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AMERICAN QUILT STUDY GROUP

by Victoria Sears

Fifty quilt scholars gathered at the first meeting of the American Quilt Study Group, Nov. 7-9 at the Ralston White Retreat, in Mill Valley, CA. The A.Q.S.G. is a grass roots organization of quilt historians who had formed a network to share research and fellowship.

Ten speakers presented formal papers on a variety of quilt related topics. The histories of quilt-makers and their quilts were presented, pattern sources traced, museum collections viewed, folk art discussed, quilt preservation techniques given. Several speakers chose a narrow area of quilt history that fascinated them, and examined it minutely. Others made more general queries, and explored a time period or technique in a wider context. All the lectures presented solid research in an enjoyable fashion. Each discourse was accompanied by a slide show with meals, and evenings were filled with talk and laughter, as old friendships

were renewed, new companionships formed, personal work and collections shared, and a sense of community developed.

The concluding meeting of the study group proved to be a beginning rather than an ending. There was a unanimous vote to become a non-profit organization that would meet on an annual basis. Sally Garoutte who had been acting as coordinator, was enthusiastically elected president. It was resolved to publish and disseminate the research papers that had been presented, and dues were collected to defray the costs.

Everyone expressed gratitude for the stimulating weekend spent with a peer group of quiltlovers who took themselves seriously and shared their passion for quilt history. The A.Q.S.G. adjourned with a sense of satisfaction to have become a permanent group dedicated to quilt study and full of anticipation for the next meeting.

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