Quilters in Minnesota Create Organization

This is the first newsletter of a new organization called "The Minnesota Quilters." The purpose of this organization is to find and to unite quilters and quilt enthusiasts throughout the state of Minnesota.

Members of this group will be able to attend meetings and workshops in many locations and be informed through this newsletter of new techniques, activities and shows.

Group members (quilters, hobbists, teachers, collectors, etc.) will share and exchange how-to and new ideas.

Membership dues to this non-profit organization are $10 per year. Make checks payable to "Minnesota Quilters", Box 192, Maple Plain, 55359.

Officers Named

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Buttons Being Made For MQ Members

Faith Kelley is designing a membership button to be available for new members of the "Minnesota Quilters". Printed in blue letters on a green state with white background is "I'm a Minnesota Quilt Lover." These will be available at later meetings.

"Minnesota Quilters" To Sponsor National Quilt Exhibition

Tentative dates for the National Quilt Exhibition have been set for January 21-28, 1979, to coincide with the St. Paul Winter Carnival.

Planned symposiums will be led by Michael James, Chris Edmonds, and Joyce Auferheide. Details follow in later newsletters.

Membership Form

"MINNESOTA QUILTERS"
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Name ____________________________ Telephone ____________________________
Address __________________________ City _______________ Zip _______________
Quiltmaker___ Teacher___ Collector___ Enthusiast___ Group___

Can you tell us about any other quilters or quilting groups in Minnesota?
Programs Announced
(group meets second Friday of each month)

June 9 10 a.m. N.E. Community Library 23rd and Central Ave. N.E. Minneapolis First of a series on use of color. Piecing on carnival rose quilt. bring: pencil, scissors, needle, pins, ruler, thread, calico, favorite pattern, cardboard. Lesson on piecing. Bring anything you have made with the primary colors...successful examples.

July 14 10 a.m. Home of Kay Bailey Rt. 1 Maple, Plain Begin quilting on carnival rose quilt Pot luck lunch

August 11 10 a.m. Home of Elaine Strese 12840 First Ave. Burnsville Program to be announced

Sept. 12 10 a.m. Home of Nel Eredesen 9495 Mendel Rd. Stillwater Short history of American quilts and a look at Nel's quilts

October 13 To be announced Christmas ideas

Ideas for Future Mini-Workshops
- debate on machine vs. hand quilting
- quilting, stencils and marking
- finishing edges
- how to sell work
- using quilting for other than quilts
- fashion ideas
- techniques: cathedral window, log cabin, etc.
- drafting patterns
- Amish quilts, Hawaiian quilts, etc.

"Carnival Rose" Quilt Exciting Project by Minnesota Quilters

In honor of the St. Paul Winter Carnival, Helen Kelley designed an exciting original quilt called "carnival rose" to be made by the "Minnesota Quilters" for raffle at the National Quilt Exhibition in January 1979.

The quilt will be pieced and quilted by group members at various monthly meetings.

Overheard at a forum for the domestic arts in May when Norma Bradley Buford was telling about people in her book "The Quilters, Women and Domestic Art:" ........

When someone else pieced and I quilted it there won't no way to quilt it but crooked...

YOU MAKE NEWS.... We need to know about you and your group for our next newsletter. Send information to: Bonnie Ellis 1630 37th Ave. N.E. Minneapolis, Minnesota 55421
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over 50 patterns for quilting designs.
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WHY $10 dues?
In order to incorporate as a non-profit organization, pay lawyers fees,
put out a newsletter, buttons and other mailing, the board temporarily
set dues at $10 for everyone, near the city or not.
This figure will be reviewed in one year and reduced if at all possible.
Each member will receive a "I'm a Minnesota Quilter" button, the
newsletter and a chance to participate in the meetings.
If you live to far from the meeting places it is hoped the
newsletter will inform you and that you will invite us to your area for
a meeting. The hope is to involve as many people in as many parts of
Minnesota as we can.

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