



Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

P.O. Box 232 Somers N.Y. 10589

Judy Sebastian, Editor

Newsletter

October 1986

*** MEETING ***

Tuesday - October 21, 1986
Doors open at 7:00 pm - Business meeting at 8:00 pm
Somers Intermediate School
Rt. 202, Somers, New York

*** PROGRAM ***

Our meeting this month will feature Linda Denner from Garden City, NY who has been teaching Quilting in New York and Conn. since 1977. Linda also runs a mail order business - Quick Quilts. She will conduct a hands-on (YEAH!) lecture, so you will need to bring an 8" square of calico, scissors, and needle/thread to the meeting. Muslin will be provided for us by Linda. This meeting should be lots of fun!

The Bear Facts -

Remember to pick up your bear pattern at the meeting so you can get started on one for our December Give-away. This pattern is just an idea for those of you who don't have one - any pattern, any size would be appreciated. If bears are not your thing please feel free to stitch up any kind of animal or toy or even a doll to warm the heart of some young child. Remember these are for young children and if you sew eyes or buttons that may come off easily and could be swallowed please label your item for an older child. I would also like suggestions from the membership as to places to distribute our goodies. If you have an idea, write to me at Drew Lane, Carmel, NY 10512 or call me at 279-4537.

Raffle News -

From now on in order to help raise money for our Guild we will be selling the Door Prize Tickets at 2 for \$1.00. If anybody would like to contribute items for our door prizes we would be more than happy to accept. The Guild has given us wonderful programs, inspiration and encouragement to learn more, not to mention many new friends, so maybe it's time for us to give a little back and help support our Guild.

This month along with our regular Door Prize Raffle we will be trying a new fun kind of Raffle - A Fabric Raffle. Anybody who wishes to participate must bring a 1/4 yard of calico and depending upon the response, I hope to make up a bunch of "fabric bags" to be raffled off. But remember only those who bring fabric can participate in this raffle.

-- Lis Greene

The following are the dates for the Northern Star Quilter's Guild, Ltd. Board Meetings for the year 1986 -87:

9/30, 10/28, 11/25, 12/6, 1/27, 2/24, 3/31, 4/28, 5/26

Should you feel the need to bring something of importance before the Board, please notify the Board in writing so that the Board can discuss it at their next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP

Fall is here and we're back to our monthly meetings. I hope everyone was as pleased as I was with check-in at the September meeting. Considering over 90 people paid their dues that night I think it went quite smoothly. We had approximately 170 members including 10 new members plus 9 or so guests. The figures are approximate since not everyone signed in as they entered.

I hope to have all the badges, membership cards, and new member folders ready for the next meeting. Please be patient however, I'M new at this job! If you have a problem or question I'll be pleased to try and straighten it out. If there is a misspelling of your name or address, please write it down ahead of time, since things do get a bit confusing. Thanks for your support and help. See you on the 21st.

-- Liz Doyle

SPECIAL EVENTS

Look for us at the October Meeting and get some ideas of fabric related items to sell at the Holiday Boutique! Sign up sheets will be available for those who want to assist at the Holiday Boutique and see what it's all about. You can also pick up your inventory sheets and cover letter to start listing all of the items you've been busy making.

We'll be more than happy to accept your Boutique items at the November 18th meeting, otherwise contact any of the committee members to find out where the drop points will be.

-- Sue Bouton

Here's a little message from your president about assisting in YOUR holiday boutique.

I did some of the volunteering during our quilt show in the boutique. I learned what the public wanted to buy and I learned I had alot of the wrong items in there for sale. If you give an hour or two of your time at the holiday boutique you will learn what the public is after, what sells, and what doesn't. You will be helping yourself! You put many hours into your work, and I'm sure you want to see it sell and not bring it back home again. I've learned my lesson and I'm grateful I took the time to work in the boutique.

HOSPITALITY

It seems a little strange not to have our usual array of "goodies" at our meetings, but think of all the calories we're saving. Several members have requested that cold drinks be provided in addition to the coffee and tea. Due to our limited budget, we are asking for your help! If you would be willing to bring a bottle of soda, a container of juice or a package of hot or cold drink cups to the October meeting, or to future meetings, give me a call at 528-5519. A special thank you to Audrey Gannuscio and Kay Frischmann for their help last month. See you on the 21st. Piecefully yours.

-- Pat Barker

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm sure that many of you out there are wondering if the Board discussed the cheater cloth issue at our latest meeting. Yes, we did and at great length, I must add. We still stand by our decision to eliminate them because we are here to PROMOTE and EDUCATE the non-quilter on this fine art. Our By-Laws even tell us that this is our purpose. The lack of sales in that area is not the number one issue and quite honestly, it's not our problem if they sell or not. We don't have to take them back home. BUT, we've come to the conclusion that we will eliminate them EFFECTIVE with the Boutique at the Quilt Show. We hope this meets the satisfaction of those of you who felt you were wronged.

I must add that in the future should you feel the need to make a statement, have a suggestion, or whatever, to please let me know by the Friday before the General Meeting. I can then put you on the Agenda for the evening and you will be able to come to the microphone and be heard. It beats trying to shout your thoughts across the room and not be heard by everyone. Every member has the right to say what she feels but we do need to keep it going in an organized manner. We have a speaker we need to be fair with and we are supposed to be out of the school at a certain hour. If you also have something to say to me, but are afraid to approach me, by all means write it down in a letter! I've said over and over again that I'm here to listen and I will. Don't ever hesitate in that respect to come forth. How else will we know what your thoughts are? There will be a questionnaire at the October meeting that I want you to fill out. There's no space for your name, but you can put it down if you want. I feel that more complete and honest answers will be given without names. This questionnaire is to help us to help you.

Hope you enjoy the October meeting and the hands-on project!

-- Kathy Sica



NSQG BOARD MEMBERS, 1986-87

| | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| President | Kathy Sica | 245-6775 |
| Vice President Programs | Lis Greene | 279-4537 |
| Vice President Membership | Liz Doyle | 232-3040 |
| Treasurer | Linda Higham | 277-3920 |
| Recording Secretary | Linda Raffaele | 628-0004, 0338 |
| Corresponding Secretary | Rachelle Friedle | 424-3808 |
| Special Events | Susan Bouton | 528-8964 |
| Newsletter | Judy Sebastian | 761-7272 |
| Hospitality | Pat Barker | 528-5519 |
| Resource and Education | Jean Albrecht | 234-9510 |
| Publicity | Margaret Stickney | 276-2098 |
| Quilt Show Coordinator | Penny Black | 271-8846 |

NEWS OF THE QUILT SHOW: - May 2 & 3, 1987

The Quilt Show Committee is already busy planning our best show yet. The following members have accepted the rewarding challenge and will be heading the various sub-committees:

Carole Smith - Hospitality
 Gloria Hartley - Works In Progress
 Jane Fulton - Volunteers
 Edie Keasbey - Admissions
 Janice & Ruth Gerth - Judging
 Pat Rowan - Friday Evening Pot-Luck
 Debbie Heckler - Show Signs
 Linda Raffaele - Quilt Block Contest
 Claire Dehler - Guest Speakers
 Barbara Lerch - Vendors
 Boutique - Sue Bouton
 Carole Hallenbeck - Brochure/Catalog
 Alice Dokken - Brochure Mailing
 Maddie Horr & Diane Carrillo - Quilt Acquisition
 Sondra Shapiro - Publicity
 Sue Moga - JFK Liaison
 Jill Bryant - Treasurer
 Helen Robillard - Secretary
 Suzanna Valentinetti - Raffle Quilt

One position remains to be filled - that of the Show Manager. This may be just the right job for you - Call me! -271-8846 after 4:30 daily.

Requests to receive the raffle quilt monies have been received from the following eligible organizations: Make a Wish Foundation of the Hudson Valley, OPUS (Organization of People Undaunted by Stroke), a memorial project sponsored by the volunteers of the Montrose Veterans Hospital, Hope Town School, Friends of Karen, and the Interfaith Emergency Food Pantry. Voting will take place at the October meeting.

The theme for the block contest will be Amish. See Linda Raffaele for details. REMEMBER.....the raffle quilt blocks are due back to Suzanne Valentinetti at the October meeting. Please...no exceptions. Thank you in advance.

-- Penny Black
 Committee Chairperson

PUBLICITY

If you're "tripping" in to New York City and have some time to spare, put the new exhibit at the IBM building on your list. Called "YOUNG AMERICAA FOLK ART HISTORY" it's a wonderful glance at what America's native creative talents have produced. There's a delightful appliqued quilt done by a Sioux Indian around 1900 and a Baltimore Album quilt circa 1850, for starters. Add to that, photos, paintings, scrimshaw and such. The gallery, in the IBM building at Madison Avenue and 57th St., opens at 11am and is free.

-- Margaret Stickney

RESOURCE AND EDUCATION

WORKSHOPS

OCTOBER 22, 1986 . 10 AM -3/3:30 PM:

'TRADITIONAL SCHOOLHOUSE QUILT' - Linda Denner, Teacher. This workshop will teach the traditional schoolhouse quilt pattern, untraditionally made with the quick stripping method. The quilt can be made in 24 hrs! Schoolhouse block is combined with a charming Heart Circle Applique block. All day workshop. \$20.00

NOVEMBER 18, 1:15 - 4:45 PM:

'HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR QUILTING STITCH' - Ami Simms, teacher. Fee \$15:00.

NOVEMBER 19, 9 AM -12 NOON:

'INVISIBLE APPLIQUE - A NEW WAY TO APPLIQUE WHERE THE THREAD IS NEARLY INVISIBLE'- Ami Simms, teacher. Fee \$15:00

Call Jean Albrecht (234-9510) to reserve a spot. Remember payment of your check is confirmation of your reservation. Please sign up early. All classes will be held at the Mount Kisco Presbyterian Church on Millwood Road in Mount Kisco. Jean Albrecht has instructions to the church. Remember - You must pay when you sign up!

Guest Speaker Workshops and Guild teacher workshops are scheduled with you in mind. Each teacher has something to offer us - new techniques, new patterns, quicker ways of doing old patterns, and even classes for those of you that are new to quilting. Let us show our speakers and guild teachers that we want to learn by signing up for the classes.

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS

OCTOBER 27, Monday, CELTIC APPLIQUE - Instructor: Joan Crawford (279-3457), 9:30 - 11:30 AM. Fee \$5.

NOVEMBER 6, Thursday, SHADOW APPLIQUE - Instructor: Cindy Extance (279-3457), 10 - 12 Noon. Fee \$5.

Call the above instructors to sign up for the classes.



NEW YORK QUILT PROJECT

Under the auspices of The Museum of American Folk Art, Irma J. Shore and Phyllis A. Tepper, students in the Folk Art Institute Certificate Program have begun "The New York Quilt Project: Preserving New York State's Quilt Heritage" to locate, research and document New York State historic quilts.

Please direct all correspondence about New York State quilts to Irma and Phyllis at the New York Quilt Project, Museum of American Folk Art, 444 Park Ave. South, NY, NY 10016

Irma is a member of the Northern Star Quilter's Guild and Phyllis is a member of the Long Island Quilter's Society. In the coming months they will be asking quilt guilds like ours to assist in the search for historic quilts made in our state. This project is similar to the Kentucky, Kansas and California State Heritage Quilt Projects

** Patterns for the 1986 Applique Raffle Quilt are still available. Call Alice Dokken at 232-4279 if you would like some. They're \$1.00 apiece.

** I would like to quilt with a small group in the evenings. If anyone is interested in forming a group or if there is a group looking for another person, please call Annette Burns (232 - 3069).

Notes of Interest:

** The Southeast Museum Craft Emporium takes place Friday and Saturday, October 17 & 18th, 10am to 3pm, in the old town hall of Southeast, Main Street, Brewster.

** October's issue of Early American Life has a special twenty page section filled with articles and pictures on Quilts. I haven't read it thoroughly yet but it seems to be filled with lots of information and great articles. It's definitely worth a look.

ANTIQUÉ QUILT COMMITTEE

The Antique Quilt Committee will meet at Pat Bakers house on November 4th at 10am.

** NEW MEMBERS **

| | | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Barbara Gerster | Mindy Moller | Victoria McNeil |
| Nancy Nelson | Annette Burns | Mary Podgorski |
| Marie Rohrman | Connie Rendich | Linda Rappa |
| Lucille Evangelisti | Judith Rosenberg | Olive Sabato |
| Cynthia Goldsworthy | Sally Tobin | Margaret Chess |
| Elaine Kounnas | Bernice Strauber | Patricia Froberg |
| Jeanine Perry | Marithe Sullivan | Carolyn Cordery |

W E L C O M E

-----7-----
TREASURER'S REPORT

Many members have expressed concern over the 1985 - 86 financial report published in last month's newsletter. In an attempt to explain the situation, I have identified two main reasons for its occurrence.

1.) Since many expenses were incurred or reported to the treasurer in June, the financial situation did not become clear until after that months books were closed. As of June 1st, our account held \$7,346.22 plus the \$5,000 CD that had been held for Quilt Show expenses. However the June finances were:

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Cash Received | 153.83 |
| Cash Disbursed | 13,112.34 |

This resulted in a deficit of \$612.29, which has been absorbed by 1986-87 membership dues.

2.) Budget procedures which have been used in the past were inadequate for our present needs. Previous budgets have addressed only expenditures without considering income.

As a result, we have allotted and spent more money in operating our guild than we have received from our members. If we isolate the elements of the financial report that relate strictly to operating the guild (as in the following table), we find that we spent \$3081.41 more than we received from members, or \$9.34 over the \$15 membership fee per member.

| | |
|----------------------|-----------|
| CASH RECEIVED | 5,653.50 |
| membership/dues | 5,408.50 |
| Newsletter advert. | 245.00 |
| CASH DISBURSED | 8,734.91 |
| Membership | 1,395.98 |
| Newsletter | 2,696.41 |
| Program | 2,860.10 |
| Hospitality | 609.56 |
| Insurance | 323.00 |
| Accountant | 425.00 |
| Bank Service Charges | 25.66 |
| PO Box | 22.00 |
| Misc. Supplies | 51.35 |
| Printing | 105.95 |
| Postage | 219.90 |
| DIFFERENCE | -3,081.41 |

This is not a new situation. A review of guild related finances for 1984-85 shows:

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Cash Received | 5,393.71 |
| Cash Disbursed | 6,811.60 |
| Difference | -1,417.89 |

Since our dues are obviously inadequate and can not be raised at this time, we must find alternative means of raising funds if our programs are not to suffer. The Board is at present revising the Budget procedure and will be developing a budget for our guild based on membership dues. I will report on this in the next newsletter.

-- Linda Higham

COMING EVENTS

October 8-26 - Northeast Quilts Unlimited, Community Arts Center in Old Forge, NY, Tues.-Sun. 12-4, Admission:\$1.00. Quilt lectures are planned. For more information call Beatrice Foley at (315)369-6411.

October 24-26 - 1986 AUTUMN INSPIRATIONS QUILT EXHIBIT - Quilts, Vendors, Raffle, Fashion Show, Refreshments. Shaker Meeting House, Albany-Shaker Road, Albany, NY 12211. Oct 24, 12pm-8pm. Oct 25, 10am-5pm. Oct 26, 12pm-5pm. Sponsored by: Quilters United In Learning Together of Schenectady.

Quilts must be preregistered by February 28, 1987, in order to be exhibited in the Molly Pitcher Stitcher Quilt Show. Send an SASE to Donna Doherty, R.D.3 Box 308C, Freehold, NJ 15232.

May 1987 - First quilt show sponsored by the Greater Hartford Quilt Guild. Theme: flowers

June 19-21 1987 - Bergen County Quilt Fair, Paramus Catholic High School, Paramus Road, Paramus, NJ. Theme: Summer Gardens. Info: P.O. Box 745, Oakland, NJ 07436



B & G Fabric Tag Sale

All our cottons - \$2⁰⁰ per yard
 Saturday, October 25th
 9am to 4pm
 49 Shadow Lane
 Ridgefield, Ct. 06877

directions: From 684, Route 35
 to High Ridge. Immediate left
 to Shadow Lane, and follow
 the signs!