Back to School!

FROM THE DAY DIRECTOR:
The 1998/99 quilting year is off and running and I look forward to bringing you the Friday AM programs each month. Like most quilters, I enjoy learning new or different skills and techniques (it's the journey, not the destination. Right?) and MQ has always been a great resource for that endeavor.

With learning in mind, as well as the time of year, the September meeting will be a "Back to School" special. We will be having some of our members give mini demos of some new (and old) techniques. There should be something for everyone. PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE TO SEPTEMBER 10 AND 11!! Our vendor for the September meeting will be Fabric Town of Apple Valley.

In October the lecture series has John Flynn (see the lecture series article for more information), and our vendor will be Cotton Patch from Owatonna.

The November meeting has not been finalized (more later), but the vendor will be Main St. Cotton Shop of Redwood Falls and Hutchinson.

It's not too soon to be thinking about the December Holiday Party!! The December AM meeting will have the traditional block and ornament exchanges (see page 10), a challenge (the theme is "Snow"), food, fun, and prizes. There will be no vendor in December. Plan now to attend, we always have a good time. Challenge packets are available at the day meetings for $7.00. We need some party committee members to help with decorating and prizes. Please call me if you can help out.

That pretty much rounds out the 1998 schedule; 1999 will begin with our traditional Show presentation. WOW! Didn't we just get back from St. Cloud? More next month!

Happy Stitching,

Susan MacLennan,
Day Director

October Lecture

Get ready for a fun filled October Meeting Lecture. We are delighted to welcome John Flynn to our MQ meeting. John is a nationally recognized teacher and lecturer. His evening presentation is 'Confessions of a Non-Traditional Quilter" which is an entertaining "show and tell" slide presentation. The morning meeting will be "The Perfect Cover." (And no, he is not a "secret agent"). Please join us for a fun learning experience. Lecture Series meetings are $1 for members, $3 for guests.

Calendar of Events

NOTE CHANGE IN SEPT. DATES!!

SEPTEMBER
September 10 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
September 11 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.

NOVEMBER
November 5 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
November 6 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
November 23 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.

Notice to Smaller Guilds:
Do you have a great group of talented people who have fun getting together and quilting? Do you have quilts and quilters you'd like to show off to other MQ members?

Great! Call Susan MacLennan, Day Director, or Linda Kosfeld, Night Director, because we are looking for groups to share their quilts and experiences with the larger group for some upcoming meetings. We get to know your groups better and always, always, always see wonderful quilts!
Library Lines

The summer has flown by, as it always seems to do. The State Fair is going on and Labor Day looms ahead! The end of summer means (for some) FALL HOUSECLEANING! This is the time to look for all the books that are missing from the MQ library. AMNESTY HAS BEEN DECLARED!! Any books returned by the October meeting will not have fines collected. After the October meeting, fines will be collected more aggressively than in the past. This means phone calls, letters, and suspension of borrowing privileges, if all else fails.

Did you stop by the MQ library last month and see the great new shelving that has been added? It looks like an official library now, no just a collection of quilting books. Some of the shelves look a little bare since we have so much new space, but new books will be coming in shortly. We are going to re-arrange the books in some sort of order (alphabetically by author or by general topic) so they will be easier to find. Please drop me a note or leave a message on my answering machine if there is a book you need or would like the library to purchase. We also welcome donations—please call me about these.

Next year's quilt show in St. Paul looks exciting and the MQ Library staff is looking forward to getting books by the teachers on the shelves as soon as possible. We have many of the books by teachers from the St. Cloud show. Be sure to look for them. As always, the library staff is waiting to help you find the books you need. Remember, Christmas isn't all that far away (I can't believe I'm telling you this before Labor Day!) We have many books on holiday themes.

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 Eusitis 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.

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: 1298 means that the membership ends December 1998.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

As summer flies by, there never seems to be enough time to get everything in, but David and I did manage to get to the quilt show in Cannon Falls. I was very pleased by what we saw, quite a nice show for a small guild. It was so much fun to get to chat and just be an observer. Did anyone else get there?

Well, how did everyone like the new library? I hope you all got a chance to check it out. If not, you are going to be surprised. We still have lots of work yet to do. We need to do a complete inventory on all of the books so we are offering everyone amnesty on all overdue books. All books need to be returned by the October meeting. We will not allow any books to be checked out that month. This is necessary so that we can get them all cataloged into a new format for a more user friendly retrieval system. A decision has not yet been made if they will be shelved by author, technique, alphabetized or Dewey decimal but whatever is chosen will be a great improvement on finding the books you want. So please check in your stash, on your coffee tables, and in your sewing area and get those books back in. Once we have an accurate inventory we will be purchasing new materials and adding additional copies so that a must have book doesn’t take six months to check out. If you have suggestions for new books you would like to see in the library please let Peggy Hall, our librarian, know what they are.

On a much sadder note, I regret to inform you that Irene Stemmler passed away; she was a long time Minnesota Quilter and many of us will miss a dear friend. We have received a memorial in her name and it will be put towards education in the craft she loved, quilting. We will be placing a book in the library in her memory.

Turning to a happier thought, the State Fair will be here soon and we will be demonstrating on August 31 and September 1. This year we have the larger display case across from the demonstration area so stop by and see what Judy Dahlin, our volunteer coordinator, has done to help promote our craft. I hope you all got something entered in the State Fair competition. We really want to give the fair judge great stuff to look at and make the job even more difficult. Besides, what other show gives you an audience of 1.5 million people, so let’s knock their socks off and get noticed. Until next month......

Quilt and Be Happy,
Jane Shattuck
MQ President

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"Take Time" Trunk Show
Mon., Sept. 21 at 7:00 p.m.
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Cut small squares 1.5" by 1.5"
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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
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• Print Name/Address-Attach to
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• 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.

Quilt Groups Needed for Big Bee

The Great Saturday Quilting Bee has taken on a life of its own! We should have known, that once we
gathered quilters around the quilt frame, wonderful things would happen. They have--and the positive response
from visitors, quilters and volunteers has prompted the Minnesota Historical Society to extend "The Great
Saturday Quilting Bee" for an additional twelve months. The one year program, which opened with the Q is for
Quilts exhibit in October of 1997 will extend to October of 1999. Q is for Quilts is a collaboration with the
Minnesota Quilt project and Minnesota Quilters, and showcases 14 quilts and their stories, shared by generous
owners across Minnesota.

We have 24 new quilting dates to fill! We are looking for 24 quilting groups--six to eight (or more!) members--to schedule for either a first or third Saturday of the month. We are encouraging large groups to bring
everyone and "job share" those quilting chairs--giving everyone a chance to quilt and visit the exhibit galleries.

The quilters will be asked to demonstrate quilting in the setting of an old-fashioned quilting bee during a 9:30
to 3:00 shift in the Q is for Quilts exhibit at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul.

Marsha Knittig, Program Developer, and Jackie Maas, Volunteer Coordinator, believe that the success of the
program goes to the Volunteer Facilitators and the guest quilting groups. The Volunteer Facilitators are:
Jeannette Root, Mary Lou Murray, Dorothy Stish, Judy Purman, Karen Benson, Debra Newman and Judy Sears.

For more information, or to schedule a Saturday of quilting, please call: Marsha Knittig at 651/296-1193,
Monday through Friday, 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.
Bulletin Board
Notes...

September 1-30, 1998
The Minnesota Contemporary Quilters offer their Members' Show, Lutheran Brotherhood, Second Floor Gallery, 625 4th Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55415 Mon.-Fri. 7 AM-5 PM Info: 651-292-8391

September 8-October 5, 1998
The Textile Center of MN announces its third member exhibition, "A Common Thread '98" at the Phipps Center for the Arts, Hudson, WI. The opening reception will be Thurs., September 17, 5 PM at the Phipps. A diverse range of techniques including knitting, quilting, crocheting, basketry, surface design, doll making and beading will be displayed in 4 galleries.

September 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 fashion show. Tickets $7, advance reservations only. Order by check to Sherry Bremer, 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 for non-members. Info: Kathy at (715) 749-3508 or kwmill01@presscenter.com

September 19-20, 1998
Autumnfest Quilt Show and Classes will be held at the Lac Court Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center Hayward, WI. SASE to: Ann Degan, 7759 N. Wilkie 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 quirts and is held in conjunction 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 9 AM to 3 PM, and Oct. 8 11 AM to 6 PM. LSASE to: Sharon Mahan, 308 Lake Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-1528

October 9-11, 1998
Chaska Area Quilt Club presents "Fall Splendor of Quilts," their 10th Anniversary show, at the Chaska Community Center, 1661 Parkridge Drive, Chaska, MN. Dates and times for the show are: Oct. 9 (9 AM-9 PM), Oct. 10 (9 AM-6 PM), and Oct. 11 (11 AM-4 PM). Admission is $2.

Judy Florence of Eau Claire, WI is the guest lecturer. She will be giving two different presentations and will repeat them for a total of four presentations that will include slides and trunk show. The presentations will be free and open to the public. They will have a boutique, demonstrations, small quilt auction, raffle quilt and a special exhibit in the gallery. The quilt exhibition in the community room will contain approximately 200 quilts. For directions, call 612-448-5633.

October 25, 1998
The Textile Center of Minnesota presents their annual runway show, Artwear in Motion, 1:30 to 5 PM at the University Club, 340 Cedar St., downtown St. Paul. For more information, call 612-917-7270

October 30-31, 1998
The River Valley Quilters present Quilted Treasures: A Quilt Show at the Oak Marsh Golf Course Clubhouse, 526 Inwood Ave. N (North of I-94 at Radio Drive), Oakdale, MN. Hours: Friday - 9 AM to 8 PM and Saturday - 9 AM to 4 PM. Admission is $2.00. Quilt Exhibits, Vendors, Raffle Quilt, Small Quilt Auction. Snack bar available on the premises. No strollers please. For more information, please contact Carolyn V. Peters (651) 735-0053 or quilt@nilecomm.com

October 31-November 1, 1998
QUILTFEST '98 is presented by LaCrosse Area Quilters at Longfellow Middle School, 1900 Denton St., LaCrosse, WI. Hours are Sat. 9 AM to 4 PM and Sun. 10 AM to 3 PM. Admission is $3. There will also be a merchant mall, raffle quilt, displays, viewer's choice voting and refreshments. At 11 AM and 2 PM each day there will be a Children's Story Hour and One-Act play. Entries welcome. SASE to Stephanie Reuten, 824 S. 21st St, La Crosse, WI 54601, 608-785-2693. Visit their web site at: www.geocities.com/~lacrosserquilts

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 kwmill01@presscenter.com

January 10-February 14, 1999
The Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Owatonna present "In Stitches... A Lighthearted Look at Quilting" Show. Owatonna Art Center, 455 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

Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as you find out your event dates; the deadline for this newsletter is the first day of the month before the newsletter is printed (e.g., September 1 for the October newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does not have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
Time and time again
September 1998- Judi Smith©

There's only one thing worse than going on a trip with one
guy who won't stop and ask for directions--and that's going with
three guys.

We left Minneapolis on a Thursday morning, enroute to
Hiawatha, Kansas for a midwest regional conference of the Blue
Knights--a motorcycle organization for police and peace officers.
There were four of us; myself, the husband and two friends, all
on our own motorcycles. We were planning on riding to Kansas on
Thursday, touring the area and going to Liberty, Missouri on
Friday, attending the conference and parade on Saturday and
riding home on Sunday. But nothing ever turns out like you
think it will.

At the Iowa border, we hit rain, and rode in it all the way to
Des Moines where it seemed as someone had turned on the oven.
We baked inside our rain suits until we finally found a place to
pull over and take them off. There we thought, that's the end of
that stuff. Little did we know. About 20 miles outside of
Hiawatha, we hit road construction. Ten miles of pea size gravel
over freshly laid oil and tar with one lane traffic--you sat at one
end and waited for the other side to clear and then drove through.
There, we thought, that's the end of that.

Friday looked to be an absolutely perfect day to go for a ride.
So, because we were going to Missouri, we had to go 27 miles the
other way first to go to Nebraska (that way they could say they
had ridden in more states). We were headed to St. Joseph,
Missouri to pick up a new face shield for my helmet. We had
been given direction to the Harley dealer in St. Joseph which
amounted to "Look for the stockyards and the post office, it's
right behind there, kind of near downtown." First Dave led and
we got lost. Finally stopped at a gas station. Then Wayne led and
we got lost again. Stopped at another gas station. Then I led--we
didn't get lost!

So by this time, they're all too tired from getting lost in St.
Joseph and we ran out of time to go to Liberty. They did offer a
trip to Wal-Mart instead, but it just didn't seem quite the same. I
settled for a nap and something cool to drink.

Judi

The Kindest Cut of All
Lynna Martin Hastings©1998

Well, in the spirit of setting the record straight and giving
credit where credit is due, let me say that the idea of "dedicated
dollars" is not mine, but our new Treasurer's. Ruth Johnson
thought of it and I gleefully pounced on it. But Judi Smith is
right, it is a good idea, and I'm going to use it again this year, too.
Saving has always been hard on this little grasshopper, so any help
in the strategy department is always welcome.

A few years ago, when I was recovering from Lyme Disease,
Ruth remained steadily my friend. When the fog started clearing
a little, and it was becoming obvious that some brains had leaked
out in the course of the disease, she would patiently wait for me
to get the right word out, (it's called aphasia and it is a real rotten
trick for a brain to play on a gal), or for the spark of remembering
to kindle. The first time I could drive to a quilt shop (I couldn't find them), or to a night meeting (I couldn't see
to drive at night) were "events" for her, too.

Once, I met somebody I just knew that I knew, in a place
where I wasn't used to seeing them, and I couldn't remember
their name. I was so terrified it would happen again that I didn't
go out alone for months. I think that she is another quilter--if
it was you, please forgive me. Ruth has been known to mutter
hints to me under her breath, and I am so grateful for that.

At the show in St. Cloud, a woman looked at me like she knew
me and was waiting for me to speak to her, but, being brain half-dead,
my tongue got tied up, and only a squeak came out as she
was gone. Oh, I wish she had said "Hey, it's --, how are ya? Glad
to see ya!" or maybe even just "Hi Lynna." I really really have
come to appreciate those name tags with the great big letters on
them.

A former roommate of mine had been in a pretty bad car
wreck. She called the look on one's face when trying to access
"think mode" the "cow-with-the-tongue-on-the-electric-fence"
look. So please, if you see that look on my face, be kind. The
squeaking noise you hear behind you may just be me, trying to
squeak up. Ooops, I mean speak up.

Round up your Posse and head West of
the Twin Cities for the
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GRAND TOTAL $ 5,246
Evening Meeting Announcement Policy Change

As Evening Program Director, I am proposing a change for this year regarding announcements at the evening meetings. When I conducted a survey last April, one comment that kept coming up was: The announcements are too long and boring. Many of the members who attend in the evening are there primarily for the program and show and tell.

The new trial procedure for announcements at the evening meetings is as follows: If you have requested the use of a table for a raffle quilt or for members to sign up for an event or volunteer opportunity, I will make an announcement at the beginning of the meeting. Before the meeting, give me a paper with the basic details about the raffle (your group name, ticket amount, date of drawing) or event (date, time, place), and I will announce it and direct people to the table for more information. The 99 MQ Show Chairperson and Committees will also have an opportunity to share information and make their announcements at this time. All other announcements, or additions to the announcements I make at the beginning of the meeting, can be made by members during the announcement portion at the end of the meeting.

I strongly urge you to use the newsletter for announcements. You will reach a much larger audience (1500 members versus 200) and people will have the information, including phone number and dates, in writing. Sue Rutford is the newsletter editor and her name and number are in the newsletter every month. Another option is to provide handouts that can be placed at the check-in table in the lobby. Most members stop and look at them on their way in or out.

I will see how this works for a few months and make changes as necessary. Your ideas or comments are welcome and I will consider them when I evaluate the changes. Thank you very much for your help and cooperation.

Linda Kosfeld
Evening Director

WARM AN ELDERLY FRIEND

Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly is in need of twin sized bed quilts for older Mpls/St Paul residents who live in their own homes. Some have had water and storm damage. Some live in older homes with poor insulation. Few qualify for welfare or county programs. Believe it or not, cold weather is coming to town and we want to make it warm for these older folks. To donate, you can call 721-6215 or bring quilts to the September MQ meeting where Mary Hess or Bonnie Ellis will pick up for Little Brothers. Please indicate if you require a tax receipt.

ComfortCaps™ Sew-In

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. 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. 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. 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.
A Century of Quilts
Minnesota Quilters Show
June 10-13, 1999

1999 CHALLENGE!

There are more 1999 Challenge fabric packets available for sale. If you would like to challenge yourself, send a check made out to Minnesota Quilters for $13.35 to: Audrey Mead, 2655 Kempston Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125. The $13.35 includes fabric, entry fee, tax, and postage. Include the address the packet will be sent to and indicate your color choice. Each packet contains 3/4 yard Hoffman batik and 1/4 yard accent fabric for a total of one yard. There are two color choices:

1. CITRUS - a bright to grass green bubbled background with yellowish to orangish intermittent streaks and just a hint of turquoise in spots. The accent is bright orange in a kind of nerve ending pattern.

2. GRAPE - an orange red bubbled background with grape and dark charcoal gray streaks and occasional pink bubbles. The accent is a soft muted textured grape color (we're talking purple grapes here, not green) Both main fabrics have a definite stripes look.

The 1999 theme is A Century of Quilts. The Challenge fabric is very contemporary and one of the challenge rules is that you must use a traditional pattern. Of course you can play with that pattern too by using non traditional color placement or by distorting it. Any number of fabrics can be added to your quilt. Please remember that there is a size restriction of 40 inches per side or a total perimeter of 160 inches.

Teacher Biographies

To whet your interest, we are going to include a few teacher biographies in each newsletter. Find an old favorite, or look for someone who is new to you. All the teachers and their work will be featured at the January MQE meeting.

Faye Anderson
has a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Design from the University of Denver. A sampler class at a Denver quilt shop sparked an interest in quilting that has become her life's passion. Her foundation in design and love of sewing have combined in creating award-winning quits and garments that have been featured in books and magazines published in the U.S., Europe and Japan.

Self-taught in hand applique, this and other hand sewing techniques have become her special interest. Her classes are known for being carefully planned and skillfully presented in a pleasant, relaxed manner. In addition to teaching, Faye is an experienced juror-judge for both quits and wearables, having served in this capacity for many prestigious competitions.

Christine Barnes
holds degrees in design and journalism and has written and edited quilting and home decorating books for Sunset Books and Martingale & Company (That Patchwork Place). While researching color for her books, she learned some valuable color lessons: "Studying color is not an end in itself; it's the means to making quilts and clothing that we love. Once you understand the basis, you're free to let go of 'safe' color schemes and work with colors you thought were beyond your palette." Christine believes that a sense of color is more about practice than talent and that through hard work you gain experience, which blossoms into intuition; that something we call a good color sense.
GET READY FOR THE DECEMBER HOLIDAYS WITH YOUR FRIENDS AT MINNESOTA QUILTERS!

Both the EVENING & DAYTIME meeting of Minnesota Quilters will hold a block and ornament exchange. These exchanges are always one of the highlights of our holiday meetings and we encourage everyone's participation. Please read these instructions carefully!!!!

BLOCK EXCHANGE:
1) Blocks are 12" (12 1/2" unfinished)
   MEASURE! MEASURE! MEASURE!
2) They must be Holiday Colors and/or designs.
3) Background can be either white or muslin.
4) Maximum of 3 blocks per person

ORNAMENT EXCHANGE
1) Ornaments must have a quilting theme.
2) Hand made ornaments are preferred.
3) Maximum of 3 ornaments per person.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS
1) Do not sign your block or ornament, pin a label to each block or ornament with your name and mailing address.
2) Please wrap each ornament separately.
3) Your blocks will be put into a bag when you get to the meeting; brown bag for muslin or white bag for a white background. Bags will be provided at the meeting.

Have Fun Sewing!!!
### Minnesota Quilters Treasurers Report

**January - June, 1998**

**Beginning Checkbook Balance 1/1/98** $10,000.00

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**Checkbook Balance 6/30/98** $3,169.75

**Savings Account Balance** $99,255.31

**Combined Bank Account Balance as of June 30, 1998** $102,425.06

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Johnson
Please Renew
Ahran, Jolene
2357 78th St E
Inver Grove Heights MN 55076-2819

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

At the September meeting, we will draw for the "Mosaic Sparkler" block.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Gail Hanson was the winner of the "Old Maid's Rambler" blocks entered in the August meeting. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 4 for the next block and how to become a winner!

Gruber's Quilt Shop
Fall Retreat 98'
St. Francis Retreat Center
Little Falls MN
November 21-23
Room, Board and Classes
$125.00
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