

On Point!

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A Message From the President

The cool breezes of September are beginning to blow. I have not sewn a thing other than repairing my sons clothes! I was thinking about quilting and bought some great flamingo fabric in Florida!

The Guild's Board has met. It is going to be a great year with interesting speakers and programs. We are going to have the meeting in the cafeteria, starting at 7:30 sharp, shorten the committee reports and be done by 8 pm. A fifteen minute break to sign up for classes, check out the library, volunteer for a committee and visit with friends. Then into the auditorium for Show 'n' Tell and the speaker.

Hopefully we'll be finished and leaving by 9:30 pm. That means you will have to save and read your newsletter for added information.

2001 Raffle Quilt

Hand quilting on the 2001 Raffle Quilt was begun during the summer. There is still a great deal of work to be done. Please see me before the meeting on September 19th to sign up for your turn to work on this project. We ask that you (or you and a group) work on the quilt for two weeks and then it will be passed to the next person. If you wish to sign up in advance of the meeting, please call me in the evening at (914) 736-0516. Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic support of this project.

Betty Edwards
(914) 736-0516

We are still in need of a Hospitality Chairwoman! The Board brings September's goodies but after that we may have to go hungry. At the meeting, help is needed at the raffle table, library and basting tables. Please volunteer, especially if you are new to the Guild, you will feel part of an amazing group of people.

I hope you will find time to make a 12-1/2" block to start the "Round Robin" quilt project for September. It will be fun to see how each group meets the challenge!

See you in September!

Linda

Hospitality

Board Members will provide goodies for the September meeting.

General Meeting
Tuesday
September 19, 2000
JFK High School
Somers, New York
7 pm

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Don't forget to submit your suggestion for the charity to receive the proceeds from our Raffle Quilt 2001, due Oct. 12, 2000.

Comfort Quilts has changed their meeting dates. See article.

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Monthly meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month, September through June, at John F. Kennedy High School, Route 138, Somers, New York at 7 pm, with the exception of November which will be held a week earlier, November 14, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Articles must be submitted to the newsletter Editor (generally one week) after the general meeting and may be submitted by postal mail, e-mail or fax. e-mail *attachments* cannot be accepted. **Please include your text in the body of the e-mail message.**

The deadline for articles appearing in the October issue is September 26, at the Executive Board Meeting. Send articles and information to:

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Deadline for Newsletter Articles for the October Newsletter is September 26, the evening of the Executive Board Meeting. Please don't forget, I need at least 3 weeks minimum to produce a newsletter: collecting the copy, setting the type, doing the graphics, proofreading, getting to and from the printer, and mailing it out.

If you should receive your newsletter in an unacceptable condition, i.e., in a plastic bag, please call, 592-5352, and I will mail out another one to you immediately.

WANTED: HOSTESSES

We have some fabulous speakers coming to visit, and we need hostesses to accommodate them.

Requirements are:
Spare bedroom with private bath
No pets

If you accommodate a speaker, you are entitled to a free workshop and dinner.

Some upcoming speakers are:

Jean Ann Eitel (Editor, QUILT Magazine) - September

Charlotte Warr Andersen - October

Caryl Bryer Fallert - November

Helen Squire - December

Please contact me if you can help.

Kathy Vanacoro
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Program for September

Well, we certainly have a busy year coming up! Starting off with Jean Ann Eitel, Editor of QUILT magazine in September, Charlotte Warr Andersen in October, Caryl Bryer Fallert in November, and Helen Squire in December; the list goes on and on. I am still searching for traditional quilts (especially those with interesting borders) for the photo shoot for Jean Ann. We will take all sizes, yes miniatures too!!! The camera hides a lot of flaws, so no need to be worried about those quilting stitches. Just bring them to the meeting on Tuesday evening, and I will return all the quilts by the weekend, I promise. Please give me a call, I need at least 30 quilts. How exciting it would be to have your quilt published in a national quilting magazine!!!

The summer has certainly been a busy one for me. I am currently working on a wedding ring "snuggler" quilt for my niece in between finishing up two blocks of the month and a baby quilt for a co-worker (whew!!!). When can I retire from my job to get all this done. What I need from all of you is help. Joan Weth and I certainly have our hands full booking and entertaining speakers, now to make our jobs just a little bit easier I need volunteers to host our guests. How often do you get a chance to have a private dinner conversation with a well-known quilter? All we require is a private room with a bath. Please contact me if you can help me out.

Hope you all have a relaxing summer, can't wait to hear from you.

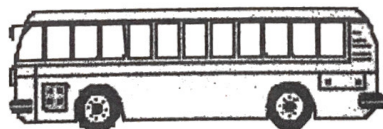
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Ft. Washington

There are still some seats available to the Ft. Washington show. Since the trip is before the first Northern Star meeting, please let me know by phone or e-mail if you wish to attend.

Pick up will be at JFK at 6:50 am and Elmsford Rte. 9A at 7:20 am. Cost is \$50. If you are going and have not yet sent your check made out to NSQG, please do so now.

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HOUSTON

Everything is moving along for our trip to Houston. Hopefully by now those going have registered for whatever class you are interested in. I was told that each class will have at least one sewing machine for those that do not bring their own.

Be sure (if you have not already) let me know of any dietary needs. I have been able to include in our total price the transportation back to the airport on 11/4/00 for those traveling back with the group.

Elaine



Just received another e-mail from Jean Ann. The quilts for September's photo shoot can be **miniature, wall or full size.**

Contact me if you can bring them to September's meeting.
Kathy

Important Dates

Sept. 16	Ft. Washington
Sept. 19	General Meeting, JFK H.S. — 7 pm
Sept. 26	Executive Board Meeting
Sept. 26	<i>On Point!</i> Articles Due
Oct. 12	Raffle Quilt Charity Nomination Due
Oct. 17	General Meeting JFK H.S. — 7 pm
Oct. 24	Exec. Board Meeting <i>On Point!</i> Articles Due
Nov.	Houston Trip
Nov. 11	Boutique
Nov. 14	General Meeting JFK H.S. — 7 pm
Nov. 18	Ornament Saturday

Note: All of the Important Dates are not listed in this column. Please refer to the individual article for the correct dates. Many of the articles are repeated as room permits just in case you have misplaced your newsletter.

Need to Baste a Quilt and Just Don't Have the Room?

Call Ina Helfand at (914) 245-3173.

Ina will make sure there are a few tables (at the General Meeting) clean and pushed together so that you can lay out your quilt and baste it.

Bring extra needles in case you need help, your fellow quilters will probably pitch in. Many hands make light work.

Please note, we must put the tables back into place when we are finished.

Ina Helfand
(914) 245-3173

Terrific Tips

Liz Stern of Armonk discovered a neat way to clean her rotary cutting mat. She uses the sticky tape roller used for cleaning pet hair and just rolls it over her mat. Voila! All those tiny fibers come right off and you have a nice clean mat for your next project.

Do you have a clever idea that you'd like to share with the guild? Send it to *On Point!* and we'll include it in the next issue.

Special Sightings

Alice Garrard's "Rally Round Raspberry Ruff" is shown in the Fall issue of "American Quilter." She won second place for Innovative Pieced at Paducah.

Karen Eckmeier, Angela Kamen, and Maxine Oliver are also mentioned for their participation in the Paducah show.

Cathy Neri's untitled block, submitted in the Y2K category of the IEEE Spectrum quilt block design contest, has been framed and hung in the magazine's office in New York City.

Nancy Hantman,
Special Events Editor

Library News

Well, ladies I have just purchased a bunch of new books for us. I hope they will all be in before the guild meeting. Before I tell you what some of the new books will be I want to make another plea for helpers at the guild meetings. I need at least two other ladies to help me. There is going to be sign-up sheet for ladies to sign-up to help out each month.

This way no one has to commit to the entire year. A **MAJOR PERK** is you get to see and check-out the new books first!!! If you would like to volunteer for September send me an e-mail at susanc@ntplx.net.



Now what you have been waiting for the new books. (This is only a partial list).

Marsha McCloskey's *Block Party*

Red & White American Redwork Quilts & Patterns Volumes 1&2

Debbie Mumm—*Quick Country Christmas Quilts*

Threads from the 30's Quilts Using Reproduction Fabrics

Quilts for Katie Rose

Dating Fabrics

Fabric Shopping with Alex Anderson

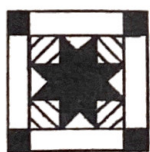
Plus some books on quilting from different countries, period quilting and quilting around the country. We are getting the newest book from Thimbleberries.

There is a book from our speaker Helen Squire, *Dear Helen, Can You Tell Me?*

I hope to see all of you at the library table in September. Remember books are checked out for one month and are due back at the next guild meeting. I would hate for any of you to miss out on these wonderful books because you are on "the list."

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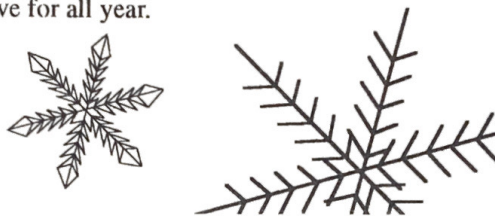
Holiday Boutique — November 11

This year's Holiday boutique will be held at St. Marks' Church in Mt. Kisco. The church is located at the intersections of Route 117 and Main Street. Yes, guild members can shop from 9:00 to 10:00. We will be registering vendors at the September and October meetings. Please keep in mind the following:

- ♥ You must be a paid member of NSQG.
- ♥ Any member selling merchandise at the Holiday Boutique must volunteer at least 2 hours of time to help, or find a substitute to do so for them.
- ♥ All items submitted for sale must be either (1) quilted, (2) made of fabric, or (3) quilt related. Pre-printed panel items are not acceptable.
- ♥ Items must be made by a NSQG member
- ♥ Please adhere to the handout instructions you will receive when you register, particularly the size of the string tags.

The Committee will try to have a sampling of what has been sold before. Stop by our table in the back of the room to get some ideas. You do not have to make many items to sell, even one would be helpful. Gift items don't necessarily have to be holiday related, they can be useful and attractive for all year.

Janette Loughlin, Chair
Judy Rosenberg
Stephanie Santangelo
Elizabeth Stern



Raffle Quilt Charity Nominations

Last year's raffle was such a huge success that I am sure you are very anxious to submit names of worthy charities which will monetarily benefit from our Quilt Show Raffle. If your favorite local charity fits within the guidelines listed below—submit the charity name and description in writing to me by Oct. 12, 2000 and we will include them in our ballot in November.

Listed below are the criteria that should be used as guidelines in your selection:

1. The organization must be a non-profit organization.
 - a. It can be partially funded.
 - b. The applicant must have sole control of their budget.
 - c. A NSQG donation should not affect any other funding.
2. Only organizations serving people in the tri-state area are eligible.
3. A guild member **MUST** sponsor the organization.
 - a. The applicant **MUST** submit a letter of description of services and the purpose of the organization.
 - b. The letter **MUST** be received by October 12, 2000.
4. The organization cannot receive an NSQG donation in two consecutive years.
5. The organization **MUST** sell tickets—50 or more books—prior to the show.
6. One or more representatives from the organization must be present at the quilt show (Saturday and Sunday) all day to sell tickets at the raffle table.
7. One or more representatives of the organization must be present at the June meeting to receive the donation.

Send nominations to: Lynn Chernuchin
14 High Ridge Road
Ossining, NY 10562

Ornament Saturday

Plans are underway for Ornament Saturday!! We will be meeting at the Katonah Presbyterian Church on November 18th. This year's theme is "Christmas Favorites." We think that you'll be enchanted by the selection of classes.

Full descriptions and samples will be available at the September meeting along with registration forms. It's only five dollars to join in the fun and you'll go home with instructions on how to make all the ornaments. The ornaments that our guild produces will be placed on a tree to be auctioned off to benefit the Putnam Community Hospital. Just think! You'll be spending the day doing one of your favorite things while benefiting a good cause. We hope to see you there.

Joanne Lovitz and Kate Creedon



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New Guild Pins Available

Our new Northern Star Quilters pins are available for members to purchase. They are somewhat larger than the original ones and look very attractive on our NSQG patchwork badges. You can buy them at the membership table for \$3.00.

We will have them available for sale at every meeting.

Sonny Rieber

Quilt Show Committee Meetings

October 3	7 pm	Astoria Fed, Savings Bank Somers
Nov 7	7 pm	Astoria Fed. Savings, Somers
Dec 7	7 pm	Astoria Fed. Savings, Somers
January 9	7 pm	either Bank or my house
Feb 6	7 pm	Bank
March 6	7 pm	Bank
April 3	7 pm	Bank
Saturday May 5		Quilt Show XXII
Sunday May 6		Quilt Show XXII
Tuesday May 8	7 pm	Wrap Up Meeting— my house
Tuesday June 5	6 pm	Combined Board Meeting/ Pot Luck—my house.

Watch this newsletter for location postings.

Marie Sugar
Quilt Show Chairperson
9 Summit Circle, Somers
277-4266

Special Request

The Northern Star Quilters have been invited back to demonstrate quilting at the 2nd annual Family Day at the Wright-Reis Homestead in Somers on Saturday September 23rd. Last year, three of us gathered together at the homestead and spend a wonderful day quilting and discussing quilting with visitors.

We hope to have the raffle quilt available to quilt during the day.

To reserve your time slot please call me at 277-4266.

Marie Sugar
Quilt Show Chairperson

Secret Pals

If you have not made yourself known to your Secret Pal, please do so as soon as possible. There are some Secret Pals who want to say thanks for all of the nice gifts they have received throughout the year..

Limited Seats Still Open

I still have a limited number of openings for the quilt show committee for this year. Can you help?

Call Marie Sugar at 914 277-4266.

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Caroline Kearney

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Education

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1. You must be a paid member of NSQG.
2. For EACH class you wish to take I must receive a check for \$30 dated the month of the class. (I hold all checks until the class in case there is a cancellation).
3. For EACH class I must receive a self-addressed stamped envelope for the supply list. (I will have envelopes and stamps available at meetings for a nominal fee of 35 cents. I will mail the supply lists at least one month in advance.)

There are still several openings in the workshops for Charlotte Warr Andersen in October. Since we want as many members to have the opportunity to partake in these classes please indicate your first, second and third choice. I will try to accommodate everyone. If the classes are not full I will let people who expressed an interest in more than one class have their second and/or third choices. If there are still openings after the September meeting I will open the classes to other guilds.

Charlotte Warr Andersen

Sunday, Oct 15 "Applique for Realism in Brief." A demonstration using photos to make patterns for realistic applique figures and class project featuring reverse layering.

Monday, Oct 16 "Portrait By Machine." Construction of a face using reverse layering technique without using a fusible product. Edges are finished with satin-stitch.

Tuesday, Oct 17 "Layered Landscapes." Bring a landscape photo and turn it into an applique design. Layer the landscape so no muslin is needed. * *me*

In November we are having **Caryl Bryer Fallert**. Her Sunday class is full, and there are only 2 spaces for the Wednesday class. However, there are lots of spaces in the Thursday class.

Sunday, Nov 12 "Spontaneous Expressions." * *me*

Wednesday, Nov 15 "Creative Freeform Piecing"

Thursday, Nov 16 "Catty-Wampus Log Cabin." * *me*

Here is a brief list of teachers we have scheduled for the rest of the year.

- March 21 Meg Moor - "String Pieced Star"
- April 17 Elizabeth Hendricks - "Bobbin Quilting"
- April 18 Elizabeth Hendricks - "Joys of Couching"
- May 7 Linda Cantrell - "Fantasy Flowers"
- May 7 David Walker - "Intimate Abstractions"
- May 8 Davis Walker - "What's Going on in the Background?"

Don't forget that Ornament Saturday is in November and Super Saturday will be in March.

See you at the meeting!

Liz Doyle - 914-232-3040
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Elizied@AOL.Com Liz Doyle - 914-232-3040

2001 Northern Star Quilters' Guild Challenge

1. Interpret a book or poem in a quilt, giving the name and author of your choice.
2. You must use at least two or all three of the three required fabrics in recognizable amounts. The challenge fabrics are three from the new fabric line Unforgettable from Timeless Treasures by our very own Adrienne Yorinks!

You can work in one of two different sizes:

- a. Standard size—perimeter maximum of 144 inches.
- b. Miniature—perimeter maximum of 80 inches.

The miniature should not just be a small quilt but should be a miniaturization of a traditional or contemporary pattern. In other words, do not submit a single standard sized block as your entry. If in doubt, ask a committee member.

This challenge will be an invitational exhibit at the Quilters' Heritage Show in Lancaster, March 2001. Any participant who will want to be in that show will need to indicate their interest in participating and the approximate size of their quilt(s) by December 2000. The committee will be responsible for sending the quilts to Lancaster and receiving them back. Fabric packets will consist of 1/4 yard pieces of each of three fabrics and they will be available at the June Guild meeting. Participants can purchase as many packets as they want.

Specific construction and quilting directions will be in each fabric packet.

Challenge Committee
Chair—Suzanne Sunday 234-6810
Jeri Riggs
Jennifer Ceisler 232-1146
Janice Nastasi

Check your membership list and inside page 2 for Committee Chairpersons' phone numbers.

Treasurer Report 7/1/99—6/30/00

Guild Checking Account

Opening Balance	2,073.91
Income	
Membership Income	10,088.00
Transfer from	
Quilt Show Acct	6,000.00
Total Income	
Expenses	
Accountants Fees	1,350.00
Bank Charges	206.19
Boutique	(108.69)
Challenge Quilt	(191.86)
Comfort Quilts	167.98
Donations	1,050.00
Education	1,558.32
General Office Expenses	285.83
Hospitality	249.72
Insurance	624.00
Library	574.71
Membership	1,260.70
Newsletter	3,888.74
Programs	2,022.10
Raffle	(278.78)
Rent	1,000.00
Special Projects	(71.91)
Total Expenses	14,587.05
Closing Balance	3,574.86

Quilt Show Checking Account

Opening Balance	17,382.43
Income	
Admissions	16,996.85
Frame Rental	400.00
Show Pin Sales	1,271.95
Quilt Registration Fees	1,081.25
Raffle Ticket Sales	7,049.18
Vendor Fees	9,159.70
Total Income	35,958.93
Expenses	
Admissions	101.12
Bank Charges	65.12
Block Contest	379.96
Donations	6,200.00
Equipment	1,196.36
Frames & Frame Storage	2,187.52
Hospitality	561.66
JFK Liasion	4,325.10
Judging	1,176.44
Lectures	3,900.86
Mailing	619.67
Misc Expenses	266.99
Perimeter Display	37.40
Photography	85.65
Printing	3,829.10
Quilt Registration	155.91
Raffle Quilt	270.04
Raffle Tickets	574.91

Rent	3,044.00
Ribbons	248.36
Show Pin	872.28
Signs	52.65
Vendors	77.13
Volunteers	47.75
Transfer to Guild Checking	6,000.00
Total Expenses	36,275.98
Closing Balance	17,065.38

Guild Savings

Opening Balance	19,200.52
Interest Income	367.61
Closing Balance	19,568.13

Comfort Quilts

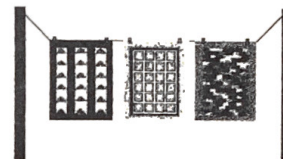
Please call me to check the time and date of the Comfort Quilt meeting if you are planning to come. Due to church activities, meeting dates fluctuate.

Next meetings:

SEPTEMBER 14 on a Thursday

SEPTEMBER 29 on a Friday

Pat Baker



A Home Can't Have Enough...

Quilt Show 2001 will present a special perimeter display/silent auction. The theme will be

"A home can't have enough...."

Your finished quilt—maximum 96 inches—should show some thing, or illustrate an emotion that you think that you can never get enough of in your home...are just crazy about...makes your home—any home—special....unique...wonderful. Some of the examples I gave at the meeting were dogs, trees, children, rugs, flowers, music, love, tea cups, ginger jars, windows. This is only a starter list... let your imagination go. You don't necessarily have to make a wall quilt—any item e.g. vest, book bag, tote bag, of approximately that size is welcomed.

The purpose is to sell a lot of quilts to benefit an area women's shelter. Monies collected from the sale of the quilts will be given to the shelter and those quilts that haven't been sold will be donated to the families who will be starting out in a new home.

Everyone is encouraged to contribute a quilt. Remember...the special part of the quilt will be the subject matter. Look around your home, newspapers, magazines, billboards, patterns for inspiration. You can use any technique—fusible web, phototransfers—are all fine as long as it is bound and quilted.

Right after telling the guild about it, five people quickly reserved some very interesting topics (and more are trickling in by e-mail). We want lots of different subjects and will only take two of any theme. We will show only one of each topic per day of the auction. So get in your reservations in now.

Your subject matter should have a relatively wide appeal because we want to attract buyers. These quilts will be fantastic gifts for the right person!!!

The sooner you decide on a subject and reserve it, the sooner you can start this very exciting project. The neat part of the display is to see just how wide a variety of subject matter our group can represent. Some of the topics our members have chosen are just so much fun.

Alice Garrard
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Membership

Congratulations to our thrifty members, all 157 of you, who chose to save five dollars and mail their renewal memberships in early. Starting September 1, 2000 dues return to the \$35 per year price. Please try to pay your dues by October 1, 2000 as I plan to have the completed membership list ready for distribution at the November meeting. All monies received after the list goes to the printer will only be listed as addenda in the newsletter.

Last year, several members asked Alice Dokken to make them new, larger print name badges. Those which have not been picked up will be available ONLY at the September and October meetings. After that, I will not bring them to the meeting and if you want them, you will have to contact me directly. All old badges will be destroyed at the end of December 2000.

New membership cards will be available at the September meeting. If you are a new member, you will get a badge then, as well. If you are an old member and need a new badge, there will be a sign in sheet for that at the meeting. Those badges will then be available at the October meeting.

We have a great year planned, full of exciting programs and classes. Don't miss out. Get your dues in and be a part of it all.

Sonny Rieber,
Membership
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Fabric Exchange—

6 x 6 x 6

For the coming year, we'll try a color of the month theme. Choose fabrics—tone-on-tone, solid, predominately that color or maybe even something that represents that color feeling to you.

For September—"Paint the town RED!"

Bring 6 baggies, each with 6 different fabrics, cut into 6" (or 6 & 1/2 inch** squares.

Rules:

1. Fabric to be 100% quilting weight cotton.
2. Pre-wash, press and cut 6" squares from your chosen fabrics OR
** (for those who have mentioned they would like to participate but find pre-washing too much hassle)
cut 6 & 1/2" squares and include a scrap of paper indicating "not pre-washed" or mention it to me when dropping off the squares.
3. Sort into 6 assorted piles and put them in 6 baggies, labeled with your name.

I will be doing the fabric exchange this year with thanks to Martha for last year's fun.

If you have any questions, call me at (914) 762-5382 or email at zsabbah@aol.com.

Karen Carlson
Fabric Exchange

Block Contest

Please join us in "A World of Quilts XXII" by submitting an entry in our Quilt Block Contest. We have chosen "Mad for Plaid" as our theme. This is a great chance to use some of those great plaids that you've been collecting but haven't done anything with yet! We hope you will come to our show on Saturday, May 5, 2001 and Sunday, May 6, 2001 to see them displayed. In addition to our Block Contest, there will be over 200 quilts, special exhibits, and terrific speakers.

Theme: Mad for Plaid

Size: a 12-inch square block that measures an accurate 12-1/2" square, including seam allowances. Do not bind or finish edges.

Fabric: Prewashed 100% cotton. You may use washable embellishments.

Method: You may piece and/or applique by hand and/or machine. Do not back or quilt the block.

Color: Plaids and Solid colors only!!!
Please use a light colored background.

Deadline: March 1, 2001. Entries must be received no later than March 1st. No exceptions!

Prizes: All entrants will receive one of our beautiful show pins. All finalists will receive fabric packets. The finalist blocks will be assembled into a quilt top which will be awarded in a random drawing to one of the finalists.

To Submit: Please complete the form and send it with your entry to: NSQG Block Contest, PO Box 363, Cos Cob, CT 06807. Or contact Mayann Weinberg or Susie Andersen (Block Contest Co-Chairs).

ETC: For the return of non-finalist quilt blocks, please enclose a self-addressed 9-12" envelope with adequate postage.

Thank you for entering and helping make our contest and show a success.

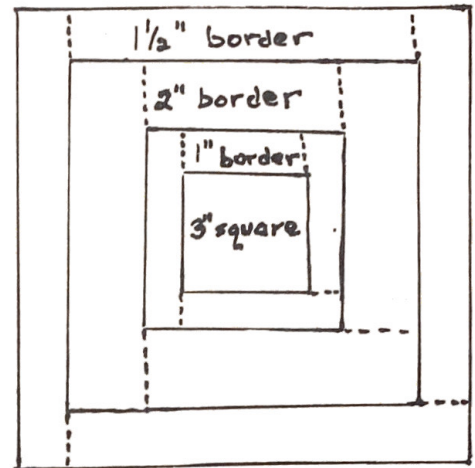
Pick up your entry form at the membership table.

September - BLOCK-of-the-MONTH

Log Cabin method framed print

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

- For center, cut one 3-1/2" square that contains a character print appropriate for your quilt style.
- Choose 3 fabrics in different shades and prints to surround this square. Keep in mind how outer border will show up against background fabric.
- Inner border, cut one strip 1-1/2" wide x 20" long.
- Next border, cut one strip 2-1/2" wide x 32" long.
(Or two strips 2-1/2" wide x 16" long.)
- Outer border, cut two strips 2" wide x 24" long.



TIPS

- Pin before sewing if you have trouble making accurate 1/4" seams.
- Always "square-up" entire piece as you work, not just the seam you are sewing or trimming. Press each seam toward outside as you go.

SEWING INSTRUCTIONS

- Use 1/4" seams, right sides together.
- Sew inner border strip to top of center square leaving slight extension of fabric at the beginning. Press. Trim to width of center square.
- Beginning at top of strip just added, attach border strip to right side of center square. Press and trim.
- Continue to add strips to bottom and left side of center square - pressing, squaring-up and trimming carefully each time.
- Add second border in same way beginning with top of block. If you cut two 16" strips be sure to use one strip for first and last sides and other strip for second and third sides.
- Add outer border - begin at top and use one strip for sides one and four, other strip for sides two and three. This should result in a 12-1/2" square block including seam allowance.



ROUND-ROBIN QUILTERS

- Complete 12-1/2" block as directed in Summer newsletter and bring to Sept. meeting along with about a yard of fabric used in block. Pin name and phone number to block. You will go home from meeting with someone else's block and directions for further exchanges.
- To this block add a three inch border all around using triangles of any size somewhere in the border. You may use some of fabric used in center block if you wish, but you do not have to.
- Complete your work and bring the piece to October meeting along with the extra fabric from original block. Give your work to the next person on the list for your group and pick up the piece designated for you to work on.

Road to . . . A comprehensive list compiled by Nancy Hantman



- Water Mill, NY: 14th Quilt Show, now through September 17, Water Mill Museum, Old Mill Road. Contact: Lisa Byers, 57 Wood Thrush Lane, Water Mill, NY 11976; 631-726-5941.
- Cobleskill, NY: "Pieces from the Heart, IV," September 22-23, Cobleskill United Methodist Church. Contact: Jane Olcott, 518-234-7309.
- Batavia, NY: Museum Quilters' 2000 Stitches in Time, September 22-24, VA Medical Center, Redfield Parkway. Contact: Robin Benjamin, 29 Woodrow Road, Batavia, NY 14020; 716-343-4121.
- Stamford, CT: 11th Annual Antique Quilt Show and Sale, September 22-24, Stamford Historical Society, 1508 High Ridge Road; 203-329-1183.
- Pine Bush, NY: "A Harvest of Quilts V," September 23-24, Pine Bush High School, Route 302. SASE to CQG, Attn: Gail, PO Box 413, Pine Bush, NY 12566; 914-744-6502.
- Skaneateles, NY: "The Magic of Quilts," October 6-8, First Presbyterian Church, 97 East Genesee Street. Large SASE to Judy Sheridan, PO Box 196, Skaneateles Falls, NY 13153.
- Rochester, NY: Genesee Valley Quilters' "Magical Threads," October 7-8, Eisenhart Auditorium, Rochester Museum and Science Center, East Avenue. SASE to L. Kuh, 5 Highledge Drive, Penfield, NY 14526; 716-381-1910; forkuh@sprintmail.com.
- Schenectady, NY: "Autumn Inspirations VII," October 7-8, Schenectady High School, 1445 The Plaza. SASE to Karen Mercado, 298 West Lawrence Street, Albany, NY 12208; 518-482-4745; MerryMercs@aol.com.
- White Plains, NY: Village Squares Quilt Celebration VI, October 14-15, Memorial United Methodist Church, 250 Bryant Avenue. Contact: 914-592-7360; 914-423-1143.
- St. James, NY: Quilt Extravaganza IX, October 14-15, Smithtown Middle School, 10 Smith Street; <http://www.quiltsmith.org>.

Other Events

- Claryville, NY: Fourth Annual Quilting Weekend, October 27-29, Frost Valley. SASE to Frost Valley YMCA, 2000 Frost Valley Road, Claryville, NY 12725; 914-985-2291; fax 914-985-0056; quilters@frostvalley.org; <http://www.frostvalley.org>.
- Deerfield, MA: Rising Star Quilt Challenge, judged, with monetary prizes. Large SASE to Quilt Challenge, Memorial Hall Museum, P.O. Box 428, Deerfield, MA 01342.
- Ogunquit, ME: Quilt Camp, November 10-12 (Judith Baker Montano), March 30-April 1 (Maurine Noble), November 9-11 (Elly Sienkiewicz). SASE to Heartbeat Quilts, 765 Main Street, Hyannis, MA 02601; 800-393-8050; fax 508-790-2711; <http://www.heartbeatquilts.com>.
- Lake Tahoe, CA/NV: Art Quilt Tahoe 2000, November 10-15, Hyatt Regency Resort on Lake Tahoe. Contact: Fabrications, 826 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA 95603; 530-887-0600; fax 530-887-0555; fabric@gv.net; <http://www.artquilttahoe.com>.
- San Diego, CA: 20th Anniversary Contest: 2001--A Quilt Odyssey. SASE to SDQS 2001, P.O. Box 420148, San Diego, CA 94142-0148.

World Wide Web Sites

- American Quilter's Society at <http://www.AQSquilt.com>
- America Quilts at <http://www.pbs.org>
- C&T Publishing Inc. at <http://www.ctpub.com>
- ColorMatters at <http://www.colormatters.com>
- The Elly Sienkiewicz Applique Academy at <http://www.ellysienkiewicz.com>
- Katy Widger at <http://www.katyanewidger.com>
- Megan Speckmann at <http://www.mailbag.com/users/speck/speck.html>

The Country Quilter

344 Route 100
Somers, NY 10589
(914) 277-4820
Claire Oehler, Proprietor



Fabric - Books - Patterns - Notions - Gifts

Quilting Classes

Hours: Mondays - Saturdays 9:30 am - 5:30 pm
Thursdays until 9 pm
(open NSQG meeting nights until 7 pm)

FYI—Bulletin Board

In our lobby each month, between the food table and the library cart is our guild bulletin board. Some examples of how useful it may be are as follows:

For Sale

My old sewing machine (describe in detail), \$(price), your name and phone number.

Wanted to purchase

50's fabric, polyester preferred, all colors, the wilder the better, call 555-5555

Traveling companion to go to Quilt show on (Date) to (Destination) share gas and have a laugh. Willing to stop at fabric stores enroute.

Help wanted.

Teach me to paper piece, etc will pay for your time.

Got the idea?! Your notice/request should be sewing or quilt related. Bring your own beautifully decorated and designed notice or use our note paper. It's well worth your effort if you make the connection. Any questions, call Ina Helfand at (914) 245-3173 or e-mail me at sewcool39@aol.com

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September 2000

Northern Star Quilters' Guild
P.O. Box 232
Somers, New York 10589

Linda Von Ahn
30 Greenfield Rd.
Mahopac, NY 10541

Interesting Exhibits Nearby

See "Amazing Things" and other art quilts by Randy Frost of Bronxville at the "Unzipped" show in Larchmont. The exhibition will be on through September 24, with a reception on September 9 from 4 to 6 pm:

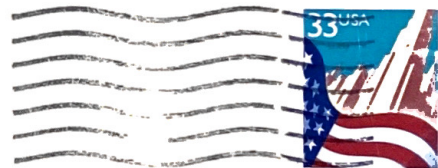
Mamaroneck Artists' Guild

2120 Boston Post Road

914-834-1117

If you're in the city, visit the quilts at the Museum of American Folk Art (66th and Columbus). They're gifts of Cyril Nelson and include an 1837 "Lady of the Lake" with particularly fine quilting.

Nancy Hantman
Special Events Coordinator



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