August Lecture

Wow, what a great year MQ is having! The St. Cloud Quilt Show was fabulous! Our lectures have been exciting and our August meeting will carry on this great tradition. Our guest speaker this month is Helen Thorn, owner of Pine Tree Lodge Designs of Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. Helen is a nationally recognized designer, teacher and lecturer. Her topic for the Thursday evening meeting will be "Twice as Nice," reflecting on the use of patterns, color and fabric to enhance your quilting skills. She will present ways to change your outlook on quilt patterns and an easy way to create an original quilted vest. Her Friday morning presentation will be on "Personal Design." She will give an overview of the evening's presentation and proceed to the actual design process. Using graph paper you will see how the design takes form and how to best use this process for your own design ideas. Please bring ideas for designs that you may want to experiment with. Helen will bring patterns that may be purchased at either of the meetings. Also, watch for her design, Pumpkin Patch, for the month of October in the new 1999 American Patchwork & Quilting Calendar!

Our vendor for the August meeting will be And Sew On of Stillwater.

MQ Board News

At the April and May meetings, the Board approved the slate of officers nominated for the board of the Minnesota Quilt Project. Officers are: Chair Paulette Marini, Co-chair Dorothy Stash, Secretary Jackie Northrup, Treasurer Jean Loken, Archivist Pat Cox, Special Projects At-Large Judy Fletcher, and Member-At-Large Susan MacLennan. The board also voted to give a lifetime membership to the quilter chosen "Quilter of the Year" by the Show committee, approved the annual budget of $85,373 (budget report to follow), and made the MQ Librarian an ex-officio member of the board.

A Big Thank You!!

Dear MN Quilters,

I would like to thank a very special group of you, 23 of you to be exact, for all the work you put into making this beautiful quilt! Not to mention the blood, sweat & tears! I want you to know that your efforts will not hide in a closet somewhere, nor will I put the quilt on my bed; I have a 65 lb. Black Lab that would love to cuddle up on it! I am having a special hanger made for 'Purple Glory' so that I can show it to everyone who comes to my house! I feel so honored having won the quilt & can only hope that I will someday be worthy enough to work on one so beautiful.

Thank-You!
The Lucky Quilt Winner!
Patti K. Trygg
(We will try to fit a picture of Patti and the raffle quilt in sometime!)

Calendar of Events

AUGUST
August 6 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
August 7 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
August 24 Board of Directors Mtg.

SEPTEMBER
September 3 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
September 4 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
September 21 Board of Directors Mtg.

OCTOBER
October 1 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
October 2 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
October 26 Board of Directors Mtg.

GENERAL MEETINGS are free for members. There is a $2.00 charge for non-members. LECTURE SERIES meetings are $1.00 for members, $3.00 for non-members.

How do I get to the Meeting??

Directions to 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 (former Group Health) building is on the right.

LOST AND FOUND

We have several items that were turned in to us at the Garden of Quilts Show in St. Cloud. If you are missing anything after attending the show please contact Jane or David Shattuck at (651)644-1987 in St. Paul, MN. Some of the items included are two cameras, an iron, a package left at the ComfortCaps™ booth and some other miscellaneous items.
Library Lines

The MQ library is getting a make-over this summer. New magazine display racks and a library cart have already arrived and new bookshelves are arriving this summer. Tell us how you like the new look.

Please continue to volunteer in the library. Volunteers are always appreciated at both the evening & daytime meetings. The past few months have seen several new volunteers at the library. Please continue to volunteer. We always appreciate the effort. 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 Machinists 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 Rustis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108. Fines for overdue material are $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)358-4360. 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; dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and enjoyment of quilting. Membership Dues are $20.00 per year (U.S. funds only) and include monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginning, advanced and professional quilters; the newsletter, workshop opportunities, and priority registration for the annual show. Minnesota Quilters pins are available for sale.

New Memberships, Renewals, and Changes of Address

Should be sent to: Irene Bjorklund, 2749 Seminary Drive, New Brighton, MN 55125-2576. 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: 0998 means that the membership ends September 1998.

Advertising Rates & Information

Business card size ad (3" by 2.5") is $15 per month, plus $5 per additional inch of length. Classified ad is $5 for 3 lines. If ads must be composed by editor, there will be an additional $10 charge. Make checks payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 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. All ads must be received by the newsletter editor, Sue Rutford, 5085 Morehead Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, by dates posted below.

The next issue of MQ News will be the September 1998 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is August 1, 1998.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Here I am, your new President. It's hard to believe the year as Elect has already passed. For those of you who don't know who I am, I'll give you a little bit of background. I've been on the Board of MQ ever since I joined first as Treasurer for two terms (that's 4 years) and then serving as President-Elect this past year. I have two sons, Byron who is almost 18 and Mark who is almost 9. And as many of you might have guessed, I am married to the infamous David Shattuck. My regular full time job is with Gourmet Award Foods, where I am the Accounts Payable Supervisor managing the Dallas division and the St. Paul division. So, as many of you know, there is never a slow moment at the Shattuck household. As I am writing this David just returned from Rochester doing some prep work for the 2000 MQ show, and 1999 is well underway in St. Paul.

Speaking of shows, I hope you all got the chance to get to St. Cloud for the Garden of Quilts Show. If not, you missed a wonderful event. The quilts were fabulous, vendors galore, wonderful classes and teachers. I want to express my deepest thanks to the hundreds of people who volunteered before, during and after the show making it such a success. To the show committee APPLAUSE APPLAUSE, what a fantastic job and a special thanks to Linda Wines for keeping it all together and giving us such a great event. We tried some new ways to handle things such as the early sign up for the Banquet; we are still working the bugs out, but don't give up on us. We had a few problems but have addressed these for the 1999 Banquet and hope not to have the same trouble. Just to get you all ready, there will be over 800 seats available for the 1999 Banquet.

As I start this year as your President I would like to give Jackie Northrop thanks and praises for the wonderful job she did this past year, she tackled many difficult issues with tact and grace. I only hope I can serve you as well, she's a really hard act to follow. On another exciting note, the new library equipment has arrived, it is my hope that at the August meeting it will be set up and filled for you to start using. Until next time......

Quilt and Be Happy,
Jane Shattuck
MQ President

August Block of the Month
"Mosaic Sparkler"
8" Block (8.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics
Background: Off-white muslin
Star Shape: Multiple dark prints of your choice
Outer Triangles: Light tan print
Triangles Inside Star: Multiple light prints
For fast rotary and Easy Angle™ cutting, cut the triangles from 2.5 inch strips.

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the September 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 Holzknecht,
2618 65th Ave. N.,
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430.

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August 1, 1998
7th Annual quilt auction at Lutheran Island Camp, 8 miles west of Henning MN on East Battle Lake. Auction is at 11, viewing begins at 9. Beautiful handmade quilts, door prize drawings. Refreshments and lunch will be available on the grounds. For more information call (218)583-2905

August 4-6, 1998
The Redwood Area Quilters present their Farmfest Quilt Show. The show runs 9 AM to 5 PM on the 4th and 5th, and 9 AM to 4 PM on the 6th. It is at Farmfest '98, located on the Gilfillan estate between Redwood Falls and Morgan, MN. Contact Maureen Ohland, 105 E. Bridge St, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-2607 with a LSASE for more information.

August 6-8, 1998
Hands All Around Quilters Guild show at the Park Cafe party room, Braham, MN. Hours are Aug, 6, 10 AM to 5 PM, Aug. 7 10 AM to 8 PM, and Aug, 8 10 AM to 1 PM. Maximum perimeter is 180 inches. For a registration form, please send a long SASE to Rosemary Brabc, P.O. Box 329, Braham, MN 55006. Deadline is July 24. Don’t forget that Pie Day is Aug. 7 only.

August 7-9, 1998
Hammond Arts Alliance at Foster Hall, Davis Street, Hammond WI, during Hammond Heartland Days. Four area textile artists will display their creations. Bard Bend--dolls, Patsy Kuebker-Johnson--weavings, Cecily Perry & Kathy Miller--quilting. More info-- Kathy (715) 749-3508 or KWWmiller@pressenter.com

August 12, 1998
Prairie Star Quilters of South Central Minnesota and North Iowa present "Hats off to Fashion" style show and luncheon, St. John Vianney School, 901 S. Prairie Ave., Fairmont, MN. Special exhibits, boutique and punch at 11 AM, luncheon at noon followed by quilted fashions show. Tickets $7, advance reservations only. Order by check to Sherry Bremier, 122 180th Ave., Fairmont, MN 56031 by September 1.

September 19, 1998
Hudson Heritage Quilters will host guest speaker Johanna Wilson, a quilter, designer and teacher, author of Plum Creek Patchwork books and patterns of original quilt designs created from her MN prairie home near Plum Creek. Meeting time 9:30 AM, speaker at 10:30 AM at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Vine St. & Wisconsin Ave, Hudson. $2 admission fee. Info: Kathy at (715) 749-3508 or KWWmiller@pressenter.com

September 19-20, 1998
Autumnfest Quilt Show and Classes will be held at the Lac Courte Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center Hayward, WI. SASE to: Ann Degnan, 7759 N. Willkie Rd, Hayward, WI 54843 (715) 634-3336.

September 19-20, 1998
The Apple River Quilt Guild is having their 8th Annual Quilt Show at the First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm St., Amery WI, on Saturday, September 19 from 9 AM to 5 PM and Sunday, September 20 from 12 noon to 4 PM. There is a $1 admission charge. The show includes merchants and three raffle quilts and is held in conjunctions with the Amery Fall Festival. For information, call (715) 268-7866.

September 19-20, 1998
Going to Pieces quilters will be having a Quilt Show at Ironworld in Chisholm, MN. Featured will be an old-fashioned quilting bee with public participation encouraged, machine quilting demonstrations, and viewer’s choice voting and awards. The International Button Box and Folklife Festivals will also be at Ironworld this weekend with ethnic artisans and family fun. For more information, contact Shirley Olson-Butterfield at Ironworld Discovery Center (800) 372-6437 or (218)254-3321.

September 26-27, 1998
Bittersweet Memories Quilt Show, sponsored by the Flying Geese Quilters at the Montevideo Training and Community Center (TACC), 711 S. 17th St, Montevideo, MN 56265. Hundreds of displayed quilts, vendors, door prizes, raffle quilt, special exhibits, refreshments and demonstrations.

October 3, 5-7, 8, 1998
Redwood Area Quilters present their 8th annual Quilt show at Gilwood Haven, 219 South Mill St., Redwood Falls, MN. Show times are Oct. 3, 9 AM to 4 PM, Oct. 5-7 11 AM to 3 PM, and Oct. 8 11 AM to 6 PM. LSASE to: Sharen Monahan, 308 Lake Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-1528

November 21, 1998
Hudson Heritage Quilters will host guest speaker Helen Thorn, of Pine Tree Lodge Designs. Her lecture topic is “Twice As Nice.” Meeting time 9:30 AM, speaker at 10:30 AM at St. Patrick’s Catholic Church, Vine St. & Wisconsin Ave, Hudson. Info: Kathy at (715) 749-3508 or KWWmiller@pressenter.com

January 10-Feb. 14, 1999
The Piece-makers Quilt Guild of Owatonna present “In Stitches...A Lighthearted Look at Quilting” Show. Owatanna Art Center, 435 Dunnell Drive. Open Tues.-Fri., Noon to 5:30, Sat. & Sun. 1-5 PM. Raffle Quilt and workshop, admission $2. Info: Diane Fischer, 415 McKinley, Owatonna, MN 55060 or call (507)455-1556
Time and time again
August 1998- Judi Smith©

Chiaroscuro—an artist who works in lights and darks. Winning word from this year's Scripps national spelling bee.

Their faces told the whole story—"It's only Wednesday night, and we're already tired." Hundreds of hours have already been spent planning, organizing, and making sure that everything is ready for the big show. They've given up family time, free time, quilting time and house cleaning time (okay, that last one's not so hard to give up). And it's all done by devoted volunteers to make sure that every year when we get to the quilt show it's even bigger, better, more fun and more interesting than the show the year before.

So to all you volunteers, a great big thank you: Linda, you can now have your life back; David and Jane, the godparents of quilting shows, you can get back to doing some quilting now; Paula and Vicki, thanks for the great teachers and making sure the rooms had enough iron; Ellen and Jean, the exhibits were wonderful; Faye, for making sure there were enough volunteers—a friend who doesn't quilt but likes the quilt show said there were enough white gloves working on Saturday that she didn't have to go search for someone when she wanted to see the back of a quilt. To everybody else who worked so hard to make this time fun for us, we do appreciate you. If you made sure there were door prizes for every lecture and class, or there were small quilts to bid on and vendors to buy from, if you did any one of the thousands of little things that make this one of the best quilt shows in the country, here's a big pat on the back.

As Lynna Hastings paid for her 1999 challenge packet with 12 $1 bills, she gave me her secret. All year she tucks away a dollar bill here and there, and by the time of the show, she has some extra spending money for the show—and in a denomination that's always in short supply. I've already started to put away some money for next year—my goal is $1 a week—that will be $50 extra to spend next year. And I just bet there will be lots of great places to spend it.

Judi
Do the (Copy)Right Thing!

I sidled over in the middle of their conversation, spying. "It's a fantastic pattern," one woman said to her friend. "What I especially like is that it doesn't just stop with the piecing, but it takes you all the way through, every step of the way from piecing to quilting to binding."

I was thrilled to overhear this comment in Gruber's Market booth at the Minnesota Quilters show because the pattern they were discussing was mine—a brand-new foundation-piecing pattern called Jambalaya. I wanted to run up and hug her! She was saying exactly what I have been telling quilt-store owners, to try to convince them to carry Jambalaya. I had been frustrated myself by the lack of clear directions and the incompleteness of many patterns on the market; they just didn't live up to their cost. So when I decided to try marketing a pattern of my own, I vowed it would be complete, easy-to-follow, and a good value for the price. I was gratified to hear that I had succeeded.

But then as her friend reached up to take a pattern from the rack to purchase it, this same wonderful woman said, "Oh no, don't buy it. I'll let you copy mine." I walked away, wondering if they realize they are talking about stealing. I know we're not talking Jesse James or Michael Milken here, but it is stealing, just the same. And I and Gruber's Market are the victims. We have just been denied income. A few hours later I wandered back to the booth. Again I was gratified to see there was a lot of interest in Jambalaya. People were admiring my samples. I watch as one of the admirers takes a few steps backward to photograph the samples (the same ones that are readily available by purchasing the pattern). Quickly. Then she scoots out of the booth. I wonder if she's just in a hurry, or if she feels she has to escape the scene of the crime.

Both these examples illustrate violations of copyright. I suspect that many people, especially quilters, who, in my experience, are among the most generous and honest people in the world, do it quite innocently, without understanding that somebody gets hurt. I think if they understood that such behavior contributes to putting their favorite small vendors and manufacturers out of business, they would gladly buy the pattern instead of snapping photos or copying a friend's. Robbie Fanning, publisher of The Creative Machine Newsletter (P.O. Box 2634, Menlo Park, CA 94026-2634), has written some of the easiest-to-understand articles on copyright. In her Winter 1996 issue she says: "The crucial question to ask any time you want to use copyrighted material [is] Am I denying income to the creator of this original material? If the answer is yes, you must have permission or pay a licensing fee before you can use all or part of the material." Robbie goes on to say, "We always feel like a Scrooge when we explain our [copyright] policy because we understand the kindness behind it (Hey, good article, I'm going to share it with all my sewing buddies!), but we'd also like to stay in business. Amen! I love when you love my pattern. But don't put me out of business expressing your admiration!!

Perhaps part of the explanation is our culture. The exigencies of making a living today, the excesses of big business, the get-while-the-getting-is-good mentality of so many sports stars—it's easy to be persuaded that we should take what we can, wherever we can. But let me assure you, just because a product is for sale doesn't mean it's backed by the unlimited resources of some large company. Particularly in the sewing, crafts, and quilting fields, many products are designed and manufactured by people like me: individuals working from their homes, taking time after completing their real jobs and caring for their families, and using their often-meager savings to finance printing, advertising, promotion, etc. We know it's not the road to riches but we do it anyway. Because we love the work. We love the sharing. And we love the people we meet along the way. All we ask is that if you use our creative product, please pay for it. That way we can continue to produce patterns (and fabrics and articles, etc.) that fuel your own creative passions.

Sounds like a win-win situation to me, how about you?

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Show Awards and Ribbons

Judged Category

Best of Show--"Nostalgia," Diane Leclair, San Antonio TX
Best Machine Quilting--"Snow Shadows," Mary Chalmers, Willmar MN
Best Hand Quilting--"Stephanie & Scott's Wedding Quilt," Nancy Prentice, quilted by Jackie Northrop, both Minneapolis MN

Pieced
1st Place--"Tall Timbers Tranquility," Eunice M. Hill, Rochester MN
2nd Place--"Circles of Love," Susie Braun, Rapid City SD
3rd Place--"Elements of Infinity," Laura Murray, Minneapolis MN

Applique
1st Place--"A Quilted Garden - Baltimore Style," Marlyce Payne, Maple Grove MN
2nd Place--"It's the Berries," Victoria Miller, Northfield MN
3rd Place--"Flowers in a Frame," Kathy Munkelwitz, Isle MN

Mixed Techniques
1st Place--"Nearly Noah," Pam Holland, Aldgate, Australia
2nd Place--". . . Home Fires Burning," Wendy Richardson, Brooklyn Park MN
3rd Place--"Opposites Complement," Susan Cleveland, West Concord MN

Group Quilt
1st Place--"Kindamo Family Album," Corine Buechner, Marcell MN
2nd Place--"Boston Commons," Kathy Munkelwitz, Isle MN
3rd Place--"My Cottage Baskets," Paula Hagg, St. Paul MN

Wall hanging
1st Place--"Phillipe - The One With the Fancy Tailfeathers," Carolyn V. Peters, Woodbury MN
2nd Place--"Time Passages," Frances Caswell Williams, Grand Forks ND
3rd Place--"Take A Walk," Sandra Dockstader, Northfield, MN

Miniature
1st Place--"Nostalgic Hearts," Ellen Carter, Eden Prairie MN
2nd Place--"The Light at the End of the Tunnel," Carolyn V. Peters, Woodbury MN
3rd Place--"Yellow No. 2," Judi Smith, Lakeville, MN

National Award
1st Place--"Reflections of Light," Linda Salitrynski, Rome PA
2nd Place--"Iris," Emily Parson, St. Charles IL

Judges' Choice
Hollis Turnbow--"Toss Me A Bouquet," Maybeth H. Oxenrider, Carlisle IA
Nancy Johnson-Srbo--"Language of the Leaves," Judith A. Koch, Two Rivers WI
Chrystal Carter--"Bowtie," Kathy Munkelwitz, Isle MN

Challenge Quilts
Quilts & Wall hangings
1st Place--"Knights of the Round Table," Sarah Bruso, Rhinelander WI
2nd Place--"Monarda," Susan MacLennan, Minneapolis MN
3rd Place--"Garments & 3-D"
1st Place--"Autumn Harvest," Gini Corrick, Cross Lake MN
2nd Place--"Cornelius Cobb," Kathy McCully, Cambridge MN
3rd Place--"Autumn's Harvest," Carol Jacobson, Lakeville MN
Grand Prize--"Liberty Garden II," Marilyn Liebert, Rhinelander WI

Benartex Challenge
1st Place--Roxanne Garoutte
2nd Place--"It's Peaceful at the Heart of the Garden," Frances Caswell Williams, Grand Forks, ND
3rd Place--"Garden Fresh," Ardith Hendrickson, Marshfield, MN

Special Awards

Viewers' Choice
1st Place--"Heide's Garden," Sylvia Hakala, Eagan MN
2nd Place--"Finally!!," Carla Kilkelly, Richfield MN
3rd Place--"Chains of Love," Judy A. Timm, Oakdale MN
President's Choice
"Baltimore Rose," Sharon Flueckinger, Rapid City SD

Guard's Choice
"Sisters Connecting Threads... In the Garden," Laurie Duncan & Wendy Lascko, St. Paul MN
"Twisted Chain," Lenore Quandt-Smith, Hudson WI

Show Chair's Choice
"Fun Cats," Stacy Jaeger, Bismark ND

St. Cloud Mayor's Choice
"Heide's Garden," Sylvia Hakala, Eagan MN

Faculty Choice
Jennifer Amor--"Elliot's Dream," Nancy Niggley, Minneapolis MN
Doreen Burbank--"Fantasy Flowers," AnnMarie Kraayenbrink, Shakopee MN
Nancy Brenan Daniel--"Wind Blown Tulips," Nancy Hertz, Maplewood MN
Christol Carter--"Speciosa Ambigua," Audrey Mead, Woodbury MN
Darlene Christopherson--"Family Star," Cheri Gott Hand, Roseville MN
Patricia Cox--"Finally!," Carla Kilkelly, Richfield MN
Carol Doak--"The Gardens of My Heart," Annita Schlosser, Webster MN
Beth Donaldson--"The Octopus' Garden," Marilyn N. Hamaker, Indianapolis IN
Donna Harjes--"Snow Shadows," Mary Chalmers, Willmar MN
Sharon Hultgren--"Farmer's Daughter-in-Law," Lynette Wiss, Minneapolis MN
Nancy Johnson-Srebro--"Garden Melange I and II," Gayle Cedarblad Cmiel, Stillwater MN
Helen Kelley--"Exotica (Jacobean Applique)," Irene Lundquist, Miltona MN
Jeana Kimball--"A Few of My Favorite Things," Barbara Coleman, Fort Myers FL
Lynn Kough--"Watercolor With a Twist," Rosemary Todd, Palo Alto CA
Margaret Miller--"Knot an English Garden," Linda Hillen, Brooklyn Park MN
Sandi Monahan--"Nearly Noah," Pam Holland, Aldgate, Australia
Sharon Newman--"Vintage Dresden," Paula Hagg & Verna Zook, St. Paul MN
Maurine Noble--"Passionflower," Claudia Clark Myers, Duluth MN
Paulette Peters--"Aztec Feathered Star Medallion," Janet M. Knapp, Fergus Falls MN
Lucy Senstad--"Aquainted with the Night," Denise Ostrom, Oakdale MN
Ami Simms--"House Full of Memories," Sharon Castle, Falcon Heights MN
Deanna Spingola--"In Motion," Gloria Hansen, Hightstown NJ
Millie Splitslone--"Country Wild Flowers," Sharon Dunford, Rochester MN
Gabrielle Swain--"Playing With Fire," Wendy Richardson, Brooklyn Park MN
Carol Wagner--"Silent Spirits," Debbie Czech, Inver Grove Heights MN
Linnette Whicker--"Fleurs De Nuit," Joanie SanChirico, Toms River NJ
Joan Wolf--"The Deep Blue Sea," Suzanne Zander

Thank You Volunteers!
You did a great job! Some 800 volunteer positions were filled by 470 people, some volunteers worked 2 & 3 positions. We wouldn't have had such a wonderful Quilt Show & Conference without all of you. Special thanks go to Dode Westendorf (Waverly, Iowa), Bonnie Swanstorm (Fridley), Gayle Cmiel (Stillwater), and Nancy Paulsen (Lino Lakes) for being right there when I needed you. A Special Thank You to Pfaff American Sales Corp. for generously donating a Pfaff sewing machine for the volunteer incentive drawing. What an incentive!
Volunteer drawing WINNERS:
Pfaff Sewing Machine Winner: Karen Golden, Woodbury, MN
Electric Quilt 3.0 donated by Electric Quilt Inc.: Susan Feist, St. Anthony, MN
Daily Fabric Packet Winners:
Wednesday: Jane Shattuck, St. Paul, MN
Thursday: Doug Rutford, White Bear Lake, MN
Friday: Cheryl Friese, Red Wing, MN
Saturday: Pat Antony, Monticello, MN
Thanks again. I hope you are all looking forward to volunteering at next year's show as much as I am.
Faye Bodenhamer, 1998 Volunteer Chair
MQ NEWS
Minnesota Quilters Present . . .

Minnesota Quilters Web site has a new feature. Once a month, we wish to feature a quilting guild, posting information regarding the guild—location, meeting times, membership numbers, and the like. Anything else that you would like to tell us would be read with a great deal of interest. A further advantage of the web site is the ability to exhibit a virtual Show and Tell by scanning and displaying photographs of quilts and other quilting projects made by your members, plus the title, information about the piece, when and why it was made, and any awards it has won. To scan and display photographs of quilts, we will need a limited release for electronic publication rights. This is done with a short release form, such as “I permit Minnesota Quilters to use the image(s) of my quilt(s) on the Minnesota Quilters Web site for a limited period of time.”

Please visit our featured quilt guild, Quilters’ Sewing Society of Rochester. The web address is http://www.mnquilts.org/featured_quilt_guild.htm. If you are interested in featuring your quilting guild and making a reservation for your virtual Show and Tell, please contact the Web mistress, Carolyn V. Peters at (651)735-0053 or quilt@millcomm.com.

More news and great news from Cyberspace. At the beginning of the year, MQ became an associate for Amazon.com, the largest online bookseller. Originally, we received a referral fee only for the books listed on our web site. We are please to say that some of you have taken advantage of this feature of our web site. We received our first referral check and it will be used to purchase additional books for our library. Amazon.com announced that purchases of books advertised on an Associate Member’s web site will receive a referral fee as well as (this is the new part) any other book purchased at Amazon.com, provided the purchaser entered Amazon.com through the Associate Member’s web site.

To make a long story short, we are encouraging you to enter Amazon.com through the MQ Web site. We ask that you consider this—you can enjoy great savings at Amazon.com, while at the same time helping Minnesota Quilters acquire additional titles for our library. It’s a great opportunity and a great partnership. You can access Amazon.com via the Minnesota Quilters Web site by visiting http://www.mnquilts.org/mqbook.htm. Thanks for your support.

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Sponsored by:
Gruber’s market
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“the most original Quilt Shop you will ever enter”
Instructors
Lynette Jensen
(Thimbleberries)
Barbara Boyd
(Watercolor artist)
plus a visit from the “Quilt Bag Lady”
August 8
for details call 320-468-6435
CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

Do you believe it’s that time of year again? Yes, it’s the Great Minnesota Get Together—the MINNESOTA STATE FAIR. This year we get to show off our stuff for two days. Last year you filled out the volunteer sheet in no time flat, which I really appreciated. SO—what we need is people to volunteer on Monday and Tuesday, August 31st and September 1st. We demonstrate, talk with people, answer questions and generally spread information about Minnesota Quilters and quilting to the fair attendees. They love it. All you have to do is bring a simple project to work on, which will generate questions from the public. The hours are 9 AM to 9 PM each day. Last year we worked in four-hour shifts, with three to four people per shift. Some people volunteered for more hours because they were having so much fun! If you would like to help set up the demo area, it would be greatly appreciated. This year the Minnesota Quilters have the honor of showing quilts and quilted items in the display case next to the demonstration area in the Creative Activities Building. This is a locked case which will be used by us for the entire State Fair. We need a variety of quilted things—old and new—using different techniques—large and small. The greater the variety the better. We will be setting up this case before the Fair on Monday and Tuesday evenings, August 24th and 25th. We need to see what we get from YOU so we can make signs to explain to the public what they are seeing.

PLEASE HELP WITH THIS TO MAKE IT AN OUTSTANDING DISPLAY!!!

Please call me if you miss signing up at the August meeting. Thanks! Judy Dahlin (651)644-1038.

A Century of Quilts

The 1999 Annual Show and Conference will be held on June 10-13, 1999. Classes begin on June 10 and the exhibits and vendors open on June 11. The site of the 1999 show is Historic Downtown St. Paul, MN. Our headquarters is the Radisson Hotel at 4th and Kellogg. Additional sites include the Radisson Inn, Minnesota Club and the Landmark Center. We have our room blocks at the Radisson Hotel and Inn, plus a few rooms blocked at the Historic St. Paul Hotel, the home of the wonderful St. Paul Grille. Make your reservations as soon as possible. Even if you live in the Twin Cities, you might consider staying in-town. Have that someone special drop you off—no hassle with parking, traffic or anything. Just relax, have fun and participate in all the activities we have planned for Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights. We are so pleased that we have the Riverview Ballroom at the Radisson Hotel. It is a magnificent facility and our Food Committee has promised a great banquet.

Take time to rest, relax, check out what you purchased, practice what you learned from the wonderful show in St. Cloud and then get ready to have fun in 1999. Our committee has been busily planning for 1999; we are excited about what we have to offer you and look forward to seeing you in 1999. If you are interested in helping with the show, please contact me at 612-735-0053 or quilt@millcomm.com. We are particularly looking for a wonderful motivator to head up the Volunteer Committee.

ComfortCaps™

We changed our name from Crowning Glory to ComfortCaps™ due to copyright problems. We are the same great project with the same super pattern. These soft, stylish caps are given away free in communities throughout Minnesota. The hats are sewn of a soft t-shirt knit that also provides warmth from drafts and air conditioning. The close-fitting style is suitable for home, work or evening wear, depending on fabrics used. The ComfortCaps™ project started in 1995 to encourage individuals or groups to sew and distribute hats they make to their local hospital, hospice or Cancer Society. A tag is provided in the pattern for you to write a note to the recipient. MN Quilters has been supportive from the beginning. At the St. Cloud quilt show Minnesota Quilters made nearly 200 hats, which were given to the St. Cloud Cancer Society. The Viking White Sewing Machine Company has printed the pattern and adopted the project as its corporate service project. The pattern is available free from a local Viking dealer or by calling (800)358-0001. There will be a nation-wide ComfortCaps™ sew-in day Sept. 19. You can help reach the goal of 100,000 hats made in one day by visiting your dealer and sewing a hat. ComfortCaps™ stay in the state they were created in. Although this project has gone national and even international, we have never forgotten the Minnesota women. ComfortCaps™ continue to be made and given here even as we develop sewing groups in Canada, England, Australia and New Zealand. You can help. If you have cotton knit fabric, thread, plastic bags to donate or time to help sew, contact Mary Hess or Bonnie Ellis.

Gruber’s Quilt Shop

304 3rd Ave, NW
(Corner of 3rd Ave and Hwy. 15)
St. Cloud MN (lots of Free parking)
Summer store hours:
9-5:30 Monday-Saturday, 12-4:00 Sunday
320-259-4360

(612) 778-1702

Bonnie’s Custom Quilting
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1297 Burns Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55106
INFORMATION for FALL WEEKEND GET-A-WAY
OCTOBER 8, 9, 10, 11, 1998
St. Francis Center – Little Falls, Minnesota

This is a weekend of complete rest, relaxation and of course, quilting. It is great fun for every quilter, experienced and/or not so experienced. It is a weekend to quilt, learn new skills, spruce up on some old skills, meet new people and rekindle old friendships.

Please fill out and mail, with a check made payable to Minnesota Quilters to: Jenni Krosnowski
14695 Trotters Trail NE
Prior Lake, MN 55372
(612) 440-2345

*** Registrations will NOT be accepted if postmarked before August 20, 1998 (by mail only) ***

There is a limited amount of space for the retreat. The St. Francis Center can accommodate 53 people. If you would like to be in the Retreat House (which will accommodate 7 people), please request it.

The cost for the Fall Weekend Get-A-Way this year is $160.00. This includes the following
- ALL CLASSES
- 3 Nights Lodging (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)
- 3 Breakfasts (Friday and Saturday, and Sunday)
- 2 Lunches (Friday and Saturday)
- 2 Dinners (Friday and Saturday)
- And of course the ‘sisters’ famous brownies

Check-in is after 3:00PM on Thursday, October 8, 1998. Please note that dinner on Thursday is NOT INCLUDED.

Full day classes meet from 8:30am – 11:30am, break for lunch, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.
Half day classes will meet at 8:30am – 11:30am and 1:00pm – 4:00pm

*** SAMPLES FOR CLASSES WILL BE SHOWN AT THE AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER MINNESOTA QUILTERS DAY AND EVENING MEETINGS. ***

FRIDAY CLASSES (all full day)

FOUNDATION FLOWERS & SNOWFLAKES – Genii Lehman
Make a beautiful wall hanging choosing 1 of 5 Eileen Sullivan patterns provided in class. You will use foundation piecing technique in this class. These quilts are like nothing you’ve done before.

MYSTERY QUILT – Gayleen Farrier
Well, all we can tell you about this quilt is that it is easy to assemble and a ton of fun. Gayleen says it can be scrappy light, medium and dark, or a 3-color light medium and dark.

VEST/WALLHANGING – Gwen Lundgren
Make an exciting vest or wallhanging for yourself while learning lots of fabric manipulation skills, couching, tucking etc… If your machine does fancy stitches, you will be able to use some of them. You must have a zig zag machine for some techniques.

SOYO – Sew On Your Own

SATURDAY CLASSES

PAINTED LOON WALL HANGING (full day) – Gayleen Farrier
In the morning you will learn how to “paint” your loon fabric. After lunch, you will assemble a this lovely Loon-On-The-Lake quilt complete with cat tails for that “Minnesota” feel.

STAINED GLASS WALL HANGING (full day) Gwen Lundgren
Learn a quick, easy method to make quilted stained glass windows. Choose from any one of Gwen’s stained glass patterns. Choices will include: Poinsettia, Cardinal, Tulips, Hummingbird and others that are currently being created. You will use purchased, fusible bias strips for the leading and either hand or machine appliqué. NO EDGES TO TURN UNDER YIPPEEEE!!!!!

TABLE RUNNER FOR ALL SEASONS (half day morning) - Genii Lehmann
Using only 3 Fat Quarters and backing fabric, create a lovely table runner for any season. You will finish all but the binding on this project during class. It makes a quick wonderful gift for Christmas or any time.

TULIP QUILT (half day afternoon) – Genii Lehmann
Choose beautiful floral fabrics for this charming 3-dimensional Tulip Quilt. Genii will teach you how to fold fabrics to create this quick and easy 3-D masterpiece.

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

At the August meeting, we will draw for the "Old Maid’s Rambler" block.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Jan Herfindal was the winner of the "Homeward Bound" blocks entered in the June meeting. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!
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I would prefer the quiet end of the hall _________ It doesn’t matter _________
Roommate (s) (There are a few rooms with three single beds) ____________________________

Minnesota Quilter’s Membership Number _____________
Name ___________________________________________________________________________
Street Address _____________________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State _______ Zip Code ________________
Phone (____) ______________

Please choose your classes. Indicate a 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice if applicable. We will choose people
for classes on a first-come-first-serve basis. Where applicable please choose pattern type and kit requested.

**FRIDAY CLASSES (all full day)**

____ FOUNDATION FLOWERS & SNOWFLAKES – Genii Lehman (please check one pattern)
    __________ Snowflake __________ $25 Kit (optional)
    __________ Poinsettia __________ $35 Kit (optional)
    __________ Christmas Cactus __________ $35 Kit (optional)
    __________ Iris __________ $35 Kit (optional)
    __________ Daffodil __________ $35 Kit (optional)

____ MYSTERY QUILT – Gayleen Farrier

____ VEST/WALLHANGING – Gwen Lundgren

____ SOYO – Sew on Your Own – Please check if not taking a class. We need to reserve more space
    if there are many SOYOers.

**SATURDAY CLASSES**

All Day Classes

____ PAINTED LOON WALL HANGING (full day) – Gayleen Farrier

____ STAINED GLASS WALL HANGING (full day) Gwen Lundgren (please check one pattern)
    __________ Tulip
    __________ Hummingbird
    __________ Poinsettia
    __________ Cardinal

Half Day Classes

____ TABLE RUNNER FOR ALL SEASONS (half day morning) - Genii Lehmann

____ TULIP QUILT (half day afternoon) – Genii Lehmann

____ SOYO – Sew on Your Own – Please check if not taking a class. We need to reserve more space
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Confirmation of registration will be sent with information on the retreat, classes chosen, supply lists,
pre-cutting directions for classes chosen if necessary, and other supplies recommended for the weekend.