From the editor

As I think back to the first time I heard of the Minnesota Quilters, I recall a small red-headed lady seated at a quilting frame at the State Fair. On a hot muggy evening her smiles and enthusiasm were flying as fast as her needle!

I was so excited to find an entire organization as in love with quilts and quilting as I was. I promptly joined and said yes to everything. Months later I found myself being thanked by that same lady, Helen Kelley, for having helped with the Winter Fantasy. She must have thought I was crazy when I told her I would have hung quilts on the moon if only she had asked.

Now as I assume the editorship of this newsletter, I pause and wonder, "How did this happen?" As with so many things in life, time seems to have flown. I cherish the entire experience and count many of the people I've met as my true friends. I look forward to sharing my enthusiasm with you through this newsletter, and I welcome all suggestions and requests. We have so much to share.

Until next month, be happy and take the time to quilt!

Elly

please

If you live outside the Twin Cities area and know of a quilt shop in your area, or a special place you buy fabric, please write me at my address as shown above. Many of our members will be traveling to different parts of the state to vacation and what better way to spend a vacation than buying fabric! Now if we can just get those husbands to stop!

-Editor
Classes!

Even though most of us have learned the basics of quilting, there are many areas left to explore. Classes at shops in the Hrls.-St. Paul area will provide the opportunity to learn great new skills this fall.

Making soft boxes will be part of a Bazaar Boutique class at the Cotton Shoppe in Richfield. Mary Stack will be the instructor. They also will be offering a Creative Pillows class, taught by Florence Zentner, and a Lone Star Wall Hanging class with Carol Laitsala. How to Make an 8-Hour Quilt (with variations) is another choice at the Cotton Shoppe.

A beginning quilting class which teaches the "quilt-as-you-go" method will be taught at the Calico Cat in Rockford. It's a six week course.

For those of you who are willing to put down your needle and thread, you can check out Haridanger, Rug Braiding and Tatting at Hand-You-Downs on Grand Avenue in St. Paul. They also teach basic piecing and applique.

Fabric Town, which has stores in both Burnsville and Apple Valley, will have Sampler quilt classes taught by Agnes Leer. An advanced quilting class is planned, too.

At the St. Paul studio of Jeannie Spears you can tailor a four-week course to suit your needs, whether it's completing a quilt already started or learning to do batik. She calls these "Confidence Quilting Classes." They are held on Thursdays.

You can come away from the Cotton Patch in South St. Paul with a quilted vest and a Seminole purse made by you. They also can teach you how to do the Lone Star using a quick-cut method.

Dallas Knight and Pat Cox will be the instructors for beginning and advanced quilting classes at Fabric Arts in White Bear Lake. Knitting and crochet are taught here, also.

Nancy Raschka-Keeves has been busy making Seminole samples for a new class at Glad Creations in Minneapolis. She also will teach machine quilting this fall. Interesting little objects are sure to come out of the Soft Sculpture class of Bonnie Ellis. There will be demonstrations of Christmas sewing ideas at the shop during the first part of August.

Second Street Dry Goods in Hastings has plans to offer basic quilting classes at their store.

The Country Peddler in St. Paul will be having workshops in Log Cabin and Christmas Ideas as well as their regular slate of beginning and intermediate classes.

For more information on any of the classes listed, please call:

Calico Cat ..................... 477-5861
Cotton Patch ................... 451-9110
Cotton Shoppe ................. 666-2430
Country Peddler ............... 646-1756
Fabric Arts ....................... 429-5159
Fabric Town-Apple Valley 432-1827
Burnsville ...................... 590-9770
Glad Creations .................. 724-1079
Hand-You-Downs ............... 222-6732
Second Street Dry Goods ...... 437-6209
Jeannie Spears Studio .......... 291-2909

I have tried to include every shop offering classes in the Twin Cities area. If by chance you know of one I've missed, let me know and it will be included at another time. A future article will let you know about quilt-related classes offered through community education departments. I'm counting on those of you who teach for school districts to let me know of what is being planned in your community.

-Carol Adleman
Education Chair
757-2449

the Sampler

Two Minnesota quilters, Lois Welcher and Mary Erickson, have a relatively new quilt shop called The Sampler, which has recently changed locations. It is now located at 3 West Main in Winona. For those of you not familiar with that area it is approximately 25 miles west of the Twin Cities on Highway 5 or Highway 7.

Primarily a quilt shop, The Sampler has a fine selection of calicos and other quilting supplies. They also offer classes. Handmade gifts from fabric are also available, including pillows, kitchen items and many baby things, including baby quilts. Mary and Lois will have some of Bryce and Donna Hamilton's quilts on consignment in the near future.

For more information call 1-442-2865.
in review

85 Minnesota Quilters met June 8 in Golden Valley at the Jolly Troll Restaurant for our first annual meeting.

Members received a copy of the annual report with yearly reviews from the past years officers and committee chairman. We also received the latest membership list. As of June 1st we had 243 members, and our total assets are $1174.31. Copies of these reports will be mailed to those who did not attend.

Helen Kelley shared with us her slides of the Kansas Mennonite Relief Auction which she attended in Hutchinson, Kansas in April. It was the next best thing to being there!

The 1979-80 officers were introduced and we had our biggest "bring and brag" session to date.

new offices

Ninety-one ballots were returned to the Nominating Committee electing the following members to office for the 1979-80 year:

President.........Helen Kelley, Mpls.
Vice-President......Norma Ahlquist, Mpls.
Vice-President......Joanne Holzknecht, Brooklyn Center
Recording Secretary...Shirley Krantz, Princeton
Corresponding Secretary...Sharon Bobgan, New Hope
Treasurer............Wanda Walton, Rockford
Public Relations.....Lois Caldwell, Mpls.
Newsletter...........Elly Kretsch, Elk River
Mailing..............Donna Hier, Mpls.
Historian...............Bonnie Ellis, Mpls.
Hospitality........Barb Thiesen, Mound
Membership.........Marcella Ryan, Brooklyn Park
Education............Carol Adleman, Coon Rapids
Special Events........Pat Cox, Mpls.
Member-at-Large......Agnes Leer, Apple Valley

Congratulations to all and many thanks to the Nominating Committee for all their time and effort.

about people

Marie Christine Haugen is a Minnesota Quilter who has been "bitten by the bug" and hopes to spread the disease in her native Switzerland when she returns there this month.

Marie Christine is a quiet person with a warm personality and an eagerness to learn all she can about quilting so she can share the delightful art with her friends. She says that one of her problems is that she knows the quilting terms in English, but does not know them in her native French.

Another concern of Marie's is that she would like to remain a Minnesota Quilter even though she will not be living here. Of course we are delighted to have her represent us in Switzerland.

Marie has spent the last two years in America with her husband, John, a representative of Cargill, Inc.; along with their two sons, Oliver, age 4, and Bryan, 16 mos. She has had formal training in drawing and finds it is very helpful in quilting.

We have promised her that we will send her friendship squares for her to make into a quilt of happy memories of her quilting friends. For the sake of uniformity we decided on ten inch squares. If you want to write to her, the new address will be given as soon as it is available. Otherwise, send your block to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and it will be forwarded.

-Kay Bailey

help!

As we officially begin our second year as the Minnesota Quilters, Inc., we will continue to strive for better communications with our members and the public.

As Editor I hope to help by initiating a few new columns such as, a swap shop for the exchange of hints and ideas in quilting; a personal column for item exchange, lost and found, even people wanting rides to meetings or symposiums; and a bulletin board in which members can announce, sell, trade, request, suggest, give away or ask questions and have them answered. I sincerely hope you will take the time to reply so these ideas can become successful. Of course letters to the editor are always welcome. Please direct all mail to the editor at the address on pg 1.
Block Contest

Your Sunbonnet Sue could be included in a Heritage Quilt to be displayed at Quilt Shows and Museum exhibits across the U.S.

Use a Sunbonnet pattern of your choice—design your own or use a pattern from another source. If your quilt block is chosen it will be sewn into a Heritage Quilt to preserve the history and heritage of the Sunbonnet Girl designs as used in American needlework, past and present.

All entrants must provide a 12"x12" cotton or cotton blend unquilted block sewn with a Sunbonnet Sue design using pieced, applique, embroidery or trapunto techniques. Include any information you have about the design for a brochure to accompany the quilt on tour. Indicate original design or another source.

There is no limit to the number of entries nor is there an entry fee.

All entries will be included in a drawing for a Sampler Sunbonnet Girl quilt to be given as a bonus prize. Entries must be postmarked no later than Feb. 18, 1980 and received no later than Feb. 29, 1980.

Send entries to:

Heritage Quilt Contest
C/O Pat Mensinger
P.O. Box 190
Colfax, Washington 99111

Loon Medallion Quilt

About fifteen members of the Minnesota Quilters are meeting June 27, at the home of Carol Jane Burdette in Maple Grove, for a cutting party in honor of the Loon Medallion Quilt.

Eighteen members have offered to help with the piecework which will be done by hand so more members may have the opportunity to help.

Carol Jane, project co-ordinator, and Kathy Horton of Eden Prairie, designer of the quilt, met recently at the Country Pedler Quilt Shop in St. Paul to choose fabric for the quilt. With the help of Jeanette Michels they have selected muslin for the background, four different greens for the Forest Paths, a black calico for the Wild Geese Tracks, and black and gray for the Stars. The appliqued Loon in the center will be done in black, gray and white. The water will be blue and there will be dark green bushes.

Kathy, an art teacher for 10 years, says she considers medallion quilts to be her specialty. She will be doing the center applique.

Carol Jane hopes to have the quilt pieced by August 1. There is talk that the Minnesota Quilters will again be able to set up the quilt frame at the State Fair, and we would then be able to quilt the Loon Medallion as we did the Snow Rose Quilt last year.

Anyone wishing to offer their time and talent may call Carol Jane at 559-4847.

Annual membership dues of $10 must be renewed by September 15, in order that your name be included on the 1979-80 membership roster. Mail to:

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coming up

June 24—July 22 . . . Exhibit of quilts in Waasea at the County Historical Society, 315 2nd Ave. Hours 1-5 Wed., Sat., Sun. and by appointment. Free admission. Also planned are a workshop on Hawaiian Quilting and a smaller exhibit showing articles using quilting techniques. For more information write to Box 314 at the above address, or call 1-507-835-7700.

July 8 . . . "Quilts From Fabric With Love"—slide presentation and narration by Bonnie Ellis in Waasea at County Historical Society. Information above.

July 13 . . . Minnesota Quilters meet at Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway.

August 11—Sept. 2 . . . 35 quilts from the Good Housekeeping "Great American Quilt Contest of 1977" at the Wisconsin Historical Association in Madison, Wis.


membership

As of June 15 Minnesota Quilters has 259 members. New members:

Abel, Kathleen . . . 5632 Schutta Road, New Brighton, Minn. 55112 784-0453
Egan, Esther . . . 4839 Oakland Ave. S., Nols., Minn. 55417 825-3592
Kostecky, Carol . . . 5822 21st Ave. S., Kpls., Minn. 55407 724-2072
Miller, Beverly . . . Rt. 1, Box 350, Waconia, Minn. 55387
Schell, Nancy . . . 318 Birchwood Dr. N., Stillwater, Minn. 55082 439-7367
Steinhagen, Aldean . . . 525 S. Olive St., Waconia, Minn. 55387 442-2769
Stokes, Sandra . . . 2565 Quebec S., St. Louis Park, Minn. 55426 544-0619
Wyatt, Audrey . . . 6516 Kurtz Ave., Eden Prairie, Minn. 55344 938-4555

board meeting

Sixteen past and present board members met June 15 at the home of Helen Kelley. Minutes of the May board meeting were read, and committee reports were given by their chairmen. Many of the committee's jobs have been redefined for the coming year.

Many topics were discussed at length. Some changes in policy were approved regarding sales and advertising at meetings, nearness of meetings to public transportation, and improvements in the nominating procedures.

Also discussed were the evening meeting planned for the fall, and what we would like to undertake as a special event in the future. Details of the important policy changes and plans for the coming year will be published in the newsletter at a later date.

Channel 2

Eleanor Vanderwater of Vancouver, Wa. will be presenting a program on Seminole patchwork on Channel 2 beginning July 10 at 7 a.m.

The program will run for six weeks and University credits can be earned. A book is also available at University bookstores. For further information contact EQ member Charlene Burningham 771-7375.
advertising

Advertising rates are: $1 for 3 lines and $2 for 6 lines. $8 per year, 10 issues. Deadline is second Friday in each month preceding publication.

THE QUILTING STITCHERY-- Information on quilting your quilts. Includes over 50 quilting designs. $3.50 p.d., Homeart, Box 447, Maple Plain, Minn. 55359.

SAVE TIME, MONEY, CAS-- Order by mail. Calico Patch has a complete inventory of quilting supplies: stencils, patchwork templates, batting, thread and more. Send 50¢ to cover postage for new #3 catalog. Calico Patch, 2257 Magnox Dr., Cloquet, Minn. 55720.

CATHEDRAL WINDOW-- Illustrated instructions for machine sewing. Only handwork is colored insert. Send $1 to Homeart, Box 447, Maple Plain, Minn., 55359.


CALICO CAT-- Calico, broadcloth, gingham, mountain flannel batting; quiltmaking supplies. Classes, craft supplies, gifts, antique doll kits. Calico Cat, Rockford, Minn. 477-5861.

GLAD CREATIONS-- Glad Creations, Inc. The Quilt Block, 3400 Bloomington Ave. S., Mpls. carries a complete line of calicos and quilting supplies. 10% discount to MQ members on fabric and batting purchases over $10.


CALICOS-- Lots of dots, pin checked gingham, broadcloth solids, all in 100% cotton; plus Arco templates, leather thimbles, cotton and poly batts, etc. at Hand-You-Downs, Summit Hill Mall, Oxford at Grand, St. Paul. 222-6732.

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