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MQ MEETINGS - JUNE 5 & 6

President Note:

June evening & daytime meetings will be business meetings, more or less. At these meetings you can ask the board members about the past year. I’m hoping we will have some quilt show quilt collectors there is people want to drop off quilts for the Duluth Show. I know this meeting is a week before the show but our July regular meeting dates fall on July 3 & 4, 1997. So there will be no July general meeting. Our next MQ general meetings will be on August 7 & 8, 1997.

NO MQ MEETINGS - JULY 1997

There will be NO JULY MEETINGS. Due to the national holiday-July 4th, we will not have any meetings in July.

MQ MEETINGS AUGUST 1997

Minnesota Quilters welcome Ann Fahl of Racine, Wisconsin. Ann is an award winning quilter with a contemporary flair.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 7PM

Ann will be presenting her lecture, “Quilts for All Seasons”. Ann will offer a look at quilts being made today by quilt makers and quilt artists from all across the nation. There will be a broad variety of quilt slides shown, something for every quilter, traditional or contemporary.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 9:30AM

Ann will be presenting her lecture, “Ann’s Traveling Will Quilt and Flower Show”. She will offer slides and dialogue about her work as an artist and the sources of inspiration for her quilts. This should be a great source for new ideas!

INTRODUCING THE MQ QUILTER’S NEWS, EDITOR!

Hi! My name is Sue Ruford and I will be on the MQ Board of Directors as the MQ News Editor, beginning July 1997.

Last year I served on the board as Evening Director-Elect, so you may have seen me in the kitchen with the coffee and cookies. I haven’t been an MQ member for too long (joining was one of those things I always meant to do, you know how that goes!), but it is a great group and I have really enjoyed coming to the meetings, don’t know why I waited so long!

My family consists of my husband, Doug and my two children, nine year old Ruth and six year old Will. We also have two “quitting helper” cats who like to sit on patterns or behind the sewing machine, roll around in batting, and otherwise supervise any quilt projects going on. I’ve been interested in quilts and quilting since high school, and still have my first quilt, beautifully packaged in a shoebox as a UFO. I am a volunteer staff person on Compuserve’s Sewing and Quilting forum, which is a great way to make friends with quilters all over the world!

This newsletter is YOUR newsletter and I welcome any and all articles you want to send me. Did you see a neat quilt show? Travel somewhere and find a wonderful shop? Hear a funny story about quilts or quiltmaking? Learn a technique that you want to share? Sit right down and write it out, and send it to me, either by regular mail or email.

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HOW DO I GET TO AN MQ MEETING??—DIRECTIONS

Machinists’ Hall — 1399 Eustis Street, St. Paul. From Highway 280 take Como Ave. exit. If coming from I-94, turn right at the bottom of the ramp. If coming from the north, turn right on Eustis Street. (Health Partners [was Group Health] building is on the right.)

THE MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY

The MQ directory will be printed in October 1997. Be sure to look inside this issue for an update form. The form will also be in the June/July and August issues. Don’t miss the deadline, it’s August 15, 1997.

We are also looking for quilt guilds, groups, etc., that have an open membership. If you would like to share your group information with new members, new neighbors and new talent in your community, they would surely want to know about you! Please send in the form on page 4 by August 15, 1997, it will be in the annual directory.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Do you like to show off your quilts? Minneapolis Public Schools need you. You don’t have to prepare a speech—just talk about quilting to kids, show them your quilts, and tell them how you made them. Once in a while you might have to throw in something about pioneers! If you are willing to help, please call the Minneapolis Public Schools Wise Resource Volunteers at 627-2242 and ask for Chris.

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LIBRARY LINES

Summer is here after a long wait. We will all have adventures of various kinds this summer and many of them will involve fabric. Try putting everything you need for a pieced or applique block in a plastic zipper bag. You can take one or more along in the boat, to the cabin, or on a picnic. We never have to be away from quilting again! Is this heaven or what?

Please check your books at home. Some of the MQ books have found new homes away from Eustis Street. Please bring them back.

Speaking of new homes, enjoy our new library space. We’ve moved to the room next door with more space (we were getting just a bit too crowded). You will find the books you want more easily.

Thanks to those members for letting me know what books you’re looking for, and would like the library to have. Look for them soon.

Are you a new member? Stop by the desk, or ask someone where the library is. You will surely get a warm hello and a “...let me help you find what you’re looking for!” Welcome to MQ!

Volunteers are always appreciated at both the evening & daytime meetings. Remember, the hours volunteered at the MQ Library count towards the Volunteer Pin.

Three books and four magazines may be checked out until the next meeting at Machinist Hall. They cannot be renewed. If you are unable to return them at the next meeting, please mail them Fourth Class Book Rate to Minnesota Quilters, 1399 Eustis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108. Fines for overdue material is $1.00 per item, per month. Please return items promptly.

This is your library. If there is a book you want, please call me at 612/338-4360. A machine is waiting for your call.

HAPPY QUILTING,

PEGGY

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 Jane Shattuck, 1526 Sheldon St., St. Paul MN 55108. Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will say: PLEASE RENEW. The number on the label indicates the month and year of expiration. Example: 0197 means that the membership ends January 1997. Send changes of address and phone number to: Mary Drabik, 4258 Highland, Shoreview, MN 55126.

Advertising Rates: Business card size ad is $15 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 and handwritten, typed or computer output copy.

Business Card, 3” wide x 2.5” high, $15.00 per month, Classified ad, $5.00 for 3 lines/month

Deadline for Ads: All ads must be received by the newsletter editor, Sue Rutford, 5085 Morehead Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, by dates posted below.

All Articles, Advertising, News, etc. are due the 1st of the month prior to publication. NOTE: The next issue of MQ News will be the AUGUST 1997 issue, THIS ISSUE DEADLINE of MQ News is July 1, 1997.

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Dear Quilter's,

My term is almost over and I still haven't learned everything there is to know about Minnesota Quilter's. I can't tell you how much fun this year has been and how nice it has been to receive the President's Blocks and your nice comments. I plan on having the blocks with me at the show so people can see them. I do have an idea for sashing, but we'll see. Receiving the blocks has been such a joy that I want to be the first to give one to Jackie. She would like to receive your personal favorite. 12.5" unfinished block. I just have to decide which of my favorites I want to make for her. I think I'll put some yellow in it.

In one of my first articles I wrote about how I cut up all my scraps into 1", 1.5", 2.5", 4.5", 5" and 6.5" strips. I must say that I have not regretted cutting up my scraps. I have found these sized pieces to be very versatile, especially for scrap block exchanges. If I need a piece for appliqué, the strips are still large enough to accommodate.

I have so many ideas for scrap quilts now that I can keep busy for years. I have a whole new bunch of scraps to cut up and new fabric to make scraps out of. I always start more projects than I finish (anyone else, but I enjoy the tops too.

Good wishes to everyone in all their quilting projects, if you find time to volunteer for an MQ project, give a board member a call, watch the newsletter for membership information—it's your newsletter, keep bringing those great quilts to the MQ meetings for show & tell, welcome new members, involve your friends—bring them to the meeting with you, the coffee or tea is always on.

I'll miss all the excitement of being your MQ President, but the baton is in good hands—Jackie Northrup will be MQ President, 1997-1998. Please welcome the new board of directors and other board members as they continue their second year of sharing their time and talent as your volunteer board.

Piece, Barb

Crowning Glory Hat Project/MQ/American Cancer Society

Quality Control Workshop

What: Assist us in making or finishing hats, stop in for an hour or all day, bring your machine and basic supplies.

Location: Burnet Realty, 941 Hillwind Road NE, Fridley, MN 55432

Contact Person: Lynn Clark, 612/574-6949 or 612/574-2000

Dates: May 7, June 4, July 2, Aug. 6, Sept. 3 & Oct. 1

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Donations needed: Thread, decorative thread, scissors, $$$$.

For more information please call Bonnie Ellis at 612/781-7111

QUILTERS NEEDED FOR HISTORY CENTER EXHIBIT

The Minnesota Historical Society is looking for a quilting group for the purpose of creating a quilt top.

More specifically, is the "Q is for Quilts" exhibit team at the Minnesota History Center that is seeking a volunteer quilting group willing to commit time, energy and expertise to a quilting program.

The Historical Society is looking for an experienced quilting group with willing hands to: 1) decide on the quilt pattern; 2) purchase materials; 3) cut and piece the quilt top; 4) mark the quilting pattern; 5) put together the batting and backing; and 6) finish the edges. The Minnesota Historical Society will pay for the materials and acknowledge the group's contribution in the exhibit.

The result of the partnership will be a public program that uses the quilt to demonstrates the quilting process. The "demonstrators" will be members of quilting groups from the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota. (This is the first of many opportunities with "Q is for Quilts").

The "Q is for Quilts" section of Minnesota A to Z is a collaboration between the Minnesota Historical Society and Minnesota Quilters using quilts and information from the Minnesota Quilt Project. The quilting program will begin with the opening of the exhibit in mid-October.

For more information, please call Marsha Knittig, Assistant Exhibit Program Developer, at (612) 296-1193.
LOCAL QUILTING GROUPS

MQ is updating the regional circles and guilds list. This list will be published in the MQ Directory Oct. 1997. Groups should send in the following information.

- Your group DOES NOT have to be members of Minnesota Quilter’s, this list is to promote quilting and related activities in our communities.
- Deadline is August 15, 1997.
- Mail information to: Mary Drabik4258 Highland, Shoreview, MN 55126.
- Your group must have an open membership.

Group Name: 

City: 

Meeting Date(s): 
(i.e. 1st Tues.)

Times

Contact Person:

Contact Phone (opt.):

NOTES...

This is my last issue. All the thanks are done except to Anne, who helped me through all the issues of MQ News, etc. You’re the greatest, Anne!

Don’t forget to send in your quilting tips, quilting news or events to the new editor, Sue Rutford.

MQ News will feature the new board members in the next issue which is August.

The new board has a lot of quilting excitement planned. Don’t forget to attend the meetings for show and tell and the great coffee!

See you in Duluth! And of course: HAPPY QUILTING!!!

JOAN

A special thank you to all our advertisers in the MQ News.

Fabric Sale at Jacobsen’s
419 Division St., Northfield, MN (507-645-4672)
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PRESS CAREFULLY

Welcome new members!

See page 2 for your Board of Directors, also tune in for the next issue of MQ News. It will feature a list of the new Board of Directors with contact information.

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JOANNE HOLZKNECHT
2618 65th Ave North - Brooklyn Center, Minnesota 55430

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht, Brooklyn Center, MN
Drawing for the "Coverlet" block (May 1997 issue) will be held at the June/July daytime meeting.
- Add seam allowance to templates.
- Occasionally, printing distorts pattern pieces
- Please check for accuracy before marking!
- Print Name/Address-Attach to backside of block
- To participate, make one or more blocks. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing.
- You need not be present to win.
- If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail blocks before meeting date to Joanne.

There’s Another Duluth Show For You To See...

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“QUILTS ON THE WATERFRONT”

DULUTH - JUNE 12, 13 & 14, 1997

WHEN YOU READ THIS, IT WILL BE ALMOST SHOW-TIME!

In addition to taking workshops, going to lectures, seeing the quilts, winning the Raffle Quilt, buying forty pounds of fabric, and all the other great things there are to do at a quilt show, there will be a few new things to try.

THE OMNI THEATRE, which is connected to the DECC is offering us a $1.00 discount on admission. The film is “Under the Sea”, and from other normal human beings that have had time to go and see it, the reports are very favorable. A nice cool, dark place to get away from all the hub-bub for an hour.

THE MASSAGE THERAPISTS from THE POLINSKY REHAB CENTER will have a booth, and they will be doing 10 minute massages for a nominal fee, for all you weary quilters.

DARIEN THORSTAD from TRUE COLOR STUDIOS will be there with his digital camera, and will take pictures of you and your quilt, on the spot. You can also have it done up with a magazine format that looks like you made the cover of “Quilts Illustrated” or some such publication.

YOU CAN GET some warm fuzzies by donating fat quarters to the flood devasted quilters in the Grand Forks area. The collection basket will be in the registration area.

DEB ANDERSON, who did our great promotional video that made the rounds of many quilt guilds and groups, is doing a video of the wonderful quilts and wall hangings that will be at the show, maybe yours among them! You will be able to order it at the MQ Merchandise booth. It will cost around $25.00 and Deb will send you a bill, when it is ready to be shipped.

BROWSE IN THE TEMPTING SPECIALTY SHOPS IN CANAL PARK, or take a leisurely walk on the Lakewalk, all just across the funny little blue bridge from the DECC.

LOTS OF GREAT THINGS TO SEE AND DO!!! WE’LL SEE YOU THERE!

THE SHOW COMMITTEE

wants to say a huge Thank You to you all for your support and kindness. We really appreciate your donations of door prizes, all the raffle tickets you have sold and of course, all the delightful small quilts you have made and donated to our auction. But most of all we want to thank you for your wonderful enthusiasm. It makes the last two years all worthwhile, knowing that you are excited about coming to our show. We want you all to have a great time. See you in Duluth!!!

VOLUNTEER COMMITTEE

This year, not only do you get a wonderful limited edition pin (with a Viking ship on it, no less) for volunteering at the show, but you get in on a drawing for very special items handmade by the volunteer co-chairs themselves. Carol Hanson hand-dyes her lovely fabrics and silk ribbons for a dedicated clientele in the Duluth-Superior area. Her sister, Gail, is an accomplished needlewoman, her present passion being beaded amulet bag necklaces. They are both donating their treasures to be given at the nightly drawing exclusively for volunteers. We are still in need of many volunteers, so now that you know what your schedules will be at the show, please visit the volunteer committee (their table will be in the registration area) or drop a note to Carol Hanson, 5202 Peabody Street, Duluth, MN 55804, and offer your help. Your two hours will be greatly appreciated.

TIME AND TIME AGAIN

June1997 - Judi Smith©

We left for vacation on Friday morning. We had our two motorcycles on a trailer and were headed to ride the Ozark Mountains of Arkansas. It was still late winter in Minnesota, and the thought of 70 degrees and curvy roads was more than we could stand. We were ready to ride.

We spent our first night in Harrisonville, Missouri, just south of Kansas City. True to our usual form, we got up early and put a few miles behind us before stopping for breakfast. In Nevada, Missouri we pulled into a place called COWBOY’S GRILL. Since I don’t eat breakfast for breakfast, I ordered a cheeseburger and fries, while Dave is more normal and ordered the breakfast special.

As I turned around to go find a table, I knew Cowboy’s Grill was a restaurant that Joan Fleischacker would love! There were quilts hanging on the walls. A beautiful postage stamp quilt with bubble gum pink, and a grandmother’s flower garden done in the 30’s. I couldn’t believe my eyes, seeing these two beautiful quilts in a greasy spoon like Cowboy’s Grill. I did get some strange looks from the tour bus as I took pictures of the quilts, but I snapped happily away.

As we continued down the road to our eventual stopping place in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas, I checked out my list of quilt shops. I could see a few in the state, and I was hoping I could get Dave to ride the motorcycles to see as many of them as possible.

On Monday it rained so we drove down to Conway, Arkansas (half of where (JUDI CONTINUED ON PAGE 8)
BULLETIN BOARD NOTES...

June 7, 1997 - LANDMARK CENTER, 75 W. 5th Street, St. Paul (292-3225) 10AM-4PM

June 14, 1997 - THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS
Plymouth Chapel, 330 Vicksburg Lane, Plymouth (475-3136) 10AM-4PM

Event Chairperson, Gail Crookston says, "...quilts have been stitched by both individuals, groups and family generations. Two of the featured quilts include a State Fair Blue Ribbon winner and a 150 year-old pioneer quilt."

The exhibit is open to everyone. Admission is free; however, a donation of $2 per person or a non-perishable food item is suggested. Proceeds will go to local food shelves and a battered women's shelter. The June 7th exhibit is being hosted jointly with Minnesota Landmark Center.

This quilting exhibition is in conjunction with a year long celebration commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the first Mormon pioneers to settle in Minnesota and the first Latter-Day Saints to arrive in the Salt Lake Valley.

June 14 to July 6, 1997; EIGHTH ANNUAL QUILTSSSURFACE DESIGN SYMPOSIUM 1997, campus of The Pontifical College Josephinum Columbus, Ohio. Features: Fabric '97 Juried Exhibition, Small Works Invitational '97, forty quilts by thirteen invited artists. For more detailed information send large SASE with 55¢ postage to: Linda Fowler, 464 Vermont Place, Columbus, OH 43201.

July 25-27, 1997; NORTHSHORE CRAZY QUILTERS QUILT SHOW, Silver Bay Public Library, Silver Bay, MN. Fri. 6PM-9PM, Sat. 10AM-9PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM. (This show is held in conjunction with the Bay Days Festival in Silver Bay!) A quilt raffle will be held with full size patchwork quilts as 1st prize and a wildlife wall hanging as 2nd prize, numerous other prizes donated by quilt club members.

August 2 & 3, 1997; A SHOWING OF QUILTS, RHINELANDER NORTHWOODS QUILTERS. Central Elementary School, Rhinelander, WI (corner of Timber Dr. and Pelham St.) Sat. 10AM-4PM, Sun. 10AM-4PM, admission $3, hand-crafted accessible, raffle prizes, queen size Bear Paw quilt, Debbie Mum, Trunk Show, silent auction, demonstrations, country store, door prizes. For further information: Claire Stangarone, 7930 South Alva Road, Harshaw, WI 54529; 715/277-3107.


August 17, 1997; LUTHER POINT BIBLE CAMP, 11525 Luther Point Road, Grantsburg, WI 54840. Quilts, craft & bake sale, Quilt Auction, pig roast & chapel service, 10AM: Quilt viewing, craft & bake sale. Noon: pig roast-$6 adults, $4 ages 5-10, under 4 free. 1:30PM: Quilt Auction. Contact person: Linda 715/689-2347 or 715/689-2348 fax.

August 9, 1997 - Women Hanging by a Thread. Benefit quilt auction for women in need sponsored by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Quilt Review-9:00 to 11:30AM. Auction 12:00 NOON. Northfield Ballroom, Northfield, Minnesota.

September 13 & 14, 1997, AUTUMNFEST QUILT SHOW AND CLASSES. Lac Court Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center, Hayward, Wisc. For more information send a LSASE to: Ann Degen, Rt. #5, Box 5308D, Hayward, WI 54843.


September 13 & 14, 1997; 7TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW BY THE APPLE RIVER QUILT GUILD, First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm Street, Amery, WI. Sat. 9AM-5PM, Sun. Noon-4PM. $1 admission, show includes merchants and three raffle quilts. Held in conjunction with the Amery Fall Festival. For more information call 715/472-8596.

September 19 & 20, 1997; STITCHES IN TIME QUILT SHOW presented by LADIES OF THE LAKE QUILTING SOCIETY. Hours: Fri. 10AM-8PM, Sat. 10AM-4PM, raffle quilt, challenge display, vendors, boutique and refreshments. Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN 55115.

September 26, 27 & 29, 1997; INDIAN SUMMER QUILT SHOW AND CONFERENCE sponsored by the Quilters' Guild of North Dakota at the Fargo Holiday Inn. Quilt show, workshops, lectures and vendors. For more information write: ISQSC, P.O. Box 2662, Fargo, ND 58108.

September 26 & 27, 1997; PATCHES - PAST AND PRESENT QUILT SHOW, Rochester Quilters' Sew-ciety, The Army Reserve Center, 1715 Marion Road Southeast, Rochester. Fri. 9AM-8PM, Sat. 9AM-4PM. For more information send SASE to: Rochester Quilters' Sew-ciety, Kathy Teske, 738 Windermere Ct. NW, Owatonna, MN 55960.

October 3 & 4, 1997, Renville, MN QUILTERS ALONG THE YELLOWSTONE TRAIL presents their semi-annual quilt show, "Harvest of Quilts" at the Renville Community Center, Main Street, Renville, MN. Hours: Friday 10-5 p.m.; Saturday 10-4 p.m. Vendors of quilt related items, door prizes, refreshments, special presentation, "Walk In The Park" Quilt. SASE: DOROTHY H. JOHNSON, Route #1, Box 112, Hector, Minnesota 55342-9104.

October 4, October 6-9, 1997; REDWOOD AREA QUILTERS 7TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW, Gilwood Haven, 219 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN. Sat. Oct. 4, 9AM-4PM; Mon.-Wed. Oct. 6-9, 11AM-3PM, Thurs. Oct. 9, 11AM-6PM. For more information send a LSASE to: Ruth Zeise, 604 S. Dekalb Street, Redwood Falls, MN 56283 or call 507/673-3496.

October 11 & 12, 1997; ST. CLOUD HERITAGE QUILTERS"HARVEST OF QUILTS II", Atwood Memorial Center, Campus of St. Cloud State University, 720 South 4th Avenue, St. Cloud. Quilt display, raffle, merchant mall. For more information send SASE to: Publicity Committee, P.O. Box 7181, St. Cloud, MN 56302-7181.

October 17, 10AM-8PM, October 18,10AM-4PM, AUTUMN SPLENDOR QUILT SHOW, Stillwater, MN. Silent Auction, Raffle Quilt, Demonstrations & Vendors. Admission $2, children under 12-50 (No Strollers Please). Washington County Historic Courthouse, 101 West Pine Street, Stillwater, MN 55082. For information call (612) 430-1292, (612) 426-0063 or (612) 430-6233.

Be sure to send in your quilting group show or exhibit information to the editor. Send in as soon as you find out your event dates, the deadline for this newsletter is the first of the month (postdated), it will be printed in the newsletter and sent to all members by the end of that month. Your quilt show or exhibit DOES NOT have to be MQ sponsored. Only requirement is that it be quilt related.
Conway Twitty’s name came from. The lady in the WalMart (Arkansas is the home of WalMart and every town over 2,000 residents has one; there is even a new thing called a Super WalMart that has a grocery store and is open 24 hours a day!) gave us great directions and in just a few minutes we were pulling up in front of the quilt shop. Unfortunately, as we were to discover down the road in Fort Smith, a lot of stores are closed on Mondays in Arkansas. Knowing we were only 25 miles down the road, I figured we would get back there.

Wednesday dawned warm and sunny, so we took off for Mountain Vies. The Ozark Folk Center is located there, but they weren’t due to open until the next weekend, although they did offer to let us come and help wax the floors. We declined their generous offer, but decided to ride over the town anyway. The one thing we found out in Arkansas is that if you stand in any public place with a map, in less than two minutes at least one local will come over and tell you where to go. Well, not only did this one want to do that, he wanted us to come into the tourist center so his wife could educate us also. While there, I checked out the town map and discovered a quilt shop just down the street. We hit the jackpot on that shop, because in the garage in the back just off the owner’s living quarters, there were two Harley Davidsons parked. And of course, being the obliging kind, the owner and Dave spent half the time talking roads and other biker stuff.

On Thursday, it rained again, so we drove down to Little Rock. Now most people would go downtown and see the state capitol, or the site on which Bill Clinton announced that he would be running for President. But since we don’t normally see the usual sites when on vacation, we checked out a quilt shop on the way into town. We met the nicest people there and spent some time talking. As we got back into the truck, Dave looked at me and asked if I really needed to go to the other quilt shop in town, even though it was just down the road. No, that was fine, I got some great stuff at this shop, so we went on down the road to the Harley Davidson dealer.

Dave picked up some stuff (okay, another t-shirt with another dealer name and city on the back to add to the 132 he already has; somewhere he’s under the impression that someday they’ll find their way into a quilt) but I didn’t say a word and let him happily sniff all the leather stuff in the store. The real highlight of this trip was going to the Hawg Cafe for lunch. You just haven’t eaten ‘til you order a burger and they plop down a jar of jalepeno sauce to splash all over your french fries. I passed on it, and enjoyed them Minnesota-style, with ketchup.

On the way out of town, since we were driving past the same exit as the other quilt shop, I managed to slick talk my way to the other quilt shop. Found a few more cute things there and we took off again for home.

On Friday, I decided just to take a break and do some quilting. Dave took off on the motorcycle to explore the two backroads that we hadn’t ridden yet. About three hours later he comes back, with a yard of fabric; he found another quilt shop hidden away on a back road. So we piled back in the truck and headed over there. The owner didn’t have a lot of fabric, but she did have some great antiques. We did some more shopping and headed for home.

On our last day of vacation, we decided to ride up to an Ozark Art Center that we had seen advertised about 50 miles up the road. They had taken down the local artist’s exhibit the day before, but we were free to browse through the museum upstairs. Sure enough, they had a quilt on display! It was a pattern I didn’t recognize, but close inspection revealed the appliqué to be first rate and the quilting well done. What a find on a trip to a small museum!

That was the end of my fabric shopping for this trip. Even though there was a great quilt shop in Liberty, Missouri, we went through on Easter Sunday and nothing could persuade Dave to wait another day so we could do some more shopping. Instead he took me to the Cracker Barrel and bought me a bag with bunnies on it. It turned out to be a very good day indeed.

Judi
Our fellow member and quilt enthusiast Georgean attended the AQS show. She was also a contestant, and recommends that all contestants attend this exciting annual event. The story below follows her experiences in that wonderful town.


On April 21, I drove to Worthington, Minnesota to join a group of quilters on a charter bus to the AQS show. Quilters were picked up at Crafty Corners, Worthington; as well as four other cities. We arrived in Paducah at noon on the 23rd, making our first stop at the Special Quilt Exhibits, going through all the vendors at the Kentucky Oaks Mall.

Six quilters including myself attended the awards banquet that evening. There is limited seating of 1,500, and to get a front row view requires determination and an hour & half waiting in line. The banquet was very nice and was followed by the exciting announcements of the winners. The show sponsors presented the awards and the top prize-winning quilts were unveiled on stage. A slide show featured the first, second and third prize winners. The 1997 AQS Show & Contest featured 414 quilts from over 1,000 juried entries in 13 categories; in both the Amateur and professional divisions.

Quilts selected for a purchase award becomes part of the permanent collection of the Museum of the American Quilters Society. You may have the option to forfeit the award money and keep your quilt. This event is full of suspense. No one knows who the winners are until the announcements are made at the banquet. Only the husband of the “Best of Show” knew his wife was to receive an award that night.

Following the awards banquet the doors open for a “Sneak Preview.” Admission is $25.00, free to contestants. This is a wonderful time to view the quilts before the doors open for the show the next morning. Limited tickets are sold, therefore you have plenty of elbow room (more crowded the next day) for both viewing and photographing the quilts. It’s a wonderful feeling to know you are one of the first to see these beautiful quilts and to see the excitement of the winners, watching them being televised.

The quilt exhibit is “awesome”, in my opinion the quilts with bright colors and/or sharp contrast seemed to be the winners. The hand and machine quilting were exquisite.

After attending the AQS Show you may sign-up to be a hostess or white glove lady for two hours and earn a AQS Quilt Show pin. Then there’s the browsing, shopping and more shopping.

During the four day event you might sit-in on a workshop that did not fill, attend the fashion show or the All Star Reviews; instructors also presented mini-demonstrations of quilt techniques. There is a “meet the author” of many best selling AQS books. Books can be purchased or bring your books from home and have them autographed.

While strolling along brick sidewalks of downtown Paducah, you will pass turn-of-the-century buildings with historic markers that line the street. Explore the museums and galleries within and around Market Square, or browse the variety of antique and specialty shops, and the many vending booths. Last but not least there is the largest Hancock fabric shop that you can "shop til you drop."

Wherever you looked quilts could be seen displayed in store fronts, hanging from ceilings and more quilt show sponsored by other groups.

The National Museum of the American Quilter’s Society is a stop you HAVE to make. A large array of unforgettable beautiful and artistically superior quilts are on display. This years special exhibits were the Mariner’s Compass Quilters; New Quilts from an Old Favorite, and many more.

Of course there is excellent trolley or bus service to move you around to all of the special points of interest. And the AQS Show has a shopping bag check-in! It will cost you a dollar a day to have them hold your treasures while you enjoy the wonderful quilt show.

I might mention that I purchased lots of fabric, including dyed fabrics, excellent selection of dyed silk ribbon, batting, a couple of new rulers, and the new Steam-A- Seam 2 fusible. Even an "Andy" doll made it into my packages, joining Raggedy Ann from my trip five years ago.

There really are so many things to do! Make your reservations for the AQS Show & Contest a year in advance if you can. Travel by car, air or charter-bus. Charter buses fill up early and guarantee lodging. I was fortunate to schedule my trip through Crafty Corners (finding the advertisement in the MQ newsletter) and ended up with a wonderful group of quilters on the trip. We enjoyed pie, ice cream, and had fun with the magic tricks of Judy in our group. We all laughed so hard at one restaurant that the waitress asked if we might enjoy a table in the back! She was laughing as hard as we were. The last leg of the trip was filled with many jokes and laughter. Yes, we had a hey-day!

We'll be forever in stitches!

Georgean Kruger

(Special thanks to Georgean for writing this article to share with our membership, we're so lucky to have her as an MQ member!)

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WOMEN HANGING BY A THREAD

The School Sisters of Notre Dame, Mankato, Minnesota are planning a quilt auction for August 1997 called Women Hanging by a Thread. The auction is intended to help women and children who are in need. The proceeds from the auction will be used to fund programs that assist women who are trying to rebuild their lives. The School Sisters of Notre Dame have a long standing tradition of helping women and children in need.

If you are interested in donating a handmade quilt, an antique quilt or a quilt top to Women Hanging by a Thread, please contact: The School Sisters of Notre Dame, Office of Development and Communications, 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN 56001-3138 or call 507/389-4213.

HELIACAL RISE
Laura Murray, MQ Member

Last month we featured Laura in MEMBERS IN THE NEWS. This month Laura graciously sent a photo of her beautiful quilt for us to enjoy.

Creating original designs based on the foundation of quilt making has provided Laura Murray with the perfect medium for her love of color and texture. Embellishments are often used to enhance the texture of her complex designs. After a long history of needlework, Laura discovered quilt making in 1989, and not a day has gone by since that is not occupied in some way with the design, or production of quilts. Each new work has been shown internationally, and she has received a number of awards in recognition of her skills. She lives in Minneapolis, and balances her time between her artistic endeavors and a position in Human Resources with a large corporation. She is a member of the American Quilters Society, Minnesota Quilters, Textile Center of Minnesota, and the Contemporary Quilters.

PRESIDENTS BLOCK

These are 12-1/2" (unfinished) blocks that are made by members and given to the MQ President as a personal “thank you” for working so hard for the Minnesota Quilter’s organization.

I know that Barb Pastman, our 1996-1997 President would just love to get quilt blocks from our membership:

a) Some yellow in them, any amount!
b) Let’s use a white on muslin background

c) 12-1/2” unfinished block size
d) Attach a piece of paper to each block with your name and address.

If you would like to make a block for Barb, please send it directly to Barb at her address in the newsletter/directory, she will take those to the monthly meetings and share them at “Show & Tell”. Or bring them to the monthly meetings. You can share at Show & Tell and present to Barb then or ask the evening or daytime director to present it to Barb for you. How exciting to share our time with someone who shares their time.

NOTE:
THE JUNE MEETING IS THE LAST CHANCE TO PRESENT A PRESIDENTS BLOCK TO BARB!

Joan
FLOOD AREA
RESIDENTS/QUILTING

When one considers that many of our flooded neighbors have lost everything, it quickly come to mind that this includes their “stash”, to say nothing of tools, all the notions, and even sewing machines. With your help, quilters can add a bit of brightness to those stressed lives.

We all know how exciting it is to discover a new, fun, spring-like fat quarter and a spool of matching thread. With each of us putting together that small amount, in a zipped bag will make a huge difference to those who are working so hard at survival right now. Include a cheery note of encouragement if you wish.

There will be a collection basket in the reception area at QUILTS ON THE WATERFRONT IN DULUTH. Please look for the sign. You may drop your packets there too. Pam Botten (our Minnesota to North Dakota transplant) has graciously agreed to take them back home, and see that they are distributed through the local quilt guilds. We’ll also be collecting at the June MQ meeting. In addition, Susan Stein has kindly offered a collection area at COLORFUL QUILTS, 2817 North Hamline Avenue, Roseville. Some of the “hand-dyers” that she uses are from North Dakota, so she has some contacts to help with distribution. If none of these options are convenient, you may send your packets to Terry Kaylor, 5435 East Brenner Pass, Fridley, MN 55432-6017. I’ll get them to those in need. For more information call me at (612) 484-2500 until June 25th, and (612) 572-2434 after that date.

There are so many towns along the whole Red River Valley, in both Minnesota & North Dakota, that have been destroyed. They are full of quilters. Let’s help create a new beginning for cherished treasures. Your kindness and generosity will warm many hearts. I know we can make a great success of this project.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Happy Stitching, Terry

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Shortly before the AQS show in Paducah, Mountain Mist was contacted by a quilt guild in Middletown, Ohio with ideas for replenishing the fabric and supplies of flooded quilters. The implementing of those ideas are not yet final yet, but they are in the making. Mountain Mist is offering free shipping of donations, to probably the Grand Forks areas, in a few months. As of this writing, the plan is to put out a national call for fabric, projects, and all the tools and notions we use every day. Please watch for their advertising in the new future. It will be our opportunity to help a large effort.

They are also working on corporate support from other suppliers. THAT PATCHWORK PLACE has already donated all their sample books from Paducah. As the national market is being held in the Twin Cities in early May, the proximity of our area should increase everyone’s awareness of the great need. The contact person at Mountain Mist is Vickie Paullus, 800/345-7150. You can also call Terry Kaylor at 612/484-2500 until June 25th, and 612/572-2434 after that date. I’m going to keep updated with Mountain Mist in order to have the information to pass on to Minnesota Quilters members.
MACHINISTS HALL
Minnesota Quilters will have more space for the MQ offices at Machinists Hall where we hold our regular monthly meet-
ings. We will have more room for the library! Take a little extra time and explore the library and new area.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped get this project ready for all members to enjoy!

Remember, there ARE NO MQ MEETINGS IN JULY. See the calendar on page 2 for updated information!

ON THE EDGE: NORTHWEST QUILTART
A vibrant display of quilt art by members of the Contemporary Quilt Art Association will be presented May 31 to September 6, 1997 at the Museum of the American Quilter’s Society in Paducah, Kentucky. *On the Edge: Northwest QuiltArt* was juried by Lloyd E. Herman, founding director of the Smithsonian Institution’s Renwick Gallery in Washington D.C. and author of *Art That Works: The Decorative Art of the Eighties*, Crafted in America. 29 pieces by 29 quilt artists will hang in the show, making this one of the richest visual experiences of the year. For more information, contact Heather W. Tewell 360/293-8349.

WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL MQ SHOW!
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See page 6 for more information.