April Lecture Series

Please join us at the April MQ meetings for an exciting lecture series presented by Pat Magaret and Donna Slusser. There will be two slide and trunk show presentations for us to enjoy! Thursday evening will be "Watercolor Inspirations," where they will share the phenomenon of the effect of color and design on watercolor quilts. On Friday morning we will experience their "drag and brag" slide and trunk show from their "Two Quilters' Albums" lecture. You will learn how each interprets the same quilt theme with strikingly different results. There will be lots of quilts to view and get us motivated to create our own versions in our own unique way. This should prove to be a very interesting learning experience from two very talented quilters. See you there!

FROM THE DAY DIRECTOR

I hope everyone enjoyed the March meeting as much as I did. The subject of preparing our quilts for the professional machine quilter is certainly a timely and interesting one and I received many words of thanks and appreciation from our members. I would like to pass on the thanks to our presenters: Marcia Stevens, Lori Olek, Monica Stallman, Bonnie Bosma and Sharon Robinson, for all their efforts to give us such an informative program--you did a great job!

April is fast approaching and at the April meeting we will be celebrating MQ's birthday. Along with the traditional birthday cake we will have the Lecture Series as our treat, with speakers Pat Magaret and Donna Slusser there to inspire us. And if that's not enough, we have Griber's from St. Cloud as our vendor.

In May the Chaska area group will be here to tell us of the adventures in quilting with their "Round Robin Story-book Quilts" presentation. This will be a slide show and tell presentation, showing the creation and progression of these six wonderful quilts. Audree Sells, Jackie Olmstead, Chris Peterson, Dianne Prentice, Joan Goettman and Vicky Ress will be our presenters. Our vendor will be All in Stitches from Rochester.

Again, please note that there will be NO June meeting at the Machinists' Hall. We will be at the show enjoying all the wonderful quilts, classes, friends and food. I can hardly wait, so I better get working on that Challenge (half done) and getting my last minute threads snipped and label on the other quilts (I have two done this year--WOW!) while it is still too nasty to be outside. Spring will be here before we know it, and I have already seen a robin. He must have had crossed wires cause he looked frozen to the branch he was sitting on and I don't know what he was going to find to eat, unless he liked frozen dinners. Oh well!

MQ BOARD NEWS

At the December board meeting, the following motions were made and passed: to approve the 1999 budget (to be published in the Board report in June), and to contribute $1000 to KSMQ and $1500 to KAVE, public television stations, to sponsor quilting programs.

At the January meeting, the board voted to accept the slate of proposed candidates for the 1999-2000 board. The ballot for those candidates is published in this newsletter. Please take the time to fill it out and mail it in, or bring it to the April meeting.

How do I get to an MQ Meeting??

Machinists' Hall is at 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. The Health Partners (was Group Health) building is on the right.

Calendar of Events

APRIL

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

MAY

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

JUNE

No regular meetings
June 28 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

Have you investigated our “short shelf” of books in the MQ library? These books here are short or small and get lost on the regular shelves. Michael James’ The Quiltmaker’s Handbook is there. So is Ami Simons’ How Not to Make a Prize-winning Quilt, one of the funniest books in the collection. The Piece Meal Cookbook contains recipes from MQ members and was done in 1982. It might be time for a new edition. The mysteries of Earlene Fowler are also on the short shelf.

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 are 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 Eutis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108. 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.

Peggy

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...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.

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New Memberships, Renewals, and Changes of Address

Should be sent to: Irene Bjorklund, 2749 Seminary Drive, New Brighton, MN 55122-2576. 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: 0599 means that your membership ends May 1999. Membership is $20.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi, sorry I missed you at the March meeting, hope everyone got a lot of useful information. I was really looking forward to it myself, but duties called in another part of the country. I'm off to Dallas for a system conversion as I write this. I hope I will get the chance to attend the Dallas guild meeting as they also meet on the 4th. I have my directions to their meeting taken off the Internet and hope I can navigate in that big city.

We had a very successful and productive March board meeting; one of our topics was a more user friendly library system. It will take a few months to get in place, but I think everyone will really enjoy what's coming. More on that subject in future issues.

Is everyone getting their quilts done for the show? The time is really counting down. That's all I can give you now, as I have to finish packing my suitcase. See you all in April, until then . . . .

Quilt and Be Happy,
Jane Shattuck
MQ President

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Community Service Opportunities

Cross of Hope Lutheran Church - Ramsey Social Ministry Team is sponsoring a quilt raffle to benefit the Minnesota Branch of Special Olympics. This quilt will feature autographs of various Minnesota celebrities. The group is seeking volunteers for hand quilting and hopes to complete the quilt by Fall 1999. To find out how you can get involved, please call Suellen at 612-753-9702.

The Great Saturday Quilting Bee has been extended! There are new quilting dates to fill through October 1999. This is your opportunity to hand quilt at the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul as part of the Q is for Quilts exhibit. Call Marsha Knittig in the Education Department of the Minnesota Historical Society, 612-296-1193.

Minnesota Quilters Opportunities

The Minnesota Quilt Project is a standing committee of Minnesota Quilters. It was started in 1987 in an effort to discover quilt history in Minnesota. This was and still is a very large project. 3400 quilts have been photographed and documented.

Last April MQP was re-organized. The MQ board felt that the Quilt Project needed to re-define its goals. Our efforts are now being directed to documenting quilts that are in the many county and city History Centers. This is no small project.

Now comes the reason for taking up space in this newsletter. We are looking for people to help. No major skills are required; there will be "on the job training." Your reward will be to see, up close, all the quilts you have only read about. We are currently working at the Hennepin History Museum. I go home with an inner glow. I have actually gotten to "fondle" Crazy Quilts from the 1880's. One quilt had a political ribbon from President Garfield. Wow!! Well, I could go on for pages but since space is limited this is an invitation to join, help, marvel and hopefully have a good time. Call Paulette Marini 612-938-5652 or send an email message to oberon197@uswest.net.

CLASSIFIED ADS


Free to a good home! Back issues of assorted quilt magazines, including Quilter's Newsletter Magazine and Quilting Today. Most date from the mid-1980's through 1996. I am cleaning out my workspace and would like to give these magazines to anyone who would like them. Take some, take them all, they're yours. Call Carol Wagner, 651-488-6286.
April Block
of the Month
"Monkey Wrench Variation"
10" Block (10.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

White on muslin background
Blue print

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the
May daytime meeting.
• Add seam allowance to templates.
• Occasionally, printing distorts pattern pieces,
please check for accuracy before marking!
• Print Name/Address, attach to back side 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.

DOUBLE CHECK!
• Have you picked out the right fabrics?
• Before handing in, do you have a 1/4 inch seam allowance
around the outer edges of the block?

What Kind of MQ Member Are You?

We have a great organization which takes many volunteer hours to keep it that way. Are you doing your part? Ask yourself these questions and answer honestly. Do you drink the coffee? When was the last time you helped in the kitchen? Do you enjoy eating the treats? Have you ever brought treats? Do you pick up after yourself? Don’t you hate it when you have to wait on your husband and kids? Why do you expect others to do all the work at a MQ meeting? We all love the door prizes, but how many of us have actually donated a door prize? Do you enjoy going to the Quilt Show? Do you realize that just during the show there are over 3,000 volunteer hours required to pull off the show? Remember, the show committee also works for more than two years before the show.

We are all quick to take advantage of the privileges that come with being a member. How seriously do you take your responsibilities of being a MQ member? Your $20 membership fee doesn’t cover the cost of the newsletter and special guest lecturers.

I am giving you a challenge. On your birthday month give a gift to MQ. If you love to bake, bring treats. You can volunteer your time (perfect if money is short) or donate a door prize (perfect for those who work all day and just want to sit). If you miss your birthday month, do it on the month you joined MQ. If we would all do this, we will have a fantastic organization with the work spread over many.

Let’s all get involved!
Bonnie Kay Swanstrom
612-862-2475
April 22, 1999
A Celebration of Women Artists
Thurs., April 22 from 5 - 7:30 PM at the Great Room, Metro State Univ., 700 E. 7th St., St. Paul. We'd like artists to donate a piece of work for a silent auction. In return, artists can sell, display or take orders for their work. We expect 100-200 guests. There will be food, wine & Ann Reed, folk singer. Those interested should call Marsha Wilson at 651-227-8835. This is a fund raiser for LOTT, Leaders of Today & Tomorrow a program of the League of Women Voters MN Education Fund.

April 23-25, 1999
Thunder Bay Quilters' Guild proudly presents "Superior Quilts 1999" at the Thunder Bay Historical Museum, 425 East Donald Street, Thunder Bay, ON. Friday Noon-9 PM, Saturday 10 AM-5 PM, Sunday Noon-5 PM. An extraordinary exhibit of Antique, Traditional and Contemporary Quilts, Wall hangings and Clothing! Enjoy ongoing demonstrations! Please join us. Admission: $2.00 For more info: SASE to Rene Heyder, RR#12, 6615 Mapleward Road, Thunder Bay, ONTARIO Canada P7B 5E3

April 23-25, 1999
Fergus Falls Quilters Extravaganza, Friday 10 AM-9 PM, Saturday 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday 12 PM-5 PM. Westridge Mall, Fergus Falls. Over 400 items, ongoing demonstrations. Admission $1.

June 1-30 1999
Minnesota Contemporary Quilters present their 2nd annual members' exhibit at Lutheran Brotherhood's Second Floor Gallery, 625 Fourth Ave So., Mpls, MN Mon.-Fri., 7 AM-5 PM. The exhibit is free, and an excellent day out combined with breakfast (7-8:30 AM) or lunch (11:15 PM) in LB's renowned cafeteria. 651-292-8391 for more info.

June 5, 1999
The North Star Quilter's Guild of Grand Forks, North Dakota will sponsor their Quilt Show, "Quilting on the Red." Registration forms will be available soon. For more information, contact Bobbie Shields, 218-775-5310.

June 12-25, 1999
The 10th Annual Quilt/Surface Design Symposium will be held on the campus of The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, OH. Classes and displays. For further information and registration, send a LSASE with 2 first class stamps to Linda Fowler, 464 Vermont Place, Columbus, OH, 43201, 614-297-1585.

June 12-September 12, 1999
"A Gathering of Stitches" will feature 52 historic and contemporary quilts, and approximately 30 garments that include quilting as a major design or construction feature. They are all from the Goldstein's permanent collections, and date from circa 1750 through 1993. This interpretive exhibition will focus on the social, historical, and aesthetic contexts of these pieces. They are each one-of-a-kind objects that defy simple categorization, but they all provide insights into people's everyday lives in the Midwest and the Twin Cities. Opening reception Sunday, June 13, 1:30-4:30 PM, Curator's lecture at 2 PM. The Goldstein is located at 241 McNeal Hall on the St. Paul Campus of the U of M. For more information, call 612-624-7434.

August 7-8, 1999
Join the South Minneapolis Quilters for their annual small quilt sale at The Powderhorn Festival of the Arts, Saturday 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday 11 AM-5 PM. SMQ quilts are near the south side of the lake at Powderhorn Park, 34 St. and 15 Ave. Minneapolis, MN. Tickets will also be available for our annual raffle quilt. All proceeds benefit community charitable projects in the South Minneapolis area.

September 18-19, 1999
Autumnfest Quilt Show and Classes will be held at the Loe Court Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center, Hayward, WI. For more information send a SASE to Ann Degen, 7759 N. Wilkie Rd., Hayward, WI 54843 or call 715-634-3336.

September 24-25, 1999
The Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society, in Mahtomedi, present their 1999 Quilt Show, "Stitches in Time." The show features an alphabet challenge exhibit, raffle quilt, vendors, boutique, and refreshments. Hours are: September 24 from 10 AM to 8 PM, September 25 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN. For more information contact Denise Ostrom at 651-770-5518.

October 9-10, 1999
Quilt Show at the Marshall Area Senior Center, Marshall, MN Sat. Oct 9th 9-4 and Sun Oct. 10th 12-4. We feature all new quilts each year. On Saturday we will have a Trunk Show -- to be announced! Sponsored by: Threadbender's Quilt Guild, Marshall Area Senior Center, Lyon County Historical Museum. Questions, Lila Schmidt 507/532-7564 or lilalamb@starpoint.net

November 6-7, 1999
Hudson Heritage Quilters present "Patchwork Harvest," with a displays of new and antique quilts, raffle quilt, small quilt auction, and vendors. Lunch is available. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Rd, Hudson, WI 54016. Admission $3. Show hours: Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM. Info: Mary Pat Finnegan, 1025 6th St, Hudson, WI 54016, 715-381-5538.

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., April 1 for the May newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
STITCH-IN for Breast Cancer Research and Awareness

The STITCH-IN, held at the Park Square Shopping Center in Brooklyn Park, will begin on the evening of Friday, April 23, with a Stitchers' Night Out and preview of the silent auction items. Events, including a stitch-a-thon, needle art classes and demos, breast health information, door prizes, and sales tables, will continue throughout Saturday and Sunday. In addition, the North Memorial Medical Center Mobile Mammography Unit will be on site Saturday, April 24. Advance appointments are necessary for the Mammography Unit and can be made by calling 612-520-4200. As in the past three years, proceeds from the weekend's events will be donated to the Minnesota Breast Cancer Coalition.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 1999 FALL GET-AWAY

The St. Francis Center, in Little Falls, Minnesota, the site for last year's retreat, will be the location for the 1999 retreat. The dates for this year's retreat are September 23 - 26, 1999 (Thursday through Sunday), with classes offered on Friday and Saturday. The Fall Getaway is a fun, exciting, productive time "away." We hope that you'll be able to join the group this year! Watch this newsletter for more information as the year progresses!

Karen O'Brien, Day Director-Elect

Split Rock Arts Offers Classes

Come join us and grow your creative spirit at Split Rock this summer. Work with nationally renowned quilt artists including:
Barbara Lee Smith
"Surface and Structure: Print and Stitch"
July 18-24

Melody Johnson & Laura Wasilowski
"The Alternative Quilt"
July 25-31

Other visual artists include:
Virginia Blakelock & Carol Perrenoud, bead working
Susan Brandeis (formerly Wilchins), visual skills for fabric artists
Lindly Haunani & Margaret Maggio, color
Shereen LaPlantz, bookmaking
Marilou Schultz, Navajo weaving
Cynthia Toops, polymer clay

David Chatt, bead working
John Garrett, basketry
Melanie Printup Hope, bead working
Judy Onofrio, mixed media sculpture
Joyce Scott, bead making
Yoshiko Wada, shibori

Registration opens on March 29. For full information, call or write for a 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; e-mail srap@mail.cee.umn.edu; or visit our Web site at www.cee.umn.edu/splitrockarts/

QUILTS AND MORE QUILTS!

Did you know that there are many quilt exhibits scheduled during the Minnesota Quilters' show and beyond? Museums, county historical societies, and other studio spaces will be hosting a wide variety of antique and contemporary quilt shows. All the show venues will boast a quilt exhibit—in addition, there are several quilt/textile exhibits in and around the Twin Cities. At the American Museum of Art, a Hmong exhibit will be open during the show (thanks to the efforts of Judy Fletcher), there is a textile and wearable art exhibit at the Goldstein Gallery, the "Q" is for Quilts exhibit at the Minnesota History Center, a wonderful selection of vintage quilts at the Hennepin Historic Museum in Minneapolis (near the Minnesota Institute of Art) and of course, the Quilters' Gift to Children at the Mall of America. Watch next month for a complete listing with dates and addresses! For more information on QUILT EXTRAVAGANZA 1999, please send a SASE to Quilts Midwest, 915 St. Clair, St. Paul, MN 55105.
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
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_____Show Chairs-Elect (2001) -- Claudia Clark Myers and Jessica Torvinen

Two Board positions have more than one candidate. Please vote for only one person.

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OR

_____Bonnie Weinandt

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_____ Sandi Irish

OR

_____Jane Shattuck

Use the following line for a write-in candidate:

_____ Office ___________________________ Name __________________________

To vote for the above candidates, place an X on the line and fold and mail to the address on the reverse or bring to the April 2 and 3 meetings. There will be a ballot box at the meetings.

Ballots must be received by April 26, 1999.
Jackie Northrop
3125 269th Ave. NE
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Lake Country Quilt Shops announce...
The Fabric Stash Bash Sale
April 5 - 10

25% off fabric
* some exclusions may apply

Piecemakers - Hackensack - 218-675-6271
Bay Window Crafts & Quilts - Perham - 218-346-7272
Quilting Memories - Staples - 218-894-1776
Country Fabrics - Brainerd - 218-829-7273
Quilters Cottage - Fergus Falls - 218-739-9652
Stitchin' Post - Alexandria - 320-763-3400
Common Threads - Alexandria - 320-763-6771
Nuts & Bolts - Hoffman - 320-986-2447
Lady Slipper - Benson - 320-843-2603
DarLin Quilts - Willmar - 320-235-7576

Check it out - new fabrics, books, patterns. Come and see what is new and cool for the millenium. Each store may have additional in-store specials.
The Kindest Cut of All

Lynna Martin Hastings®1999

The Funder of My Stash has said enough times, and in the right places, "You can't make a quilt without fabric," that he gets the really BIG points. So when the opportunity arose to further influence my sister Paula's case of Quilt Pox, and show her a little bit of the Nifty Fabric Acquisition Fever Symptom, I jumped at the chance.

It had been raining for days, with only a couple of hours of pale sunshine. The beaches were flooded and the mood was grim, so normal relief of tension was nowhere in sight. Unless I could put my sneaky plan into action, I was looking at a really long ride, in the rain, feeling carsick and crabby.

I remembered seeing an ad for a quilt shop right up the highway we were driving on. This was a very busy highway, almost too hard to cross to get to the fabric on the other side--NOT! I talked Paula into going around the block and crossing at the light--BINGO! There we were, safe and sound, with money, right on the doorstep. To understand our excitement, you may need to know that this was probably the only bona fide quilt shop within a hundred miles in either direction! This was a well lit, well-stocked shop that reminded me of the ones I was missing at home. We were heady with success and bought really nifty fabric as proof of our conquest. I didn't feel carsick OR crabby now. It was, however, still raining.

I was thinking, "I don't know how she stands being so far from this very nice shop." At this point, we were about 200 miles from her home, a really loooooong drive, even for nifty fabric. When I pointed this out, she grinned and said that since I had taken her to one, she'd take me to one. "Turnabout is fair play," she said. I liked this turn of events. We were about 75 miles from her house when she whipped off the highway--straight UP a narrow gravel road headed UP a steep hill! How we missed the Douglas fir standing guard at the edge of the road, I'll never know. She said "Practice." Then she wheeled down the hill, over a skinny bridge, around a sharp corner and past a discreet sign into a parking lot. There was plenty of room for us. It was still raining.

We opened the screen door and went into another quilt shop! I must have looked surprised to see the large, beautiful display of Hoffmans, and the quilt demonstrating how they could be used (gorgeous!), because my sister laughed at me and told me to go look in the other room. It was even bigger and had lots to see. It didn't seem to me that 75 miles was TOO far to go for a well-stocked quilt shop, with really nice people, that reminded me of the ones I was missing at home. We bought more nifty fabric. The rain let up for a while.

Remember the Wild Goose Chase Shop Hop, and the Shop 'Til You Drop Tour are coming up SOON. There is most likely a shop closer to YOUR house than 200 miles (without fir trees guarding the entrance, though). It probably won't be raining. Although fabric IS flat and does pack very well, remember to empty the trunk of the car before you start.

Join in the fun of the 1st annual
Wild Goose Chase Shop Hop
April 15, 16 & 17, 1999

Grand Prize of $1000

♦ Many other great prizes
  ♦ Free Mystery Quilt pattern
  ♦ Door prize drawings
  ♦ 8 participating stores
  ♦ 2 "Top 10" stores!
  ♦ In-store specials
  ♦ 20% off regularly priced fabric

Hours: Thursday 9am - 8pm, Friday and Saturday 9am - 6pm

A Stitch in Time .......... LaCrosse, WI
All In Stitches .......... Rochester, MN
Just A Little Something .. Rochester, MN
Rather Bee Quilting ...... Lake City, MN
Quilts by the Falls .......... Cannon Falls, MN
The Cotton Patch .......... Owatonna, MN
The Common Thread .......... Red Wing, MN
Jacobsen's ................. Northfield, MN
Maps are available at all participating stores
THE COMPUTERIZED QUILTER
by Cindy Thury Smith ©1999

Big versus little, multi-paged web site versus small home page—you can easily view both with your computer (or your public library's computer). The Internet has an enormous variety of web pages on quilting, including huge, informational sites, commercial sites, and personal pages.

In the multi-paged, enormous category are three of my favorites: The World Wide Quilting Page at http://quilt.com/MainQuiltingPage.html, Quilting at the Mining Co. at http://quilting.miningco.com/ and Crazy Quilt Central at: http://www.geocities.com/SoHo/Lofis/6531/. These mega-sites have FAQ (frequently asked questions) areas, lessons, and loads of links to other interesting sites. You can start at one, check their pages out, then go to their links listings and view others that sound good to you. Many of the big sites have their links listings broken down by category so you can zero in on your particular interests.

Viewing personal pages can be rewarding also. Some are very plain, some fancy, some in-progress, some purely informational, some offer patterns the quilter has designed. To me, they represent the expanding edge of quilt making. If you want to see an elegant site featuring traditional patterns and beautiful machine quilting, visit Diane Gaudynski's site at http://personal.pitnet.net/dggquilt. Want to visit a site that features over 600 quilting links? Visit Deanna Spingola's site at: http://www.spingola.com/ds/. Or, if you like crazy quilting and quick machine sewn quilts, you can view my pages at http://members.aol.com/crazyqltr1.

Commercial sites of many small pattern companies offer luscious patterns that may not be available in your area. Two of my favorites are the Orchid Jewels artwear site at: http://internet.ocii.com/orchidjewels/index.html and the Dakota Winds site at: http://www.dakotawinds.com/.

Next month I'll begin covering specific techniques in quilt making such as bargello sites, paper piecing sites (with freebies to print out on your printer!) applique sites, and more. Live long and sew many quilts.

An Exhibit to Warm your Heart (and your toes!)

Quilts and their stories will be featured at the Anoka County Historical Society during May, June, and July with a special event on May 1, 1999, from 1 PM to 5 PM at Colonial Hall Museum. Come hear the story of the "Courting Quilt" and the young couple who made it. See the beautiful Victorian Crazy quilt made for Rev. Heard of the Methodist Church of Anoka by the Ladies Aid Society about 1885. The exhibit includes a very special and rare "Linsey Woolsey" quilt that once warmed the family of Gov. William Bradford of colonial Massachusetts. On opening day, costumed storytellers will fill your imagination with tours of the quilts all through the museum. This event is a must see for all quilters, and it's waiting for you to discover in Colonial Hall, the beautiful 1904 home built for two prominent Anoka doctors. Many quilts in our collection will be on display for you to enjoy. We are located in downtown Anoka, only 15 minutes from the Maple Grove quilt store, at 1900 Third Ave. S., one block off Main Street. Please include us in your "Shop til you Drop" plans. This event is free to all quilters and promises to be one of the best shows this spring! Step back in time and experience the warmth and charm quilts have brought to our lives. See you on May 1st!
A Quilter's Gift to Children
Linda Kosfeld, Volunteer Chairperson

For those of you who will be donating a quilt to "A Quilter's Gift to Children," we will be collecting quilts at the evening and daytime MQ meetings on May 6 and 7. From there, we will transport the quilts to the receiving, judging, and storage area at Apache Plaza. (You can also mail your quilt to the University, by May 15.)

If you would be willing to transport quilts in your car or van from Machinists' Hall to Apache Plaza, please call me and leave a message with your name, phone number, and day or evening availability: Linda Kosfeld, 612-835-3901. We will need help on May 7, both day and evening.

At Apache Plaza, Dorothy Stish and her crew of volunteers will enter information about each quilt and quilt maker into a database. This is being done so that the quilts can be accurately cataloged, judged, and auctioned. If you have some computer experience and can help with this work during May, please contact Dorothy at 612-789-4983. Daytime, evening, and weekend times will probably all be available. If you don't want to do the computer entry, there is also a need for people to clean and prepare the areas for the quilts, and to handle and fold the quilts as they are cataloged, sorted, and judged. You can also contact Dorothy to volunteer for this.

Thank you for your help and support!

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

Historic Downtown St. Paul

While historic downtown St. Paul is beautiful and has lovely sights to behold, we are still talking about city driving -- so to attend the 1999 Quilt Show and Conference, you need to plan ahead! In the next two issues, there will be information about downtown parking ramps, including addresses and parking maps. This information will include clearance heights (important for sports utility vehicles, trucks, large vans), parking rates and locations. We will provide information for parking ramps that are convenient to the hotel and more expensive or ramps that are more economical but a bit further from the hotel.

If you are coming for the day, plan to car-pool, Park 'n Ride (Metro Transit) or have a significant other be kind and drop you off. If you are coming for more than one day -- consider dropping your belongings, as well as anyone else that you bring with you -- then go park your vehicle in a long term lot and then ride the bus back into the city.

Yes, we agree that parking can be a challenge, but it does not have to be an impediment to enjoying the show; just remember that if you are taking the time to visit the show, you are on holiday -- parking is just one last vestige of your non-quilting environment. Then when you are at the show, you can immerse yourself in the quilts, vendors, quilts and more vendors and if you are so inclined, lectures and workshops. Oh, don't forget, you can eat if you are really stressed. Or, you can stay downtown and deal with parking only coming and going!

Speaking of food, for those of you who are not familiar with downtown St. Paul, there are a great number of fast food locations which will be open on Thursday and Friday, but be advised the city is essentially shut down on Saturday and Sunday. We have arranged with the Radisson for box lunches (as you may note on the Registration Form for $10/box) and they will have food a la carte set-up by poolside (that is near the Cabana and Garden Terrace Vendors). If you have already sent in your registration, you may still request box lunches by calling the registration line at 651-738-5964.

1999 CHALLENGE

The 1999 Challenge must be turned in on or before June 1, 1999. Follow the mailing directions on the entry form OR deliver to Audrey Mead in person. Audrey will be at the May, 1999 MQ evening and day meetings to collect 1999 challenge quilts. Remember that you can also donate your challenge quilt to the small quilt auction.

Challenge Amnesty

Remember that there is a wonderful challenge, in addition to the Show Challenge with those lovely fabrics selected by Audrey Mead -- The Challenge Amnesty! This challenge is to use as many "old" (vintage?) challenge packets, stored and turned with same care as a vintage wine, as possible.

The challenge packet must be intact, still have the original set of rules, and a snippet of each challenge fabric must accompany your entry. Remember, the 1999 Challenge Packet is NOT eligible for inclusion in this Challenge Amnesty. When submitting your entry, please note on the non-judged Registration form (sent to Sue Rutford) that the entry is for the Challenge Amnesty. There are wonderful ribbons for the piece using the most different challenge packets and the quilt using the oldest challenge packet.

Small Quilt Auction

The winners of the embellishment baskets are: SUSAN SUTKOWSKI in February, and CAROL MAYALA in March. If you would like to win the final embellishment basket for April, please get those quilts to me by April 20. On that date I will draw the final name. These baskets have wonderful items useful to embellish your quilts and quilted garments. Show off your talents by donating a beauty. You don't need to put a sleeve on the back (unless they are also entered in the Challenge category), contrary to what was originally announced, because we will pin the quilts on cork board, so that at night we can put them in a locked area for security purposes. By participating in the auction, either by bidding or donating a quilt, you are helping your organization provide educational programs on television for those of us who love to learn more about our craft. It is quite satisfying to stand back at the show and watch people enjoy your masterpiece and even pay money to own a quilt from your collection...Time is flying. Do it now while you can enjoy the process, instead of rushing to pull it off!!!

SMALL QUILT AUCTION Co-Chairs, Meg Devine & Margaret Biwersi

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1999 Show and Conference News!

We have received registration from many places, including England and Japan. Registration is proceeding along very well (see article on this page by Gwen Lundgren regarding classes that still have seats available -- all of which are wonderful!).

In addition to classes, there are still spaces available at the lectures and Grand Banquet. Just to remind you, we have three (3) sewing machines to give away--Pfaff has donated a machine to be given away to a show volunteer (remember to contact Noelann or Bonnie to sign up to volunteer!), Viking has donated a machine to be given away to a lucky attendee of the Friday Night Gathering (tickets still available) and Bernina has donated a machine to be given away at the Grand Banquet (tickets still available). In addition, we again have Rowenta irons (provided by Minnesota Quilters) to be given away at each of the lectures.

Vendors (some new vendors, the return of old favorites and the reappearance of favorites we have missed) will be available in three locations -- so if you are a power shopper, there is plenty to see and buy! Vendors will be located on the lower level of the Radisson Hotel (location of the Registration Desk), Poolside and Garden Terrace level of the Radisson Hotel, and the Town Square Ballroom of the Radisson Inn (a leisurely stroll from the Hotel or a quicker walk, via street level). Maps will be available to find your favorite vendor -- all the vendors will be numbered by location.

If you registered early, you should receive your confirmation letter by the time you read this article. If you have not received your confirmations, please contact the Registration Help Line at 651-738-5964. If you have NOT received a phone call or e-mail from Charlie Peters or Sandy Dickman, then you have been registered into your selections, either first or second choices (if provided). There are some exceptions, in which a phone call was placed but the registrant failed to respond during the following two weeks, in which case registration was completed as best as possible.

Well, that is it for now -- there will be more information in the next several newsletters -- if you have any questions, please let us know.

CAROLYN PETERS
Show Chair

Volunteers--We Need You!

Confirmation notices for THE QUILT SHOW will be arriving shortly along with a volunteer form. If you haven't already done so, please sign up with Noelann or Bonnie at the next meeting. Last year at the St. Cloud show some 470 volunteers filled 800 volunteer needs. This year we anticipate 1,437 volunteer needs. A volunteer need is a 2 hour block of time. So, as you can see, we really do need you. Each volunteer will receive a special pin, be eligible for a daily drawing as well as for the grand prize drawing for a new Pfaff sewing machine.

Noelann Brown and Bonnie Swanstrom, Volunteer Chairs

OPEN CLASSES

The following workshops were still available at the time this newsletter was printed. Please refer to your registration brochure for descriptions and fees. You may make copies of the registration form to share with your friends.

Thursday
1325-David Walker
1214-Katie Pasquini Masopust
1101-Faye Anderson
1102-Christine Barnes

Friday
2207-Joan Colvin
2102-Christine Barnes
2106-Sally Collins
2109-Sandra Dockstader
2113-Judith Zoelzer Levine
2115-Judith Baker Montano
2116-Anne Colvin Mosher
2124-Lorraine Torrence
2626-Diana Swim Wessel

Saturday
3102-Christine Barnes
3106-Sally Collins
3109-Sandra Dockstader
3123-Mary Stori
3514-Katie Pasquini Masopust
3524-Lorraine Torrence
3526-Diana Swim Wessel
3613-Judith Zoelzer Levine
3626-Diana Swim Wessel

Sunday
4106-Sally Collins
4113-Judith Zoelzer Levine
4116-Anne Colvin Mosher
4121-Doreen Speckmann
4124-Lorraine Torrence
4126-Diana Swim Wessel
4510-Ellen Anne Eddy
MINNESOTA QUILTERS
VOLUNTEER SURVEY RESULTS

A member survey was handed out at the January and February meetings. We received 76 responses; the results are tallied below.

How Recently a Volunteer % of total
Never (23) 30
Within Last Six Months (25) 33
Within Last Year (28) 37

Reasons for Not Volunteering
Didn’t Know About Opportunities (14) 18
Someone Else Will Do It (1) 1
I Am Physically Unable (2) 3
I Don’t Have Time (9) 12
I’m Shy (7) 9
Other Reasons (23) including:
I’m a New Member (12)
I Live Too Far Away to Guarantee Participation (3)
I Volunteer Elsewhere (1)
My Work Schedule Prevents Me (1)
I’m Afraid of Too Much Responsibility (1)
I’m Lazy (1)

Preferred Rewards for Volunteering
Mention In Newsletter or At Meeting (11) 14
Pin/Plaque/Certificate (33) 43
(Except Pin)
Loving Gratitude (23) 30
Free Lecture at Show (44) 58
Gift Certificate at Local Quilt Shop (41) 54
Other Rewards (9) 12
No Reward Needed (12) 16

Preferred Ways to Learn About Volunteer Opportunities
Newsletter (65) 86
Postings at Meetings (35) 46
Phone Call (12) 16
Special Mailing (4) 19

The responses were fairly predictable in all categories. We received good suggestions for volunteer rewards, tallying volunteer hours, and ways to solicit volunteer help. Thanks to all members who participated in the survey!

Rosemary Kessler and Karen O’Brien

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Thanks to Ellen Carter for these wonderful recipes!

**Coconut Bars**

These are from my youngest son's kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Olson. He is now fourteen, so you can see, if I get a good recipe, I keep it. The recipe is always requested when I make these. Hope you enjoy them too.

Crust: 1/2 cup butter, 1/2 cup brown sugar, 1 cup flour. Mix with a fork and pat in a 9 x 13 baking pan, Bake 15 min. at 375.

Topping: 2 eggs, 1 C brown sugar, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 tsp. baking powder, 1 tsp. salt, 2 Tbsp. flour, 1 1/2 cup flaked coconut. Mix and pour over partially baked crust and bake an additional 15 min. Cool completely before cutting.

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**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

At the April meeting, we will draw for the "Delectable Mountains" block.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!**

Judy Symalla was the winner of the 34 "Cactus Flower" blocks entered in the March meeting. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 4 for the next block and how to become a winner!

**Fudgy Double Deckers**

Crust: 1/4 c butter, 3 oz cream cheese, 1 c flour, 1 Tbsp sugar. Blend and pat into bottom and up sides of 9 x 9 ungreased pan.

Filling: 6 oz. chocolate chips, melted. Stir in 1/2 cup sugar, 2 Tbsp. milk, 2 Tbsp. flour, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 egg and 1/2 cup chopped nuts. Pour over unbaked crust. Top with an additional 1/4 cup chopped nuts. Bake at 350 for 35-40 min.