Bonnie Ellis, editor

SLIDES TO HI-LIGHT ANNUAL MEETING

Sixty slides of Kansas Mennonite quilts will be shown by Helen Kelley at the first annual meeting of the Minnesota Quilters, Friday, June 8, at 10 a.m. at the Jolly Troll Restaurant, Hwy. 12 and Turner's Crossroads in St. Louis Park.

New officers will be introduced and members will have the biggest yet, "bring and brag" show. Join us for lunch!

JULY MEETING???? With a change in officers, we'll have to wait and see what the new programs will be.

LOON MEDALLION IS QUILT DESIGN WINNER

At the May meeting, Minnesota Quilters chose the "Loon Medallion" from other original designs to be made by members in 1979-80.

The dynamic applique loon is bordered by patchwork and was designed by Kathy Morton of Eden Prairie.

Carol Burdette, Maple Grove, is in charge of the project.

NEWSLETTER TO GET NEW EDITOR

I've been at this typewriter once a month for the past year to put together this newsletter. This is my last issue.

Thanks for all the help and Good luck to the new editor.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Ellis

Gone Quiltin'!!

QUILT BLOCKS TO HONOR HELEN KELLEY

As a recognition gift to Helen Kelley as president of the Minnesota Quilters in its first year, the MQ board voted to invite members to make her a 12½" block of your choice (patchwork, applique, trapunto, etc. whatever colors you choose). Bring these to the June or July meeting.

SURVEY RESULTS

Jeannie Spears, St. Paul, announced the results of the MQ questionnaire sent in the #8 newsletter. 49 people responded. Most joined the Minnesota Quilters to get new ideas. Many joined to meet other quilters and become a better quilter.

Most would like to come to a meeting within 25 miles but not the same place each time. Most didn't care to include lunch.

Many wanted the speaker first, then business and lots of bring and brag.

Those responding found the speakers helpful and demonstrations good; but many thought the meetings too long and too much business.

Most would like to see workshops for members in various locations; special interest groups and one or two-day workshops.

With these guidelines, the new officers can begin new planning.

"GREAT AMERICAN QUILTS TO BE IN MADISON, WISCONSIN"

The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES) is circulating an exhibition of 35 outstanding quilts from the Good Housekeeping "Great American Quilt Contest of 1977". These quilts will be at the State Historical Association Aug. 11-Sept. 9.

"I finally got it all together but I forgot where I put it."

Your name, date, town!
Here I sit at my quilt frame. The sun is warm and glorious. I am watching the shapes forming under my needle, smoothly puffing into a third dimension.

This quilt is becoming very exciting as I watch the finished blocks roll over the rail beneath my arm. Out the window I can see my neighbors planting red and pink geraniums in their planter boxes. A mourning dove is murmuring to me. Another neighbor is manicuring the edges of his lawn.

In my yard the grass is shin high. The weeds are flexing their muscles as they stretch across the garden, the lawn and the sidewalk. Last year's dead plants hunch the end of the drive way. A winter's accumulation of "dog" is begging to be raked.

On the table at my elbow is a bag of onion sets, rescued from a grandchild who was fingerling them like a sack of marbles. There, too, are all the seed packets, bought in a moment of madness in the grocery store.

Ah! Another block finished! I shinny my chair down to the next block and wax another length of thread. Last year's dry morning glory vines are scratching on the screen as they blow on the trellis. I suppose my only answer is to make a million dollars and hire a gardener. I know this much---I am certainly not going to let someone else do my quilting.

SPOTLIGHT: "The Quilt Lady of Dakota County" by Agnes Leer

Dakota County has a "Quilt Lady" and most certainly St. John's Lutheran Church of Rosemount has a "Quilt Lady". She is Elaine Streese of Burnsville.

Elaine started quilting with her mother in about 1957. The church needed quilts and so "Mom and I started quilting."

Her first prize-winning quilt was at the Dakota County Fair in 1957. It was a baby quilt and her very first quilt.

In 1958 she took five to the County Fair and came home with 2 red ribbons and 1 blue. From then on she has earned first place ribbons at the Minnesota State Fair and the Dakota County Fairs for her "Trip Around the World," "Double Wedding Ring," and "Grandmother's Flower Garden."

In 1974 she took Sweepstakes at the state fair for her "Shadow Star."

Elaine could be considered a pioneer in today's quilt world because she put on quilt shows before many of knew what they were all about and she organized 7 quilting groups in the county with a total of 43 women. One of the groups is still active and all women are members of the Minnesota Quilters.

For three years Elaine and her mother put on quilt shows in Elaine's basement with their own quilts hanging from every beam and rafter.

Elaine has many nice, nephews and friends who have received her lovely quilts for wedding gifts. More quilts than I care to count she has made and given to Lutheran World Relief; the Farmington Nursing Home and her church bazzar in Rosemount.

Her name is well-known by the many people she has quilted for, some of whom she has never met.

She enjoys creating from scraps of fabric. She says the challenge of making something warm and beautiful from scraps gives her much pleasure.

Sitting high on a hill in Burnsville, looking over much of the Twin Cities, quilting away is "heaven to her and would be to many of us.

She has been most generous with her quilts and the Minnesota Quilter has been the recipient of a baby quilt that was raffled; as well as the time and talent to organize, assemble and quilt the Winter Carnival Quilt.

Elaine and Bob have five children, all anxiously awaiting another of mom's quilts.
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MINNESOTA PATCHWORK... an exhibit continuing through Labor Day at the Minnesota Historical Society

Here is an excerpt from the catalog about one of the quilts: "Star Cabin" or Pineapple c. 1875....

Canadian-born Meribah Manning Herrick, her husband Hiram and their two daughters moved to Minnesota in 1882 from Waterloo, Iowa and homesteaded near Canby.

She called this the "Star Cabin" pattern, familiar to most quilters today as the Pineapple pattern.
Her grandchildren, donors of the quilt, Remember Meribah saying that" the minimum time she required to make a star cabin quilt block was one day, with time out, of course, for her housekeeping duties."

The quilt block illustrates how patchwork influenced textile design. The printed pattern of the backing cloth is also a pineapple design....

There are 35 excellent quilts on display at the Minnesota Historical Society, each chosen because of the knowledge of who these women were and that they had some connection with Minnesota.

Note cards showing two of the quilts in this exhibition are available from the Museum Shop MHS, 690 Cedar St., St. Paul.

To become a member of Minnesota Quilters send $10 check, payable to The Minnesota Quilters Box 192 Maple Plain, Mn. 55359 Membership year is from June 1 - May 31

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JINNY BEYER

will conduct a "Patchwork Pattern Drafting Workshop", Thursday, June 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fee is $15. Registration is limited. For information call 646-1756.

Jinny will bring Good Housekeeping Grand Prize Quilt, "Filled with Tobacco Cigarettes". The Shakers have predicted that quilting is good for your health. Immediately following the workshop will be an autograph party at the Country Peddler for her new book "Patchwork Patterns." Make plans to come!

Country Peddler Quilt Shop
2242 Carter Ave. at Como, St. Paul
Advertisements (rates are $1 for 3 lines, and $2 for 6 lines. $8 per year, 10 issues) Deadline is second Friday each month preceding publication.

--"The Quilting Stitchery"-- Information on quilting your quilts. Includes over 50 quilting designs. 50.50 ppd. Homeart, Box 447, Maple Plain, Mn. 55359

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--Cathedral Window-- illustrated instructions for machine sewing. Only hand work is colored insert. Send $1 to Homeart, Box 447, Maple Plain, Mn. 55359

--One-of-a-kind Quilting Designs-- Translucent white plastic for templates. Can be cut with scissors and marked with a pencil. 15x26" $1; 20x26" $2; 26x60 $4. 6601 Normandale Rd., Edina, Mn. 55435.

--Calico Cat-- calico, broadcloth, gingham, Mountain Mist batting; quiltmaking supplies. Classes, craft supplies, gifts, antique doll kits. Calico Cat, Rockford, Mn. 477-5861.

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


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