Evening Meeting  
Thursday, January, 1992  7:00 PM  
Machinists' Hall, 1399 Eustis St., St. Paul  
Award winning Wendy Richardson will be with us to share her story on her personal development as a quilter. She will be sharing slides of her work as well as showing some of her completed quilts. There will be time for questions and answers. Wendy is one of our past presidents from our own MQ, so kick your new year off right and plan to attend. Happy New Year!

Sue Vento  
Evening Director

Daytime Meeting  
Friday, January 8, 1992  9:30 AM  
Machinists' Hall, 1399 Eustis St., St. Paul  
"Back to Basics from Beginning to Pro"  
Several of our very sharing, knowledgeable members will lead us up the stairway with beautiful quilting techniques. Our seating will be around T- tables for timed segments by having each group visited by the demonstrators. Some members have requested this type of program to advance their quilting skills. Bring your projects for show, share & tell time. Come to learn, share & receive new information and to renew old rules.

Please bring your very first quilting piece with its special story for show, share & tell time. Wear a vest you have made or are in process of making to inspire others in this creative wearable. Jackets will be the March challenge so get busy, wonderful prizes.

Marian Fredlund  
Education

Look for Snowflake Days  
Information on page 5

Let's all do a small part to save the environment by bringing a cup or mug for your coffee or drink. Paper and styrofoam are expensive & are unnecessary additions to our land fills. Thanks.
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Minnesota Quilters News is the monthly newsletter of the Minnesota Quilters, Inc., a non-profit organization formed to find and unite quilters and quilt enthusiasts throughout the state of Minnesota and elsewhere; and dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and enjoyment of quilting.

Membership Dues are $20.00 per year (U.S. funds only) and includes the following: monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginners, advanced and professional quilters; the newsletter and workshop opportunities. Minnesota Quilters pins are available for sale.

New Membership/Renewals should be sent to Margaret Biwersi, 2938 N. Mary St., Maplewood, MN 55109. Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will say: Membership Expiring-Please Renew or Membership Expired-Please Renew Now. The number on the label indicates the month and year of expiration. Example: 0793 means that the membership ends July 1993. Send changes of address and phone number to Lynette Disrud, 9401 Nemec Knolls Road, Eden Prairie, MN 55347.

Advertising Rates: Business card size ad is $10 per month. Classified ad is $4 for 3 lines. If ads must be composed by editor, there will be an additional $10 charge. Make checks payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. PLEASE NOTE: No ads will be included in the newsletter unless they are accompanied by full payment with the order.

Deadline for Ads: All ads for the coming months must be received by the newsletter editor, Joy Eastman, 8023 Cheyenne Spur, Chanhassen, MN 55317 by the first Friday of the preceding month (i.e. ads to be placed in the September issue must be received by the first Friday in August).

Librarian: Paula Hagg, 2181 Princeton, Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105.

(612) 690-3690

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New Daytime Quilt Group in Apple Valley
A daytime quilt guild has just been formed in Nov. in Apple Valley. It meets from 10 am to 1 pm at the Apple Valley Library on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays. The location may change to find a larger meeting place. The group is called Minnesota River Valley Quilters. For more information, call Mary Lou Lembcke, 892-7359.

December Memories
The MQ Holiday Party was filled with chatter, favors, ornaments and quilt block exchanges, music and FOOD. Lots of red and green wearables were shown off and someone's earrings even light up. Join us next time...
Thought Patterns
Have you ever been in a blue funk? That's what I call it. The place where you feel overwhelmed by obligations, you've had enough of family, togetherness, you don't care if dishes get washed, or the house cleaned. Oprah, Sally Jessy, and even your favorite soap opera just don't entertain anymore. WORK! Oh please, just let me pull the covers over my head and lay there for 48 hours.

Knowing that this is not a good way to start the new year, I pick myself up, dust myself off and head for the sewing room. ACK!... Remnants of a holiday frenzy. This is the time to play soothing music and dig into clearing the mess. Upon finding my work counter and sewing machine hidden under the scraps of fabric, chunks of batting, miscellaneous tools and an array of thread, I treat myself to a hot cup of tea. Laying on the clean sewing room floor, sipping tea, I admire my accomplishment.

With the next day here the children & husband are shipped out being told, "Today is my day!" or they are given all their new toys, a pitcher of kool-aid, plate of cookies and strict instructions I am not to be disturbed.

With soothing music once again playing, I choose one of my many unfinished projects and begin to work. First, there is the figuring out where you've left off. Next, is do you want to change fabrics? Before you know it you are singing, humming, and whistling along with the music. You’re sewing machine begins to drown out the music having a soothing hum all it's own. Thirty-six hours later as the final border is put into place, all time and space no longer exists. Only the project and music. Standing back admiring my completed project, I am filled with renewed life.

Even though I haven't slept for 36 hours, the children get warm hugs and kisses. A great dinner is made, the house picked up a bit, loving smiles for my husband, and sleep. The best nights sleep in months.

I wake refreshed, ready to tackle life again. Now with reality in focus, quilting isn't just an art form, it is also therapy. So if you find yourself in a blue funk, try my prescription: soothing music, a small project and a hug for yourself in the morning!

Happy New Year Everyone!

Be Creative,

Helen Ziegler, President

MQ Treasurer's Report - November 30, 1992

Checkbook Balance 10/31/92 $5,483.18

Income
- Memberships (92) $1,840.00
- Interest 13.85
- Admissions 42.00
- Newsletter Ads 88.00
- Pins 174.89
- Library Fines 14.00
- Total Income $2,172.74

Expenses
- Board Expenses* (ITEMIZED BELOW) $3,485.28
- Minnesota Arts Directory Ad 20.00
- NSF 20.00
- Partial '91-'92 Accounting 485.00
- ASG Membership 15.00
- Total Expenses $4,190.34

Checkbook Balance 11/30/92 $3,365.58

Savings Balance 11/30/92 (Norwest) $51,526.38

Savings Balance 11/30/92 (First Bank) $23,419.35
- Interest 67.36
- Total Savings $23,486.71

* The Line Item Board Expenses* ordinarily includes any board expenses presented to the Treasurer for reimbursement which are included in the budget passed by the board on 8/7/92.

- November Speaker $150.00
- Nov. Newsletter Printing 959.00
- Supplies 60.64
- Phone (Oct.) 56.61
- Library Book Advance 200.00
- Rent (Nov.) 400.00
- Set-up (Nov.) 25.00
- Nov. Newsletter Postage 359.60
- 3 Months storage 84.00
- Down payment on Lecture Series Hall 35.00
- Nov. Challenge Awards 63.90
- Library Books 38.14
- Library Supplies 23.49
- Print/Mail Minutes 12.06
- Phone (Nov.) 58.84
- December Newsletter Printing 959.00
- Total Expenses $3,485.28

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret M. Biwersi
MQ Treasurer

Board Position Open
The Long Range Planning position on the MQ Board of Directors is currently open. Anyone interested in fulfilling this position, please call Helen Ziegler (612) 473-6076 for more information or for a complete job description. Along with the nominating committee, this person would be identifying future quilt show sites and chairpersons.

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Small Quilt Auction
The small quilt auction promises to be an exciting feature of the 1993 MN Quilters Show. Small quilts are made and donated by members. The quilts are auctioned by silent bid during the show, with the quilt going to the highest bidder. The 1992 small quilt auction raised $4971 with 117 quilts donated. The proceeds were used for quilt education.

This year we are again urging everyone to participate. All levels of quilting will be accepted, from the inexperienced to the very advanced. The funds will be used to support quilt shows on public television and other education opportunities for the members.

The quilts may range in sizes up to 24" x 36" and should be received by June 1, 1993. You may donate more than one quilt and you may put a minimum bid on your quilt. Please include your name and address with each quilt.

If you have any questions and would like to participate, please contact:

Joan Goetteman
16126 DelCam Drive
Carver, MN 55315
(612) 448-5422

1993 Raffle Quilt
Odyssey, the raffle quilt for the June 1993 MQ Show, is truly a group quilt. Squares of fabric were collected from many MQ members. The quilt was pieced and quilted by members of Minnesota Quilters and the Chaska Area Quilt Club. You will enjoy "wandering" over the quilt to find the many designs stitched into it.

Thank you to all who contributed to the beauty of our quilt.

After January 1, 1993, you will be able to purchase and sell raffle tickets. Watch for the information after the first of the year.

Janet Bell and Marilyn DiBona
1993 Raffle Quilt Committee Co-Chairs

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A Child's Odyssey '93
We'd like to encourage children to try quilting and give them a special place to exhibit their ideas in the 1993 Show. We're also hoping that by adding this special youth exhibit, more adults will ask children if they might want to try their hand at quilting. The Theme: A Child's Odyssey. (Let the child interpret it as he/she may.)

The guidelines:
* Maximum size: 36" x 36"  
* Minimum size: 12" x 12"
* Hand or Machine Pieced
* Hand Quilted or Machine Quilted or tied or tufted
* There are no limitations on the design.
* Any embellishments are allowed.
* The item must qualify as a quilt with a front, batting and backing.  
* It can be a small quilt, wallhanging, miniature, piece of clothing or sampler.  
* Age Group: Up to Age 15.

How much can an adult help?
Only to pay for the fabrics, help cut fabrics, and help guide (but not do) the sewing. The rest must be up to the child. We want to allow children to express themselves.

Entry/Registration Forms are available through:

Lynette Disrud
9401 Nemec Knolls Road
Eden Prairie, MN 55347

Or at MQ monthly meetings.

Door Prizes Needed
The Odyssey '93 door prize committee is asking for your help in donating gifts for the Minnesota Quilt show. We are looking for a variety of items to be distributed at the banquet and lectures. Your donation will be greatly appreciated and is also tax deductible. If you have any question or concerns, please call Marvilla (612) 938-9650 or Geraldine (612) 926-9870.
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