



Northern Star Quilters' Guild, Ltd.

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

Pat Rowan, Editor

Newsletter

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All Guild meetings will be held at the SOMERS INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL located on Route 202 in Somers, NY. The doors will open at 7:00 P.M. and the business meeting will commence at 8:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

What happened to summer? Can you believe it! We are getting ready for the September meeting already. Hope you all enjoyed a good summer. Somehow in June, September seems months and months away then all of a sudden here it is. The Board has been very busy this summer planning what we know will be a fantastic year for N.S.Q.G.

Your officers for the 1987 - 88 year are:

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This group is eager and willing to do a good job and I know each of you will give them your support and help when asked.

This year we will reinstate the suggestion box. If you have any comments or suggestions, please use it. We need to know what you would like to do with your Guild and the only way for it to happen is with your input. All comments will be taken under advisement by the Board, and all members will receive an answer to their questions and suggestions. This way we will keep communication flowing between the membership and the Board.

It is because the Board feels it is necessary for you to be aware of any important decision-making issues, that a new column will be added to the newsletter. This will be entitled "BOARD FORUM". Here we will keep you up to date on any important dollar spending decisions and any other vital issues that the board is involved with. You will have an opportunity to add your ideas through the use of the suggestion box or by personally calling me to discuss your ideas and comments. (The best time to reach me is early in the a.m.)

At this time several important issues are being discussed. One is the purchase of a copy machine. It has been suggested that with what is spent monthly printing the newsletter - \$125 plus - and not even taking into consideration the additional copying (membership lists, meeting hand-outs, etc.) we would save money over the long term of the year and quickly offset the cost of the copier.

Another item we have been discussing is a criteria for membership. There is a great need for all members to be familiar with basic quilting techniques. Therefore, much of our program this year will be devoted to hands-on activities with the end result being that all members will have good basic knowledge so we can proceed to bigger and better things in the future. The membership criteria would take effect with the September 1988 meeting and all new members would need to have these skills before joining. Much of the details for this are still to be worked out. We welcome any suggestions you may have regarding this important issue.

The Board is well aware that our present by-laws need revising and updating. We have discussed the formation of a committee to undertake this task. Again, we welcome your comments.

In the meantime, I look forward to greeting each of you at the September meeting. Please remember, you can avoid waiting on a long line before the meeting if you send your check (\$25) for your dues now - mail to N.S.Q.G., P. O. Box 232, Somers, NY 20589, and if you have not paid your dues by the October meeting we will assume you are no longer interested in being part of our Guild and you will be dropped from the membership.

Keep yourself in stitches,
Penny Black, President

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Guild Monthly Meeting Dates:

September 15, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 19, February 23, March 15, April 19, May 17 and June 21.

Guild Board Meets:

September 2, 23, October 28, November 24, December 29, January 26, March 1, 22, April 26, May 4, 24.

Quilt Show Coordinating Committee Meets: September 8, October 6, November 3, December 1, January 5, February 2, March 29, April 12 and May 3.

QUILT SHOW 1988 - April 30, May 1

SPECIAL EVENTS

It's time to get our batteries charged once again!! We have so many fantastic "Special Events" planned for the upcoming year, starting with the Long Island show on August 22nd. Next we can all get together for the Berkshire Quilt Festival in Pittsfield Massachusetts on October 17, 1987, (please call if interested 241-4568). Some additional food for thought ----the American Quilters Society show in Puducah, Kentucky in April, more on this later.

The Holiday boutique is only two months away -- now is the time to get sewing. I will have inventory sheets and a definite date at the September meeting. Think of all the money to be made!!!

Looking forward to a great and fun year.

Kathleen Lange

MEMBERSHIP

Spring has sprung!
Fall has fell!
Summer is here
And it's hot as the devil!

That's not quite the way the old poem was written but as I'm packing to move in this 3-H weather the original version keeps going through my head.

If you would like to avoid the long lines at the September meeting, send your check to me - Pat Barker, c/o N.S.Q.G., P.O.Box 232, Somers, NY 10589 rather than my home address. That way the postal department won't have to forward the mail and there is less likelihood of your check going astray.

After you get your check in the mail, jump back in the pool or sit in the shade and sip a cool one while I'm in the attic packing boxes and boxes of quilting supplies and wondering why in the world I didn't take up bird watching as a hobby instead of quilting.

Piecefully yours,
Pat Barker

QUILTS IN MANHATTAN

The Golden Tulip Barbizon Hotel at East 63rd Street and Lexington Avenue in New York will be holding a Hudson River Valley Festival from October 5 to October 18. The festival will focus primarily on the foods and wines of the Valley and both the Hudson Valley Association and Sleepy Hollow Restorations will participate.

As part of the Festival, the participants would be interested in a display of quilts made in the area to give an added dimension, and the N.S.Q.G. has been invited to share some of its work. The hotel is well known to residents of the fashionable Upper East Side and since it is owned by KLM Royal Dutch Airlines, many European guests in the city also enjoy its hospitality. This could be an opportunity for the Guild to introduce itself and its special form of art to a new and appreciative audience.

Because of space restrictions, the quilts and/or wall hangings should not be longer than five feet. The quilts would be hung high in a public area and generally away from the hands of the public. The hotel has its own security system but it could not offer any special security to the quilts, nor could it offer insurance to cover the display.

If you would be interested in displaying, on those terms, and would be willing to loan your work for the two-week period, please call or write to me - Margaret Stickney, 107B Heritage Hills, Somers, NY 10589 by September 15.

PROGRAM

With the summer almost over, I hope you are as excited as I am about getting back together at Guild meetings. Knowing that there will be a lot of catching up to do and a need to share, your committee is planning the first meeting around those feelings. We are going to have a hands-on block party. Please bring a finished block, as shown on the instruction sheet, and we will put them together with sashing and borders at the meeting. If we have time, some may even get batted, backed and tied. When they are all through we will have at least a dozen lap quilts to give to Guild members who have parents or grandparents in nursing homes. If we have extras, they will go to local nursing homes where they will bring a bit of color and warmth. Please bring your sewing kits and any "Show & Tell" from over the summer.

Would you believe that I finally finished the block I started for our show block contest ... a bit late, but finished!

We are also bringing back book reviews by request. Have you found an exceptionally good or bad quilting book lately? Let me know so we can share it with the group.

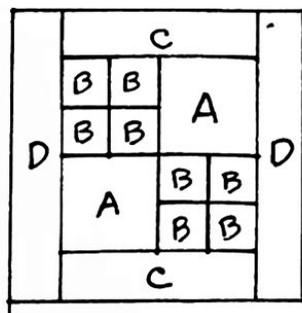
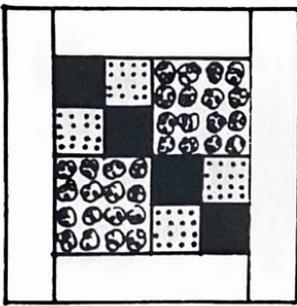
See you soon.

Gloria T. Hartley

NEWSLETTER

If you have anything you would like incorporated in the Newsletter, please have in my hands by board meeting.

Pat Rowan



Instructions
for
September
Block Party
- Four Patch -
Variation

2" x 2" **B**

add 1/4" seam allowance to all sides

cut 4 light and 4 dark for 1 block

2" x 8" **C**

add 1/4" seam allowance to all sides

cut 2 of unbleached muslin for each block

extend for D

D is 2" x 12"

add 1/4" seam allowance to all sides
(cut size 2 1/2" x 12 1/2")

cut 2 of unbleached muslin for each block

You may sew by hand or machine. Either is acceptable.

add 1/4" seam allowance to all sides of all pattern pieces. Pattern D is 2" x 12" (cut 2 1/2" x 12 1/2")

4" x 4" **A**

add 1/4" seam allowance to all sides

cut 2 medium for each block

A: B color choice is up to you

Please be sure to wash and press all fabric before cutting to avoid later fading or shrinking.

Please use 100% cottons
Use Print fabric for A: B blocks

Step 1. Measure all pattern pieces for accuracy

2. cut all fabrics, check sizes

3. Join light B's to dark B's 

4. Press seams to dark side

5. Join 2 sets of B patches to form 

6. Join each 4 patch B to an A block



7. Join two of these to form center patch

8. check size - should measure 8 1/2" x 8 1/2"

9. Join a C piece to top and bottom

10. Join a D piece to each side

11. check size - should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2"

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