Quilters Hold 2 January Meetings

The January Daytime meeting of the Minnesota Quilters will be held on Friday, January 11, at the Powderhorn Community Center in Minneapolis. The Park is located at 15th Ave. and 34th Ave. S. It is one block west of the Glad Creations Quilt Block which is located on the corner of 34th Ave. S and Bloomington Ave.

The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. with Show and Tell. The program will be String and Scrap Quilting. There will also be a scrap bag exchange. If you are interested in exchanging scrap pieces with someone else you are asked to bring along a bag.

Agnes Leer will be reviewing the Hills and Valleys quilting technique with us also.

The next Minnesota Quilters Evening Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 10, from 7-9 p.m. in the Community Room at the Southdale-Hennepin Area Library of Edina, 7001 York Ave. S. in Edina.

The program will begin promptly at 7 p.m. with Show and Tell. The program for the evening will be a quilt hunt led by Vicki Moskiewicz of Woodbury. She will lead us through West Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana, and Wisconsin.

Sounds exciting, hope we see you there!

Life is a quilt

Have you ever noticed that the really important things in life are quilted?

- The bare branches of a winter tree lined in contrasting thread against the blue, blue sky...
- The pattern of the sun among the dust motes floating in the window...
- The iridescent dashes of a disintegrating vapor across the sunset...
- Little bird tracks stitched across the snow....

- Helen Kelley
Quilters 'Host Christmas Party

The Minnesota Quilters held a Christmas party for themselves on December 14 at the Brooklyn Center Community Center. It was a feast of not just food, but talent as well. Show and Tell included a tree skirt in the not so traditional browns and greens done by Sheila Lee, a crazy quilt tree skirt done by Lois Bradley of River Falls, Wis., and Cathedral Window soft boxes made by Nelle Bredeson of Stillwater. Margaret Maki of Mpls. said she had 'been waiting many months to be here' as she showed her gorgeous blue and green sampler quilt. It was well worth the wait, Margaret. Shirley Kirsch showed her Log Cabin Christmas tree wall hanging and Irene Stemm of Sauk Rapids displayed a quilt which had been recently completed at a "Fit To Be Tied" Party.

Silence fell over the audience as Trudy Finden filled our hearts with a Christmas medley done on her harp. Thank you Trudy for a precious gift.

After a brief business meeting President Helen Kelley announced that the Loon Medallion Quilt had been completed. A sincere thank you to Dolly Reynolds of Champlin for finishing and binding the quilt. The final product made all who had helped with the project very proud of themselves. It was truly special. Designer Kathy Morton and project co-ordinator, Carol Jane Burdette were on hand to be photographed with the quilt.

The Style Show which was organized and commenented by Carol Adleman followed. Pat Cox was at the piano for accompaniment. There were about 25 participants who modeled almost every variety of quilted or patchwork clothing.

Barb Theisen was wearing her 'Christmas Eve' skirt, a wrap-around with family members appliqued on. Nelle Bredeson wore a floor length gown which was accented with yo-yo's on the sleeves and skirt. Jeannie Spears showed us a lovely vest done with old lace and silk embroidery, she also modeled a patchwork kimono. Betty Koss wore a lovely black quilted jacket, Pat Wiswell a very rich looking full length skirt done in velvet crazy quilting. There were so many more with such beautiful outfits I wish I could remember them all. There was even a quilted maternity top! Thank you to all who participated.

A glorious potluck lunch followed. During lunch those who brought ornaments to exchange did so. Also during lunch members were asked to view nametags for the original nametag contest. Everyone voted and after the votes were tallied the results were:

Most Imaginative- Irene Stemm who had done an acorn in fabric and attached to her nametag stating 'I am a Quilt Nut'.
Best Done- went to Lee Bradford who had a miniature copy of the postage stamp block with the four baskets.
Fits the Person - Frances Whitney had a small soft sculpture-like doll which not only looked a lot like her, but was wearing the same red and white outfit.
All the nametags were very original and so fun to see.

And what would a Christmas party be without a visit from Santa Claus? Of course he had a quilted bag slung over his (her?) shoulder!

Coming Up

December 29, January 2, January 4... "Quilting Women" a movie at the Minnesota Historical Society (see below).

January 1- Happy New Year Quilters! Let's make those resolutions to finish all unfinished projects.

January 4- MQ Board Meeting at the home of Barb Theisen.

January 10- Evening Meeting at Southdale Library (see page 1).

January 11- Daytime Meeting at Powderhorn Park Community Center (see page 1).

"Quilting Women"

A movie entitled "Quilting Women" is being shown at the Minnesota Historical Society 690 Cedar, St. Paul. It was filmed in Appalachia in 1976 and is an affectionate appreciation of quilters and quilting.

There is no charge for admission and the film is 28 minutes in length. The Society suggests spending some time with your family at the Historical Society during the holidays. There are some new exhibits and of course there are many interesting things to see.

The film is shown in the Chautauqua Room on the third floor at 2:00 p.m. on the following days:

Thursday, December 27
Saturday, December 29
Wednesday, January 2
Friday, January 4
Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee is being formed to compile a slate of nominees for election of new officers in the spring. If you are interested in volunteering your help on this committee please contact the Editor at the address on page 1.

The Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors has made a motion that job descriptions of the offices of the organization be published. They have also moved to include a form in the Newsletter which can be completed by any individual who is interested in an office. This form can also be used to suggest someone other than yourself. All persons whose names are received will be contacted by the Nominating Committee for their final approval.

Listed below are brief job descriptions of the Board of Directors and Committee Chairmen of the Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

President- Acts as co-ordinator for the organization. Responsible for calling board meetings and presiding over regular meetings and board meetings.

Vice-Presidents-(2) (Program Chairman)- Responsible for planning program and finding place for monthly meetings. Also in charge of Show and Tell. One in this office will take over in President’s absence.

Corresponding Secretary- Opens and distributes all mail. Answers inquiries.

Treasurer- Responsible for receiving all monies and paying all bills. Must keep accurate and detailed record of all income and expenses. Prepares financial statement.

Recording Secretary- Records all minutes at each Minnesota Quilters meeting.

Education Chairman- Responsible for seeing that educational events sponsored by the MQ are made available to members. Involves planning and implementing workshops.

Hospitality- Responsible for organizing a telephone committee to welcome new members or relay a message to the entire organization. Also responsible for refreshments at meetings.

Membership- Keeps membership lists up to date and accurate. Responsible for compiling directory of members.

Mailing- Responsible for having newsletter or any mailing of the organization printed, folded, labelled and mailed.

Historian- Compiles a record of the organization by collecting newspaper clippings, meeting reports and snapshots.

Special Events- Responsible for all facets of a special event- setting up committees, calling meetings, etc.

Public Relations- Responsible for getting news of our organization and our up coming meetings to the general public via newspaper, radio and television.

Newsletter Editor- Gathers news and advertising for newsletter. Compiles newsletter and delivers it to Mailing Chairman to be printed. Completes not less than 10 newsletters a year for the membership.

I am interested in being nominated or believe the person listed below would be qualified for:

Office-

Attach sheet with short biographical sketch and list skills which you/she would be able to contribute to said office.

Mail this form and attached sheet to: Ellen Kretsch, 413 Main, Elk River, Mn. 55330.
Friendship Quilters

I invited myself to a festive holiday party with the Friendship Quilters Club of Brooklyn Center last month. Actually, I am doing a series of articles on quilting groups in the area and the leader of the Brooklyn Center Friendship Quilters Club, Joanne Holzknecht, thought their Christmas potluck would be a good meeting to attend. It was!

The Friendship Quilters meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month from September to May. They have another potluck in the fall and try to plan an outing at least once during the summer. Last year they went to Hastings scouring for fabric shops and having lunch out. Once they met at Penney Schrecks and each member who attended brought a \( \frac{1}{2} \) yard of fabric as a hostess gift.

This is a lively bunch of quilters ranging from young mother to grandmother. They all bring their own projects to work on but are very willing to share ideas, patterns and skills with each other.

The 20 or so members proved they were just as good at cooking as they are at quilting by hosting a delicious potluck lunch. After lunch the members exchanged Christmas gifts which seemed practically made to order. Many of the gifts were quilted and as these gals know each other so well there were gifts done in favorite colors and "that brown fabric you were so fond of."

Joanne Holzknecht, organizer of the Friendship Quilters Club, has compiled a 15 page, "I'd Rather Be Quilting" Cookbook which contains favorite recipes from members of the group. Recipes are interspersed with quilting designs. I felt truly lucky to have received one.

Even though the members of this quilting group seem to be very good friends I can honestly say they take very kindly to someone new. I had a marvelous lunch and came home with a new cookbook and two Christmas gifts.

If you are interested in joining the Friendship Quilters Club call Joanne Holzknecht at 561-1219, or come to the Arts and Crafts Room at the Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center, at 10:00 a.m. on the first or third Wednesday of the month. Babysitting is available.

Patterns are still needed for the Minnesota Quilters pattern book. Hurry! If you have questions call: Joanne Holzknecht-561-1219 or Agnes Leer-454-1444.

Enlarge - Reduce

Geometric Designs

This is a quick and simple method of enlarging or reducing most geometric patterns when the given pattern is not the size desired.

To reduce a diamond:

1. Trace around the template you wish to change on a plain sheet of paper. Then using a ruler or any straight edge, draw a line through the diamond from the two most distant points. (See Fig. 1)

2. Then indicate on the horizontal line (or on one side of the diamond) the size of the diamond needed. (If you are using a 3" diamond and want a 2" diamond, mark the two-inch point on the line, measuring from the bottom. (See Fig. 2)

3. Now place the template over the diamond on the paper and keeping the points lined up on the straight line, slide the template down until you have the top point at the two-inch mark. (See Fig. 3)

4. Draw around the template along the edges inside the diamond on the paper. (See Fig. 4). You now have the smaller diamond pattern you need.

To enlarge a diamond:

Repeat the first step, then in step two, mark the length desired on the line below the diamond. (See Fig. 5). Then draw the two bottom edges of the template, and using a ruler, extend the lines as illustrated in Fig. 6 by the dotted lines.

To reduce or enlarge a square follow the same procedure as when doing a diamond, placing the square at an angle. (See Fig. 7).

To reduce or enlarge a triangle, you must find the center of the long line by folding the pattern or measuring it with a ruler. Then mark the center on the template and have the vertical line intersect the long horizontal line of the triangle as in Fig. 8. The rest of the method is the same.

- Kay Bailey

(See Page 5 for diagrams.)
HOW TO ENLARGE OR REDUCE GEOMETRIC PATTERNS—Kay Bailey

For instructions see Page 4.
advertising

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CALICO PATCH- Mail order quilting supplies and custom quilting. A complete quilt shop right at your fingertips. Our catalog is free. Send 50¢ to cover postage. Our new address is 309 Ave. E., Cloquet, Minn. 55720.


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Quilt Hint

Don't interrupt your quilting by stopping to thread a needle. Thread several needles on the thread before you break it from the spool. Each time you need a new length, just push the remaining ones back toward the spool. Cut off as much as you need. A real timesaver!

Calendar

For details see 'Coming Up' Page 2

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