The June 12th daytime meeting of the Minnesota Quilters will be our Third Annual Meeting. It will be held at Lyman Lodge on Lake Minnetonka. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with show and tell. This is your annual report to the group so bring what you have done this year—finished or unfinished.

The program will be presented by Ellie Kretsch and Carol Adleman. They will be presenting a slide talk on quilters' workrooms and suggesting ways to make your space more workable.

The meeting room at Lyman Lodge only holds 150 people so we ask that you do not bring guests this month.

The new MQ officers will be installed. A lunch of homemade quiche, salad, roll, beverage and dessert will be offered at $4.75 per person. You may come to the meeting and not stay for lunch if you choose. To make a lunch reservation, please send a check for $4.75 payable to Minnesota Quilters to Lee Bradford, 4431 Golfax Avenue, S. Mpls. 55409.

The July 10 daytime meeting of MQ will be held in Princeton, MN. The program will feature Pat Cox, who will present Whole Cloth Quilting.

A luncheon will be served by the Princeton members at a cost of $2.75 per person.

A mini workshop will be conducted by our hostess Shirley Krantz.

Watch for more information in the July issue.

-Michele Keller-
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BOARD MEETING... June 5 at the home of Pat Dancisak 205 — 5th Ave. No. E.
Osseo, Mn. 425-3729. 9:30 a.m.

All old and new board members are asked to attend. We will be having a pot luck salad luncheon and Pat would appreciate knowing what you plan on bringing.

Book Review


Stained Glass Quilting Technique is a basic handbook of how to do a fabric stained glass quilting project. It provides fully illustrated step-by-step directions. On the cover is a photo of the stained glass sampler quilt that was made by the author and her students, and which was featured in the April, 1978 Quilters Newsletter. It was the mail response to that issue which prompted her to put together this book.

This is not a book of patterns. It contains only one full size pattern for a stained glass tulip that measures 10 by 14 inches. However, she gives some small sketches of other designs which are available in some of the books that she lists in her bibliography.

Her instructions are easy to follow, and I have only one criticism to make. Her preference and her recommendation is to use only bias tape for the leading that you have prepared yourself, rather than using store-bought bias tape. Now in preparing the 3/4" wide strip of bias for sewing down as leading, she advises ironing under one edge 3/8" and lapping the other edge over almost 3/4" and basting down the center of the strip to hold the raw edges securely in place. In theory this would give you a nice straight edge and a piece of leading that is of uniform width. However, my hands seem to be equipped with 10 thumbs, and I find it very hard to press under a good clean 3/8" edge. When talking about my leading problems with quilting friends, one suggested I try using a "bias strip guide". So I cut a strip of 3/4" wide cardboard and centered it on my 3/4" strip and pressed up the raw edges right over my guide strip. And this put the joy back in my stained glass quilting project! Jean Bay Wiley
President's Letter

Our three years in MQ have brought great change. We have grown from just a handful to 700 members.

Our meetings are full of information, new techniques, fantastic show and tell and more and more activities.

As our group grows many are concerned about our becoming too big. We may have to change some things to adjust; but let's keep in mind the one changeless part of our group: our love and excitement about quilts.

I'm glad to have new members because each brings something special to the group. As president of MQ I've learned something wonderful: STRANGERS ARE ONLY FRIENDS WE HAVEN'T MET.

Thanks for letting me be president this year. I loved it. (But it will be fun to retire at such a "young age"). My future goal is to know no strangers.

Farewell,

Bonnie

STATE FAIR NEWS...........

Administrators at the State Fair this year are trying to give opportunity for more organizations to be represented in the creative Activities Booth.

As an emphasis on education about new techniques; the Minnesota Quilters have been invited to have a booth for 2 days of the fair and to demonstrate trapunto.

We have been invited to participate the last two years in the fair booth and this has given our organization much public contact.

If you know of anyone who has done very fine trapunto or who would be willing to demonstrate in this booth, please contact Bonnie Ellis.

HELP!! The Minnesota Quilters Quilt Show which will be held June 4-5-6 at the Westbrook Mall desperately needs your help. We know you always come through at the last minute (that's right now!) Check back in your April and May newsletters for the full page article for all the details and give Joanne Holzknecht a call right now to offer your quilts and your time to help us out. This is your quilt show and we need your quilt and your time to really do our best.
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(Editor's note: Thanks to Jeannie Spears for this series of articles. I've learned a lot and I've had a number of people tell me how much they've enjoyed them - it has been appreciated!)

A WEEKEND FOR ME AND MY QUILTS

If you just simply forgot, or didn't quite get around to it, or if you couldn't plan that far ahead we have good news for you!! There are still some spaces left for the Oct. 9-11 weekend at Lyman Lodge. Its only going to cost $55. for the whole weekend, and you just can't hardly get a bargain like that anymore! Refer back to your April newsletter (p.9) for all the information, and plan to join us for a very special weekend!
Spring is certainly here—the mail is scanty (except for a flood of new memberships!) I imagine the quilters are out in the garden amidst seeds and seedlings with hands too grubby for quilting or for letter writing.

Dorothy Michaud and Agnes Leer appeared on the John Gallos program in May. Agnes showed her quilted stained glass panels and Dorothy showed several of her liturgical banners.

Mrs. Irvin Thompson of Ridgeland, WI, described the work as "very nice"; and Sandy Roe of Chetek, WI, wrote:

"Hi! I saw two of your members on the 'Sunday Morning with John Gallos' program this morning on Channel 4. Just yesterday a few of us from a quilting class here in Chetek were talking about finding out some information on a quilting guild in Minnesota, as the Quilters Build in Wisconsin is based more in the southern part of the state. I have a sampler quilt started (12 squares), I have 2 squares quilted. I haven't gotten much more done as we had a new baby; along with a 2 year old boy."

Carol Jane Burdette is now settled in California and wrote:

"Please send my greetings to all. I am finally in California. We have settled in Redlands which is near San Bernardino and Riverside on the way to Palm Springs from L.A. We would love visitors to stay here, especially any 4Q's and families."

We also heard from Maureen Cook of Illinois: "Dear Minnesota Quilters, you are super! I came to see a Star Quilt Show and take workshops—which I thoroughly enjoyed and taught me a great deal—but I received much more than that. I met wonderful people and quilters, and I thank you for the warmth that you shared with me."

Our last note this month came from Jo Michalski of Country Classics in Anchorage, Alaska. Jo ordered a Resource Directory and added, "My sister and I own a quilt shop and are originally from Minnesota. She will be back visiting our parents in early June and your directory will come in handy!"

Happy Stitching!

Sharon

New Officers

The new officers of Minnesota Quilters for 1981-82 were announced at the May meeting in Duluth. We congratulate them and wish them much joy and success in their new endeavors.

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Remember to attend the Board Meeting at Pat's on June 5 — see p. 2.

CELEBRATION TIME! That's what it will be when the last letter is typed and the last article is pasted up — and my year as your newsletter editor is finished! It has been a chore, but then there are a lot of things that one does that are difficult to do at the time but they become growing experiences and one realizes that the process has been a good one. And I guess that's the way I feel about this past year. I've discovered it was not a task I enjoyed, but what has been great, are the people I've come to know and care about. There are some remarkable people in Minnesota Quilters whom I admire a great deal, not only for their quilting skills but for their warmth and genuineness. Thank you Minnesota Quilters for your patience with me as you've read through my mistakes...and to all of you who have shared articles, ideas, friendship, humor, and even wildflowers! I hope to continue to meet more of you in the months to come.

Darlene
LIBRARY NEWS

New Books and Magazines processed this month include:

BOOKS:  Old Patchwork Quilts and the Women Who Made them - Ruth E. Finley
          Quilted Jackets & Vests - Yours Truly Inc. (gift of Mary Rosendahl)
          300 Years of Canada's Quilts - Mary Conroy (gift of Author)
          The Lone Star Quilt Handbook - B. & H. Young (gift of Authors)
          Trip Around the World Quilts - " " " "
          Once Upon a Quilt - Celine Blanchard Miller (gift of Joy Eklund)

MAGAZINES:  Decorating & Craft Ideas - 11/80 (gift of Inez Grimmins) and 4/81
            Lady's Circle Patchwork Quilts #22
            Quilt World - 2/81 and 4/81
            Quilt World Omnibook - Spring 1981
            Quilter's Newsletter Magazine - #131 & #132
            Canada Quilts - #31-37 (gift of Mary Conroy)

Pat Swenson has donated the following items to the Minnesota Quilters' Library:

Quilt World Omnibook (8 issues) - Summer 1979 - Spring 1981
Quilt World Annual (4 issues) - 1977 - 1980
Canada Quilts (5 issues) - #27 - 31
Quilter's Journal (4 issues) - Spring 1979 - Winter 1979
Tumbling Alley (6 issues) - July 1978 - May 1979
Patchwork (12 issues) - September 1978 - August 1980

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SANDY

Very soon now Sandy Stokes will be finished with her year as Chairman of Public Relations for Minnesota Quilters. But be assured that Sandy is in no way finished with quilting or quilters yet!

It all started about eight years ago when Sandy, her husband, and their three sons moved to Minnesota from Ohio because of a job transfer for her husband.

Soon after Sandy decided her family needed more blankets and instead of store bought Sandy decided to make her own tied comforters. Those tied quilts led her to her first quilt shop where she promptly caught the "bug" as we say in quilting. Member Ann Degen was her first teacher at the Cotton Shoppe in Richfield.

As her interest in quilting grew Sandy decided she needed a change from the seven years she'd spent with the Health Service for the St. Louis Park school system. So, she decided to try teaching quilting in the St. Louis Park and Minneapolis community education programs and in her own home.

Sandy is currently working and teaching at the Quilter's Cove quilt shop in Deephaven. Owner Laurie Kraus and Sandy are developing a mail order distribution of their original designs which include Amish patterns.

One of Sandy's favorite pasttimes is doing volunteer work with delinquent girls. Part of that work includes helping them make quilts and related items. Sandy says, "the girls show a lot of enthusiasm, which proves a little love and attention can do a lot of healing. And because of the generosity of many MQ members who donated quilts and materials I can continue this project."

In June Sandy will begin working with long term residents in a group home. Sandy says she especially enjoys working with the girls because of the three sons she has at home. Her latest project is for one of her sons who will be graduating this month. He surprised his Mom by requesting a "big, fluffy quilt" for his graduation present!

When Sandy isn't quilting you can probably find her in the back yard on days like this. She enjoys gardening and raising lilies—she has over 50 varieties. She and the family also like to go on camping trips.

Sandy says she has really enjoyed the experience of being an MQ board member and she will miss it. But, she thinks it's also nice to let new people have the opportunity.

As for Minnesota Quilters, Sandy says that for an out-of-stater quilters here are the next best thing to relatives!

-Elly Kretsch

OUR NEW NEWSLETTER EDITOR

It was a tough decision—we had three excellent candidates—each of whom we felt would have done an outstanding job.

Our new editor is Patricia Gill. 302 Darrel Court, Stillwater, Mn. 55082, 439-1924. If you have news items for next month, I'm sure she would be delighted to hear from you.

WEST AREA QUILTERS: Wednesday, June 24, at Mary Lou Leuthner's 7926 Rose, Victoria, Mn. 443-2053. The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and there will be a salad bar pot-luck lunch. Please call Mary Lou for more information. All are welcome to join us for stitching and sharing.

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