September Meetings

daylight

The September 12th meeting of the Minnesota Quilter's will be held at Mary, Mother of the Church, 3333 Cliff Rd., Burnsville. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with show and tell.

The program will feature Kathy Morton talking about Hawaiian Quilting. Kathy presented a workshop for MQ on Hawaiian Quilting last winter and the 16 people who took it were very enthusiastic. She says she has some new patterns and is very willing to share them with us. Bring tracing or tissue paper at least 10 inches square for tracing each pattern.

The State Fair winners in quilting will be announced. If you won a ribbon, please bring your winning quilt to show us.

Please refer to the map in the Patchwork Alley ad on page 6 for directions to the church.

The October 10th meeting will be held at Glen Lake Community Center, Minnetonka and will be about tied quilts. More about this meeting in the next newsletter.

evening

The September 11 MQ evening meeting will be at Apache Plaza in the Community Room. A show & tell of Christmas items and county and State Fair winners will open the 7:00 p.m. meeting.

Kay Bailey and her slide show of quilts will be the evenings featured program. Irene Soeffker will present a mini-gram on soft frames.

--CLEAN THAT CLOSET--

At the evening MQ picnic, Sandy Stokes talked about her work with troubled girls. If you have any extra fabric, batting, or small projects, these girls could put them to good use. Sandy could also use some ideas for short term projects as some of the girls are in the program for only a month or two. Please bring any donations and ideas to the September evening meeting.

--LOOKING AHEAD--

October 9 we will meet in the Richfield Community Center. Show & tell will be seasonal decorations.

Vicki Moskiewicz
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Membership dues are $10 per year and include year-round monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginners, advanced and professional quilters, the newsletter, workshop opportunities, and an "I'm a Minnesota Quilter" button.

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a special event

On September 14 at 3 p.m., Shi Betterton, a textile expert from Bath, England, will present a slide and talk show at the Minnesota Historical Society, Weyerhaeuser Room, 690 Cedar Ave. St. Paul. She is a specialist in American quilts, and will compare English and American quilts. She has international credits, has written three books, and is the curator at the American Museum of Decorative Arts in Bath, England. After her presentation she will be available for a question and answer session.

On Tuesday, September 16 from 10-4, Helen Kelley is planning a giant quilting bee and pot luck picnic in her yard (weather permitting). Helen plans to have at least four quilt frames set up. If you plan to attend Helen's quilting bee honoring Shiela Betterton, please call Helen 789-8207, so she can make plans. In case of rain, Helen will have alternate plans.

These are both very special events - so mark your calendars!

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Mt. Olivet's 30th Antique Show Anniversary will be Oct. 21-23. If you can help Fran Klette out by setting up a quilt frame and quilting, please let her know - 825-0908...More info from Fran next month.

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Submitted by,
On a cloudy August 8th, the MQ members met in the pavilion at Como Park. Show and Tell again featured the talents of our group...

...Bonnie Ellis had a delightful family quilt wall hanging. Connie Pluhar, in keeping with the topic of the day, had a keepsake photo quilt in blues. Pat Wiswell had a wedding gift Tudor rose quilt. Elaine Strese had 4 lovely quilts and told us she often ties them off and quilts them later... and then Ellen Dubbe shared a quilt she had won, and wanted to know who made it - turned out to be Elaine Strese. Elly Kretsch showed us her log cabin wall hanging, now finished, and it was wearing ribbons recently won. Vicki Moskiewicz shared her delightful 'Sometimes I could just croak!' quilt - its a green frog done in postage stamp... Dorothy Michaud showed a stunning blazer which was quilted, pieced and embroidered. Nancy Raschka-Reeves showed us her notebook of dyed fabric samples. Helen Kelley just received a fantastic Seminole piece made by Seminole Indians in Florida, depicting such things rain and lightning, man on horseback and human bones - just to mention a few. Judy Koch shared some antique circles which she has started to put together. Aldean Steinhagen had a pretty hearts in a hoop quilted wall hanging. Lois Bradley had a charming whole cloth Sunbonnet girl quilt for her 3 year old granddaughter Betsy. Jean Thompson had an attractive dusty pink, blacks and grays quilt which was developed after one she saw in Quilter's Newsletter about 3 years ago. Carol Brown from Atlanta, Ga. had a bright and beautiful green, pink and blue quilt which she 'practiced' fancy quilting on. Lee Bradford shared one of her first quilts made for her grandmother with all the grandchildren's names on it. Jean - had a star wall hanging to be auctioned off for children's hospital. and Beryl Lawson shared a lovely baby quilt.

Our business meeting covered such items as these:

...Sally Grauer will be compiling a quilt book list including publisher, price, and type of quilt book if you have some you'd like included in the list, let Sally know 884-9865.

...If there are new quilters who would like to share their ideas and impressions, we'd like to hear from you... type up an article for the newsletter or in some way let us know how the group can better help you.

...A lending library will soon be organized. Sandy Stokes and Margaret Maki will let you know more about him in the near future.

...If no new name for our newsletter is suggested by October, we will drop the issue, and keep the old name. Sandy Stokes has been teaching delinquent girls quilting and would appreciate it if you could share some scraps and patterns with her - if you could make it into a kit and donate it to her, she'd really appreciate it.

...Carol Adelman needs a picture of you and a favorite quilt to start our member's photo album.

...Helen Kelley thanked people who have quilted on her quilt and will welcome you in her home to quilt on it some more - just give her a call.

...Is there any interest in a MQ cookbook? Let a board member know.

...And one of the highlights of the meeting was being introduced to Carol Jane Burdette's triplets... and a 4 week old baby was also in attendance - we start them out young!

...Jeanne Spears then presented a very informative talk on how to photograph quilts. A couple of easy tips to remember were: A sunny day with the quilt in the shade is best for photographing outside. Inside, reflected flash is better than direct light. Light should be from the side, and the background should be neutral. For more information on putting photographs on fabric please refer to page 7. If this is a process you'd like to use either Jeanne or Connie Pluhar would be able to help.

...A yummy pot luck picnic was enjoyed by all!

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BOARD MEETING

September 5 at 9:30 at Pat Dancisak's
205 5th Ave. No. E., Osseo 425-3729.
Please call Pat if you need directions or if you will be unable to attend.
Did you ever think you could catch a disease over the phone? We quilters all know that we have a "contagious disease", and I interviewed someone on the phone the other day whose enthusiasm for quilting is so great she could spread it through the wires!

The phone served as our means of getting together because Lynn Fredsall is an evening meeting attendant. She has a full time day job outside the home as Program Coordinator for Voluntary Action. After her day's work she has a homelife that centers around her home in Northeast Mpls. where she is a native resident.

Lynn is married, has three children and one grandchild.

Within her busy schedule Lynn makes time for quilting. Her interest in the art began in her childhood as she saw her grandmother creating quilts. Grandmother quilted until she was nearly 92 and infected Lynn at an early age.

At seventeen during a low ebb of general interest in quilting by most people, Lynn began a hobby that was to serve her for years to come. It has been an ongoing hobby, and as Lynn commented, by her age she has tried them all - needlepoint, crewel, macrame, and always quilting held an enduring interest. Within the art she feels she has more opportunity for self expression.

Lynn enjoys all aspects of quilting, from the designing right through to the quilting of a quilt. Four of her designs are for sale nationally. They sell under the name Quilts by Lynn. The patterns include Tall Ships of 76, Massachusetts Cross and Crown, California Vineyards, and Grandmother's Flower Basket.

By this point in our conversation I felt a renewed case of quilt fever coming over me, but dared to ask for an estimate of how many quilts she has made. Her guesstimate was about 16 youth and baby size, 20 full size, and 3 waiting to be finished. All of her work is done completely by hand. She offers herself variety by piecing a quilt, then changing to applique and adding trapunto at times.

When not creating her own designs, Lynn prefers the very old patterns and likes them best in combinations of blue and white.

In her 'spare' time, Lynn enjoys researching the history of her family. She has found pilgrims in her family tree, which only pulls the thread of interest in quilting even tighter. Her ancestors probably sewed things similar to what she does now.

Lynn has always been interested in spreading the interest in quilting. She was thrilled to find the interest growing during recent years and wants to instill enthusiasm for quilting in even more people. She joined Minnesota Quilters in Aug. 78 and was instrumental in establishing the evening group which began during this last year. She is currently second Vice President of Minnesota Quilters.

Though we've never met, we went on to discuss symptoms of our disease, such as hoop quilting, quilting stitch and the like, as though we conversed regularly. When we hung up I thought about how lucky we quilters are to have each other to learn from. Then I ran to my sewing room to use the energy that I'd just gotten from Lynn.

...Mary Ann Masso

looking for fall quilting classes?

We are lucky in our area to have a wide variety of classes available to us. There are many very talented people teaching basic quilting and several people who conduct classes in more advanced skills and specialty techniques. Classes are available for a wide range of projects including quilts, clothing and novelty items.

Sharon Bobgan has done an excellent job of putting together the Minnesota Quilters Resource Directory which contains a great deal of information on classes that are available from individual teachers and through shops and community education programs. Consult the directory, then call the shop or individual teacher for schedules of currently available classes.

All of us, from the beginning quilter to the most experienced, can enjoy classes. Learn a new skill, stimulate your creativity, and share your enthusiasm for quilting.

-Nancy Raschka-Reeves Education Chairman
President's Letter

What happened to summer? It seems we blinked and summer has disappeared. But it's back to school again, hooray! (most mothers can appreciate that).

I've been thinking what school is all about—it's a structured time for learning. Not that learning can't take place at any other time, but a class makes you sit down at a certain time with a definite purpose.

A friend and I have a saying, "I can make that" when we see cute or clever things. And most of us with determination can really make things if we try. But why do we take a class in how to make that? Because it gives us a structured time for learning; in addition to getting a more skilled person's help with a project.

As a teacher, I hope I can "turn on" my students to love quilting as much as I do. It's really great to teach because I'm always learning from others.

There's so much to know; whether you take a formal class or just assign yourself regular times to try new things.

So Happy School Year!

Bonnie

New Members

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            4821 South 1395 E
            Salt Lake City, Utah 84117
            Add 75¢ postage.

fabric: Untreated 100% cotton, washed and dried

equipment: Rubber gloves, measuring spoons, 2 brown bottles
            small glass bowl, 10"x12" piece of glass,
            cardboard, black paper, newsprint pad. (Photo
            flood light, cord, and socket optional)

pattern: Anything that blocks light may be used as a
          pattern; black paper, opaque ink on acetate,
          Kodalith negatives, etc.

Technique Tips:

1) Prepare chemicals: Mix 2T ferric ammonium citrate in \( \frac{1}{4} \)C water and
   stir until dissolved. Store in brown bottles
   until used, up to 4 months. Mix 1T potassium ferricyanide
   in \( \frac{1}{4} \)C water and store the same way.

2) Prepare fabric: Working in room light NOT DIRECT SUNLIGHT, mix 1T
   of each solution in a small glass bowl. Using
   rubber gloves, dip fabric (up to 15" square) in
   solution, squeezing thoroughly to make sure all
   areas are saturated. Squeeze as dry as possible.
   Place in the middle of four sheets of newsprint
   and iron dry. (Dark blue areas resulting from
   ironing may mean uneven saturation or iron too hot).

3) Expose fabric: Make a sandwich of a piece of cardboard, a piece of
   black paper, the dry fabric, your pattern, and the
   piece of glass. Place in direct sun to expose,
   from 5 minutes to 1 hour depending on time of year.
   Exposed areas will be dark blue when finished.
   (Optional - Photo flood light may be used to expose
   fabric. Suspend 15" to 20" above surface).

4) Rinse: Rinse exposed fabric under running water until green color
   is gone. Let it dry. It may be washed or dry cleaned,
   but bleach or sunlight will fade the print.

TECHNIQUE IS VARIABLE: PLAN TO DO EACH PRINT SEVERAL TIMES TO ACHIEVE
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First Class

Kay Bailey 7/81
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5-9:30: board meeting - Pat Danciask
11-7:30: evening meeting - Apache
12-10: a.m.: daytime meeting - Burnsville