



On Point!

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Sondra F. Shapiro, Editor

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***** PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *****

Are you ready to start another terrific year with your Guild? I can't wait.

Nancy Murphy has been working on some BIG name quilters for programs, and Pat Baker has been coordinating workshops. Mary Podgorsky is planning a different kind of Block of the Month that is sure to warm your souls. It definitely looks like it will be an exciting and educational year.

We will be introducing the new Meet a Quilter (MAQ) program to help new members to feel welcome at meetings and also to become familiar with Guild activities. Volunteers are needed at each meeting to pair up with a new member for the evening. A written guide is being prepared that will jog your memory about all the good things the Guild does that you will want to mention to newcomers. Will YOU help out with this program? Call me or see me at the meeting.

Remember that our Sept. 21st meeting is at JFK on Route 139. Door open at 7 p.m., and the meeting will start at 7:30. That's 15 minutes earlier than last year. If you haven't already mailed in your dues to Millie Clinton, please do so now and avoid crunch time at the door. Okay, you can finish reading this newsletter first, but then do it!

NANCY MIRMAN
277-5210

REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME TAG AND
BRING YOUR COFFEE MUG!

***** MEMBERSHIP *****

Thanks to those who have volunteered to help on the membership committee. There is still time for you to volunteer. Please call me at 279-5613.

At the September meeting, there will be 4 Sign-In tables: A-L, M-Z, Prepaid for those who have already paid their dues, and New Members. We have a lot to share at our first meeting and look forward to seeing you all.

Please remember to pick up your membership card if you have prepaid. You will need it to use the NSQG Library. And notify me of any address changes you may have. To prepay, send your \$25 dues to me at Brewster Hill Road, RD 10, Brewster, N.Y. 10509.

MILDRED CLINTON

***** PROGRAMS *****

Our September meeting will feature "Quilted Vistas" and speaker Marguerite Malwitz, who, through slides, will take us to special vistas that have provided her with quilt inspiration. Marguerite, who enjoys drawing upon research and life experience for ideas and design help, will describe the process of translating the visual experience into quilt design. Various steps of the design/quiltmaking process will be highlighted with close-ups of work in progress in the studio. She will also address setting up goals for quilt work, trouble shooting during the quilt design process, selecting fabrics and studio set up.

NANCY MURPHY

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***** NSQG CALENDAR *****

- 9-21 General meeting at JFK High School, Rt. 139, Somers. Doors open at 7. Meeting starts at 7:30. Speaker: Marguerite Malwitz.
- 9-28 Board meeting at Nancy Mirman's house, 7:15 p.m. Newsletter deadline for October issue.
- 10-19 General meeting at Somers Intermediate School, Route 202. Doors open at 7. Meeting at 7:30.
- 10-19 "Spicing Up Your Quilts" workshop with Marguerite Malwitz.
- 11-13 "Story Quilts" 2-day workshop with Mary Mashuta.
- 11-16 General meeting, 7:30 Somers Intermediate School, Rt. 202. Doors open 7 p.m. Speaker: Mary Mashuta.

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***** TRAVELING QUILTERS *****

Our mini quilt vacation in Vermont was great fun. The ladies were inspired by the lovely quilts, old, new and miniatures, and bought more fabric, of course. The husbands and kids had a great time swimming in the Mad River and enjoying the beautiful Green Mountains. Hope more of you can join us next year.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, Nov. 5, for a trip to "A Quilters Gathering" in Westford, Mass. The cost, \$35, includes a round-trip seat on the motor coach and admission to the show. We will leave Somers at 7 a.m. and return at 10 p.m. Call now to reserve your seat, and why not bring a friend.

LINDA VON AHN
628-5380



***** 1993/94 MEETING DATES *****

The following dates have been reserved for NSQG general meetings at Somers Intermediate School, Rt. 202, Somers:

10/19/93
11/16/93
12/21/93
1/18/94
2/15/94
3/15/94
4/19/94
5/17/94
6/21/94

***** CHALLENGE QUILT 1994 *****

Challenge Quilt 1994 will be a fabric challenge with a theme: Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue. There will be 1/2 yard pieces of fabric available for just \$3 at the September meeting. The theme may be interpreted any way you wish. Be as creative as you wish and, of course, make it fun for yourself. Keep your quilt a secret until the February meeting.

RULES

1. There must be a RECOGNIZABLE amount of the challenge fabric in your quilt top, although you may use as many other fabrics and colors as you wish.
2. Your quilt must contain each element of the theme, as per your interpretation.
3. Your Challenge entry should not exceed 45" at its widest point or 24" at its smallest. It can be any size or shape within those parameters as long as it is able to be hung on the wall.
4. Your quilt must be hand or machine quilted and bound.
5. Identify your piece on the bottom back corner with your name and the title of the quilt.
6. Your entry must be completed and turned in by Mon., Feb. 7, 1994, accompanied by a completed registration form. You may drop off your quilts at the homes of any Challenge Committee members, the Country Quilter or Sue's Fabric World on or before Feb. 7. The Challenge Quilts will be on display at the February meeting.
7. Your entry must be made specifically to meet this challenge. All completed Challenge Quilts will hang at the World of Quilts 1994 as part of the Challenge Display. After 1994, you may enter your quilt to be judged in the juried part of the show.
8. Quilts may be made either by an individual or a group.

ADRIENNE YORINKS, chairwoman
SUSAN ANDREWS, 621-1043
ANGELA KAMEN, 666-0241
LORRAINE MIOUCKI, 279-7293

***** EDUCATION NEWS *****

We are planning a very busy year for the membership, beginning with Marguerite Malwitz' "Spicing Up Your Quilts" on Oct. 19. At the September meeting you can sign up for this 1-day class exploring fabrics, surface design and embellishments for quilts. Ideas presented can be applied to all kinds of quilts, including nature, landscape and pictorial types. Participants are invited to bring a quilt or quilt design for embellishment ideas. Fee: \$20.

Mary Mashuta will present "Story Quilts" on Nov. 13 and 14. Design a quilt with its own story for your descendants. immortalize a childhood memory, a humorous family vacation or a great event in your life. Select from a variety of quilting techniques to create a quilt that is more contemporary than repeat block but more traditional than abstract "art" quilts. In addition, Mary will help you to find and clarify personal inspiration, color coordinate the project and personalize the back. PLEASE NOTE, this class was created to inspire those who don't feel artistic or creative, as well as for those who already know they are both. Fee: \$40. Sign up at the September meeting.

Looking ahead, workshops are planned with Nancy Johnson-Srebo and Yvonne Porcella. We're working on more with Paula Nadelstern, Anita Murphy and others.

Also look for information in this newsletter about Super Saturday get-togethers. I only hope all guild members can participate in at least one of them.

PAT BAKER



***** NINE-PATCH SATURDAY *****

This past June while visiting my newborn grandson in a New York hospital, I saw firsthand the abandoned babies for whom we have been trying to make quilts for the past couple of years. They truly have no personal items except for those that the staff buys for them.

It's time to produce the ABC quilts by the bushel. If we make a 6 1/2" nine patch in a different color every month, by late spring we will have enough to keep us busy for an entire Saturday putting them together. There will be enough for quite a display at our quilt show. If you have always wanted to make an ABC quilt, now is your chance to do it in style and quantity.

For those new to quilting, these nine patches will be made up of 2 1/2' squares in 3 rows of 3 squares, alternating lights and darks. Please follow these color guidelines: September, yellow-orange; October, green; November, blue; December, red-burgundy; January, violet-lavender; February, pastels; March, primary colors.

If you can't make the nine patches you may bring in material for connector blocks or backing (at least 1/4 yard). Volunteers are needed to help sort the nine patches and cut connector blocks so that when our Saturday rolls around we'll be able to turn out those ABC quilts by the bushel.



PAT BAKER
MARY PODGORSKI

***** LETTERS, WE GET LETTERS *****

Dear NSGQ,

Thank you for your contribution to our Hurricane Relief. Every thing you sent was much appreciated and put to good use.

So many quilters from every state resonded. We were very impressed and grateful.

Thanks again from the Ocean Waves Chapter of NQA of Miami, Fla.

***** FINANCIAL STATEMENT *****

for year ended June 30, 1993

BALANCE as of 6-30-92 \$32,032.73

INCOME

Quilt Show	\$30,633.95
Boutique	\$11,941.99
Membership/Dues	\$ 7,097.50
Special Events	\$ 7,824.95
Education	\$ 4,430.98
Raffle	\$ 1,673.00
Program	\$ 200.00
Pins	\$ 77.35
Donation	\$ 10.00
Interest Income	\$ 428.69
TOTAL INCOME	\$64,318.41

EXPENSES

Quilt Show	\$25,310.09
Boutique	\$11,473.35
Membership	\$ 186.65
Special Events	\$ 7,335.00
Education	\$ 4,832.02
Program	\$ 4,904.79
Newsletter	\$ 3,106.16
Hospitality	\$ 510.21
Bank Charges	\$ 205.19
Office Expenses	\$ 731.84
Professional Fees	\$ 950.00
Insurance	\$ 611.78
Dues & Subscriptions	15.00
Library	\$ 157.21
Contributions	\$ 1,968.82
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$62,298.11

INCOME IN EXCESS OF EXPENSES

\$2,020.30

BALANCE AS OF 6-30-93:

\$34,053.03

FRAN SCHLEIF

***** CHRISTMAS DECOR GALORE *****

Plan ahead to donate your time and effort on Sat., Oct. 23 to making Christmas tree decorations for Putnam Hospital Center's Festival of Trees.

Last year's workshop was a huge success. We will repeat the all-day format with guild teachers, printed instructions, lunch and laughter for just \$5 at the Lincolndale Clubhouse. Specific instructions will be available when you sign up at the September meeting.

PAT BAKER
JOYCE SULLIVAN

******* ONCE WAS NOT ENOUGH *******

Due to popular demand, we will continue our Secret Pal program. However, we've added a challenge: now you have to solve the mystery of who is your Secret Pal!

HERE'S THE PROCEDURE:

1. Fill out the Secret Pal form and drop it off at the registration table at the September meeting. The cards will then be passed out during the meeting.
2. Each month your Secret Pal will give you a clue.
3. The clues will begin with a letter of their name. You may use your first or last name, or a combination of both. The letters do not have to be in order.
4. A Secret Pal table will be set up next to the refreshment table at which you may drop off or pick up Secret Pal gifts. You will be responsible for picking up unclaimed gifts if your Secret Pal is not at the meeting.
5. As soon as you solve your Secret Pal mystery, send a postcard with your name and who you think is your Secret Pal to:
Marla Tamaoka
103 Elmore Ave.
Croton-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10520
6. The postcards will be displayed at the June meeting. Those who have guessed correctly will receive prizes.

AN EXAMPLE:

1. Raggedy Anne draws Sunbonnet Sue's name.
2. In October, Raggedy Anne gives Sunbonnet Sue red fabric (R, get it?).
3. In November, Raggedy Anne gives Sunbonnet Sue apple buttons (A).



******* NO SMALL NEWS *******

No one should call Stephanie Prentiss slow. Not after this NSQG member gave birth to her daughter, Emily, on Aug. 11 - just 15 MINUTES after arriving at the hospital. The best of luck with your new quilting a Prentiss! (I just couldn't resist.)

******* FOR SALE *******

NSQG member Jeanne Homan (941 628-3887) is offering a Singer Touch-Tronic 2005 Memory Machine for sale. It automatically programs 25 different stitches; has a 1-step buttonholer; even-feed foot; and many extra bobbins. Price: \$300.

******* PLAN AHEAD *******

Hope everyone had a nice summer. Just wanted to let you know it is not too early to start thinking HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE. See you at the September meeting.

LORRAINE GANSINGER

******* FLOOD FUND *******

A relief fund to benefit quilters affected by the 1993 flood has been established in the mid-West. It is estimated that 8,000 homes were lost, 800 of which are estimated to be those of quilters.

If you wish to make a donation, here are the guidelines: do not send cash. Make your check or money order payable to Quilter's Flood Relief Fund, c/o Jan Cabral, P.O. Box 21307, Columbus, Ohio 43221. The fund organizers will ask that recipients use the funds to replenish their quilting supplies. All donations are tax deductible. Your cancelled check is your receipt.

This is a joint effort by Online Quilters, Chapter II, a nationwide guild on the Genie Computer Information Service, and the Iowa, Missouri and Illinois State Guilds.

***** ON THE GO *****

9/26-29: Quilting-in-the-Valley IV features quilting seminars at Warwick Conference Center. \$295 for entire seminar. SASE to Quilting-in-the-Valley, 29 Jones Road, Warwick, N.Y. 10990.

9/30-10/3: Chesapeake Quilt Festival, Sheraton Baltimore North in Towson, Md. Classes, lectures, vendors, quilt exhibit. SASE (52 cents) to: Sharron Lynn Productions, 4112 Croftlegh Court, Jarrettsville, Md. 21084. (410)557-8094.

10/9 & 10: Pennsylvannia Quilters presents MADE IN PA QUILT SHOW 93, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Bishop Hoban High School, Wilkes-Barre, Pa. LSASE to Cindy Cawley, 620 Wheeler Ave., Scranton, Pa. 18510.

November '93: Quilters Tour of New Zealand: travel, workshops, visit guilds and studios, quilt show. Call Jan Coyle, (800) 886-2153.

11/4-7: "A Quilters' Gathering," Westford Regency Inn, Westford, Mass. Exhibits, workshops, lectures, vendors. Large SASE (75 cents) to: Eastcoast Quilters Alliance, P.O. Box 711, Westford, Mass. 01886.

11/12-14: Rockland Quilt Festival, Rockland Community College, Eugene Levy Fieldhouse, 145 College Road, Suffern, N.Y. Quilts, lectures, block contest, quilt dealers, vendors, demonstrations. SASE to Rockland Quilt Festival, P.O. Box 41, Blauvelt, N.Y. 10913.

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IN SEARCH OF THE "HOSTESS WITH THE MOSTESS"

Do you like meeting new people?
Do you like talking about quilting?
Do you like having someone stay at your house?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then maybe you would like to have a guest speaker stay with you. If you are interested please fill out the enclosed questionnaire and leave it at the registration booth at the September meeting. Thank you!

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Please answer the following questions.

Do you have (and how many)

cat _____ dog _____ bird _____ rodent _____ snake _____
or any other animal _____

children _____

seperate bedroom _____ bathroom _____

Do you smoke? _____

Are you willing to pick the guest up from the airport? _____

Thank you so much.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

SECRET PAL

Northern Star Quilters Guild
PO Box 232
Somers, NY 10589

Dear Guild Member:

I am collecting recipes and favorite quilting tips from quilters across the country to be included in a book to be published in 1994. Since quilters have such a diverse background, I would like the book to reflect the variety of quilters and cuisine throughout the United States.

If you would distribute this information to interested members of your guild either at your next meeting or in your newsletter, they will have the opportunity to share a favorite family recipe and a favorite quilting tip in this recipe collection. All recipes and tips will be published with the quilter's name, city, and state. Since quilters are such busy people, quick recipes and quick tips will be given preferential consideration.

Please direct your guild members to submit their recipes and tips as soon as possible to:

Recipe Collection
PO Box 18264
Greensboro, NC 27419

Sincerely,

Annie Galvin Teich

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