Block of the Month – November 2015 – Prairie Flower  Jeanne LaMoore and Kathie Simon Frank

Wynn Martin decided to step down and pursue other projects for a while. Kathie Simon Frank looks forward to being part of this project again. Given this recent reorganization, Jeanne LaMoore and Kathie Simon Frank had no time to design and write up a new Block of the Month for you. So we thought we’d try something a little different. Instead we’re referring you to Quilter’s Cache/Marcia Hohn’s website where we’ve chosen the 9” finished traditional block “Prairie Flower.” We hope you’ll continue to participate in MQ’s Block of the Month project with us. We know you’ll enjoy making this pretty block. And it’s easy!

Go to the following link: http://www.quilterscache.com/P/PrairieFlowerBlock.html . There you’ll find the beginning of the directions, a photograph of the block, and diagrams for the block’s construction. When you’ve read page 1, click on the words “on to page 2!” near the bottom center of the page or go to: http://www.quilterscache.com/P/PrairieFlowerBlock_Page2.html. The second page shows the final layout of the block, a possible setting, and the fabric requirements. Note: We are only allowed to print text links for this pattern, you need to go to the site for the pattern.

Fabric Colors: Choose a pale neutral background like very pale green, very pale yellow, soft beige, or off-white. The other two colors should contrast—one might be a mid-to dark green and the other: orange, gold, apricot, red, brown or rust. Think autumn and Thanksgiving colors! The pictures on the website are clear and the directions are easy to follow. Come to an October meeting to see at least one of these Prairie Flower blocks finished. We’ll draw a winner for these blocks at the November meetings on November 5 and 7.

BOM Guidelines: Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. Please include your name on your block(s). Make it simple: stick your mailing label on the back of each block. If you have any scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned to the block or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use in a border or for other finishing touches. If you cannot bring the blocks to the November 5 or 7 meetings, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the drawings. Address: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

We’ll have a drawing at both the Thursday night and Saturday meeting if we have enough blocks. If we get only a few on Thursday night, we’ll do one drawing on Saturday. You need not be present to win. We’ll call to notify winners. Blocks can be mailed to the winner or picked up at the MQ office or at the next meeting.

Note regarding copyright on this pattern: Marcia Hohn writes on her website Quilter’s Cache: “ ‘Real Live’ Guilds…may use my patterns…for Block of the Month programs…You may post Traditional block patterns in your guild newsletter...in their entirety, including the site and copyright info. You may post only TEXT links to my patterns on your guild website to have…members come here to Quilter’s Cache and get specific patterns.” Quoted from Quilter’s Cache/Marcia Hohn website under Terms.

Kate Eelkema won the September Bookshelf blocks at the drawing on Saturday. It’ll be fun to see how she sets them!