



Northern Star Quilters' Guild

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September, 1983

A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT.....

Where has the summer gone? I do hope you all found time to quilt and that no pins or needles rusted in a "quilt project on hold"! This was a quilting oriented summer for me. Thought about this coming year a lot, but I also found my "Featherweight: (a family project), visited the four Maryland Quilt shops listed in the Resource Directory, and attended the NQA Baltimore Summer Seminar. The more I travel, the more quilters I meet, the more amazed I am at how unique, together, and terrific this Guild really is! I am so proud of all the things we have done and are doing and it is a real honor to serve as your president this coming year. I think we are all thankful for all the hard work, time, effort and enthusiasm that has gone into making the Guild what it is today.

Special thanks goes to past-president, Claire Oehler, for the weeks she has spent with the Auditor as the books and mountains of information were gathered and presented in good order. She has also worked hard to complete the incorporation process begun almost two years ago.

Alice has been pursuing speakers from East to West and has an exciting and varied program planned. You won't want to miss a single meeting. So mark your calendar all the way through June! Be sure to read Diane's cover letter in the new membership packet. Did you know you were part of such an elite group? And what other group gives you a membership packet like ours? Joan finally has the books and reports the

dues coming in every day. The more dues mailed in, the shorter the line will be in September and the sooner you will receive your membership packet!

Penny has begun keeping our minutes in order and it is no small task to keep up with everyone at those board meetings! Jill has been writing letters all summer as more and more of the board members realize the wonders of having a corresponding secretary. This newsletter is proof that the editor, Pat, has been hard at work too. It's a real challenge when your copy-writers are slow sending in copy.

Connie has been hounding the Fox Lane staff all summer to finalize the date for our boutique and collecting all sorts of other "things to see and do". Linda has made contact with the local news media, so do keep eye and ear open for NSQG coverage. Terry has been busy scheduling workshops and will do more when your questionnaires are in hand. Don't forget, you ask and she will find the teacher.

You can skip dessert at home and plan to feast on the goodies Dinah's hospitality committee will provide for you each month. She will need lots of help as our attendance grows and grows Claire has already met with her new Quilt Show Board. Some of them have been at work all summer and they have lots of exciting things already on paper.

With a super board like this one, I plan to sit back and let them do all the work! So hooray for the Northern Star Quilter's Guild!!! It's going to be a great year!!!! See you all on the 21st.

Ginny Watson, President

COME JOIN US....

The Northern Star Quilt Guild will meet Tuesday, September 20, at 8 p.m. in the cafeteria of the Somers Intermediate School. Refreshments at 7:45 p.m.

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FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN....

It's the beginning of a new, exciting year, and I would like to welcome you all back--all 194 of you! Yes, that's right, our membership has grown to almost 200. What will it be by the spring? We must have something good going here.

September is the month to renew your membership for the 1983-84 year. Here is where I need your help. I have received about 20 renewals out of 194. In order to insure that you keep receiving your newsletter and that you are accurately listed on the membership list and telephone tree, I must have your renewals no later than October. With so large an organization it will take many hours organizing, checking, typing, and printing the lists that I need to start as soon as possible to get them to you in time to use them fully during the year. Please help by giving me your check for \$15 at the September meeting or in the mail before then. (If paying at the Sept. meeting, have your check ready before you come to save some time at the door.)

We have something new for you. It is a membership packet and you will receive yours after you renew your membership. Inside the folder, you will find a copy of the Guild's by-laws. An article on the history of the Guild is also included. Lastly, and most important, a questionnaire is there for you to fill in.

The questionnaire is one way the Board can learn what the membership would like the Guild to do for them. It takes just a minute to fill in what your interests are, what kind of quilting you've done, and other questions which might help us plan programs for this year.

We have a special section which asks if you can help the Guild in specific ways. Also this is another check on name, address, phone number, and zip codes for future use. So please take a minute after you receive your membership packet to fill in the questionnaire. Return them to me at the meeting or place them in a box on the table as you leave.

The pattern for the raffle quilt is still available. Fall is a good time to start a new project and this may be a good one for you. The pattern can be purchased at the table as you come in.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the September meeting.

Diane Durr
2nd Vice President

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 Supplies: lunch, no sewing machine needed
 Fee: \$10.00
 Send check to: Teresa Reilly
 71 Ralph Ave.
 White Plains, NY 10606

This class leads the intermediate to advanced student through the steps toward creating her own interpretation or entirely new design based on one or more traditional favorites.

Name: Porcella Type Vest
 Teacher: Claire Oehler
 Class limit: 8
 Date: Tuesday, Sept. 27
 Time: 10 am. to 3 p.m.
 Supplies: Lunch, sewing machine
 Fee: \$10.00
 Send check to: Claire Oehler
 Bonny Drive

Somers, NY 10589
 For information, call: 277-4958

Name: Cathedral Window
 Teacher: Ginny Watson
 Class limit: 6
 Date: Monday, Oct. 17
 Time: 1 pm. to 3 p.m.
 Supplies:
 Fee: \$5.00
 Send check to: Ginny Watson
 50 Hillside Ave.
 Mount Kisco, NY 10549

For information, call: 666-4257

Name: Quick Piecing
 Teacher: Gloria Hartley
 Class Limit: 6
 Date: Monday, Oct. 24
 Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Supplies: lunch, sewing machine
 Fee: \$10.00
 Send check to: Gloria Hartley

Box 163, Rt. 6, Lake Drive
 Mahopac, NY 10541
 For information, call: 628-5954

Name: Patchwork Apron
 Teacher: Dinah Schell
 Class Limit: 6
 Date: Thursday, Nov. 3 and Nov. 10
 Time: 9 am. to 12 p.m.
 Supplies:
 Fee: \$10.00
 Send check to: Dinah Schell
 P.O. Box 247
 Cross River, NY 10518

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Name: Applique
 Teacher: Gloria Hartley
 Class Limit: 10
 Date: Monday, Nov. 7
 Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Supplies: lunch
 Fee: \$10.00
 Send check to: Gloria Hartley
 Box 163, Rt. 6 Lake Drive
 Mahopac, NY 10541

Name: Traditional Applique
 Teacher: Sue Mungavin
 Class Limit: 6
 Date: Oct. 4,
 Time: 10 am to 3 p.m.
 Supplies: lunch
 Fee: \$10.00
 Send check to: Sue Mungavin
 69 Vassar Rd.
 Poughkeepsie, NY 12603

For information, call: 462-7624

PLEASE NOTE:

On all workshops, a materials list will be sent to you upon receipt of your check.

A teacher may cancel if the minimum number of reservations is not received.

Some teachers may charge a fee for materials.

Please remit by mail with the following information written on a sheet of paper:

- Workshop name, date, and time
- Your name
- Your telephone number

PROGRAM NEWS.....

September 20 - Presenting Jean Johnson, Maplewood, New Jersey.

"Representational Quiltmaking"

Jean's lecture will describe quilts that suggest recognizable forms or scenes. These quilts fall somewhere between pictorial quilts, usually done with applique, and purely abstract quilts. She will show through lecture, slides, demonstration and actual pieces some approaches to this field of quiltmaking.

Jean Johnson has been a speaker at our Spring Quilt Show for the past two years. She has promised to bring along some of her new "work in progress" so that we can see just how she works. Her work has been commissioned for several public buildings in the N.J. area and she has participated in many shows as a workshop leader and lecturer. Pictures of her work were featured in Quilter's Newsletter magazine issues no. 138, 139, and 140.

October 18 - Gift and Boutique Ideas

To help you all prepare for the Nov. Holiday Boutique and to give you inspiration for all those gifts your friends and relatives love to get, we are offering a night to show you the many items that are not difficult, not expensive, but wonderful expressions of caring that a person loves to receive from quilters. I would love to see everyone of you come with something that you have made for a gift. Lots of show and tell and a chance to exchange ideas and instructions for your favorite way to give a gift. I am counting on you to call me to say that you have something to show, no matter how small or simple you may think it is, it could be a wonderful idea for someone else. You will not have to demonstrate your idea in front of a large group. Please call - 232-4279.

We also hope to introduce you all to your neighbors in this meeting. This may lead some of you to find out that there is an easy car pool to meetings or that you could get together to work on some projects in those long days of winter when you do not want to go too far.

A Guild service project has become an objective for this year. We are working on details with several things in mind. We will all hear more about it from our committee at this Oct. meeting.

November 15 - Presenting Patsy Orlofsky from South Salem, NY, who is Director of the Textile Conservation Workshop

"The Care & Protection of Antique Fabrics"

Mrs. Orlofsky's lecture was scheduled for last spring but had to be cancelled because of weather. We are happy that she can be with us this fall.

December 13 - Holiday Party

Plan ahead for a social evening with our usual gift exchange.

Our other meeting dates for this year are set, but the programs are not all finalized. Each newsletter will bring more details as they become firm.

January 17

February 14

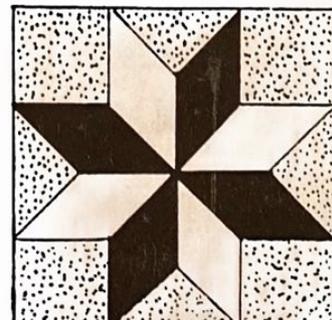
March 20

April 10

May 15 - Sandi Bard from Mass. will be our speaker. (Remember her from the show - those beautiful vests for every month of the year?)

June 19 - Salad Supper Social. Good food, good friends, and we hope a "bigger than ever" Bring and Brag session to show everyone else what you have been doing all year.

Alice Dokken
Program Chairman



GROWING PAINS

At the start of the Guild's third year of activity, it seems a good time to review some areas of our growth. In May 1981, a handful of quilters got together at the Somers Town House and formed the Northern Star Quilters' Guild. And now in August of 1983, we have almost 200 members. Our activities are expanding in more directions and involving more and more people. This growth is healthy for the organization, and exciting for the membership. But our order and structure as an organization must keep pace with this continuous growth.

From the very beginning, we have had a set of clear, workable by-laws to give us a framework within which to operate. From the beginning, we talked about the need for incorporation, and this was reaffirmed by the Board of Directors in November 1982. It's taken some time, but we are finally in the process of becoming incorporated. An attorney, Mr. Robert Warren of New York City and Amawalk, has set the wheels in motion and we will soon go from the status of membership association to membership corporation.

Incorporation offers several benefits to the Guild, the most important being the legal protection it affords the members of the Guild, especially your officers. Let me give you an example: The Guild deals with the public in conducting the Holiday Boutique and the annual Quilt Show. Suppose someone was hurt or otherwise aggrieved, and felt it necessary to bring legal action against the Guild. As an association, each Board member, as officers of the association, could be individually sued and their assets susceptible to attachment. There could possibly be liability to Guild members also. But if the Guild is an incorporated body, then only the Guild as an entity, is liable for any action against it, not the individual, and only the Guild's assets are susceptible.

The Guild has grown substantially in the amount of money it handles. Our income rose from \$5,368 in 1981-82, to \$21,408 in 1982-83. Our expenses increased proportionally, from \$2,562

to \$18,128. A large part of the increases are due to the Quilt Show.

The Board felt that the Guild should have an official audit done on the books, and this was satisfactorily carried out by Mr. Henry Nicholas, C.P.A., of Somers. A copy of the audit will be available for inspection at the general meeting.

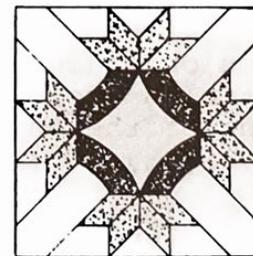
The insurance needs of the Guild are being reviewed at this time, also. We can better define what our requirements for insurance coverage are now, after two full years of operation. W. H. Moulton Company of White Plains is conducting the review for us.

The business end of an organization like ours is not very exciting or even interesting sometimes, but it certainly is necessary. It's like the oil that makes the wheels turn more efficiently. All of this "structure" is not intrusive on the reasons for being a member of the Guild - to have fun, to meet other quilters, to learn new techniques, to be exposed to new ideas, to share what we know - it's just a framework to give the Guild strength and shape.

We are a credible, viable organization a force to be reckoned with, and almost without peer. YOU are the Guild. Keep up the good work!

Claire Oehler

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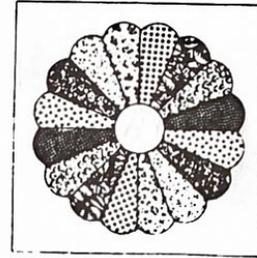
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NOTICE TO BOARD MEMBERS:

The next Board meeting is Sept. 6 at Joan Crawford's home.

The first meeting of the Quilt Show committee is August 30 at Claire Oehler's home at 7:30. If anyone is interested in helping, please see Claire. We need lots of help and would like to have new blood and fresh ideas.

As you know, the Somers Intermediate School graciously allows our Guild to conduct its monthly meetings in their cafeteria. Because of the fact that the janitors must set up the tables for the next day after we leave, they have asked that we end our meetings promptly at 10 p.m. and be out of the cafeteria by 10:30 p.m. Please help us to comply with their request by promptly winding up all business matters by this time. Thank you.

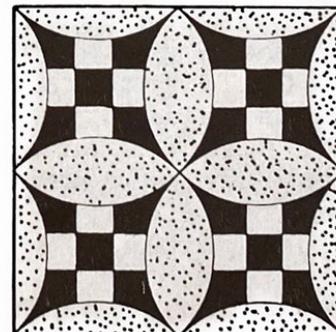
Pat Davis
Editor



CLASSY ADDS.....

If any Guild member is interested in using space in the newsletter to advertize their products or activities, please contact Pat Davis at 248-7525 for information on space available and cost. All articles are due in by the monthly meeting of the Guild.

If anyone visited an interesting museum, shop, or exhibition this summer, please feel free to share your experiences with all of us by submitting a brief article pertaining to your trip to the newsletter editor.



COMING ATTRACTIONS:

* Quilts: Sharing and Caring - now in progress at the Southeast Museum in Brewster, New York, through September 25.

* Thames River Quilt Show '83
No. Stonington Elem. School
Rt. 2, No. Stonington, Ct. 06359
Sat. Sept. 24 9-5pm
Sun. Sept. 25 12 noon -5 pm
Adm: \$2.50

For info: send SASE to 86 Wayne Rd.
Groton, Ct. 06340

* Nutmeg Quilt Show '83

Danbury Hilton Inn
184, 18 Old Ridgebury Road
Danbury, Conn. 06810
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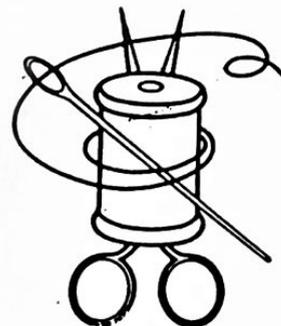
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FOR YOUR FUTURE PLANNING....

Please note: new dates for Quilt Show '84 is May 5 & 6, 1984. Mark your calendar now so you will be sure not to plan for anything else on the weekend of May 5 & 6.

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