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Important Dates

Please make a note on your calendars for our general meeting schedule at JFK High School. Meetings begin at 7:30, unless specified:

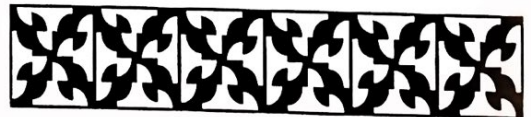
September 19, October 17, November 14*,
December 12*, January 16, February 20,
March 19, April 16, May 21, June 17

Board Meetings are held at 7:30 in the Hospitality Room at JFK High School, except when held at the home of our esteemed President.

August 22 (M.C.'s home), September 26, October 24, November 21, January 23, February 27, March 26, April 23, May 28, June 24 (M.C.'s home).

* November and December meetings will be held on the **SECOND** Tuesday, instead of the usual third Tuesday.

Articles for the newsletter are due one week after the general meeting. The deadline for the September newsletter will be **August 22nd**.



Presidential Message -- Summer of 1995

It is with great anticipation and frequent trepidation that I assume my presidential responsibilities. The new board is working hard to assure an interesting and busy 95-96 quilting year. Thanks to Alice Garrard (last year's Program Chairwoman) several excellent speakers have already been lined up and Cathy Neri is rapidly planning the rest of the schedule.

At the June meeting we took a survey of the membership on limiting the size of the guild. The overwhelming opinion -- 71% of the 119 respondents who filled out the form -- felt that we should not limit membership.

The board will discuss suggestions for coping with the problems created by our success in attracting members to our meetings. (Less interesting programs is not one of the options up for discussion.) Limiting the size of the membership is no longer one of the possibilities

At the joint board meeting in June we did pass a new policy concerning membership participation in the running of the guild. We decided that members are expected to participate in **both** of the following ways:

1. Work at least 2 hours at the Quilt Show.
2. Become a member of one of the Board committees or sub-committees/participate in the behind the scenes working of the Guild.

If you would like to volunteer some time to help, please contact one of the board members or myself.

Enjoy the summer, renew early and find time to quilt. See you in September.

Millie Clinton

Membership

I want to say thank you to the 50 plus members who have already paid their dues for the coming year. How about the rest of you taking a minute to write a check right now and dropping it in the mail to me? It's still only \$25, a real bargain when you think of all the benefits we get: newsletter, monthly meetings, great speakers and workshops.

I have four helpers lined up for the September meeting, but I could probably use several more. So if you like to help keep the lines moving in September, or any other month, please just let me know. It's a great way to meet our many members.

Liz Doyle
84 Mustato Road
Katonah, N.Y. 10536
232-3040



Raffle Quilt

Can we ever forget the fabulous job, Marie did last year on the raffle quilt.? (Obviously, lucky Marie Pedlow doesn't need to use her memory.) Well.....Marie Rohrman **desperately needs more nine patch blocks.**

This nine patch consists of the 4 corners and center of a dark fabric and the remaining 4 in a lighter one. Feel free to be creative by using the colors of your choice.

Be certain that your block measures **5 inches square.** When you are doing your own work you can always fudge a bit, but when you have to deal with the work of many, it is important for Marie, and her helpers, that your block be just right.

Refer to the June newsletter or call Marie Rohrman, if you are not certain of the rules.

She needs them **immediately, if not sooner** for the top must be completed by the September meeting.

Marie Rohrman
Rockledge Drive
Brewster, N.Y..10509
279-4310

Education

A reminder about our first workshop on Wednesday, September 20th:

The teacher is Barbara Caron, author of a recently published book, Tessellations and Variations. The workshop (same title as her book) explores the many possibilities of scrap or charm quilts using only one or two geometric shapes.

Discussed will be design ideas, fabric selection, color strategies and construction tips. The workshop is for all levels, with hand or machine piecing.

It's a wonderful workshop for everyone and will be especially helpful for those planning a charm quilt for the '96 quilt show.

To register: your 1995-1996 dues must accompany your registration. Send the **two** checks made out to NSQG, one for \$25 marked "95-96 dues" and the other one for \$25 marked "Tessellations," along with a stamped self-addressed envelope to:

Karen Eckmeier
P.O. Box 139
Bedford, N.Y. 10506

Please do not send Karen the dues if you are not registering for this workshop. Incidentally, workshop checks are not deposited until the workshop takes place.

Judy Rosenberg

Hospitality

The June Salad Dinner was another winner. Thanks to all our talented chefs we had a tempting variety of dishes to satisfy the most discriminating of tastes.

Everything looked beautiful and was delicious. The Guild provided, as usual, all the drinks and paper goods. The Guild Board is thanked for providing the rolls, breads, butter and of course the desserts -- the cakes and fruit.

It was a nice way to celebrate a year of hard work by all the Guild members.

I wish to thank all for their contributions to the hospitality table during year and remind members that some goodies will be needed for our September meeting.

Have a wonderful summer.

Barbara Ricci

Traveling Quilters

Extra! Extra! We're off to Paducah, Kentucky for the 1996 AQS Quilt Show.

Mark your calendars and save your money for the April 24th through 28th trip. The cost will be about \$750. That will include the plane to Nashville, ground transport, and accommodations. We will be staying at "Town and Country Resort" in Benton, Ky. -- about 35 min. from Paducah. We have reserved three bedroom cottages with kitchen and Great room. I need to know if you are really interested must have a \$100 deposit by October's meeting or ASAP. Refund of deposit is possible until the plane tickets are bought.

This is the **Mother of All Quilt Shows** and the whole town is decked out. We are a great group to travel with.

You can even take classes or volunteer to help with the show and there are wonderful places to visit in the area.

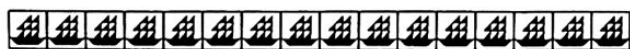
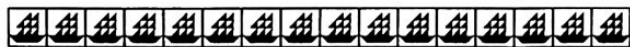
And on the local front...

September 16th -- The Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza in Fort Washington, Pa. \$30 for bus and show.

November 4th -- A Quilter's Gathering in Westford, Mass. \$30 for bus and show.

Reservations can be made by calling or sending your deposit to:

Linda Von Ahn,
30 Greenfield Road,
Mahopac, N.Y. 10541
628-5380



Show Committee

The 1996 Show Committee has begun working on *World of Quilts XVII*. Lecturers have been contacted and invitational quilts are being solicited. The committee is still looking to fill one position -- Secretary. This involves recording the minutes of each committee meeting (first Tuesday of each month, except January's which will be January 9th) and some correspondence, as needed. Please call me if you are interested in the position or if you would like to volunteer for one of the subcommittees.

Chairperson	Brenda Strauss
Admissions	Peggy Mohr
Block Contest	Marie Sugar
Brochure/Catalogue	Maria Tamoaka
Boutique	Maddie Horr
Challenge Quilts	Joyce Sullivan
Equipment Manager	Linda Goodhart
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Judging	Leona Trinin
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Mailings	Simone Montegut
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Photographer	Mary Rossetti
Publicity	Sondra Shapiro
Quilt Display	Nancy Mirman
Quilt Registrar	Barbara Powers
Quilt Raffle	Marie Rohrman
Raffle Tickets	Nancy Murphy
Show Pin/Award Ribbons	Pam Polono
Treasurer	Pat Rowan
Vendors	Linda Love
Volunteers	Ann Fitzell
Works in Progress	Joanne Finnigan

The first committee meeting will be Sept.5th at 7:30 PM in the Hospitality Room at JFK H.S.

Thanks to the volunteers who are giving their time to insure the success of *World of Quilts XVII*

Brenda Strauss

Holiday Boutique

The date of the "Holiday Boutique" will be October 28, 1995. It will be held at the Bedford Presbyterian Church at the Village Green in Bedford. Hours are 10A.M. until 4P.M..

It is not too early to making products to sell at this wonderful event.

Madeline Horr

Raffle Table Committee

Barbara Powers will head the coming year's group of spendthrifts, which includes Susie Andersen, Lisa Curtis and Joan Weth. If you are interested in joining them call me at 248-7309.

Cathy Neri

On The Go

August 10th - 13th: "IMAGES V, The New England Quilt Show" -- Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough, Mass. Juried Quilt Show featuring trad. and contemp. works. Lectures and workshops. Contact Nancy Bell (603) 465-7822.

August 10th - 13th: North Pocono Cultural Society is sponsoring "Moscow Country Fair. Especially interested in Crazy Quilts --old and new. Contact Elaine Tancredo at (717) 842-9804, 2184.

October 14th and 15th: The Keystone Quilters of Quakertown, Pa. will present their annual quilt show entitled "Colorfest '95" Held at Milford Middle School -- just off Route 663 between Route 309 and PA Turnpike (Quakertown Exit). Special guest is Ruth McDowell. For information: Linda Psulkowski (215) 538-9371.

Ravelings

So you're ready to start that quilt -- you've settled on a pattern, you've chosen the perfect fabrics, and have even cut the first pieces with great care, and you are sure they are accurate. You know just how to sew a consistent scant-quarter-inch seam.

But -- have you tested the stitch on your sewing machine? Does the stitch lock inside the two layers of fabric as it should, with no looseness of either bobbin or needle thread? If either thread is loose enough to form little loops which show on the other side, patchwork (or anything else) sewn on your machine will not hold its shape. As you press it, the pieces will shift slightly; you cannot produce accurate blocks. Adjust the tension, or have the machine serviced, before you put your time into a project.

Why make a frustrating job out of what should be a genuine pleasure? Check your stitches before you start.

An excellent reference:

Threads, September, 1994, "Perfecting the Straight Stitch." by Gale Grigg Hazen, pp. 38-41.

In Stitches with Sondra Shapiro

Since "On Point!" Editor, Alice Garrard has taken over the newsletter she has graciously offered me a monthly column. (So what, if I begged.) I hope to keep you "In Stitches" and make you think. That's a scary thought coming from me, huh?

I'll start out by asking for your help in beginning the NSQG Speakers Bureau, comprising members who are quilting teachers, lecturers or judges. The Bureau will afford NSQG quilting professionals the opportunity to make others aware of their talents and specialties and maybe earn

some money at the same time. We'll publish a brochure that can be made available to members, other guilds, and anyone who inquires about finding a quilting teacher, lecturer or judge.

In order to make the Speakers Bureau a success I need our professionals to send to me their name; address; phone number; whether they are a teacher, lecturer or judge; type of work they do: piecing -- hand or machine, hand or machine applique, hand or machine quilting, color and design, etc.....; and the subject and titles of their lectures or workshops.

Please don't be shy; this is an opportunity to share your skills with others. You may give me the written information at the September meeting or send it to:

Sondra Shapiro
P.O. Box 215
Purdys, N.Y. 10578
Fax: 914 276-0637

If anyone has a suggestion about the Speakers Bureau, please call me at 276-1073. Thanks.

Some ongoing summer projects:

ABC quilts are being worked on at the home of Pat Baker in Brewster -- the first and third Thursday of the month. Besides being of tremendous use to the community, a lot of creative energy and good fellowship is being shared.

Assemble **U.N. Friendship Quilt**, to celebrate its 50th anniversary. Regular bees are held every Saturday throughout the Summer at the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, 7 West 55th St., N.Y.C. 10am - 3pm. For more information, call Ludmilla Bokov at (212) 568-0353.

Congratulations to our winners at the Vermont Quilt Festival

Barbara Broshaus won a **Blue Ribbon** for her "Twilight Glow" in the Applique Bed Quilts and a **Judge's Choice** from Virginia Avery

Nancy Mirman took **Second Place** honors in the small pieced wall-hangings category for "Sun Over Somers"

Angela Kamen earned a **Third Prize** in the medium pieces wall-hangings category for "Stellar Metamorphosis"

Calories Galore, Taste Sensations

Wonderful **Maddie Horr** is sharing with us her recipe for 7 1/2 dozen of the

World's Best Cookies:

1 cup butter or margarine
1 cup white sugar
1 cup (light) brown sugar
1 egg
1 cup salad oil
1 cup quick cooking oatmeal
1 cup corn flakes, crush flakes after measuring 1 cup
3 1/2 cups flour -- sift once
1 tspn. each: baking soda, salt and vinegar

Optional:

1/2 cup coconut
1/2 cup chopped walnuts

Cream butter with sugars; add ingredients in order listed; add flour mixture and mix well. Drop by teaspoon 2" apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake in pre-heated 325 degree oven 12 minutes or until golden brown. Cool on cookie sheet before removing to store.

Talented **Jeanne Homan's** Crumb Cake was a winner at the quilt judging session. As you requested:

Cake: 3 cups flour
1 tspn. baking powder
1 tspn. salt
1/2 cup Crisco
2 eggs
1 1/3 cup milk
2 tspn. vanilla

Cream Crisco, sugar, eggs and vanilla. Add flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Beat 3 minutes. Bake for 35 minutes at 350 degrees. Put on crumbs and bake another 10 minutes.

Crumbs: 1/2 lb. butter or margarine
1 tspn. cinnamon
3/4 cup sugar
1 3/4 cup flour

Beat in mixer til crumbs.

From the Editor:

Lucky for me, we got a brand new computer last month, with a hopelessly complicated software system, QuarkXPress. It does more things than I will ever need/learn -- and is driving my husband and me crazy. Unfortunately, the only thing I have mastered is "Spellcheck" and changes in fonts. It will take some months before I attempt anything clever.

Lucky for all of us, we will have two wonderful columns that will appear fairly regularly. One is by Sondra Shapiro appropriately entitled "In Stitches." She is currently involved with a very worthwhile project, and will need a lot of support to make it a reality.

A wonderful addition to our newsletter is a column entitled "Ramblings." This terrific gal, who insists on remaining **anonymous**, will each month, elaborate on some area of quilting that she feels warrants some additional attention. Also, if you have any quilting questions, feel free to drop a note and I will forward it.

Since I can't do clever graphics, (not yet anyway)...don't know clever vignettes... don't have a great sense of humor: I would like to enlist **your help** with the newsletter. It would be great if each and every one of our members sent me **at least one quilting tip**. Something that makes quilting easier, more pleasurable, and more importantly, creates a better quilt. Send all you can think of, and I will print several of them each month. Who knows, with enough tips, maybe we can even publish a little booklet to sell at our show!!!!

Also, if you, or a friend, won an award or received special recognition, please let me know. We certainly want to publicly acknowledge these accomplishments.

Last month, I started my charm quilt at a Ruth McDowell workshop at the Surface Design Symposium. Its turning out to be a great summer time project -- relaxing and fun to do. If you haven't already started, it is time to get your squares in order. In the next newsletter, Debbie Ehrichs and Lori Vanacore will tell you how to correct your deficiencies in your collection. Don't forget to sign up for Barbara Caron's workshop, it should be a treat.

Alice F. Garrard





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