Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
2014 Annual Report
October 1, 2013 to September 30, 2014
Board of Directors

- **President** ................................................................. Kathie Simon Frank & Patty Von Arx
  - Employees:
    - Administrative Assistant Debra Svedberg
    - Bookkeeper Linda Wines
    - Show Director Linda Wines
    - Show Committee Coordinators Lou Roos & Laura Nagel
  - Standing Committee:
    - Minnesota Quilt Project Pat Cox & Carolyn Silflow
- **Past President** ............................................................ Laura Nagel
  - Standing Committee:
    - Nominating Committee Loretta Stone, Charlette Pittman, Char Wegner, & Paulette Marini
- **President Elect** ............................................................ Mary Pozzini & Bonnie Ellis
  - Committee:
    - Donations and Door prizes Nancy Broshat & Carla Kilkelly
    - Grants
    - Scholarship
- **Treasurer** ................................................................. Kathy Faust
  - Standing Committee:
    - Finance Committee
- **Secretary** ............................................................... Jill Schultz
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  - Committees:
    - Cvent / Electronic Communications Karen Kopitzke
    - Newsletter Mary Manns
    - Photographer Carrie D'Andrea & Mary Manns
    - State Fair Booth Gail Keiper
    - Social Media Sharon Peterson
    - Website Karen Knoll & June Hoffa
- **Education Co-Directors** .................................................. Kate Eelkema & Sharon Peterson
  - Committees:
    - Block of the Month Jeanne LaMoore & Wynn Martin
    - Meeting Coordinators–Day Loretta Stone & Barbara Jackson, Ruth Herbst & Tina Hollerman,
    - Meeting Hospitality–Day Sue Sandagar & Kathryn Carver
    - Meeting Coordinators/Hospitality –Evening Nancy Broshat, Gail Kieper, & Karla Ramy
    - Meeting Hospitality–Evening Charlette Pittman & Sue Hilferty
    - Historian Martha Eaves & Hannah Kaytonah
    - Holiday Brunch Diana Aysta, June Kolodzieski, Molly O’Dea,
    - Fall Getaway Carol Mayala, Carolyn Minor, Mary Pozzini
    - Library Martha Eaves
    - Quilting for Others Pam Plocek
- **Membership Co-Directors** ............................................... Gail Hanson & Anne McCandless
  - Committees:
    - Business Member Coordinator Barbara Jackson
    - Membership Coordinators-Day Jean Borrett & Lynette Wass
    - Membership Coordinators–Evening Cheri Hand & Mary Wiebusch
    - Volunteer Coordinator Nancy Hall & Cathy Goset
- **Operations Co-Directors** ............................................... June Kolodzieski & Kathleen Winters
Co-President's Report
By Kathie Simon Frank and Patty Von Arx

We are delighted that the leap we took in offering to serve as Co-Presidents worked amazingly well and we thank the membership for embracing the idea so enthusiastically. As a result, we were able to bring to MQ the best of each of our talents. With two people in this leadership position, we accomplished many projects with our able, dedicated, and talented staff, Board, show coordinator, and committees.

During our term, membership in Minnesota Quilters, Inc. increased slightly. See membership report for specifics.

We started the year as Co-Presidents-elect with no budget. We worked hard with the Board and Treasurer to put together a budget that we approved at the end of 2013 so we could start the 2013-14 year with a budget in place. We continued to work on the budget as Co-Presidents and approved the current budget at the end of our presidency.

Thanks to a financially successful show in 2013 we increased the total amount of money we awarded for grants. See President-elect report for specifics. We were also able to increase our employees’ hours and to give each a raise.

The Board examined possible scenarios with Morgan Stanley for ways to preserve our investments and keep up with inflation. We sought advisement from a separate financial advisor who endorsed those goals. Despite efforts, we were unable to find individuals to form an investment advisory panel; therefore we still need to revise our investment statement. During the year, we were able to invest money, thanks to the financially successful 2014 show. We committed to continue working with incoming President, Bonnie Ellis, to seek ways to make longer term investments earning better returns. We have ensured that we have income available should we need it for ongoing financial commitments, and our investments are secure.

We inherited the challenge of revising the By-Laws to clarify nominating committee and annual meeting voting procedures. Prior to beginning our term, we appointed a committee to examine the questions that needed to be addressed and asked the committee to bring their recommendations to the Board. Finally, in April 2014, we presented the Board with the final version of the by-Law changes, and they voted to approve it.

Sadly in February, our President-elect, Mary Pozzini, announced that, because of a serious medical condition, she needed to resign her position. The Board accepted her resignation, and after a search of eligible candidates, appointed Bonnie Ellis as President-elect, effective May 2014.

Our goal to increase contact with our members outside the metro Twin Cities area was realized in October, thanks to our Education Directors, with a successful group bus trip to Blue Earth, Minnesota. Bonnie Ellis presented the program to assembled Blue Earth and Twin Cities members in the Blue Earth High School. Blue Earth quilters had hung an inspiring collection of their quilts for the enjoyment of all.

We experienced a few challenges associated with our meeting space. One month, we reserved space at a different location due to miscommunication with our landlord. We had competition for parking from football fans on a few Saturdays in the Fall. Thus we initiated a joint meeting with church personnel to discuss building access and parking, and to explore renewing our 5 year lease. In addition to Co-Presidents, others attending the meeting included Martha Eaves (incoming President-elect and MQ’s legal advisor), Bonnie Ellis (President-elect), Kathleen Winters (Operations Director and church liaison), the church priest, and his administrative assistant. The most important outcome of the meeting was learning that we will be unable to renew our lease when it expires in September 2016. Immediately we appointed a five-person Search Committee headed by Suzanne Fisher and including Mary Ann Baraibar, Martha Eaves, Kathie Simon Frank, and Anne McCandless.

Twenty-four MQ members made 27 quilts for the 2014 Presidents’ Challenge to make baby quilts using any type of log cabin block. These were shown as a Special Exhibit at the Annual Show in June. Afterwards all of the quilts were donated to Minneapolis Children’s Hospital Oncology Unit and ICU and the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association.

The Board selected Audree Sells as the 2014 Quilter of the Year and Charlotte Wenger as Minnesota Quilters’ 2014 Outstanding Volunteer. We are pleased that we could honor these two talented women.
In summary, we ended the year with a positive bank balance; we had a successful show; and we gained a slight increase in membership. Thanks to the dedication and very hard work of the Board members, the leadership of committee chairs, and our enthusiastic members, we saw the following innovations, additions, and creations to our organization’s programming and member benefits:

- We expanded our effort in Quilting for Others and expanded its focus from providing quilting education to scouts to making donations of quilts to the needy and beds for Humane Society pets. Members also made and donated Christmas stockings for children at a shelter.
- We added a Spring In-town retreat. We began a program for exhibiting members’ quilts in venues such as the Textile Center, banks, libraries, and community centers. This resulted in creating a new volunteer coordinator’s position.

We couldn’t have accomplished alone what we did this past year; we’re immensely thankful for all the contributions from Minnesota Quilters’ hard-working Board members and volunteers. Because of the myriad ways we all worked together for the common good, we are leaving the organization strong for the future, both financially and in spirit. In this way, we help ensure that MQ will be around in the future for quilters seeking to share their knowledge, their talent, their products, and their social connections.

President Elect Report
By Mary Pozzini and Bonnie Ellis

GRANTS:
Grants are available to nonprofit entities, small quilt groups, or individuals to educate people about quilting, to promote quilting throughout the state, and to construct quilts for social service-oriented organizations (hospitals, women's shelters, etc.). Based on the shortfall of income from the previous year and without a budget in place for the organization, we tried to limit our total for the grant program to about $7,000. Funds were disbursed to the following organizations in the amounts indicated:

- Naomi Family Quilting Project $2,000
- Historical Society of Clay County $2,000
- Eagan High School for Women's History Month Quilt Show $350
- Lakeland Public Television $650
- Barn Quilts of Dakota $500
- Bundles of Love $500
- Lake Area Quilters of Alexandria $500
- Modern Quilt Guild $500

Winner of the 2014 Charter Members Scholarship for Beginning Quilters
The Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors is delighted to announce our 2014 winner, Nerei Lari Larson. Nese is a newlywed, a recent transplant from LaSalle, Illinois to Minneapolis, and a new enthusiastic quilter. Grandma Leta was the quilt in Nese’s family and made beautiful quilts for baby showers, weddings, and anniversaries. Nese’s first quilt was started with Grandma, but it was too late as Grandma Letha had started developing dementia. This quilt was never finished.

Recently, a church friend and artful quilter named Jan started teaching Nese the beginning lessons of quilting. They are making a Christmas table runner which will get completed. Jan also told Nese about the MQ scholarship opportunity and encouraged her to apply.

It was very difficult to choose a winner this year as we had eleven applicants. The stories were all compelling and very interesting reading.

The scholarship recipient will receive a one year membership to Minnesota Quilters, priority registration to the June show, registration fee for a multi-day pass, tuition for two 3-hour classes or one 6-hour class, tuition for 3 lectures, a ticket to the Banquet and awards ceremony and a single hotel room for 2 nights.

To the left is a picture of Nese and on the right is the table runner she made with Jan Schmidt.
FUND-RAISING:

President elect is also in charge of fund-raising. The 2nd annual Studio Tour fund-raiser, spearheaded by Kate Eelkema, Education Director was a big success. It could not have happened without the generosity of the six quilters who were willing to open their studios for us to see. About eighty people toured the six studios on this year’s tour in South Minneapolis, Eagan, Apple Valley, Burnsville, and Lakeville. What a great way to get new ideas for arranging our own workspaces, as well as to support future educational programs for Minnesota Quilters! Thank you to Page Johnson, Cecile Lewis, Laura Murray, Laura Nagel, Carol Schwankl and Patty Von Arx for opening their studios.

We participated in the Give to the Max day in November 2013 and raised $2,383.63 through the Give MN website.

Past-President Report
By Laura Nagel
General responsibilities:

Consulted and planned with the Co-Presidents throughout the year, as well as serving in an advisory position to the Board, and providing historical background to inform decision-making.

As Compliance Officer, I ensured that Board members with fiduciary and legal responsibilities completed their tasks in a timely manner. These included overseeing: a raffle/gambling license, the insurance policy and riders for the quilts at the show, the use of facilities according to our lease, contract renewals and report filings with the State and other agencies. With the Co-Presidents, Treasurer, and Bookkeeper, I assisted on the annual financial review.

Organized the Nominating Committee to build a slate of officers for the 2014-15 Board. This required announcing at meetings the upcoming Board openings, writing newsletter notices each month, and participating in making calls and sending e-mails to members, all aimed at soliciting candidates for the slate.

Gathered final reports form the Directors in preparation for writing the Annual Report. Worked with office staff to compile information (statistics, sponsors, etc.), and make copies. After presentation and approval at the Annual meeting, oversaw adding the Annual Report to the MQ website.

Conducting the Annual Meeting is a chief responsibility of the Past President. Annual Meeting agenda required that I present the Annual Report, introduce the slate of officers, request nominations from the floor, and, there being none, supervise the balloting procedure. Ballots were counted the Monday following the meeting with the assistance of one member of the nominating committee. All but one officer were duly elected. The position of Treasurer, which had no candidate, remained unfilled.

Other Tasks:

Proposed an Employee Exit Policy and drafted an Employee Exit Interview policy. This was implemented when the MQ Bookkeeper resigned after the 2013 Annual Show.

Drafted a Bad Weather Policy and cancellation message that will be presented prominently in forthcoming November through March newsletters each year. Education Directors and Co-Presidents will make the decision about cancelling meetings due to bad weather. An e-mail blast will be sent, a notice will appear on the website, and a message will be added to the answering machine if a meeting has to be cancelled.

Served on Library Committee to bring a portion of MQ’s collection on-site to provide more accessibility for members. From the Board, requested funds to purchase 1) a book cart, and 2) a budget to purchase additional resources. The Collection and process for checking out books was part of the 2014 School House in September.

Treasurer’s Report
By Vicci Mattsfield
Financial Condition:  The financial position for Minnesota Quilters improved in 2013-14. Our income was down a bit but the expenses were down also, still letting us show a net gain in revenue. As a reminder, there was a change in how membership dues were handled. Starting in 2013 they were prorated for 12 months, meaning that some of the income will be for the following fiscal year. This means that for 2013, there is a smaller amount of membership income recognized for the year. It should adjust itself next year when we have 2 full years of the same data.

Organizational Net Assets

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Revenue:
Operations Report
By June Kolodzieski and Kathleen Winters
1. Purchased a new, long overdue projector screen for member meetings.
2. Increased storage locker space to accommodate additional MQ Show equipment
3. Insured 617 quilts for the 2014 Show at a combined value of $353,036.94.

Education Report
By Kate Eelkema and Sharon Peterson
Monthly Highlights for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year:
October 2013
Sandra Brick, who teaches Shibori classes at the Textile Center, presented programs about Shibori at both October meetings.

The Fall Getaway was held at the U of M Forestry Center near Cloquet.
The second Quilting in the City - Fall Retreat was held at St. Lawrence Church in Minneapolis. These retreats serve quilters who like to get away for the weekend as well as those who like to sew all day but sleep in their own bed at night.

November 2013
Nancy Sims, a copyright lawyer and librarian at the University of Minnesota, presented very informative programs about copyright in the crafting world.

December 2013
The annual Holiday Brunch was held at St. Thomas University. Quilter of the Year Audree Sells was the guest of honor. Beautiful Christmas blocks were exchanged, and 97 stockings were collected for St. Joseph’s Home for Children, as well as many stocking stuffers and cash donations. A new group of volunteers stepped forward to plan the 2014 brunch.

January 2014
The preview meeting for the 2014 Annual Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud. Quilters attend this meeting to hear what will be offered and see all the class samples.

February 2014
Little did Sarah Spencer know that when she brought the family quilts she had inherited to Pat Cox to be appraised that she would be giving a presentation to the Minnesota Quilt Guild in the future, but “From Bedding to Art: A Genealogy of Family Quilts” was a wonderful presentation that made us all envious of her textile treasures.

March 2014
Pam Speth, known for her Nickel Quilt designs using 5” squares, was the featured speaker at the Women’s History Month exhibit at Eagan High School. The Quilting in the City - Spring Retreat was held at St. Lawrence Church.

April 2014
The annual MQ Birthday month. This year the past eight presidents shared some highlights from their year as president, and also showed a few of their favorite quilts, including their president’s quilt.
May 2014
On Thursday evening Kate Eelkema, a nationally certified quilt judge, explained the quilt judging process, and how judges choose the award winning quilts.
On Saturday, Cathy Kleinschmidt from At the Heart of Quilting shared information to consider when you are preparing to have someone quilt your quilt.
Also on Saturday, MQ offered a Rummage Sale opportunity. Members who rented table space could sell quilting related products before and after the meeting.

June 2014
The 36th Annual Quilt Show and Conference was held in St. Cloud at the newly renovated River’s Edge Convention Center.

July 2014
On Thursday MQ hosted the members of the local Modern Quilt Guild. The guest speaker was Amanda Jean Nyberg, co-author of Sunday Morning Quilts.
On Saturday Bonnie Ellis shared her love of crazy quilts with the membership.

August 2014
Lois Hallock gave presentations on Studio Organization and how to have your quilting supplies ready for any quilting event at the monthly meetings. She also taught an in-depth class on quilt studio planning and design.
Quilt Studio Tours II took place on Saturday afternoon. This year the studios were in south Minneapolis and southeastern TC suburbs.

September 2014
The five presenters for the 2014 Back to School Series were Kristin Lawson (various makes of solids and how to use them), Sue Rutford (adding lettering to quilts), Laura Nagel (the new MQ library), Wanda Shelton (easy string bags), and Deb Tomkins (machine embroidery in quilts).

Quilting For Others Outreach for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year:
Through Quilting for Others, the Holiday Brunch, the Fall Getaway, and the Presidents’ Challenge at the 2014 Minnesota Quilt Show, the following donations were made:
• 200 pet beds to area Humane Societies
• 6 twin size quilts to the Harriet Tubman Shelter
• 1 twin size quilt to Minnesota Food Share for a fund raiser
• 100 holiday stockings and several boxes of stocking stuffers to St. Joseph’s Children’s Home
• 27 baby quilts to Minneapolis Children’s Hospital and Minnesota Visiting Nurses
• 14 baby quilts to Bundles of Love
• 3 quilts to Quilts of Valor

Thank you to all Minnesota Quilters members who made baby quilts, pet beds, holiday stockings, quilts of valor, heart string blocks, and/or donated fabric and batting for the MQ Quilting for Others outreach program!

Membership Report
By Gail Hanson and Anne McCandless
This year we continued to concentrate on making the monthly membership meetings more efficient and friendlier by encouraging members to get to know one another by consistently wearing name tags, noting new members with starred name tags and visitors with leis, recognizing volunteers with hearts on their name badges and identifying board members on their name tags and with board member ribbons. We also tried to keep track of attendance to have a better understanding of which of our members regularly attend our monthly meetings. We also began a policy of calling new...
members to welcome them and to encourage them to let us know their specific quilting and volunteer interests. We developed a form letter to ask non-renewing members for feedback on their non-renewal decision. Those efforts were somewhat successful but are an ongoing process.

We celebrated MQ’s 36th Anniversary in April with a cake. We celebrated our volunteers with the presentation of our Outstanding Volunteer Char Wenger and a continental breakfast at the Saturday meeting.

We started the year with a Business Member Coordinator, but after her resignation had some difficulty finding a replacement. That position is now filled, but working effectively with business members continues to be a goal.

We were able to work out our relationship with the Textile Center by renewing MQ’s membership there and continuing the MQ membership benefit of access to the Textile Center Library. We started the year with a Business Member Coordinator, but after her resignation had some difficulty finding a replacement. That position is now filled, but working effectively with business members continues to be a goal.

We added a committee tentatively called Outreach Special Exhibits to extend our services to members by offering more opportunities to exhibit their quilts outside of the show and perhaps sell their quilts. This is also an opportunity to advertise Minnesota Quilters to a larger community. Our committees were:

- Membership Coordinators Day: Jean Borrett and Lynette Wass
- Membership Coordinators Evening: Cheri Hand and Mary Wiebusch
- Volunteer Coordinators: Cathy Goset and Nancy Hall
- Business Member Coordinator: Barbara Jackson
- Outreach Special Exhibits: Rebecca Finch
- Guild Coordinator: unfilled

At the beginning of the fiscal year we had 715 current members and 38 business members for a total of 753 members. At the end of the fiscal year we had 735 current and 40 business members for a total of 775 members.

**Communications Report**

**By Pat Curtner and Kathy Brevig**

**Facebook:** Sharon Peterson continued updating the MQ Facebook pages. As of Sept. 2014, more than 1800 people had joined our Facebook page.

**Newsletter:** Mary Manns continued as editor of the MQ newsletter, with formatting assistance from MQ Administrative Assistant Debra Svedberg. Carrie D'Andrea and Mary Manns were the photographers. Each month approximately 600 newsletters were emailed to members, with 200 more mailed to members who request printed copies. Volunteers processed and mailed the printed newsletters each month.

**State Fair:** For the 11th year in a row, Gail Kieper and volunteers she recruited at MQ meetings staffed an information booth in the Creative Activities building. This year the days were August 25 and 26. A sewing machine was set up in the booth, so Heartstring quilt blocks could be made and sewn together into a quilt top. The volunteers answered questions and distributed brochures and various handouts.

Kathy Brevig designed postcards with information about Minnesota Quilters, Inc. which were put into the bags when quilters picked up their quilts at the end of the fair. 300 postcards were printed at the MQ office.

During the 3 days of entry intake at the Creative Activities building (Aug. 10-12, 2014) 15 MQ members talked to quilters to make sure their quilts were in the correct categories and to answer questions before they reached the registration table. Kathy Brevig recruited the volunteers.

MQ paid more than $1600 to the State Fair to supplement the premiums given to ribbon winners in the quilting categories in Creative Activities, and continued to sponsor an award in the Textile/Fiber category of the Fine Arts exhibit.

**Website:** Pat Curtner and Karen Knoll and Debra Svedberg continued as website troubleshooters.

Pat Curtner designed and continued to update the pages for the MQ Show site.

June Hoffa added pages to the Minnesota Quilt Project section of the MQ website.

**Cvent:** MQ has been using Cvent since 2009 for event on-line registration, meeting and newsletter notifications, and membership management. In August, 2014, our contract was renewed for another year. Karen Kopitzke continued as our Cvent support volunteer.
Minnesota Quilt Project Report
By Carolyn Silflow

The mission of the Minnesota Quilt Project is to identify and document quilts, both privately and publicly held, that have a Minnesota connection. Our goals are:

- Preserve photographs and information that MQP has collected.
- Make our collected data available to interested parties through Quilt Index.
- Arrange for publication and display of quilts that have been documented.
- Promote the importance of identifying, labeling and documenting the history of our quilts to benefit future generations.

Monthly meetings were held in the MQ classroom. The average attendance was six to eight persons.

MQP Leadership for 2013-2014
Co-Chairs: Pat Cox and Carolyn Silflow
Secretary: Kelly Willis
MQP web smith: June Hoffa
The Quilt Index liaison: Karen Kopitzke
Block book organizers: Mary Hinz, Pat Cox
Books for MQ library: Kelly Willis, Martha Eaves, Gail Bakkom, Kathy Brevig
Show Booth: Kathy Brevig, Gail Bakkom
MQ Board Liaison: Kathy Brevig

Quilt Documentation
Five quilts belonging to MQ were documented and appraised. A few quilts were documented at MQ meetings and other times. Seven winning quilts by Minnesota quilt makers were documented at the 2014 MQ show.

Further documentation was put on hold until we get the backlog entered into the Quilt Index. We held documentation input days and asked for volunteers to help with entry into the Quilt Index. Several persons came forward to assist with this activity.

Lectures
MQP sponsored the February MQ meeting program, featuring Sarah Spencer and Pat Cox. Sarah shared the story of her family quilts and Pat described the special features of the quilts.

Minnesota Quilts Permanent Quilt Collection
The quilts in the MQ collection, valued at more than $10,000, are properly folded and stored in the MQ storage locker. Loose leaf books with quilt descriptions and appraisal forms are placed in the MQ office and storage locker. The collection is displayed in the gallery on the MQ website.

2014 show activities
- Pat Cox appraised ten quilts
- MQ documented seven prize winning quilts made by Minnesota residents
- Gail Bakkom organized exhibit of quilts made 1900 - 1920
- MQP sold items at MQP booth as fundraiser
- MQP raised $1800 from appraisals and sale of antique quilts, books, patterns in MQP booth
- MQP displayed quilt block books in the booth

Crazy Quilt Show at Minnetonka Center for the Arts

Other
- Approximately 300 MN quilts have been added to the Quilt Index, for a total of ~ 4000
- Worked with MQ communications director to set up quilt galleries on MQ website.
- Mary Hinz and Pat Cox assembled a book of interviews from the first ten persons recognized as “MQ Quilter of the Year”
- Paid for membership in American Quilt Study Group and placed “Uncoverings” in Textile Center library.
- Surveyed books in the library donated by MQP.
- Added reference books purchased by MQP to the MQ library.
- Consulted with the public about quilt care, etc.
- Submitted articles for the MQ monthly newsletter
- Initiated a project to research the history of a tattered signed quilt donated to MQP and to reproduce the quilt with help from MQ members who constructed blocks. The goal is to exhibit the quilt at the 2015 MQ show.
**Outstanding Volunteer ~ Char Wenger**

I became passionate about quilting when I took my first quilting class in 1992 at the Quilting Duck in Champlin. Using the rotary cutter and learning fast ways to make quilts got me hooked! I love everything about quilting – fabrics, patterns, hand quilting, appliqué and machine quilting.

After I made quilts for my kids and a couple for the couch, I began making quilts for others in my family. I like to make quilts that get used and I tell the quilt recipient that I expect to see that quilt in tatters some day!

Most of my quilts are scrap quilts. The more fabrics the better, even if they are a two or three color quilt.

I joined Minnesota Quilters in 1993. I wet my feet as a white glove volunteer at the Annual Shows. From there, I gradually took on other roles. I served on the Board of Directors for seven years fulfilling the roles of Operations Director, President and Secretary. Over the years I have volunteered to be on the Holiday Brunch Committee and various roles on Show Committees, including Secretary, Volunteer Co-Chair and Special Events Co-Chair. I have also been a Co-Chair for the Fall Getaway.

Giving back to organizations that you belong to and believe in is very important. Organizations do not run by themselves; they need volunteers to get things done. Yes, some volunteer jobs can be a lot of work, but it is work that is rewarding. I have learned so much about how organizations work and operate.

The best part of volunteering has been all of the wonderful people I have met and friends that I have made over the years. I encourage all members to volunteer in some way, either large or small. You will have fun, give back to the organization and learn something along the way!

Thank you very much for giving me this honor. I have been overwhelmed and humbled by the experience.

**2014 Quilter of the Year ~ Audree Sells**

This honor goes to a quilter who has dedicated time and talent to the preservation and promotion of quilting; has made a significant impact on the quilt community, both locally and nationally; has created a collection of personal and professional quilt work; and lives or works in Minnesota now or within the past five years.

Audree Sells meets all those criteria with flying colors. A teacher (and hobby painter), Audree didn't quilt until after her retirement in 1985. But she came to people's attention only 3 years later after winning a First Place ribbon at Paducah with one of her first appliquéd quilts. She has created beautiful whimsical story-like quilts ever since. Her greatest satisfaction comes from teaching others and working with them collaboratively on quilts for the community, including many health-care facilities.
The Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Quilt Show & Conference took place at River’s Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud, Minnesota on June 12 – 14, 2014. The show was well attended with approximately 8,000 visitors. 602 quilters registered for classes in advance of the show. 

More than 180 quilts were submitted for judging and over $24,000 was offered in awards with winning submissions. As a volunteer driven organization, we take rightful pride in producing a nationally recognized show and conference. Our show in St Cloud was host to many visitors who shopped with 94 vendors, viewed approximately 140 judged quilts, 44 challenge quilts, 124 non-judged quilts, and 14 special exhibits. MQ also offered 55 classes and 9 lectures from 17 nationally known and local faculty.

2014 Show Committee
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Faculty: Annemarie Yohnk (Burnsville), Mary Pozzini (Stillwater)  
Information Desk: Vicci Mattsfield (Wyoming), Mary O’Brien (Roseville)  
Judged Quilts: Carol Schwankl (Lakeville), Miki Peine (St. Paul)  
Merchandise: Louise Somers (Jordan), Marcy Huggins (Plymouth), Lia Peterson (Minneapolis)  
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