FROM THE DIRECTORS

Greetings! Happy year 2000 to everyone!

Thanks to Dave Shatuck and the great 2000 Show committee for their presentations at our January meetings. We certainly have some great times ahead of us at the Rochester show. We would complain about the great number of choices that await showgoers, but what a happy problem to have!

We have some exciting meetings coming up between now and the show. In February, we will be joined by guest lecturer John Giordano. He is a contributing editor with THREADS magazine, and has written the "Complete Sewing Machine Guide." Bring your notepad and pencil because John will be full of tips on how to make the machine you have work better for you and do what you want it to. These tips will also be a great list to take with if you are looking for a new machine. He will not be telling you what brand of machine to buy! John's presentation is laced with humor and wonderful antidotes of his extensive travels and meetings with sewing machine manufacturers and sales people. Look forward to a great up-beat evening. He will share his knowledge of sewing machines, and will provide us with information that might make that machine-choosing decision a little easier. Our vendor at the February meeting will be Colorful Quilts and Textiles.

In March, we are counting on YOU to be our program! We'll have big, terrific, "Show and Tell" sessions, featuring your FIRST QUILT and MOST RECENT QUILT. We all have something to say, something to share about where we started, and where we find ourselves now, and how we got there. Locate those first efforts, and finish up those works-in-progress (maybe a quilt that will be on its way to the Show). The three of us would be happy if you would give us a call or Email ahead of time (our phone numbers are listed on page three). Note: to encourage participation, those who DON'T bring quilts will be required to provide some OTHER entertainment for the group. YOU HAVE BEEN WARNED. (Just kidding. But, please plan to participate - we want to hear your story, and see your quilts). Our March vendor will be Eydie's Country Quilts.

April will bring our annual MQ Anniversary Party and very special guest lecturer Judy Martin. Our vendor will be Beat Patch. In May, we're planning on hosting a "Quilter's Garage Sale" of quilting, craft and sewing related items. We'll have more information for you sellers and shoppers as we get nearer to May.

Which brings us to June, and the SHOW! Remember that, since the show is in early June, there will be NO June meetings.

Happy New Year from
Karen, Noelann, & Peggy

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY
February 3 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
February 4 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
February 21 Board of Directors Mtg.

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

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

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

I hope you all have had a very Happy New Year! This year welcomes 2 new co-day directors elect--Betty Emerson and Jan Herfindal. I hope you will give them your full support.

David and his show committee put on a great presentation on the MQ 2000 quilt show. There are some tough choices to be made. I hope one of those choices you make will be to volunteer. It will make the whole event a more rewarding experience. It is a must for each one of us--do your part to make the show a success--sign up!

I don't know about you but I am suffering from football withdrawal. Oh, there is one game left--the Pro Bowl, but the season is really over. This is always a sad time for me. No--I am not a football fan. Oh, I managed to suffer through the Vikings games--they have made it real difficult to be a fan this year.

No, I am mourning the fact that there is nothing on TV--til next fall--that will so mesmerize my husband. Beginning at 11:00 Sunday morning 'til after 10:00 at night he will be totally captivated. This allows me endless undisturbed hours in my sewing room. It begins with the pre-game and continues over 2 networks all day and then switches to a 3rd network at 7 PM.

If I am organized enough to put something in the crock pot, I don't have to surface 'til 6 PM--serve dinner, clean up and by 7 PM I can be back at it. I wonder if the NFL realizes the service they do for quilters all over the country? They have even expanded their coverage to Monday night and occasionally Thursday evening. They must have decided we needed a mid-week sewing fix.

Yes football withdrawal--this is a difficult time of year. It will be harder to steal those hours of sewing time come February. Oh, wait a minute, when does ice fishing start?

Laura Sahlberg

February Block of the Month
"Triangle Square 9-Patch"
12" Block (12.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

Fabric: White on White, Various Reds and Burgundies
Using the Easy Angle, cut all triangles from 4.5" strips

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the March 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.
VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Community Service Opportunities
New Brighton: Teach quilts making/sewing skills to middle school students (at risk) on a regular basis -- flexible schedule, 1 hour weekly or bi-weekly. Community Partners with Youth meets at Christ the King Lutheran Church M-F, 3-5 PM. Call Pastor Liz (Rev. Elizabeth Clark-Thasia) at 651/633-4674. They are also asking for donations of fabric and sewing supplies.

Stroke Quilt Project

The American Stroke Association, in an effort to raise awareness about stroke, is offering a unique opportunity to residents of the Twin Cities. Stroke survivors, caregivers, family and friends who have been affected by stroke have an opportunity to be part of an extraordinary visual symbol of love, support and life.

There are two ways to be a part of this exciting group effort. One way is to attend the American Heart Walk on Saturday, February 26th, 2000 where there will be a special area set up for walkers to make their quilt squares. These areas will be set up at both the Mall of America and the RiverCentre walk sites. The other way is to call the American Heart Association at (612) 897-8367 to receive a Stroke Quilt Kit, which includes a 12"x 12" square of muslin to decorate, an instruction sheet and a dedication page. Quilt Kits will be available at the February and March meetings at Machinists Hall. The deadline for submission of all quilt squares is March 15th, 2000.

The Stroke Quilt area at the Walk will be open from 8 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. during the American Heart Walk. Each area will have muslin fabric squares available, along with assorted design tools such as waterproof markers, puffy paints, rubber stamps and stencils. There will also be assorted calico fabrics, which can be used for either applique or quilting on the individual squares.

Volunteers are needed to make the Stroke Quilt Project to be a success. Thus, we are seeking 5 interested individuals to be a part of the Stroke Quilt Committee. We also need additional volunteers who can prepare and cut the muslin squares and assist at the quilt area on the day of the Walk. The scope of this project goes beyond only having quilt squares submitted; it also includes incorporating the squares into a completed quilt, which will be the birth of the Minnesota Stroke Quilt. The quilt will be unveiled on May 4th at the American Heart Association's 2nd annual Stroke Awards Luncheon.

This would be a tremendous project for the Minnesota Quilters to embark upon. Interested members can call Diane Solmonson, Director, Twin Cities American Heart Walk at (612) 897-8368 or Amy Lyons, Director of Community Programs at (612) 897-8351 for more information and/or to volunteer.

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The Kindest Cut of All
Lynna Martin Hastings©2000

Here it is January in reality. A new span of time that marks a year certainly, and a new century and millennium perhaps. There are those that say we have the span of another year to wait for the new millennium to come to pass.

This month, there are many non-quilty events going on. They take time away from you-know-what-I’d-rather-be-doing. My unhappy elbow is sporting a band to cheer it up. In the throes of pre-Christmas cleaning, some of my "studio" got accidentally ridier. I unearthed a book comparing computer programs for quilters. It makes no sense to me. The Funder of my Stash and the Offspring are delighted with their presents and are kept occupied by them for lengths of time. I could be doing you-know-what (quilting, of course).

We now have two either really, really late Summer babies (pigeons) or very early Spring ones. Watching the big guy birds in the loft teach the first one to fly reminded me of a group of seasoned quilters coaching a new one. There are the ones that gave the new one the quilt pox in the first place. They hover and act a little anxious, like parents. There are the bystanders who watch the proceedings, but don’t get too much involved. They already know how to fly, you know. And then there are the outgoing, friendly ones who coo, bob around, and get eagerly involved until the little one jumps off the edge--and flies! What they have in common is the flying, (quilting), not the skill level.

So, bored and banned from my Singer temporarily, I decided to make the "jump" and check out some of the web sites that Cindy Thury Smith writes about. In retrospect, I think that it was the combination of a new (used) computer, terribly uninformed "trumping around" in the set-up and tinkering with stuff inside the depth of the thing, that led to the nightmare.

In my dream, the other little icons were dancing around the ISP (Wow! Jargon!) icon and chanting, "If you do that again, we’re gonna disconnect you." The mouse reared up off its little mouse pad and shrieked something almost unintelligible about getting threads from quilt-related web-sites caught in its roller ball. It tried to hide.

I didn’t touch the computer for two days after that. Which was a good thing because it was December 31st and January 1st. On January 2nd it paid me back for the unplugging by eating bad cookies. I forgot to say no. Mary Short heard my tale of woe and didn’t scold or laugh, even a little. She gently told me, "I find it works better for me if I only take out the files I put in myself." Why didn’t I think of that?

Maybe it is like Molly standing under the door of the nest box cooing to Frosty, "Jump, I’ll catch you." Of course, jumping would work. And it did, Frosty sailed off the edge, and didn’t even land with a thump.

I’ve been thinking about that web site with the wearable art. That may need another look. Hmmm, when my computer gets out of Internet quarantine from eating all those cookies, I think I might jump in, too. Thanks to Cindy and Mary, I might survive the jump. : )
THE COMPUTERIZED QUILTER

by Cindy Thury Smith ©2000

Educators tell us that we learn to do new tasks in a variety of ways. Some of us learn easily from reading directions (the written method). Some of us learn from listening (the verbal method). And some of us need to either see it or do it ourselves (visual method). I'm a visual person myself. I believe in the old adage, "A picture is worth a thousand words." So when I come across a website with really good construction directions and illustrations, I want to pass them on to you.

Got too many t-shirts in your closet but don't want to throw them out? Why not try making a t-shirt quilt? Visit http://www.tcnet.net/~stevens for very complete instructions, including yardage needed for the fusible interfacing that backs each t-shirt square. The sample shown at this website is squares with sashing, but since you are interfacing each piece of t-shirt so it is no longer stretchy, why couldn't you do something with a little more pizazz? Why not 3-dimensional Flying Geese sashing? Or why cut all the t-shirts into squares? Why couldn't you cut the t-shirts into the octagons and slightly smaller squares used in the Garden Maze pattern?


Have you ever wanted to do a Lone Star quilt but didn't want to cut out the diamonds individually? Check out http://starquilts.com/starborn.htm for excellent photos using the strip piecing method for making Lone Star quilts.

Another good site to visit is the Make It Easy site at http://www.make-it-easy.com/tandt2.html, where you can get instructions on creating great slash fabrics (faux chenille), making a classic open tote, a wheelchair totebag, polar-fleece receiving blankets, and more.

Next month I'll be discussing various methods for transferring images from your computer screen onto fabric for use in your quilts. Live long and sew many quilts!
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 details 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 Country Historical Society at 130 3rd Ave South in South St. Paul. A reception with the guild will be held on Tuesday, February 8th from 6 to 8 PM. Regular museum hours are Tues., Weds., & Fri. 9-5, Thurs. 9-8 and Sat. 10-3. The show is free but donations to the Historical Society are welcomed. For directions to the museum, call 651-451-6260. For questions about the guild, call Jeanette Root at 651-451-0050 or Jerry McBride at 612-432-1793.

March 6 - March 31, 2000
"Quilted Keepsakes," Eagan High School’s 5th annual quilt exhibit. More than 50 quilts and quilted items will be displayed as well as the quilt art by award-winning Minnesota Quilter Audree Sells. Free lecture Thursday, March 9 at 7 PM. Exhibit hours are Monday-Friday 9 AM to 3 PM (closed Friday, March 10). No charge. For more information call 651-683-6933 or www.eagan.k12.mn.us.

March 18, 2000
Quilt Dreamers Quilt Guild will hold their annual quilt show on Saturday, March 18, 2000 from noon until 4 PM at the Galactic Library, 14955 Galactic Ave, Apple Valley. This is two lights east of Cedar Ave on Co. Rd 42. Quilts shown will include those made by the group for children in crisis situations, an exhibit of members' current work and a small quilt auction. The group is also known as the Bag Ladies because each member makes a small quilt to be auctioned from a fabric given to them in a brown paper bag. All proceeds from this auction are used to buy supplies to make quilts for children in crisis. In the last eight years, Quilt Dreamers have made and given over 1000 quilts to children and others in difficult situations. For more information, contact Mary Kuhn 651-463-7813 or Gwen Lundgren 651-423-1979.

March 31, April 1-2, 2000
Cottage Quilts and Fabrics will be hosting Winter Retreat 2000 at Camp Onamia, a retreat center on Shakopee Lake in north central MN. You will have three classes to choose from: Stack and Whack, taught by Freddie Schuur, Gunwrapper Mystery, taught by Cindy Kujawa, and WOYOP, a "Work on your own projects" marathon. The price for the weekend is $100. Call 612-241-1490 to sign up.

May 10-13, 2000
The 4th Annual MACHINE QUILTERS SHOWCASE will take place at the Crowne Plaza Convention Hotel in Springfield, IL. Over 300 quilts will be displayed with prize money totaling $16,000. Superb shopping, special exhibits and events including a Fashion Show. Buses are welcome. For more info, send $1 to MQS, PO Box 526, Brainerd, MN 56401-0526.

June 11-23, 2000
The Eleventh Annual Quilt/Surface Design Symposium will take place on the campus of Ohio University, Athens, OH. Over 25 classes will be offered in many quilt and surface design techniques. Fabrics from the FABRIC 2000 juried exhibition will also be shown. For more information on the Symposium, send $1 and a LSASE with 55¢ in stamps to: Linda Fowler, 464 Vermont Place, Columbus, OH 43201. For entry forms for the FABRIC 2000 competition, send a LSASE with 55¢ in stamps to: FABRIC 2000, 10545 Snyder Church Road, Baltimore, OH 43105.

June 23 & 24, 2000
"Northern Lights" Quilt Show will be presented by the Pinetree Patchworkers Quilt Club of Brainerd, MN. This "free" show takes place at the Brainerd High School Cafeteria. Buses welcome. For more info, contact Karla Overland at 218-825-7547 or karla@russlerdher.com.

July 21-23, 2000
Friendship Quilters Y2KWILT show will be held at the Waverly Civic Center, 200 First St. NE., Waverly, IA. Hours are July 21, 4:30-8:30 PM, July 22, 9 AM-5 PM, and July 23 11 AM-4 PM. For more information send a SASE to Barb Waltman, 421 Tenth Ave. NW, Waverly, IA, 50677, email awaltman@ns.wartburg.edu, or Fax 319-352-8606

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., February 1 for the March newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQS sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
Classified Ads

Quilting Retreats held at Inn at Rocky Creek B & B this winter will be Feb. 4 & 5, 2000, with Susan Cleveland teaching a Piping and Binding class. February 26-28 will be Jalyn Olson from Quilt Company, who will teach Denver Log or Double Wedding Ring. The cost for the entire weekend will be $130 per person based on double occupancy. Call for reservations and information: 507-288-1019.

FOR SALE: Featherweight Sewing Machine with carrying case and various attachments. Very good conditions. Please call Sue at 651-636-3757 for further information.


PADUCAH!

We are planning a bus trip to Paducah on April 13-16. We have also secured housing at Opryland Hotel for the fall show in Nashville, Aug 31 to Sept 3. We'd love to have you along! Call 1-800-SEW-MORE for more info. We also have Singer Featherweights tables and accessories for sale.

Crafty Corner Quilt & Sewing Shop
Worthington, MN

HAND DYER'S EXPO
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Colorful Quilts & Textiles
2817 N. Hamline Ave
Roseville, MN 55113
Small Quilt Auction

The diversity and beauty of auction quilts of years past have caused tremendous enthusiasm among bidders. Let's make this year exciting and fabulous too! The proceeds are used to support Minnesota public television's educational quilting programs.

Rules are simple: 40" per side maximum with 160" maximum perimeter, a 4" sleeve, and a label with your name and the name of the quilt. Stick with the tried and true, or use this opportunity to showcase a new technique, fabric, thread, or embellishment! As was the case last year, Challenge Quilts may be donated to the SMALL QUILT AUCTION. (Work smarter, not harder!)

Show the world a little piece (get it?) of what you do, thrill a winning bidder, and help promote quilting at the same time! The silent auction takes place during the three days of the show (June 15-17) and quilts will be accepted until the show begins. As enticement to start (and finish) early, Quilters' Tool Boxes are offered as incentives. For each quilt donated, the maker's name will go into a basket. On the 20th of January, February, and March, drawings will take place. Winners will be announced at the following MQ meeting or will be reached by phone.

Quilts may be dropped off at any MQ monthly meeting, or mailed to Susan or Judy. Please call if you have questions.

Susan Cleveland
54336 - 237 Ave
West Concord MN 55985
(507) 356-4255

Judy Plank
3855 - 65th St NE
Rochester MN 55906
(507) 282-7212

We're looking forward to displaying your handiwork!
Susan Cleveland and Judy Plank,
Small Quilt Auction Co-chairs

Raffle Quilt Update!

Sometimes I think I took this job of working with the Show 2000 Raffle tickets because I am a mail box person. I really enjoy getting my mail each day. Now we have lots of e-mails each day too.

The Minnesota Quilters have been great! Everyone is great about putting MQ on the envelope - so there is never any mix up with my regular mail. Only a few people have forgotten to send me the check with the ticket stubs or have forgotten to send the ticket stubs with their check. (QLITTERS ARE BUSY PEOPLE) I think that because we have such creative and fun stuff to think about - we simply can't be on top of every other detail of life.

At this writing Janet Knapp (she won the Holiday Inn Certificate for one free night) is also on her way to winning the $200 gift certificate for selling the most tickets - but about 10 others are chasing her and selling like mad, too. Remember those gift certificates and that yummy Primrose Graduations Fabrics. The gift certificates can be for any quilt shop or quilt related business. Remember the second most sales of tickets will be given a $50, and the third a $25 gift certificate. You might like to use it as you order from Keepsake Quilting's catalog. Or perhaps you could use it to have something machine quilted or for some special tools you have been wishing for. Think about it! And let me know how many more tickets you need. Call 451-486-7140 or drop me a line at Nancy Bergstrom, Minnesota Quilters, 2860 Desoto Street, Little Canada, MN 55117.
HELP WANTED
MQ BOARD OF DIRECTORS

I have heard it said that the members want new blood to lead this organization. Now is the time to make that happen. The following is a list of the positions that need to be filled for the 2000-2001 year on the Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors. I have given a brief description of each position and what the prerequisites are. I would like to have several people for each position to list on the ballot this year. Anyone who is interested in being part of the mechanics that makes MQ work please contact Jane Shattuck at 651-644-1987 or e-mail me at JA.Shattuck@juno.com I will try to answer any questions you may have about the positions as best I can. Remember, this organization cannot work without your help and dedication, so please call or write, as time is short; our ballot goes out for vote in April.

POSITIONS OPEN:

PRESIDENT ELECT: one-year term that transitions into the Presidency the following year.
Pre-requisite: Prior 1 year board experience
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES
- Attend all MQ Board meetings.
- Attend all MQ regular meetings.
- Work with President assisting as requested, presiding in the absence of the President.
- Assist Day/Evening Directors with equipment as necessary.
- Reserve monthly meeting places for Board and regular meetings.
- Make request for rent payments and forward as necessary.
- Arrange for renewal of site lease.
- Receive and research requests for donations and present to Board.
- Purchase any new equipment necessary, at the direction of the Board.

DAY AND EVENING DIRECTOR ELECT: one-year term
Pre-requisite: This position must be served prior to taking over the position of Day/Evening Director
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend all MQ Board and Regular Meetings
- Provide/arrange for beverages and treats for the regular MQ meetings
- Purchase supplies as needed
- Clean and store all supplies in the provided storage containers in MQ office.
- Assist Day/Evening Directors as required to run a successful meeting.
- Be part of the committee consisting of the Directors, Elects and Lecture Series Chairperson, which will plan future programs and Lecture Series speakers.
- Arrange for volunteers to assist Elects and keep track and report time worked for volunteer pin.
- Collect and account for coffee fund.
- Arrange for annual MQ Birthday cake.
- Assist in planning of annual holiday parties.
- Day Elect begins planning Fall-Get-Away for the following year.
- Evening Elect begins planning for vendors for the following year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: two-year term
Pre-requisite: None
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend all MQ Board and regular meetings.
- Send notices of monthly meetings to fabric and quilt shops.
- Assist in/keep the MQ quilt shop listings and resource list updated.
- Print as requested materials for other board members.
- Put notice of meetings in newspapers when program is of interest to general public.
- Assist in coordinating service projects, upon request from membership or Board.
- Handle MQ telephone service, responding to incoming calls in a timely fashion.
- Supply available signs and membership forms to public events.
- Overseas State Fair demonstrations as necessary.

MEMBERSHIP: two-year term
Pre-requisite: own computer and knowledge of Access program.
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend all MQ Board and regular meetings, set up membership table to accept new and renewal memberships. Arrange for alternates if unable to attend.
- Provide weekly deposit records and deposit receipt to the Treasurer at each meeting.
- Prepare membership directory
- Furnish updating database list for annual quilt show registration.
- Furnish alphabetical membership list for annual raffle quilt chairperson.
- Update renewal /new member information. Make membership cards and new member packet and mail.
- Pick up phone messages in MQ answering service and handle accordingly.
- Monthly backup with second copy of Access database kept in another physical location.
- Send updated membership diskette to newsletter printer.

TREASURER: two-year term
Pre-requisite: Computer and have bookkeeping background or skills.
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend all MQ Board and regular meetings.
- Receive all funds for deposit to appropriate accounts.
- Make disbursements, paying all bills contracted by MQ, Inc. and its officers upon receipt of check request forms completed and signed by appropriate Board member/Officer.
- Balance checking/savings/investment and charge accounts monthly.
- Keep computerized information current.
- Prepare monthly report for MQ Board and quarterly report for general membership, published in newsletter.
- Work with bookkeeper, supplying all bank statements and all receipts for income and expenditures to bookkeeper handling formal ledgers and records.
- Coordinate with bookkeeper to get reports to CPA for auditing of records.
- Handle transfer of bank records (signature cards) when new President and/or Treasurer take office.
- Coordinate reporting with Show Treasurers.
RECORDING SECRETARY: two-year term
Pre-requisite: None
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend all MQ Board Meetings
- Record the Minutes of each Board meeting, type the Minutes
  and mail to each Board member prior to the next scheduled
  Board meeting.
- Prepare agenda for next Board meeting as directed by the
  President and mail with Minutes.
- Provide additional copy of Minutes to Historian for inclusion
  in MQ permanent file.
- Prepare the Board of Directors listing of addresses, phone and
  e-mail addresses for distribution to the Board.

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY: two-year term
Pre-requisite: None
PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend all MQ Board Meetings.
- Receive and sort all incoming mail and channel to appropriate
  board member.
- Handle official outgoing mail as directed by Board.
- Send newsletters to exchange groups.
- Display MQ bulletin board at MQ meetings, updating as
  necessary.
- Mail Directories to members.
- Read all exchange newsletters and pass on information to
  Editor for newsletter or website.

We need your help so please contact Jane Shattuck ASAP!

NORTHERN LIGHTS 2000
Call for Entries

Northern Lights, a juried art show open to residents of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Iowa, is for the first time accepting fiber works and photography, in addition to drawings, paintings, hand-pulled prints, and sculpture. The entry deadline is February 25, 2000. Fiber artists may send slides of their work with the entry form or may ship their work to the White Bear Center for the Arts. Jurying will take place on March 4th. For more information, or to request a prospectus, please call the White Bear Center for the Arts, 651-407-0597.

Northern Lights 2000, the 25th anniversary of the show, will run from Monday, March 13 until Friday, April 28, with an opening reception on Monday, March 20th from 7-9 PM. Northern Lights is hung at Century College West Campus, 3300 Century Ave, White Bear Lake, MN. Gallery hours are Monday-Thursday, 8 AM – 9 PM, Friday, 8 AM – 4 PM, Saturday 8 AM – 1 PM, and during evenings of theatre events.
President's Blocks

Minnesota Quilters has a tradition of presenting blocks to the President during her term. Our current president, Laura Sahlberg, has asked that her blocks be 12.5” unfinished, with a cream background. The block pattern or technique can be the maker’s choice.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

At the January meeting, the winners of the "Millennium Star" blocks were Gail Hanson (48 blocks) and Judith Renmoe (23 blocks). At the February meeting, we will draw for the "Valentine" block. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!

The Minnesota Quilt Project has determined that a pamphlet exploring the care of new and antique quilts would be of great benefit to quilt makers, quilt owners, and small museums. We are asking your help in finding practical, experience-oriented information to aid in the creation of this piece. Each month we will ask a question. Please respond with any experience you have had, good and bad; we need to know everything that you know. We will share the results with you by making the pamphlet available. February’s question is:

How do you remove stains, spots, pencil marks, etc.? Please be specific as to the type of problem as well as solutions.

Please send email responses to gail@Mnopera.org or mail to Gail Bakkom, 4656 Park Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55407.