name was not attached, please let Pat know so your name can be crossed off. For those who have yet to finish, your quilt will be welcomed at any time. It will be great to have a continuing supply coming in over the next few months.

The committee hopes to have two kinds of kits, not mysteries, ready to hand out in October for members who cannot attend Comfort Quilt meetings, but still want to participate.

Pat Baker

(914) 279-8840

The Traveling Quilter

Everyone had a wonderful time at PA Quilt show. The show was fantastic and all our travels proceeded as planned!

"On the Road Again" -- We're off to Westford, MA for A Quilter's Gathering. The date is Saturday, November 9. Please arrive at the Mill Pond Offices in Somers at 6:45 AM (please park near the dumpster on the left side of the building). The bus will depart at 7AM. The price is \$30 payable by check made out to NSQG and sent to Dorothy Fiederlein, 4 North Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541. Call with any questions or concerns.

Dorothy Fiederlein

(914) 628-4241

Need to at least know I will be before ^{end} before Oct

Free Neuberger Tour for NSQG Members

A free tour and slide show is being offered by the Neuberger Museum on Saturday, November 23. The tour will start at 10 AM. It will be everyone's responsibility to get to the museum in Rye, NY. The museum will accept a maximum of fifty people for this tour. If you are interested in going, contact Dorothy Fiederlein to get on the list of attendees.

Dorothy Fiederlein (914) 628-4241

NSQG Membership Policies - A Bylaws Excerpt

- A. Dues not paid by the October meeting justifies removal from Membership roles, discontinuance of Newsletter and NO participation in Boutique.
- B. Membership fee for new members is reduced to half the full year amount if joining after the January meeting.
- C. Guest fee is \$5. A person may be a guest only once per year. If a guest joins the following month after attending a meeting as a paid guest, the \$5 guest fee will be deducted from the membership fee.
- D. In-active or nonresident membership fee is half of the regular membership fee and receives the Newsletter but cannot attend meetings except as a guest.
- E. Membership lists are provided for the convenience of members conducting NSQG business only, and for personal social interchange. The list may not be used for sales or solicitation purposes or given to any organization for their use or reference.

THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE WORM!!

So don't delay,

Start working on your Challenge Entry Today!

Please Welcome our fourteen new members:

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| <i>Sally Abrams</i> | <i>Riverdale</i> |
| <i>Gail Cali</i> | <i>Katonah</i> |
| <i>Maria Eyckmans</i> | <i>White Plains</i> |
| <i>Barbara Glab</i> | <i>Yorktown</i> |
| <i>Eleanor Hibbons</i> | <i>Yorktown</i> |
| <i>Laura McCormack</i> | <i>Bedford</i> |
| <i>Katherine Miller</i> | <i>Brewster</i> |
| <i>Corrine Moschella</i> | <i>Brewster</i> |
| <i>Maxine Oliver</i> | <i>Yorktown</i> |
| <i>Tricia Seppell</i> | <i>Mahopac</i> |
| <i>Linda Schattschneider</i> | <i>Mount Kisco</i> |
| <i>Beth Sovern</i> | <i>Mount Kisco</i> |
| <i>Pat Ward</i> | <i>Mahopac</i> |
| <i>Nancy Wertzberger</i> | <i>Carmel</i> |

Please pick up your membership folders at the next meeting.

Newsletter items are dues to the editor one week after the general meeting. The deadline for the November issue is **October 22, 1996**. Please send your material to :

Millie Clinton
362 Brewster Hill Road
Brewster, New York 10509
e-mail: nyec@aol.com

Effective with this newsletter, I am resigning as editor. May you each find peace and joy in the sisterhood of quilting, Karen Abramson

Congratulations to

Mary Podgorski
Honorable Mention at the
Philadelphia Quilt Show

Three Piece Quilted Garment

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Show Committee

The committee is still in need of an equipment chairperson. This is an easy job! Good for someone new to the committee to the Guild. Please call me at 277-3884 or see me at the Guild meeting for more details.

The Show Committee's work is well underway. We are in the process of booking a traveling doll exhibit for our perimeter display. A number of invitational quilts have been secured and our lecturers are set. The nominees for raffle recipients are listed elsewhere in this newsletter. We will be voting on the recipient at the October meeting. We raise between \$5,000 and \$6,000 for the recipient and it is important that the choice reflect the wishes of the majority of the Guild members.

Brenda Strauss (914) 277-3884

Quilting on the Raffle Quilt

The year we are trying a new approach in quilting the raffle quilt. We will be working on the quilt before each general meeting, and at my house just about every Monday night from now until the quilt is finished.

At this time I am planning to arrive at JFK High School at 6:30 PM and work on the quilt until we start the general meeting. **Everyone** is welcome to join in the quilting. It is a wonderful way to get to know other guild members and a great way to get time saving tips on the entire quilting process. As anyone who has worked on a raffle quilt can tell you, it is great fun. If you plan to join us, please bring your hoop and needles, but most of all remember to come early.

If you would like to join me on Monday Nights, please call ahead as space is limited. Start time is planned for 7:30 PM and we will work as late as you care to. Please call me if you would like to take the quilt

home. There is no problem with this, but it has to be back to my house before Sunday.

Mary Rosetti (914) 245-3070

Nominees for the Proceeds of the Raffle Quilt

We have four charities nominated to receive the moneys from the raffle quilt. Since we will be voting on these charities at the October meeting, it is imperative that I receive your nominations before then in order to add their name to the ballot. The ballots will be prepared a few days before the October meeting. The four nominees are:

- 1) ***The Hospice of Northern Westchester and Putnam*** A community program offering families help with patient care of the terminally ill in their own homes. Services include nursing care, pastoral care, social work, home health aides, nutritional counseling, medications and equipment.
- 2) ***Friends of Karen*** A charity dedicated to providing emotional, financial and advocacy support to children with life threatening illnesses. They have helped over 1200 children throughout the metropolitan area. These proceeds would be earmarked to the Westchester and Putnam communities.
- 3) ***Housatonic Habitat for Humanity*** This charity serves seven towns in Connecticut. They are: Danbury, Ridgefield, New Fairfield, Newtown, Redding, Brookfield and Southbury.
- 4) ***Our Sister's Place*** This organization operates a home for battered women and their families. They also have an outreach program to women in the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. They give lectures and support to other women's organizations.

Please send any additional nominees ASAP to :

Kathy St. Leger (914) 271-3600
158 Teatown Road
Croton, NY 10520

* * * **ORNAMENT SATURDAY, 1996** * * *
OCTOBER 19, 1996 - 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at LAKE LINCOLNDALE CLUBHOUSE
COST: Only \$10.00 – includes lunch and beverages

Spend the day making decorations for a Christmas tree to benefit the Putnam Hospital Center. You'll go home with a packet of printed instructions for ALL the ornaments, plus instructions for a gorgeous Santa tree-topper generously donated by Lisa Alfonzetti of PINS & NEEDLES. Let's show the wonderful ladies listed below how much we appreciate their time and talents -- Sign up!

SIMPLE SANTA SKIRT with Linda Von Ahn (full day)
 Six simple Santa faces add up to one lovely Christmas tree skirt with lots of charm!

SACK SANTA with Pat Baker (1/2 day)
 These are funny, floppy little guys – definitely not "sad" sacks!

CANDY CANE SANTA - Nancy Murphy (1/2 day)
 Fuse and pen-stitch adorable little "skinny" santas, only 7 inches tall, designed by Leslie Beck.

MOON-FACED SANTA with LIZ DOYLE (1/2 day)
 A crescent shaped fellow so quick and easy you'll have dozens "nodding" on the tree in no time!

STAR SANTA FACE with Nancy Murphy (1/2 day)
 Twinkling santa faces -- have fun fusing and pen-stitching this Leslie Beck design.

ROLY-POLY SANTA ANGEL with LIZ DOYLE (1/2 day)
 A right jolly old elf with heart shaped wings, easy to make!

LITTLE NICK with Bat Barker (1/2 day)
 As usual, Pat has come up with another little cutie!
 Better sign up quickly!

CURLY KRINGLE with KAY FOWLER (1/2 day)
 This adorable little rosy-cheeked fellow sports a soft, curly beard!

BRING basic hand sewing supplies (pins, needles, neutral thread, scissors, etc.) Some may be asked to bring a sewing machine. some to bring small pieces of fabric. **QUESTIONS?** Call Elizabeth Rosenberg (914) 962-1452.

TO REGISTER: You may take two classes, one morning and one afternoon (we'll arrange).

1. Fill out the form with your choices (we cannot guarantee you will get first choice)
2. Self-address an envelope (So we can send you a supply list!).
3. Make out a check for \$10 (to NSQG).
4. Mail all three to: Elizabeth Rosenberg
 2888 Hemlock Street
 Yorktown Heights, NY 10598

----- CUT HERE -- RETAIN UPPER PORTION! -----

Name _____

Phone Number _____

I will come for: a full day a half day.

My choices, in order of preference, are:

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

Just put me where I'm needed most!

For my lunch sandwich, I prefer: Italian American Vegetarian

Holiday Boutique Reminders

You **must** have the instructions and inventory sheets to participate in the boutique. See or call me to obtain yours. They will be available at the October meeting. Enclosed in this newsletter is a boutique flyer. Please post it some prominent location to help with our publicity effort.

Remember: Guild members only can shop one hour early, from 9 AM - 10 AM, so come early and bring big bucks!

Pat Baker (914) 279-8840

1996 - 1997 Challenge

Come on everyone, fly right into this year's challenge. Its "For the Birds" with an easy and open concept. Last month's newsletter has complete directions, or pick up the rules sheet at the sign in table if you need one. One correction to the rules published last month; The maximum length is 36" on the longest side, the newsletter incorrectly stated 30". Questions? Call a committee member: Joyce Sullivan, Terry Melillo, Karen Eckmeir, Cobb Stewart or Linda Lim.

Ornament Saturday October 19th

In the past this guild activity has traditionally stood out as a high point of the holiday season for our members. Even though it's a little difficult to get into the Christmas spirit in the middle of October, NSQG members have always worked together to make the event a total success.

Thanks to all of you who registered at the September meeting, BUT... we still need more of you to sign up in order to make the day a success. Please see the form attached to this newsletter for complete details on how to register.

Elizabeth Rosenberg (914) 962-1452

Treasurer's Report	
For the Period 7/1/97 - 9/17/97	
Opening Balance	\$23,796.66
General Account Opening Bal	\$8,686.14
Income:	
Donation	16.00
Membership	2,590.00
Special Events	<u>29.00</u>
Total Income	\$2,635.00
Expenses:	
Bank Charge	\$ 12.00
Education:	
Block of the Month	16.96
Workshops	9.27
Library	197.83
Newsletter:	
Postage	358.40
Printing	188.69
Raffle	358.64
Special Events	
PA Quilt Show	<u>973.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$2,114.79
General Account Closing Bal	\$9,206.35
Quilt Show Balance	\$15,110.52
Guild Closing Balance	\$24,316.87
Jeanie S. Hunter	(203) 975-6360

The comfort quilt raffle will be held after the break at the October meeting. You do not have to be present to win this beautiful log cabin quilt, but you do have to buy a ticket to win. All proceeds support the Comfort Quilt activities.

Northern Star Quilters' Guild
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To:

Millie Clinton
368 Brewster Hill Rd.
Brewster NY 10509

Guild Meeting October 15
Doors Open at 6:45 PM
Hand Quilter's come at 6:30 PM

Happy Birthday to everyone born in
October - You bring the treats for the
meeting!

NSQG Calendar

Oct 1	Show Committee 7:30 at JFK
Oct 2 & 15	Comfort Quilts Katonah Pres Church
Oct 14	Donabed Creative Workshop at LLC
Oct 15	Donabed Art Quilts Workshop at LLC
Oct 15	Guild Meeting JFK
Oct 19	Ornament Saturday at LLC
Oct 22	Executive Board Meeting 7:30 at JFK
Oct 22	November Newsletter Deadline
Nov 5	Show Committee 7:30 at JFK
Nov 9	Trip to Westford, MA
Nov 16	Holiday Boutique Bedford Pres Church
Nov 19	½ day McCaffrey Workshop at LLC
Nov 19	Paducah Blocks due to Linda von Ahn
Nov 19	Guild Meeting at JFK
Nov 20	Full day McCaffrey Workshop at LLC
Nov 26	Executive Board 7:30 at JFK

LLC = Lake Licolndale Clubhouse

1996 - 1997 NSQG Executive Board

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