



On Point!

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President's Message

Now that summer is over, the guild is gearing up for another great year. The September meeting promises to be especially exciting for quilt lovers. The staff of the Neuberger Museum will discuss the James collection, a great quilt collection that will be on display at the Museum this fall.

The weekend after our first meeting, the guild is sponsoring a bus trip to the National Quilt Extravaganza. As an added interest several members of our guild have quilts or garments exhibited in this show.

Since September is a busy meeting, please be on time for the business meeting. It will start promptly at 7:30PM in the auditorium. The doors will open at 6:45 for sign in and registration. If we all renew early we can avoid long lines.

There will be two separate show and tells - a short show only for all of us who have completed the mystery comfort quilts and the regular show for all the great quilts completed over the summer. I look forward to seeing everyone and your quilts.

Millie Clinton

(914) 279-5613

Calendar Updates and Corrections

Please reflect the following corrections to the annual calendar that was published in the summer newsletter:

October 19	Ornament Saturday
April 4 - 5	Lancaster Bus Trip
1st Tuesday	Show Committee
February 11	Challenge Entries Due
March 1	Block Contest Entries Due

Membership

How could the summer pass so quickly? I decided to finally do something with the 900 or so charm squares that I collected two years ago and ended up organizing my whole stash this summer! As I worked on it I came to realize that my stash is very like the Guild, I got to visit with many old friends (Did I really save and move scraps from the baby nighties I made for my oldest daughter, now age 27?) and was very excited to get to know the new ones. I look forward to the September meeting and seeing all of you again.

Well enough philosophy for today and on to business. We have a large and growing membership. Throughout the year I will be publishing parts of the Guild policies to remind you of them. A complete copy is available at the library table for you to look at. I will also include a condensed version of them in the new member packets, starting in October.

It is the policy of the Guild that all members are expected to participate in **both** of the following ways: 1. Work at least 2 hours at the quilt show and 2. Be an active member of one of the Board committees or participate in some behind the scenes work of the Guild. With this in mind, I will be handing out volunteer forms to each of you at the September meeting listing different ways you can help. Please look it over, just two hours from each of you adds up to lots of fun for all.

One final note, to make check-in as easy as possible in September please send your dues of \$35 to me at 84 Mustato Road, Katonah, NY 10536 as soon as possible. Thank you to everyone who already sent in their dues. See you all soon...

Liz Doyle

(914) 232-3040

Hospitality

We hope that everyone had a restful and productive Summer. This year we will try something new at the hospitality table. Firstly, members of the executive board will bring goodies for the month of September. Each of the following months we ask people born in that month to bring the treats. For example, all those born in October will bring treats to the October meeting, those born in November will share at the November meeting. Anyone born during the summer or any other month when there is no meeting should bring treats to the December meeting. Hopefully this will ensure a nice variety at each meeting.

Sari Langlois (203)327-4121
Teri Anzalone (914)835-0180

Comfort Quilts

If you have a Comfort Mystery Quilt finished (totally or just the top) please bring it to the September meeting for a special show and tell. If you are turning it in, please attach your name to the quilt so we know what kits are outstanding.

President Clinton Donates Raffle Quilt !!

We will again raffle a log cabin quilt, this one completely made by NSQG President Millie Clinton. Tickets will be sold at the September and October meetings to members only, with the drawing held in October. The moneys collected will all be spent on the Comfort Quilt Program.

Pat Baker (914) 279-8840

Congratulations to Maria Weber
at the 1996 NQA Show
"You Are My Lucky Stars"
Second Place, Traditional Bed Quilts
and Recognition for Outstanding Quilting

Ornament Saturday - Santa's on The Way

Each year, beautifully decorated Christmas trees are auctioned by the Putnam Hospital Center during a gala event ... and each year, the tree donated by NSQG has earned the largest amount of money for this very worthy cause. This stands as a tribute to our members creative talents and generous spirit

Mark October 19 on your calendar now, and become a part of the tradition. Donate a day, learn a few skills, make new friends, and help create enough ornaments to decorate this year's tree. The theme for the tree this year will be Santa, with all sorts of Santa ornaments, including a gorgeous bearded topper and an adorable skirt! All the patterns and lunch are included in the \$10 registration fee. Registration forms and class offerings will be available at the September meeting.

Elizabeth Rosenberg (914) 962-1452

Holiday Boutique

Saturday, November 16 is the date of our holiday boutique, where only NSQG members may sell items. All items must be either made from fabric or quilt related, and made by a guild member. Required inventory sheets and instructions / conditions for selling will be available at the September and October Guild meetings.

Remember that members have one priority shopping hour before the crowds, from 9AM to 10AM. This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase unique handmade gifts, so save November 16 for shopping!

Pat Baker (914) 279-884

Treasurer's Report

The CPA completed his review of the NSQG accounts for 1995 - 1996 on August 28. The full report will be on file in the Guild library. Watch this space for the regular treasurer's report beginning next month.

Jeanie Hunter (203) 975-6360

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On the Road with NSQG

There are still a few seats for our September 21 trip to the PA National Quilt Extravaganza III. We will depart the Mill Pond offices in Somers at 7AM, please arrive by 6:45. To join the fun send your \$30 check payable to NSQG to Dorothy Fiederlein, 4 North Lane, Mahopac, NY 10541.

Keep your calendar open on November 9 for the trip to Westford, MA to the Quilter's Gathering. Also in November, the Mountain Laurel Quilter's invite us to join them for a quilter's day out. This one day outing will be held at the Skytop Lodge in Skytop, PA. For more information contact the Mountain Laurel Quilter's Guild, PO Box 400, Mountainhome, PA 18342 before October 3.

Dorothy Fiederlein

(914) 628-4241

Quilting Tools

What a dizzying array of tools quilters have to choose from these days! The problem is that many of them, while excellent for the task for which they are designed, have very limited usage. A beginning quilter may have the urge to buy them all. But this quilter's advice, assuming you are machine piecing, is to get a good rotary cutter and mat, a 12" square and a 6" by 24" see through ruler, and one of the current rotary cutting how to books and stop. Become proficient with these indispensable tools first. Then take your time buying others only when you are truly ready to use it. If a tool is any good, it will still be on the market next year. And if you join a small quilting group you may find they share specialty templates and tools.

Anonymous

Many Thanks to Grandma Minna and The Handsome Hunney Head for folding, sealing and stamping.

Program Notes: Corrections, Clarifications and News from the Neuburger

As we all eagerly anticipate the beginning of a new guild year, there are a few items worth mentioning. First; a correction to the August On Point and the speaker calendar. Stacie Epstien, form curator of the James collection, will **NOT** be our keynote speaker in September. In her place we will be welcoming staff and docents of the Neuberger Museum who are actually staging the James Collection exhibit which will open in October. Second, we are hoping that Ardis James (and her husband Robert) will be able to join us for the September meeting, but Mrs. James herself will not formally address NSQG. My sincere apologies for the scheduling confusion.

Finally about the Neuberger Museum demonstration project; I want to thank all of you who have expressed interest in participating. The final demo schedule will be posted on the education bullition board at the September meeting and you can sign up to assist at the time, or call me. Our demonstrations are scheduled on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday afternoons starting in Mid-October and running through December, so check your calendar and get ready to quilt at the Neuberger.

Last, but certainly not least, I hope many of you have been working on your "block of the month". Remember to bring your finished blocks for show and tell. Meg Mooar has new patterns ready and waiting, and we hope to have lots and lots of sampler quilts for display at World of Quilts XVIII.

Cathy Neri

(914) 248-7309

Newsletter items are dues to the editor one week after the general meeting. The deadline for the October issue is **September 24, 1996**. Please send your material to : Karen Abramson
240 Creek Road
Poughkeepsie, New York 12601-1218
e-mail: abramson@vnet.ibm.com

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Education

There are openings in all the workshops. The September 28 class, Mariner's Compass, taught by Richard Zimmerman, uses precision hand or machine piecing. (\$25)

In October we will welcome Sandra Townsend Donabad for two classes. The October 14 workshop, Quilting by the Seat of Your Pants, explores our creative ability and features design and drawing exercises. (\$30) The October 15 workshop, Art Quilts: How to Make 'Em and What to Do With 'Em, will include basic art elements, drawing, fabric and equipment choices. (\$30)

Bonnie Lyn McCaffrey will be teaching two workshops in November. Color and Fabric Selection will be a half day class on November 19 (\$15) and Free Form Appliqué will be a full day offering on November 20. (\$30) We need monitors for the October and November classes.

To register send check made payable to NSQG dated the month of the workshop to: Karen Eckmier PO Box 139 Bedford, NY 10506, or drop in the reservations box at the meeting. Remember to include a SASE for each workshop, note the workshop name on both the SASE and the check.

Judy Rosenberg (914) 232-4971

Autumn Treasures at the Raffle Table

Look for the raffle table in the auditorium this year. To celebrate the opening of a great year, we will be offering a wonderful selection of gifts. This month brings a workshop carry bag, the quilt kit for "Cabin in the Woods", with foundation papers and 28 fall fabrics for the top, a crazy patch vest with suede look fabrics and Gingher scissors, "The Pumpkin Harvest" with fabrics and Gingher scissors and for all who have been asking for great thread, a set of 15 silky, shiny, shimmering Sulky spools!

Barbara Powers (914) 248-7628

On The Go - Tote Bags for the Homeless

The powerful image of a young girl carrying all her worldly possessions in a paper bag was the inspiration for "On the Go", a program to give everyone the opportunity to sew tote bags for the homeless.

On September 21 Pinwheels is sponsoring a Sew A Bag A-Thon with the goal of making 100 bags. Starting at 10AM at the Croton Municipal Building Community Room, there will be tasks for everyone, sewer and non-sewers, so bring your buddies. Admission is a toiletry item, hand towel, umbrella, etc. to be included in the finished bag. Pins and Needles will supply the sewing machines.

Contact Pinwheels at (914) 271-1045 for more information.

What is the Comfort Quilt Program?

Comforts Quilts is a guild sponsored activity which occurs twice a month, usually the first Thursday and third Wednesday at the Katonah Presbyterian Church, who generously allow us to meet there free of charge. We make quilts to give to charities, mostly to the ABC (At Risk Babies and Children) organization and the Westchester and Putnam Women's Shelter. All the funding for this project is raised by the Comfort Quilt raffle and by generous donations of fabric and other supplies from members and others who hear of our efforts. Any NSQG member is welcome at any meeting of this group.

Pat Baker (914) 279-8840

Life Events of Note

As friends and fellow quilter's we want to share in both the good and bad news in your life. Please be sure to let our corresponding secretary, Cobb Stewart, know of notable events in our fellow guild members lives.

1996-1997 Challenge is For the Birds

How many times in the past have you exclaimed in frustration, "This challenge is for the birds!"? Well, this year it really is. Our theme is "For the Birds" and in keeping with that your quilt must contain at least one bird, more if you wish. Garden birds, water birds, whimsical birds, a bird block, any birds are acceptable as long as they are an important part of your quilt. (A nondescript bird fabric used as a background would not qualify.)

There is no Challenge fabric chosen by the committee this year. Fabric choice is yours but you must include orange and you must use a plaid. These should be in sufficient quantity that they are easily seen. (For instance, one small orange bird beak is not sufficient orange fabric.)

One final requirements is to include an unusual element. For example: embellishment with beads, embroidery, sequins, ribbon, or the use of a special fabric such as wool, silk or lace. Any method of construction may be used - pieced, appliqué or a combination. Quilting may be by hand or machine.

Size: Minimum 80" perimeter. Maximum 30" longest side, or 36" at the longest point of an irregular shape.

Don't be a birdbrain, get an early start on this year's Challenge! If you have any questions, sing out!

Chairman: Joyce Sullivan 277-3832 Members: Karen Eckmeir 234-3559 Linda Lim 248-7623
Terry Melillo 248-6103 Cobb Stewart 238-8653

General Challenge Policies

- Keep your project(s) a secret. - We must be able to hang your Challenge on a wall
- Membership viewing and voting will take place at the February General Meeting. Entries must be ready for drop off by February 11, a week prior to the meeting. Drop off points will be announced in January.
- All entries will hang together in a Challenge display at the World of Quilts Show XVIII in May 1997. You may enter your Challenge quilt to be judged in the 1998 show, but not in the 1997 judging.

Block Contest Instructions and Entry Form

Join us in celebrating "A World of Quilts XVIII by submitting an entry in the Quilt Block Contest:

Theme: Gems and Gemstones **Fabric:** 100% Cotton, washable embellishments are OK
Size: 10" square block that measures an accurate 10 1/2" with seam allowances. (Do not bind or finish edges).
Color & Design: Background must be black, use any other color to represent a precious gemstone

The finalist blocks will be assembled into a quilt top which will be awarded in a random drawing to one of the finalists. All block entries will be exhibited if space permits, and non-finalist blocks will be grouped into several packets and awarded in a random drawing from among all entrants.

Deadline: March 1, 1997 Return entry form with your block to: Marie Sugar, PO Box 156, Somers, NY 10589

Name: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Address: _____

Block or Pattern name (if known): _____ NSQG Member? _____

Signature: _____ NSQG reserves the right to disqualify an entry not deemed worthy of display.

Northern Star Quilters' Guild
 PO Box 232
 Somers, New York 10589



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To:

Millie Clinton
 368 Brewster Hill Rd.
 Brewster NY 10509

**Guild Meeting September 17
 Doors Open at 6:45 PM**

Executive Board members bring treats for
 the September meeting.

NSQG Calendar for September & October

- Sept 5 & 18 Comfort Quilts
- Sept 10 Show Committee 7:30 at JFK
- Sept 17 Guild Meeting Doors Open 6:45
- Sept 21 Bus Trip PA Quilt Extravaganza
- Sept 21 Sew-A-Bag A-Thon
- Sept 24 Executive Board Meeting 7:30
- Sept 24 October Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 28 Zimmerman Workshop
- Oct 1 Show Committee 7:30 at JFK
- Oct 2 & 15 Comfort Quilts
- Oct 14 Donabed 1/2 day workshop
- Oct 15 Donabed full day workshop
- Oct 15 Guild Meeting
- Oct 15 Nominations for 1997 Show
 Raffle Quilt beneficiary due
- Oct 19 Ornament Saturday
- Oct 29 November Newsletter Deadline

1996 - 1997 NSQG Executive Board

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