POT LUCK IN THE COUNTRY

Join us Friday, July 14 for a potluck at 10 a.m. at the home of Kay Bailey, Maple Plain. (Get there by coming Hwy. 12 west of Maple Plain to Co. Rd. 92. Turn right. Go 1/2 mile and Kay is the first house on the lake side. If Hwy. 12 is blocked, use Hwy. 55 and turn left on Co. Rd. 92. Go 2 miles and Kay is the last house on the lake side)

Bring what you're working on, potluck to share, smiles, and expectations of a good working session on the carnival quilt; also another mini-color lesson.

HELEN KELLEY, MQ PRESIDENT

Behind a large quilting frame in a sunlit room, amid carefully labeled boxes and rows of quilting books, sits a delightful red-headed mother of five. Fingers flying over her original loon quilt (she must finish "now") she comments: "I made my first quilt when my daughter was married and up till then quilting was something I thought about every few years; now it is something I can't stop doing."

A quality craftswoman, Helen delights in teaching, lecturing, quilt designing and studying quilt history. She says, "I like studying history because quilts are a portrait of the women who made them. I find a kinship in that"

Mrs. Kelley has "adopted" Minnesota as her favorite state, having moved here with her computer consultant husband from her native New Haven, Conn. 16 years ago. She has been active in AFS and has many quilting friends in foreign countries. Helen's quilting is a standard to look up to. She has won many prizes; including 3 top honors recently in Stitchery '78 competition first prize, best quilt, best of show.

JOAN MONDALE PRAISES MQ

"Mrs. Mondale is very interested in contemporary American crafts and is glad to know of your plans to form an organization to promote and support the wonderful art of quiltmaking. A Minnesota quilt now hangs in the Vice President's office as a beautiful example of the work of the many talented quilters in Minnesota...

"Mrs. Mondale sends her best wishes to you and her thanks for the work you are doing to promote the art of quilting."

...excerpts from a letter from Mrs. Mondale's arts secretary.

MQ MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The Minnesota Quilters now have almost 75 members...we're growing fast...tell your friends.

YOU MAKE NEWS...

I need to know about you or your group before I can write about you...you are my reporters. Send to:

Bonnie Ellis
1630-37th Ave. N.E.
Minneapolis, Minn.
55421

Or call: 781-7111
SUMMER IS HERE.
FALL IS NEXT...
"SNOW ROSE" IN JANUARY

MQ members are working on two projects to be raffled off in January at Minnesota's first quilting extravaganza "Winter Fantasy".

An original, pieced quilt designed by Helen Kelley, called "snow rose" and a unique wall hanging designed by Elaine Strese with a winter carnival theme are MQ current projects.

"Winter Fantasy" will be at the Radisson, St. Paul, January 25-27 and will offer three days of exhibits, lectures, workshops, a style show, and forums.

There will be a quilt contest and an original block contest with ribbons and prizes; an invitational exhibit of previous prize winners.

Show coordinators are Jeannie Spears and Patricia Cox.

For more information, send SASE to Winter Fantasy, Minnesota Quilters, P.O. Box 192, Maple Plain, Minn. 55359. Registration and contest information will be sent after Sept. 1.

CAN YOU HELP?

Helen Hardisty, a Minnesotan teaching quilting in Ireland, is looking for someone who is coming to Ireland who would bring 2-3 quilting hoops for her Irish friends to use.

She promises a cup of tea and a tour of the Spanish arch near her home.

She can be reached at her shop: Taisteoir, 23 Greensfield Rd., Newcastle, Ireland. Or by calling her secretary, Mary Hackett (091) 65564. She might also appreciate a letter from a quilting friend.

Helen has taught elementary school at Armagatge and Lake Harriet and wonders if they are still standing. Who's from S.W. Minneapolis?

MQ TO HAVE STATE FAIR BOOTH

Multitudes of people visit the Minnesota State Fair. This year, MQ will have a booth and display area in the center of the Creative Activities Building.

Please tell us when you'll be in the booth. Write or call Trudy Firden, 2210 E. 36 1/2 St. Minneapolis, 55407. 729-2068.

QUILTING PATTERNS BOOK 
"HOT OFF PRESS"

Kay Bailey, secretary-treas. of MQ, has just published a book of over 50 quilting patterns.

"The Quilting Stitchery" came about when Kay couldn't find designs she wanted and decided to make her own.

The book is available for $3.25 from Homeart, Box. 447, Maple Plain, Minn., 55359, or when you come July 14 for pot luck.

ROCHESTER QUILTERS MAKE 'Y QUILT

Darlene Thompson, president of the seven-month-old quilting group called the Rochester Quilter's Sew-Society, reports that their members are making a Windmill pattern quilt to be raffled off at the YWCA Holiday festival this fall.

Darlene lives at 1448 Windsor Chase Dr., Rochester, 55901.

STATE FAIR HAS ORIGINAL QUILT CONTEST

The 10 best original design hand made quilts or coverlets designed and executed by the entrant will receive $10 each.

See ya at the Fair......

August meeting
10 a.m. Friday, August 11
home of Elain Strese
12840 First Ave.
Burnsville
get out your map...