FROM THE DIRECTORS

Are you ready for the upcoming holidays? We are. There is an exciting menu for November and December. A neat lady from Elk River by the name of Terry Atkinson, a wonderful pattern maker — just happens to have a brand new book out — will be our guest lecturer for November. See Laura Nagel's article for more on Terry. The vendor for the month is Quilts by the Falls from Cannon Falls.

In December we have our Holiday Dinner and Brunch at Luther Seminary. We will be having our traditional ornament and block exchanges—however, we are going to be doing something different with the block exchange. Please refer to the registration forms in the October newsletter for all the pertinent information regarding the parties including the earlier starting times. We must have your registrations by the 16th of November.

The year 2000 gets off to a great start with the Quilt Show preview. In February we have the gentleman who wrote "The Complete Sewing Machine Guide" and is a contributing editor to THREADS magazine. More about John Giordano later. In March we are asking you to share your first quilt project and your most recent project. Just think of that show and tell! Judy Martin is our April guest and in May we will have THE GARAGE SALE.

We want to thank all of you who have contributed door prizes. October's guest, Jeannie Spears, did a wonderful job of taking us behind the scenes of putting a quilt magazine together and sharing the beautiful slides of the "Best Quilts." Our founding 'mothers' are quite a group aren't they? What a rich heritage we have as a quilt organization. Let's thank them in the best way possible — by encouraging all quilters to stretch and grow in a supportive atmosphere. Thank you for your support and participation and we will see you at the next meeting.

Karen, Noellann, & Peggy

Calendar of Events

November
November 4 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
November 5 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
November 22 Board of Directors Mtg.

December
December 2 Evening Mtng, 6:30 PM
December 3 Day Meeting, 8:30 AM
December 27 Board of Directors Mtg.

*Note change in times*

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

Both GENERAL MEETINGS and LECTURE SERIES meetings are free for members, $2.00 for non-members.

November Lecture Series

Due to a schedule conflict, our February Lecture series has been moved to November. Our guest lecturer will be Terry Atkinson, one of Minnesota's most enthusiastic quilt teachers who enjoys sharing her innovative ideas and techniques with quilters and guilds across the country. She designs custom quilts and is the creator of Atkinson Designs, a popular line of patterns that features rotary cutting and quick piecing techniques.

On Thursday night, her lecture will be "Cooking with Color: Easy to Follow Color Recipes for Scrap Quilts." Just as recipes can be a springboard for creative cooking, color recipes can take the agony out of choosing and combining fabrics. She will bring lots of examples.

On Friday morning, Terry will go "Bananas for Borders." Terry says, "Whether you like to plan ahead or worry about it later, be sure to frame your quilt; it is a work of art." There will be lots of show & tell to give you ideas for beautiful and innovative borders.

Laura Nagel,
Lecture Series Chair

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

The morning meetings need library volunteer help, especially during the winter. Dorothy Scholz has been the morning library volunteer for some time, but is unable to do it this winter. I could use at least two or three of you morning regulars to help out. The MQ Library is open one hour before the morning meeting and the work is a lot of fun. If you are interested, please call me or leave a message on my answering machine (612) 338-4360.

Calling all MQ members living outside the metro area who would like to use the MQ Library resources! I would like to hear your ideas on the ideal way to bring MQ books to outstate MQ members. Books would probably be mailed to you at MQ expense with you or your guild paying the fourth class book rate back to the MQ Library, but I would like to hear your ideas.

Holiday tasks are upon us all too soon. Since the December meetings are away from Machinists' Hall, books taken out at the November meetings are due in January 2000. This gives you two months to do those last minute projects.

Please ask the library volunteers to help find those last minute items.

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

Minnesota Quilters News

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The next issue of MQ News will be the December 1999 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is November 1, 1999.

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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: 1299 means that your membership ends December 1999. Membership is $20.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

November—November is the month of my favorite holiday. The holiday that seems to have become the forgotten holiday—THANKSGIVING.

In the hurry, hurry of daily life we go directly from Halloween to Christmas. We do not pass GO and we do not collect $200. Halloween—>Christmas. I love Thanksgiving because nothing is expected of me (oh—maybe 2 pies) or my family. There is a wonderful dinner with my family around the table, the soothing aroma of a traditional turkey dinner, a warm cozy dining room, and laughter—lots of laughter. I look at the faces of these people who I have shared my entire life with, who know me better than anyone and who love me for just being me, and I know I am the luckiest person alive. This is what Thanksgiving is all about!

I hope this Thanksgiving finds you surrounded by those special people in your life, who love you for just being you.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Laura Sahlberg

November Block of the Month
"Christmas Angel"
8” Block (8.5” unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.
Background: Solid Black
Wings: White on White
Dress: BRIGHT print of your choice

Triangle squares are cut with the Easy Angle using 4.5” strips. Embroider the halo with gold thread Draw one of the faces (or a face of your own design) with a Pigma pen. You can also use colored pen or pencil for lip color and to add blush to the cheeks. I tea dyed fabric for the face. Use yarn or embroidery thread for hair. Add bow, beads, buttons, lace or? to adorn your little angel. GREAT FUN!

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the December 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.

Lyn Steere

Minnesota Quilters notes with sadness the passing of Lyn Steere, who died peacefully at home July 9, 1999. To quote from her obituary, “Lyn will be remembered for her keen intellect, crossword adroitness, grandson-raising skills, generosity, and creativity.” She was a co-chair of the 1988 MN Quilters show, and a member of Diverse Directions and the Friday Courthouse Quilters. She is survived by her husband Norm, a son and daughter in law, and 2 grandsons.
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Community Service Opportunities

The Greater St. Paul Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is seeking help with a raffle quilt. RSVP volunteers spend countless hours serving our community, being matched by skills and talents to help many people and agencies in need. RSVP is looking for a group or individual to design and stitch a quilt that will be donated and used as the main raffle item to raise funds for their organization. The quilt will be displayed throughout the community and RSVP volunteers will assist in displaying and selling raffle tickets. Please contact Chris Schmalz at 651/221-2820 for more information.

Dear MQ Members,

Last month’s newsletter had an article about the Festival of Trees and their desire to have people volunteer to decorate trees, wreaths, or donate other holiday items with a quilting theme. Always ready to decorate a tree, and with the added incentive that the money used is for cancer research, I volunteered to coordinate this effort. NOW, THIS IS WHERE I NEED YOUR HELP. I would like to decorate it with quilted ornaments, made from small quilt squares. I anticipate needing fifty or more blocks, and while this is a little more than I have time for right now, I would not take long for anyone to make up one or two. Here are the limitations:

1. Squares should be 3 or 4 inches max. They need not be square, but should not have a larger dimension than 4 inches. Smaller is fine.
2. Use dark green, dark red, gold, tan, off white, to better coordinate the tree.
3. Squares should be finished with narrow binding, or may be finished "envelope style".
4. All ornaments should have a hanging loop of some kind, firmly attached.
5. You may put your initials, or the initials of someone you would like to commemorate on the ornament, in small print, in a not too conspicuous place.
6. Batting and quilting are not necessary, but may be used if you wish.
7. A paper-pieced foundation is fine, but please remove the paper before finishing.

Please have them for me at the November day or evening meetings. I will try to be at both of these, or may designate a friend to collect them. You may also mail them to me at Ellen Carter, 11010 Spoon Ridge, Eden Prairie, MN 55347. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 612-944-0138, or e-mail me at cequilter@aol.com.

I hope you are as excited about this as I am. A few years ago my sister’s quilt group did a tree with miniature quilts on it for the Smithsonian, and it was fabulous. We had one in our show, too, a few shows ago, and I just loved it. While you are making your mini-block, make one for yourself for your tree or holiday decorations, and hang it in memory or support of someone who has been affected by cancer. I’m sure we all have someone close to us who has been touched by this disease. Thanks for your help.

Ellen Carter

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SPECIAL DATES
Nov 11-13 - Wild West Shop Hop - Shops open until 8:00 PM
Nov 26-28 - Christmas Open House - Free Quilter's Candy and Treats
Dec 27-31 - End of Year Sale - Build up your Year 2000 Stash!

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The Kindest Cut of All
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This is the time of year that I always forget about until it takes my breath away. A couple of days ago, when
the dog had to be taken out into the backyard, I was struck by the glow that the big chrome-yellow leaved tree
makes against the on-other-blue-like it Autumn sky. I stood and stared at it until my neck started to hurt and
the dog woofed to let into the house.

Last year, the maple at the end of the alley was the most startling shade of rosy-dipped peaches, peach melba,
maybe. Even as lovely as these works of God’s art were, they can’t compare to the scraggly tree in the vacant lot.
Every time I think of that scraggly tree festooned with raggedy vines and surrounded by a weedy patch (this is
euphemistically called natural ground cover), I think of the day after the ice storm, when the sun was struggling
to reach the sky beyond the rooftops. The entire tree looked like it was covered in gold leaf, with just a hint of
pink tint reflected from the sky. The shadows it cast on the velvet snow at its feet were pale blue, leftover from
the cold night, not yet warmed by the rising sun. I thought of ugly ducklings and the black Australian swans,
with their curly feathers, that lived in the pond near my mother's favorite place to take her afternoon walk.

The scraggly little tree is like some people—quiet and unobtrusive, just there. Then one day, the light of the
moment hits them squarely, and they glow. The people around them are usually surprised. Sometimes, the
quiet ones are, too.

The thing is, can we appreciate them for what the are, until the glow-day comes? Scraps do this, too, you
know. They sit there, like a "snake in the weeds," as one of my quilt buddies says. Then one day, the light of an
idea hits that scrap pile (more orderly folks maybe have a box with a lid, mine is under the scrap pile), and it
starts to make a glow day happen to those scraps.

We always need to remember, too, that there are always more scraps in the pile than there are spectacular
yards of gorgeous fabric in the average stash. There are usually more average, quiet people, people overlooked,
people a little different, but watch out! That sparkly glow is worth waiting for. It is usually unexpected, and oh
so wonderful, but you'll never look at average, quiet, a little different people the same way again. Isn't that great!

Now, if that glow shows up in my latest quilt, I'll be happy. It's for a friend of mine. Some folks think she's
average. Ha!

WILD WEST SHOP HOP
Second Annual Shop Hop of the Shops West of the Twin Cities

NOVEMBER 11, 12, & 13
9:00 AM – 8:00 PM

PARTICIPATING SHOPS
Aunt Annie's Quilts & Silks (Avon), Cottage Quilts & Fabrics (Elk River), Country
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I love to get free information on the latest products, the latest techniques, answers to specific questions I have, etc. Two good ways to get such up-to-the-minute info from the Internet is to sign up for newsletters and to join mailing lists.

There are several free newsletters available to you via your e-mail. The Mining Company (now called about.com) has one you can sign up for called Quilters Nuggets (go to http://quilting.about.com and click on Newsletter). Web Threads (subscribe at slw4quilts@bellsouth.net), home of the net-savvy quilter, is a very professionally done, lengthy newsletter to encourage the use of computers in the art of quiltmaking. It features quilt shop reviews, recipes, a calendar of current events, humor articles, interesting websites to visit, etc. I especially enjoyed a humor piece in the summer issue (http://www.welshofer.com/WebThreads/archives/WT9q.pdf) written by a male quilter from Florida. Another free e-mail newsletter comes from Ami Simms (go to http://www.quilt.com/amisimms and follow the prompts to Newsletter), creator of The Worst Quilt in the World Contest. Ami's newsletter is very informal and wonderfully funny. A local newsletter is the Crazy Up North Quilters Newsletter, written specifically for quilters in North and South Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and Wisconsin. It covers both sane and crazy quilting and features a local events calendar, an embellishment lesson, a recipe, Shop to Stop At review, Teacher Tips, URLs to Amaze You, and a Project page in each issue. You can subscribe by e-mailing to CrazyQlitr@aol.com.

Would you like to receive e-mail from a group of people interested in the same specific techniques you are? Sign up for a mailing list. These are really e-mail discussion groups that post questions, answers and information back and forth between members. A good place to start is at http://www.quiltropolis.com. Here you can sign up to become a member on an appliqué list, a crazy quilt list, a watercolor quilters list, if you own a treadle machine or a Pfaff, there's a list for you, likewise with Artista owners and Deco embroidery machine owners. Want to make a Dear Jane quilt, fashioned after the 225 block patterns from the 1863 Jane Stickle quilt? You can sign up at http://www.dearjane.com. A few words of caution about mailing lists: some are moderated, some are not. I much prefer the moderated ones, but they are a lot of work for the moderator. What the moderator does is keep everyone on topic; otherwise, being human, sometimes the discussions wander far afield. Further warning: some of the mailing lists generate a LOT of mail. The Crazy Quilt Mailing List, for instance, easily generates 50+ messages a day. How to get around this? Sign up for the digest version of the list. You will get one message which will have a table of contents giving the subjects of the messages for the day. You can skim through it and if you find something you are interested in reading, you download the digest and read it. If you don't sign up for the digest version, you will get 50 individual e-mail messages! Most of the mailing lists have archives of past frequently asked questions (FAQ) where you can pick up lots of hands-on information.

Bulletin Board Notes...

**November 6-7, 1999**
Hudson Heritage Quilters present "Patchwork Harvest," with displays of new and antique quilts, raffle quilt, small quilt auction, and vendors. Lunch is available. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carnichael Rd, Hudson, WI 54016. Admission $3. Show hours: Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM. Info Mary Pat Finnegan, 1026 6th St, Hudson, WI 54016, 715-381-5538.

**November 12-13, 1999**
The Pieceful Hearts Quilt Show will be presented at the Monticello Public library, one block off Hwy. 25 at 4th and Walnut, in Monticello, MN. Many wall-hangings, small quilts, quilted apparel and decorative items will be displayed. The show features a "Fall Splendor" challenge exhibit, gift boutique and two raffle quilts. Admission is free. Show hours: Friday 10 AM-6 PM, Saturday, 10 AM to 3 PM. For more information, or for raffle tickets, call Kathy Brevig, 612-441 5134; gbrevig@compuserve.com.

**Dec. 19, 1999 - Feb. 27, 2000**
An exhibit of thirty of Carol Wagner's small landscape quilts will be featured at the Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62 N546 Washington Ave., Cedarburg, WI. Cedarburg is located 20 miles north of Milwaukee. For more information contact Carol Wagner, 651-488-6286 or the Cedarburg Cultural Center, 414-375-3676.

**February 1 to 25, 2000**
Dakota County Star Quilters will hold their annual show, "Grandmother's Legacy," at the Dakota County Historical Society at 130 3rd Ave South in South St. Paul. Hours are Tues., Weds., & Fri. 9-5, Thurs. 9-8 and Sat. 10-3. The show is free but donations to the Museum are welcomed.

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 of the month before the newsletter is printed (e.g., November 1 for the December newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored.
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.

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1999 MINNESOTA QUILTERS’ HOLIDAY PARTIES
DECEMBER 2ND AND 3RD, 1999
Quilting News & Notes

FYI...a new quilt special will be airing in November on the Home and Garden Channel! Quilts: Threads of Our Heritage includes not only myself as the "quilt historian/detective" but also contemporary quilt artists and makers. Since the special was filmed partly in Colorado, there are other Colorado quilters in it, too. Press release follows; please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. There are a limited number of "press copies" of the video available if you think your group would benefit seeing it to aid in publicity. Unfortunately, the network waited too long to get the air date set and they have missed all of the major magazine deadlines.

Quilts: Threads of Our Heritage is to air on HGTV Wednesday, November 3, 10 PM Eastern/7 Pacific. Thursday November 25 (Thanksgiving Day), 10 PM Eastern/7 Pacific. Quilts: Threads of Our Heritage is an inspirational journey across America's diverse cultures, exploring how we express our heritage through the craft of quilting. From the hills of Appalachia to the land of the Lakota Sioux, from African American churches to farm families in Texas, we see how Americans use quilts to tell the stories that define us as a people.

This one-hour special presentation includes features of:
• Lula Red Cloud, a Lakota Sioux who stitches the Morning Star Quilts that replaced the buffalo robes in Lakota ritual ceremonies.
• Laura Hobby Syler, a quilt "detective" who is helping a Texas woman unlock the secrets of her family's past by interpreting her grandmother's quilts.
• Julia Payne, a member of the African American quilting group Wa Janabi ("people who sew") whose quilts are a celebration of African American spirituals and stories.
• Judith Trager, a modern quilt "artist" who incorporates into her work the quilting traditions passed down through her family of Mormon pioneers.

Quilts: Threads of Our Heritage is hosted by Phyllis George, a former Miss America and ABC Sportscaster who, as First Lady of Kentucky in the 1980s, revived national interest in quilts through her tireless support and campaign for this American craft. Phyllis George recently published her fourth book, "Living with Quilts."

Faith Ringgold to Speak

Renowned quilter, children's book author and illustrator, Faith Ringgold will be the keynote speaker at the Art Educators of Minnesota Convention to be held on November 12th and 13th. She will speak on Friday morning, November 12th at the Earle Brown Heritage Center in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. This year's convention theme is "Telling Our Stories: Piecing Them Together." On Saturday the convention will move to Maple Grove Junior High School where presentations and workshops covering curriculum and art making processes will be held. Everyone is welcome to attend this two day event. Registration fee is $95.00. A separate ticket may be purchased for just Faith Ringgold's keynote speech and book signing for $15.00. Contact Pam Signorelli at 612-942-0711, or Diane Scully at 612-537-8968.

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Minnesota Quilters Presents
Quilt Affair 2000

Join us for a weekend of Fabric, Fun, Food and Friends
March 10-11, 2000
Friday 5:30 pm - Saturday 4:30 pm
Eagan High School, Eagan MN

Minnesota Quilters is organizing a get-together for its members to become better acquainted, learn new quilting techniques, participate in a MQ sponsored service project for children, work on your own projects, and enjoy the Women’s History Quilt Exhibit.

Beginning on Friday evening, we’ll gather for pizza and a social hour, explain the schedule of events, and let the fun begin. Plan to spend the night (bring a sleeping bag), or stay as long as you like and come back on Saturday. Activities will be planned for the entire 23 hours of Quilt Affair.

MQ will provide the meals, classrooms, demonstrations, movies, and more. You just need to bring some treats, a few supplies, and your best “I’ve Never Met a Quilter I Didn’t Like” attitude.

Space is limited, so register early. Any questions, call Laura Nagel 612-894-7625 (lauraqwlts@aol.com) or Susan MacLennan 612-522-4864 (randsmaclennan@worldnet.att.net)

QUILT AFFAIR REGISTRATION

Registration fee $15.00 (non-refundable). Make check payable to MQ.

Registration deadline: February 1, 2000.

I will attend _______ Friday & Saturday _______ I am sleeping over*

_______ Friday only

_______ Saturday only

Please check one

_______ I will rotary cut (and bring my cutter, ruler and mat)

_______ I will sew on a machine (and bring my machine and extension cord and BSS)

_______ I will iron (and bring my iron and board)

Name__________________________________________ Phone # ____________________________

Address________________________________________

MQ #_________________________ How long have you been quilting?____________________

Estimate your fabric stash in pounds:________________

What technique would you like to improve?________________

Where is your favorite place to “hide” new fabric?

___________________________________________________________

Mail to...(over)
Supplies
• 1/4 yd of fun, juvenile print (a selvage to selvage 1/4 yd, not fat 1/4)
• 1/4 yd of coordinating fabric
• a piece of leftover binding (about 18-24 inches)
• if your last name begins with A-K bring a snack to share
• if your last name begins with L-Z bring a dessert to share
• bring your own beverage ($ for pop machine); coffee will be provided
• whatever you need for your own project
• quilt-related white elephant in brown bag
• BSS
• sleeping bag & pillow

Mail to:

Susan MacLennan
4319 Emerson Ave. N.
Minneapolis MN 55412
"SUNSET GARDEN"
the 2000 Raffle Quilt

WOW! It is done- and now it's time for us to talk about this quilt and sell tickets. Karen Golden and Judy Timm and their teams have done a wonderful job with the quilt.

When I set up the box at the October meeting, Joy Fuller came over with her dollar and bought the first ticket. I took her picture and promised I would stir her ticket up from the bottom and mix it well into the middle at the drawing in June.

Joy is probably like me -- I can never walk by a beautiful raffle quilt without buying one ticket! After all, it only takes one ticket to win the quilt. I never think much about where the money goes (it is always for the group to further education and quilting activities), but I do have a secret place in my heart that hopes for and thinks about the joy of winning that wonderful quilt hanging before me.

One year I put the name and address of all the quilters I met at a Tuesday group in Luxembourg. I put my name and phone number on the back and hoped that one would win. I daydreamed about making the call and sending the quilt. This year I plan to put the names of my aunts on some of the tickets I buy. I'll savor the hope of making that call and presentation.

Perhaps you could buy a ticket for your loved ones or a new friend. During the holidays you will have lots of opportunities to ask your good friends and family to buy just one ticket. It never hurts to ask.

The quilters selling the most tickets will win some fun prizes! Set your goals high! Show lots of enthusiasm! We can sell lots of tickets for this beautiful quilt. Contact me at 2860 Desoto Street, Little Canada, MN 55117 for more tickets or we will see you at the meetings!

Thanks for working hard to raise money with this outstanding quilt.

Nancy Bergstrom

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH
At the November meeting, we will draw for the "Split 9-Patch" block (from the October meeting) and the "Barn Dance" block. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!