FROM THE DAY DIRECTOR

Another year has sped by and I am writing my last article as the Day Director. Wow! Where did the time go? As I look over the past year, we had many fun and interesting meetings with wonderful speakers and programs. Kudos to all who pitched in and helped pull off these successful meetings and a big thank you to all for your patience when all didn't go exactly as planned.

Our May meeting was no exception and we had a great time watching the Chaska Area Quilt Guild, consisting of Audree Sells, Jackie Olmstead, Chris Peterson, Diane Prentice, Joan Goetttsman and Vicki Ress, show the process of their Round Robin Storybook Quilts. From blank fabric to wonderful pieces of art, the results of their labor were a real treat to see. Hopefully, we can get them to display these quilts, and the stories that go with them, at the show and I hope everyone gets a chance to see them. What a treat! Thank you Ladies!

Again, there will be NO JUNE meeting, we will be at the show and enjoying ourselves immensely. The July meeting is the annual business meeting and is a great opportunity to meet the new board and put forth your ideas and a good time to ask questions. Please join us if you aren't "at the lake."

In August, Karen O'Brien will take over the AM meeting responsibilities. She has lots of ideas for programs and I look forward to enjoying them from the audience this year (gotta start remembering that seat cushion for those hard chairs!). Please give Karen all the help and encouragement you have shown me over the past year. GOOD LUCK KAREN!

As discussed at the May meeting, the Oklahoma tornado victims are beginning the process of putting their lives back together and I would bet that there are plenty of missing fabric stashes down there. While I know that they will be busy getting homes back over their heads, I would like to see us start getting things together to send to them when they need quilting stuff again. They need things like fabric (fat quarters are always good), rulers, needle packs, batting, thread, cutters, scissors. If you want to bring these items to the show or to the monthly meetings, we will make sure that these things get to the proper source for distribution. Quilts (especially for kids) would be wonderful too and much appreciated. See the article on page 4 for more information about sending quilts.

Thanks for a great year! See you at the show.
Susan MacLennan

Calendar of Events

JUNE
No regular meetings
June 28 Board of Directors Mtg.

JULY
July 8 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
July 9 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM

AUGUST
August 5 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
August 6 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM

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.

MQ BOARD NEWS

At the March Minnesota Quilters Board Meeting, the following motions were made and passed:
To fund a table at the Stitch-In for Breast Cancer in April.
To have a title search done on Machinists Hall to determine who owns the building, market value of the building, existing debt on the building and whether it is for sale.
To fund supplies for the Girl Scout Quilting days. They will be making quilts to be distributed to children in need.

Board Elections Results

The ballots are in and have been counted. We received 85 ballots this year, an all-time record. Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to fill theirs out and send it to me; we really appreciate your participation. Here is the 1999-2000 Board of Directors:

President--Laura Sahlberg
President-Elect--Susan MacLennan
Day Director--Karen O'Brien
Day Director Elect--Carol Larson
Evening Directors--Noell Broun & Peggi Koshenina
Evening Director-Elect--Carolyn Peters
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Historian/Parliamentarian--Paula Hagg
Show Chair 2000--David Shattuck
Show Chairs-Elect 2001--Claudia Clark Myers & Jessica Torvinen
Financial Planning--Bonnie Weinandt
Long Range Planning--Jane Shattuck

Respectfully Submitted,
Jackie Northrop
Past President/Nominating Committee

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.
Library Lines

ALERT! ALERT! We're changing the way books are catalogued in the library and need EVERYTHING returned as soon as possible. Look for missing books and magazines on bookshelves, tables, under fabric, under the bed, or wherever you might have them. Bring them to the July meetings or mail them 4th Class Book Rate to the MQ Office.

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. 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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Business card size: $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 August 1999 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is July 1, 1999.
NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Well, it is nearly here. The 1999 Minnesota Quilters show, that is! Carolyn Peters and the rest of her committee have put in many hours of volunteer effort to ensure that you have the best quilt show experience ever. Lots of quilts to see and lots of vendors to shop at. Minnesota Quilters is known around the country for putting on one of the finest quilt shows. Talk to quilters from other areas of the country and they cannot believe that we do this every year in a different location with a volunteer staff. And speaking of volunteers, the show only runs well if everyone helps by volunteering some time at the show. Think about volunteering as a white glove person--see the show and help others! Remember, for every 2 hours of volunteer time you give your name goes into a drawing for a Pfaff sewing machine as well as for daily awards.

While I am sure everyone will enjoy the show, don’t forget about the "A Quilter’s Gift to Children" exhibit at the Mall Of America in Bloomington. This contest and silent auction benefits the University of Minnesota Children’s Foundation. Minnesota Quilters is a co-sponsor along with the American Quilter’s Society. Best of all, a MQ member won this national contest!

Jane Shattuck
MQ President

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June/July Block
of the Month
"Grandmother's Favorite"
8" Block (8.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.
Cut the center square 4.5" by 4.5"
Background: White on muslin.

Solid color of your choice
30's print

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the August 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?
VOLUNTEERS WANTED
Community Service Opportunities

One Thousand Quilts for Oklahoma

OMAHA, NE – The Quilt Heritage Foundation is asking quilters around the country to make and donate quilts for the victims of the Oklahoma tornadoes. "Our goal is 1000 quilts for Oklahoma," said Nancy Kirk, President, "because the news reports have estimated 1000 homes were completely destroyed. Of course we can use more, because many of those families have both adults and children who will be rebuilding their lives starting with nothing."

Non-quilters can support the project by sending donations to help cover the costs of buying supplies for volunteer groups who will meet in old-fashioned quilting bee. One has already been scheduled for the National Quilting Association convention in Omaha where the thousands of quilters attending will be asked to stop by the "1000 Quilts for Oklahoma" booth to help stitch on a quilt while they are in town. Details of the project are on the Quilt Heritage Foundation web site at www. quiltheritage.com. The site includes the guidelines for the quilts, a printable flyer for visitors to print and post at their local quilt and sewing shops and an option for making a donation by credit card on a secure server.

Foundation volunteers are making arrangements with relief agencies for the distribution of the quilts to reach people who lost their homes. They are also seeking donated transportation to take the quilts to Oklahoma when they are finished, and the assistance of sewing and quilting web sites to publicize the project.

The idea for the project came from webmaster April Millican who watched the TV reports on Tuesday and saw the possibility of using the power of the web to get hundreds of people involved quickly. She called Nancy Kirk at 4 p.m. to suggest the idea. The Quilt Heritage Foundation agreed immediately to serve as the non-profit sponsor. Graphic artist Roxanne Maxwell Holloway volunteered to come up with a logo at no charge over night. The NQA show coordinator agreed immediately to make a space available at the National Convention. By 8 p.m. the web site was up and running. It will be changing over the next few days and weeks as more sponsors join in.

"This type of project shows the unequalled power of the Internet to unite people to work together for good," according to Ms. Kirk. The Quilt Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization under section 501-c-3 of the Internal Revenue Service Code. All donations are tax-deductible.

Nancy Kirk
The Quilt Heritage Foundation, 1-800-599-0094
1513 Military Avenue
Omaha, NE 68111

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.

The 1999 Camp Knutson Quilt Auction is looking for donated quilts to sell at their annual auction which benefits the camp, a program of Lutheran Social Services. Bed or crib sized quilts sell best, and must be 100% cotton fabrics with cotton/poly or polyester battings. Quilts must be delivered no later than July 23. For more information, please call Rob Larson at 218-543-4232.

Bundle of Dreams The St. Paul Jaycees are seeking volunteers to assist with pinning, cutting, sewing, and embroidering during the Bundle of Dreams™ (formerly DreamSacks) project. We invite you to give back to your community by volunteering and sponsoring Bundle of Dreams™. These bundles are special sleeping bags made by community collaborators and volunteers for children in crises. An assembly line of volunteers will sew the Bundle of Dreams™ July 12-15, 1999 from 9:30 AM-9:30 PM at the Mall of America Rotunda. The bundles will be distributed throughout the year to children in local shelters who need a little something to call their own. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, call 651-222-1708 ext. 3 or visit our website at www.stpauljaycees.org. Sewing experience, although helpful, is not necessary.
June 5, 1999
The North Star Quilter's Guild of Grand Forks, North Dakota will sponsor their Quilt Show, "Quilting on the Red," 9AM-5PM at Zion United Methodist Church, 1001 24th Ave. S., Grand Forks, ND. Quilts, 1997 Flood Quilt, "Miniatures from the Heart," Demos, Vendors. For more info. or registration forms, contact Bobbie Shields, 701-775-5310.

June 11-13, 1999
Black Hills Quilters Guild 25th Annual Quilt show at the South Dakota School of Mines, Surbeck Center Ballroom, 501 East St. Joe St., Rapid City, SD. Show runs from 9AM June 11 to 5PM June 13. Classes, vendors, banquet. For further information, send a SASE to BHQG, P.O. Box 2495, Rapid City, SD, 57709 or call Carol Doyle 605-342-4126.

June 12-September 12, 1999
"A Gathering of Stitches" will feature 32 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. 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.

June 18-19, 1999
East Otter Tail Historical Society presents their 12th Annual Quilt competition and show. Show hours are 10 AM to 4 PM both days. Pioneer Village, 1 mile north of Perham, MN on Country Rd. 8. $1 admission. For information on the quilt competition and show, call Linda Boedighemer at 218-346-2537 or 218-346-7272.

July 10, 1999
Quilt Show and Auction--Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, MN. Quilt Review 10 AM, Auction 12:30 PM. Kathy Norum, 320-846-1325.

July 10-25, 1999
"From Cribs to Dolls: The Quilters' Art in Miniature" will be the title of the Show by the Winona Co. Historical Society to be held at the Armory Museum in Winona, MN. The show will feature antique and contemporary crib, doll and wall hanging quilts. The 1998 "Miniatures from the Heart" contest winners sponsored by Miniature Quilts Magazine will be shown. Show hours are M-F 9-5, Sat. & Sun. 12-4. For more information, or to lend a quilt(s) contact the Society at 507-454-2723, or show chair Jan Ambuhl 507-452-3852.

July 17, 1999
Quilt Show! Isle High School Gym, 10 AM to 4 PM. Free admission, quilt raffle, vendors, silent auction, demos, homemade refreshments and MORE! Isle is on the SE corner of Mille Lacs Lake, 90 miles from the Cities. The quilt show is during Isle Days, so there is plenty of activity for the rest of the family while you view our many lovely quilts.

August 2-6, 1999
"Creating Fabric Landscapes," a workshop on small pictorial quilts, will be featured at the Indianhead Arts & Education Center in Shell Lake, WI, taught by Carol Wagner. Course is offered through the U of W-Eau Claire for either credit or non-credit. For course content, call Carol Wagner, 651-488-6186. For brochure, contact Indianhead Arts & Education Center, Box 315, Shell Lake, WI, 54871 or call 715-468-2414.

August 3-5, 1999
Redwood Area Quilters Farmfest Quilt show, during Farmfest '99, Aug. 3-4 9AM-5PM. Aug. 5 9AM-4PM, Gilfillan Estate, between Redwood Falls and Morgan, MN. For more info., send a LSASE to Sharon Monahan, 308 Lake Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-1528.

August 5-7, 1999
The Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Braham presents their annual small quilt show at Braham City Hall. The show includes "Miniatures from the Heart," from Chitra Publications' national miniature quilt contest. Hours are Aug. 5 10 AM-5PM, Aug. 6 10AM-7PM, and Aug. 7 10AM-1PM. Come for Pie Day Aug. 6 for lots of homemade pie, crafts, entertainment, and fun. Free admission, raffle quilts. For entry information send a long SASE to Rosemary Brabec, PO Box 121, Braham, MN 55006. Cash prize for Viewers' Choice.

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.

August 14, 1999
Annual quilt auction to benefit Camp Knuuson, a program of Lutheran Social Services. The camp is located north of Brainerd, outside the town of Crosslake. More information in the August newsletter.

September 11-12, 1999

September 18-19, 1999
Autumnfest Quilt Show and Classes will be held at the Lac Court Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center, Hayward, WI. For more information send a SASE to Ann Degen, 7779 N. Wilkie Rd., Hayward, WI 54843 or call 715-634-3336.

September 18-19, 1999
The Apple River Quilt Guild is having their 9th Annual Quilt Show at the First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm St., Amery, WI. Saturday 9 AM-5PM, Sunday Noon-4 PM. The show includes merchants and a raffle, and is held in conjunction with the Amery Fall Festival. For more information, call 715-268-8588; Regis Johnson, 1435 85th Ave. Amery, WI 54001-4947.

September 24-25, 1999
The Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society, in Mahtomedi, present their 1999 Quilt Show, "Stitches in Time." An alphabet challenge exhibit, raffle quilt, vendors, boutique, and refreshments. Hours: Friday 10 AM-8 PM, Saturday 10 AM-4 PM. District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN. Contact Denise Ostrum at 651-770-5518.

October 8-9, 1999
Rochester Quilter's Sew-cetly presents their Basket of Memories Quilt Show. Friday, 9 AM to 8 PM, Saturday, 9 AM to 4 PM. Army Reserve Center, 1715 Marion Rd. SE, Rochester, MN. Raffle quilt, small quilt auction, merchant mall, demos, boutique, challenge, 200+ entries. Free parking; no strollers, please. Admission $3. Contact Linda Moskalik, 649 20th St. NE, Rochester, MN 55906 507-289-5284
The Kindest Cut of All
Lynna Martin Hastings © 1999

The month of June holds many significant events, (chief) among them is the Minnesota Quilters’ Show, and then Graduation Day, and Father’s Day. But, there isn’t a Husband’s Day, so most of the people I know sort of “make do” by using Father’s Day as a catch-all day for showing appreciation for spousal acts of quilterly kindnesses. Having been part of many conversations about husbands in general and quilters’ husbands specifically, I have found that The Funder is not the only non-quilting spouse that has earned a place in the Quilterly Kindness Hall of Fame.

When Joanne found an antique sewing machine at a great price, she passed it up because she thought it was maybe a little too indulgent. She mentioned it casually to her husband the next morning. Her husband was really surprised that she hadn’t bought it right when she found it. Upon hearing that it was the machine she had always really wanted, he tried to talk her into going back to the little shop to get it. That day was going to be a busy one with all the stuff she would be doing to prepare for the guests that were coming to visit. When she declined, he got in the car and drove off. He drove for miles and miles, IN THE FOG, got the machine, and drove mile after foggy mile back home to present her with his trophy.

Ruth’s husband, Wayne, took her on a special trip for their wedding anniversary. While they were far, far from home (Bemidji, maybe), Ruth asked him to take her to a sale at the quilt shop she had found. She assured his that this was really a romantic thing to do on their anniversary. He didn’t even grumble, but took her willingly and cheerfully. Even when they found that the huge storm had shut off the power in all the shops, (the sale continued), he remained cheerful, although she said he was a bit puzzled that the shoppers didn’t seem to be fazed by the lack of electricity. Sounded like a nice anniversary to me; I like shopping.

A few years ago, I had the flu on my birthday—talk about adding insult to injury! The Funder took that opportunity to put up my design wall. I think he figured that the flu would lessen the “pester factor” of my sidewalk supervising. He took the two lengths of 72” wide white felt and attached them to the top and bottom of the wall with furring strips that he carefully painted white. When he started to pound the little nails through the strips, even in my miserable stupor I could see him frown. He scrawled out with hardly a word, still frowning.

After my little nap, I awoke (hammering noises have the tendency to wake me up) to see him pounding little nails into the furring strips. They were little white nails, the perfect size—he had hunted all over until he found them. ”See,” he said, ”they match the frame.” And they do. I haven’t seen the white felt for about a year; there are two layers or so on the wall. But the little white nails match the painted furring strips so well you can’t see them either.
QUILT and TEXTILE EXTRAVAGANZA
Exhibits in the Twin Cities Metro area, May to September, 1999

Colleges and Museums
• Ongoing: Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Mpls TWFSat 10-5, Th 10-9, Sun 12-5
• June 1-July 15: Augsburg College, Gage Gallery In Lindell Library Mpls. Weekdays, Sat & Sun 8-6
• June 7-26: College of Visual Arts Gallery, Selby & Western St. Paul M-F 8-5, Sat 12-5
• June 10-Aug 22 MN Mus. of American Art, St. Paul-Hmong Textiles TuWFSa 11-4, Th 11-7:30, Sun 1-5
• June 12-Sept. 12: Goldstein Gallery, U of MN, St. Paul, MTuWF10-4, Th10-8, SS 1:30-4:30

Community Centers
• June 1-25: Minnetonka Community Center M-Th. 8-9 Fri. 8-5 Sat. 6/26 8-5
• June 2-30: Chaska Community Center M-Sat 9-9, Sun 12-5.

Galleries and Companies
• June 2-29 Lutheran Brotherhood Gallery, 625 4th Ave. So., Mpls. M-F 7 AM-5 PM
• June 3-July 28: Andersen Corporation, Bayport, M-F 9-2;30
• June 4-July 1: JAX Studio Gallery, 404 Washington Ave N., Mpls. M-F 10-5 Sat 12-4

Historical Societies
• Now through 2002: Minnesota History Center, St. Paul -Q is for Quilts, Tues. 10-8, WThFriSat 10-5 Sun 12-5. MN History Center Great Saturday Quilting Bee is on the 1st and 3rd Sat. of each month, 10-3.
• Now through-Mid-Aug.: Anoka County Historical Society. Quilts & Their Stories, Tu.-F 12:30-4
• Now through Sept.: Washington County Historical Society, 6-12 quilts from their collection, Washington County Historic Courthouse, TuThSatSun2-5
• Now through summer: Hennepin County History Museum-A Stitch in Time, Tues. 10-2, W-Sat 1-5
• June 5-summer: Carver County Hist. Soc., Waconia History Center, Tu. 10-8, WThF 10-4:30, Sat. 10-3
Children's Day, June 12th, 11-3 quilt related activities
• June 10-13: Ramsey County Historical Society, Th. 8-8, Fri 8-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 1-5
• August 3-31: Dakota County Historical Society - 50 Historical quilts, TWF 9-5, Th. 9-8, Sat. 10-3

We'll be at the 1999
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They deliberately tease us, those quilting book publishers, with glossy pictures of the covers of upcoming releases. Maybe they'll include a short descriptive paragraph below the cover illustration and an approximate available date. So we eagerly await the newest books to come out. If you're like me, it's a real struggle to decide where to spend my limited funds: more fabric (it's always a pleasure to buy more fabric)? A new tool? A fancy thread? A new book? With fabric, thread, or a tool, you can actually see them before you buy, and, of course, if a quilting book is already out you can glance over it in a quilt shop before buying. But what if the book isn't out yet or is not being carried at your local shop? Let's do a little computer consumer research.

You can visit the web sites of many quilting publishers such as C & T Publishing (their URL is http://www.ctpub.com) or Krause Publications (http://www.krause.com/crafts/) but while you will find a listing of upcoming releases, these companies don't give descriptions of the books. American School of Needlework (http://www.asnpub.com/quilt.html), Quilt in a Day (http://www.quilt-in-a-day.com/) and That Patchwork Place (at http://www.patchwork.com/) DO give descriptive paragraphs of their upcoming releases, but I like to ask OTHER QUILTERS their opinions about a book.

If you belong to an on-line group of quilters, all you have to do to get lots of opinions is to ask the on-line group what they think about a particular book. You'll get dozens of replies! Be specific in your query: I am thinking about buying Jane Smith's new curved piecing book, but I have never done curved piecing before. I am an intermediate sewer. Can anyone tell me how clear the instructions are? Are there plenty of illustrations? Or you can go to Amazon.com (http://www.amazon.com). Editor's note: or go through the MQ web site and we get a reward) and when the first screen comes up, select Books, then in the next open line type in Quilting and hit the Search button. When you get the next screen you can request a specific title (if you know the exact title) or you can specify the author. If the Search turns up the specific book you are interested in, scroll down the page to see if there are any Customer Reviews there. Amazon.com (and also at the Barnes and Noble Booksellers site at http://www.barnesandnoble.com) gives readers the opportunity to review and rank a book (5 stars method). I have found these Customer Reviews on quilting books to be quite frank. They are not all positive; some will say "great drawings but the instructions are confusing." If the technique is a complex one, you want great illustrations AND good instructions (especially if the book is expensive). If the book has not yet come out, you won't find any customer reviews BUT you can look up other books by the same author, check out their customer reviews and get a feel for the author.

We all know at least one quilting author that we'd buy every book they print because we've enjoyed their past books so much (with me, one such author is Camille Remme; her Braid and Chevron Updated book and her Modular Magic book are both so dramatically creative and organized I just love to look at them over and over). When you have a particular author you favor, it's nice to know (via the publishing sites) that they will have another book coming out in a few months. Not that that means we'll be able to resist all other quilting purchases until then, but it's still nice to know.

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**Help Find a Missing Quilt!**

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Parking Map on the last page). Metro Transit Park
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Help Wanted During the Show

Need a little extra cash during the MQ '99 Show? One of our Corporate Sponsors, H. D. Wilbanks of Hobbs Bonded Fibers, is looking for several good, hard-working, knowledgeable quilters who can work one or more 3-hour shifts in his booth. He pays $8/hr. and is a very nice man to be around. He loves our show and often says,"Minnesota Quilters are the best!" If you are interested, please contact Helen Smith Prekker in Duluth: 218-722-9880, Fax 218-722-0790, or e-mail hprekker@d.umn.edu.

Fun at the MIA

Helen Kelley reports that there is a terrific new interactive computer presentation at the Minnesota Institute of Arts. It's called "Material Witnesses," and about 2/3 of it is about quilt construction and history. To find the presentation, stop at the information desk and ask for the "Material Witnesses" interactive presentation, which is on the 3rd floor. It's a little hard to find, but worth it! There is also an incredible needlework box on a pedestal just outside the door.

VOLUNTEER THANKS!

Minnesota Quilters wants to recognize the following members who have volunteered their time at daytime meetings in the fall: Darleen Anderson, Sophie Collier, Lynna Hastings, Kristin Hoelscher, Ruth Johnson, and Dee O'Brien.

Join the group! There are lots of volunteer opportunities at the meetings, including bringing treats, holding and folding, helping in the library, and running door prizes.

MQ FALL GET-AWAY - September 23 - 26, 1999
The St. Francis Center, in Little Falls, Minnesota, is again the location for the Fall 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! We're planning some great classes that you're bound to love. You will have one problem, however: choosing between the options will be difficult!

Registration information will be coming to you in a future newsletter. We will also be presenting the class options at the August and September membership meetings. So, have a great time at the Show in June, but remember that the Fall Retreat will be there to help you deal with "post-Show blues" (and greens, and reds!)

Karen O'Brien, Day Director-Elect

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At the July meeting, we will draw for the "Star Crossing" block.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Phyllis Ostrom was the winner of the 26 "Monkey Wrench Variation" blocks entered in the May meeting. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 4 for the next block and how to become a winner!

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