MAY MEETING

"I tremble sometimes when I remember what that quilt knows about me," comments a quilter from long ago. How do quilters feel as they work on their bedcovers? These feelings have been included in a delightful program presented first for Winter Fantasy and again for our May meeting.

Sharon Bobgan and Abby Walton will share this program May 11, at 10 a.m. at the Minnesota Historical Society, 690 Cedar St., St. Paul.

MQ members will have a narrative tour of the exhibit "Minnesota Patchwork"; 35 quilts from the MHS collection.

Members will vote on an original quilt design with a Minnesota theme for a quilt to be made by MQ members next year* (see MQ NEWS March-April).

ELECTIONS

Members of the Minnesota Quilters will soon receive a ballot in the mail for election of officers. New officers will be installed at the June meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING--JUNE

The first annual meeting of the Minnesota Quilters will be Friday, June 8, at 10 a.m., at the Jolly Troll Restaurant, Hwy. 12 and Turner's Crossroads, in St. Louis Park.

Find out what the Minnesota Quilters has accomplished in the last year, and who the new officers are.

Participate in the "biggest yet" Bring and Brag session--what have you done in the past year?

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!
MINNESOTA QUILTERS!!!

The Minnesota Quilters was formed on April 14, 1978. We've had our one year birthday.

We even received a birthday card from a fellow Minnesotan Vel Chamberlain of Oakland, California, who says, "Happy Birthday Minnesota Quilters!"

We celebrated by sharing a birthday cake at our April meeting, a very nice quilt show in Rochester.

QUILTING GROUPS

(from mail received last month, these are the quilting groups in Minnesota... definitely not a complete list! ed.)

--Brooklyn Center Friendship Quilters
• Meets 1st and 3rd Wed. of each month, except June, July, Aug.
• Meets at Brooklyn Center Community Center, 63rd & Shingle Creek Pky. at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
• No dues
• Everyone works on own projects but patterns are shared.
• Babysitting available from 10-12 45¢ per child.
• Call Joanne Holzknecht 561-1219

--Eden Prairie Area
• Meets 3rd or 4th Wed. of each month
• Evening at 7 p.m.
• Social group, work on own projects meetings are informal
• Meets in members homes
• Call Kathy Morton, 9860 Crestwood Terrace, Eden Prairie, 55344 445-7410

--Hand of Friendship Quilters (Osseo)
• Meet each Wednesday at 9 a.m. - noon
• Meets at 117 5th Ave. N.E., Osseo
• Two big frames set up, never empty quilt for one another, sometime for others
• Call Myrt 425-5495

****Membership Dues of $10 are due June 1****
Quilts were auctioned at the rapid-fire rate of one per minute. It was obvious that the audience had carefully studied and noted the merits of each quilt. The workmanship was breathtaking. Each quilt represented a gift of materials and many months of work to benefit the Mennonite Relief Work.

What did I learn? These quilters have an understanding of the beauty of decorative quilting. They are masters of the feathered wreath. Most quilts were traditional but quilting beautifully done. Decorative brought higher bids than simple, outline quilting, even when the piecing was impressive.

Originality brought a premium price, but the buyers also appreciated fine craftsmanship in a kit quilt. Embroidered quilts sold frequently for high prices.

The Mennonite church offers 20 auctions across the United States and Canada this year. 16 of them are still to be held from now through October. If you plan to travel this summer, I will be glad to give you any information I can about other auctions.

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Quilt Show Review
by Jeannie Spears

An unexpected benefit of the Surface Design Conference at Ames, Iowa in April, was a side trip to Boone for "Quilts, a Continuing American Art." We didn't expect too much from the wide spot in the road in the midst of Iowa farmland, but were pleasantly surprised by the tastefully renovataed brick building, with the entire second floor filled with quilts.

Although there were some poorly-lit corners, the quilts were well displayed; most of them open full. There were fine examples of Victorian silk quilts, log cabin, old and new applique quilts and two old whole-cloth quilts.

Each quilt was labeled with background information, and additional explanations of various aspects of quilting were also provided.

I especially enjoyed a grouping of several old and new Monkey Wrench quilts, accompanied by an explanation of pattern names. A display board with samples of many old indigo cotton fabric patterns was intriguing.

The show was sponsored as a fund raiser by the Pi beta Phi Alumnae Club.

2nd Annual Quilters Rummage Sale
May 10-11 12-6 pm
Studio scraps & leftovers
Jeannie M. Spears 718 Rossmore
10th & Robert, downtown St Paul
Stop in after the MQ meeting
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May 10-11 9-1:30 May 12 9-12

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SPOTLIGHT......Jeannie M. Spears

Also a co-chairperson for the Winter Fantasy whose dream for a national show in Minnesota helped to make it happen, Jeannie M. Spears is a contemporary quilter whose innovation in surface design techniques have won national recognition.

Her quilts have been pictured in Quilter's Newsletter and shown in invitational and juried exhibitions around the country, including Quilts National '79 in Athens, Ohio.

She founded Quilts by Jeannie May to produce multiples of carefully designed quilts and accessories, and has recently added a line of patterns and quilters tools. By moving her quilting out of her home at 917 Lakeview Ave. in St. Paul and moving to a studio (718 Rossmore Bldg., 10th and Robert St., St. Paul) Jeannie acquired the dream of many a quilter... room to work and teach.

She has two children at home, and three on their own. "If I had the time, I'd like to garden, read, renovate and sew for myself," Jeannie said.

"I enjoy the traveling that quilting makes possible, with plans for this year including St. Louis, San Francisco and Philadelphia, so far."

Jeannie is active in the Surface Design Association and the Minnesota Crafts Council as well as the Minnesota Quilters.

Her future plans include working on a degree in quilting at the University.
ADVERTISEMENTS (classified ad rates are $1 for 3 lines and $2 for 6 lines. $6 per year, 10 issues.) (Display ads are to be camera-ready, one column wide and 3 inches long. Price is $6.) Deadline for all ads is the second Friday in each month preceding publication.

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

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CALICO CAT--Calico, broadcloth, gingham, Mountain Mist batting; quiltmaking supplies. Classes, craft supplies, gifts, antique doll kits. 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.

DAUGHTER WHO SEWS?--Buy her a portable Rotary White sewing machine with attachments and buttonholer. Carrying case. Excellent condition. $100. 633-0608.