Jinny Beyer In May!

Minnesota Quilters is excited about the opportunity to welcome Jinny Beyer as a guest lecturer May 7th and 8th. She is visiting us from Great Falls, VA. On May 7, the lecture is titled "Color Confidence." In this lecture, Jinny’s exciting color system will be discussed. Attendees should go away with a feeling of increased confidence in their own ability to put colors together. Her May 8th lecture is titled "Border Basics." This lecture will focus on how border prints can enhance patchwork design and how to plan borders for quilts. To accommodate Jinny’s speaking engagement, we have rented space in Christ the King Lutheran Church, located in New Brighton. The cost for members to attend the lecture is $1, and for non-members the cost is $3. Be sure to mark your calendars...you will not want to miss this event! A map and directions will be printed in the April newsletter.

Shop and Share

The March Minnesota Quilters' meeting will feature a garage sale of quilting, craft and sewing related items. You can expect fabric, patterns, tools and equipment. One person's trash is another’s treasure, come and look for those great finds! Our featured Vendor will be the Wayzata Quilting Emporium.

MQ Board News

BOARD MOTIONS

At the December meeting, the Board voted to: move our bank accounts from Norwest to First Banks, approve board perks and the purchase of irons to be used as door prizes at the St. Cloud show, and to award $1000 for the Best of Show (Judged) category at the St. Cloud Show.

BOARD POSITIONS OPEN

We are still looking for candidates for the Day and Evening Directors-Elect. There are two year positions, in which you serve as the Director-Elect for one year and the Director the next. Duties include hosting and planning meetings. If you are interested, contact Barb Pastman at 424-4137.

The Board is also looking for a person to fill the position of Lecture chair, beginning in May. This person is responsible for planning and organizing the Lecture Series meetings. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Northrup.

April History & Birthday Meeting

April is the birthday of Minnesota Quilters, so we will be celebrating with birthday cake and a special history meeting, featuring some of the MQ founders and their quilts. Don’t miss this wonderful opportunity to hear some interesting facts and anecdotes about our great guild!

Calendar of Events

MARCH
March 5 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
March 6 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
March 23 Board of Directors Mtg.

APRIL
April 2 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
April 3 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
April 27 Board of Directors Mtg.

May 7 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
May 8 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
May 18 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.
Library Lines

The calendar says it’s spring, or almost, and where has the time gone? Same place it always does! With the warm winter temperatures, everyone tries to be outside more than usual, so maybe you are little behind in finishing your quilt or small quilt or Benartex Challenge or show challenge project or any of the other projects we always are working on. I won the table decoration at the banquet last year, so I have the Benartex fabric challenge to work on. All I have right now are a few ideas. If you need ideas for any of your projects, the MQ library can really help! Please ask the library volunteers (or anyone in the library—we’re all one family) for some suggestions. Remember you can drop off your small quilt donation at the library during the evening meetings because I am one of the co-chairs. Since I am not at the morning meetings, please leave your donations with one of the show committee members.

If you suffer from the winter doldrums during the short hours of light, March brings a renewal for you, as well as plants that need more light. My Christmas cactus is finally in full bloom after fifteen years only because I put it on a short light schedule for a couple of months and didn’t water it. It must have thirty buds and is full of energy. So are my quilting ideas. I don’t know what project to start first. If you react to spring the same way, you might want to check some of the titles in the library about springtime or flower quilts—great for the St. Cloud show!

Volunteers are always appreciated at both the evening & daytime meetings. 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 Eustis 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)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; 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.

**IMPORTANT!!**

for renewals & ads

New Memberships, Renewals, and Changes of Address should be sent to: Irene Bjorklund, 2749 Seminary Drive, New Brighton, MN 55112-2576. 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: 0698 means that the membership ends June 1998.

Advertising Rates: 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, P.O. Box 1085, Morehead Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, by dates posted below.

The next issue of MQ News will be the April 1998 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is March 2, 1998.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

In 1987, the "Minnesota Quilt Project" was established for the purpose of documenting the history of quilt making in Minnesota. The focus was on locating quilts (made prior to 1976) and documenting the history of the quilts as well as the quilt makers.

Quilt "Discovery" days were held state-wide for over 3 years, hundreds of volunteers spent countless hours documenting quilts and taking oral histories from the (or about the) makers. All the data then had to be compiled and computerized for the purpose of retaining the information about our quilting heritage, a task which, for the most part, has been completed. We cannot thank these volunteers enough for their tireless efforts on our behalf.

Please note that while many of the volunteers were Minnesota Quilters, the Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) was not an official part of "Minnesota Quilters, Inc." until it became a standing committee in February of 1997. This was done at the request of the Quilt Project because there are plans to publish a book and put on an exhibition of up to 100 of the quilts that were part of the Discovery days. This would take place in the summer of 1999. The cost of this type of project is so great that outside funding would be needed. For that reason, the Textile Center of Minnesota has agreed to be the fiscal agent for MQP for the purpose of collecting and managing the funds.

On December 1, 1997, a core group of dedicated MQP volunteers held a meeting regarding their concerns for MQP and it was decided that the group had issues and concerns that needed to be addressed, including the need to reassess its goals in order for the group to move forward toward the fulfillment of those goals. There MQP volunteers discussed the situation among themselves and decided that there should be a vote taken by those core volunteers to decide a course of action. The MQ Board was advised of the MQP decision and made aware of the meeting that was called for January 15, 1998. This was discussed by the Board at its regular monthly meeting on December 29, 1997.

The Board, after discussing the possible financial liability for Minnesota Quilters, Inc., forwarded a letter to the appropriate MQP volunteer requesting that all fund raising activities for MQP cease until a decision was made regarding its future.

At the meeting on January 15, (attended by 12 MQP participants, 4 MQ Board members, and a representative of the Textile Center), a brief synopsis of the events was related to those in attendance and a vote taken by the MQP participants. The result of the vote was a decision to reorganize the Quilt Project. This reorganization will consist of drafting a mission statement, formulating job descriptions, and electing a governing board.

This process is just beginning--if you are interested in being involved in building on the great work started by all the past volunteers, the first meeting is scheduled for Thursday evening, March 19, at 7:00 PM at the Machinists' Hall in the board/library room. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or any Board member.

Again, a heartfelt THANK YOU to all the volunteers who have worked on this project since the beginning.

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Jackie Northrup
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* 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 Holzjknecht, 2618 65th Ave. N., Brooklyn Center, MN 55430.

More Paper Piecing Fun!
http://www.quiltnag.com/patterns/springtulips.html
June 5-7, 1998
Black Hills Quilters Guild 24th annual quilt show at the South Dakota School of Mines, Subrecr Center Ballroom, 501 East St. Joe St. Rapid City, SD. Show begins 9 AM on Friday, June 5 and ends 5 PM on Sunday, June 7. Classes and vendors. For information send a SASE to BHQG, P.O. Box 2495, Rapid City, 57709 or call Carol Doyle at (605)342-4126.

June 12-14, 1998
Lincoln Quilters Guild and the Mad Doll Makers present their show, The Enchanted Forest. The show runs 9-5 daily at the John Lux Middle School in Lincoln, Nebraska. There will be over 200 quilts and 150 dolls, special displays, the Woodland Shops, a quilt and doll auction, and a raffle quilt. For more information, send an SASE to Kathy Kinnaman, 4830 Starling Drive, Lincoln, NE 68516. (402)488-4295.

June 13-26, 1998
The Ninth Annual Quilt/Surface Design Symposium and the Fabric '98 Juried Exhibition will be held on the Campus of The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. The symposium will offer more than 25 classes in a wide variety of quilting and surface design subjects. For more info, send a large SASE with 2 first class stamps to: Linda Fowler, 464 Vermont Place, Columbus, OH 43201. The Fabric '98 Juried Exhibition is a competition whose purpose is to encourage the production of unusual fabrics designed specifically for quilt makers. For entry forms, send a large SASE with 2 first class stamps to: FABRIC '98, 10545 Snyder Church Road, Baltimore, OH 43105.

June 19-20, 1998
The East Ottertail Historical Society will be sponsoring its 11th Annual Quilt Competition and Show at Pioneer Village, 1 mile north on county road #8 in Petham, MN. For more information, send a SASE to Linda Boedigheimer, 112-2nd Ave. SW, Perham MN 56573, or call (218) 346-7272 -work (218) 346-2537-home

June 27-28, 1998
Piecemakers' Heritage Days Quilt show, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-4. Sacred Heart School Gymn, 617 NW 3rd Ave, Faribault, MN. Antique and new quilts, quilt raffle, small quilt auction, demos and door prizes.
Time and time again
March 1998 - Judi Smith©

It is sometimes hard to find something nice to say about winter. You try to be upbeat and not whine about the snow and the ice and the cold, sometimes you just have to. At least with winter coming and Christmas over with, you know the postman is going to deliver something more fun than tax forms. And finally, there it was, in my mailbox. The quilt show brochure from St. Cloud just full of exciting classes, interesting lectures, and pesky deadlines! I try to save reading this for a special time--not just while I'm on the exercise bike or trying to make dinner, but make this a truly magical time.

So, there it was. I knew it was waiting for me. I ran the bath water, got out my special bath pillow, a bottle of water, an orange Popsicle, hit the jets, and settled back in the tub. I resolved that I would read every bit of show information and all of the deadlines so as to vicariously savor the show ahead of time. It took two warm-ups of the water, and two more 30 minutes shots on the jets, but I finally had read everything. Now the trick is to pick out exactly what I want to do, when to volunteer, what classes and lectures to take and how to cram everything into such a short time. Ah, the joys of winter!

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Turn in your small quilt early and win a serious prize! A drawing will be made in the middle of March and the middle of April for special prizes. The winner each month will receive a $50.00 gift certificate to the quilt shop of his or her choice. How's that for a great incentive? Remember that all the money collected during the silent auction goes toward quilt education throughout the state, usually through funding quilting shows on public television. Please see your show brochure for details about the small quilt auction and call Peggy Hall at 612-338-4360 with any question. Hoping to see your small quilt really soon!

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A Surface Design Workshop for Quilters, July 19-25

Chunghie Lee, Traditional Korean Patchwork, August 2-8

Judi Warren, Inspiration and Image, Composition and Content:
A Quilt making Workshop, August 9-15

Other artists include:
Betsy Sterling Benjamin, Roketsu fabric dyeing
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Susan Brandeis (formerly Wilchins), visual skills for fabric artists
Chad Alice Hagen, feltmaking
Ted Hallman, off-loom weaving
Lindly Haunani, polymer clay beadmaking
Judy Onofrio, mixed media sculpture
Jason Pollen & Ellen Levit, painting on silk
Shereen LaPlantz, bookmaking
Joyce Scott, beadmaking

Registration opens on March 30. For full information, call or write for a free catalog: 612-624-6800; fax 612-624-5891; write Split Rock Arts Program (Q), University of Minnesota, 314 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Drive SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455; or e-mail strap@mail.cee.umn.edu

The Minnesota Quilters is again sponsoring three scholarships to assist aspiring fabric artists to participate in Split Rock workshops. The scholarships are awarded based on quality of applicant’s work AND need. Applications are included in the Split Rock catalog and are mailed directly to the Split Rock Arts Program office for review. The program continues to be deeply grateful for this much-valued support by the MN Quilters.

Patricia Cox to Speak

World-renowned quilt artist Patricia Cox, will be the featured quilter at the 3rd annual Women’s History Month Exhibit, "A Legacy of Quilts." The exhibit will be weekdays from March 10 through April 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Eagan High School Library, closed Saturday and Sunday. Over 50 quilts will be on display including several antique and crazy quilts.

Pat Cox will present an hour long lecture, "Quilted Treasures From the Past," on Thursday, March 12, from 7-8 p.m. in Eagan High School Lecture Room C. She will bring a multitude of vintage quilts from her private collection which were first shared with the public at the 1997 Houston National Quilt Show. An opening reception will precede the lecture at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to view the exhibit, meet Ms. Cox, and enjoy the lecture. Questions? Contact Laura Nagel at (612)683-6933
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