LIBRARY AMNESTY DECLARED!

What is black and white and read all over? No, not a zebra baby quilt! It's the MQ Library books and magazines. We need your immediate help. The MQ Library has almost 150 books or magazines that have been checked out by our members and not returned. This means that other people cannot benefit from our wonderful and diverse library collection.

Now where could those books and magazines be? In that plastic box with an unfinished project? Under the bed with the other pile of books we are reading for inspiration? Buried in one of those multi-colored book bags we have?

The Board has declared an amnesty so that we can get those books or magazines back promptly. We are going to make the library more user-friendly by organizing it with a computer data bank, so that you will be able to find exactly the book you want when you cannot remember the author.

We are going to have the magazines out of the boxes! We will have books organized so that all the applique books will be in one spot! But this means we need all our books back including those overdue books and magazines that you may have.

Please start looking. If your name is on one of the overdue cards and the book or magazine is not returned soon, we will be sending you a notice of what the replacement cost is. When the new system goes into effect, (approximately Jan. meetings), members with overdue or fines will not be able to continue to check out materials until their previous obligations are met.

How do I get to an MQ Meeting? Machinist’s 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.

From the Evening Director

Well, the first meeting of the new year went off reasonably well. Our vendor was The Sampler and our lecturer was Gabrielle Swain. You can visit The Sampler at the mnquilt.org website just click under the button Featured MQ Vendor.

There were several announcements including one asking the attendees whether or not they were willing to help make coffee, whether we should pay for a coffee service, or whether or not there should be any coffee. The overwhelming majority was to discontinue coffee service—so unless there are takers who are willing to make coffee for the evening meeting—there will no longer be any coffee service, so plan accordingly.

See you in September at Tinkerville.

Regards, Carolyn V. Peters
Evening Director

Calendar of Events

SEPTEMBER
September 7 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
September 8 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
September 25 Board of Directors Mtg.

OCTOBER
October 5 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
October 6 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
October 26-29, Fall Getaway
October 30 Board of Directors Mtg.

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

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

From the Day Directors

Wow, it’s almost September! We hope that each of you had a fun, meaningful summer with plenty of quilting stimulus to carry you through the indoor months that Minnesota has to offer.

Wasn’t Gabrielle Swain a "precious" addition to the lecture series? She stated that time was the most valuable thing a person has to offer. This should be used wisely and creatively. She recommended that quilters keep a journal of their creative ideas for quiltmaking. She also stated that the main contrast—hue, intensity, value, and temperature of color—that is in a quilt, the more lively and interesting the quilt becomes.

Tinkerville, which is our topic for the September meetings, will offer us a demonstration and hands on experience of working with different tools of the trade to make our projects easier and or faster. This program will have five different quilt shops participating—Afon Quiltworks with "The Vine Line," Fabrics Plus (Marshall) with computer printing on fabrics or Quilt Soft, Gallagher’s Quilt Shop (Gibson) with Shape Cut, Quilts, Comfort, and Tea (Crystal) with a Point Trimmer, and Quilter’s Cottage (Fergus Falls) with Square in a Square. Rather than having one vendor at the meeting, there will be five. Each quilt shop will be selling the item they are demonstrating along with related books. To facilitate this program, you will receive a number or color code at the same time that you receive your door prize ticket at the admission table. Further instructions will be given during the meeting.

See you at Tinkerville!
Jan and Betty
P.S. For those of you who may go into withdrawal from lack of fabric in September, October’s vendor will bring fabric!
Library Lines

Please read the article about Library Amnesty on the front page.

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

Minneapolis Quilters News

...is the monthly newsletter of the Minnesota Quilters, Inc., a non-profit organization formed to find and unite quilters and quilt enthusiasts throughout the state of Minnesota and elsewhere. Membership Dues are $20.00 per year (U.S. funds only) and include monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginners, advanced and professional quilters; the newsletter, workshop opportunities, and priority registration for the annual show.

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The next issue of MQ News will be the October 2000 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is September 1, 2000.

New Memberships, Renewals, and Changes of Address

Should be sent to: Karen O'Brien at 1125 Sherren St., Roseville, MN 55113. 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: 10 months that your membership ends October 2000. Membership is $20.

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Don't Miss Out

REMINDER: CHECK YOUR MQ RENEW DATE! You must be a member on 12/31/00 to qualify for the 2001 Annual Show membership early registration. If the renewal date on the back of your newsletter is not at least 12/2000 currently, plan to renew by the end of December. Don't miss out on early registration!
NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this letter, I am surrounded by about 100 years of family photographs that I have been working on organizing for the past few months. The seemingly endless job of sorting out "the good, the bad and the ugly" and putting them into some semblance of order has made me aware of the passage of time. Pictures of dour looking great-grand parents, my grand-parents and parents when they were young, then on to my kids going from sweet round little babies to giggling toddlers, progressing from determined adolescents to sullen (sometimes) teenagers and young adults. Finally, I get to pictures of my granddaughters with their sweet smiles, all looking back at me. It should and must be done before I "forget" who these people are or what/when the occasions took place, so I plug away at it as the summer drifts by.

Sprinkled throughout the years are pictures of quilts I have made or worked on. Some I still have but some I had forgotten about because I gave them away. There is sadness and delight as I rediscover some of these "long-lost relatives" and remember the circumstances of making them. Each quilt was a product and process of the time and is a reflection of where I came from and how I got where I am today, just like looking at my revered ancestors, growing children and favorite friends.

My quilting journey started long before I was aware of it. My maternal grandmother started it by leaving a legacy of string-pieced quilt blocks that eventually made their way into my possession. She died in 1957 and I do not remember her quilting, only sleeping under a huge and heavy quilt made of men's suiting material. Heavy and warm, once you crawled under it you stayed in the same place all night, and as I look through the pictures I see traces of her needlework skills. Beautifully embroidered "flapper" dresses, my mom's stylish togs of childhood, dresser scarves and all the other household handiwork is hiding in the background of the pictures.

The quilt blocks came to me about the time my daughter Anne was to make her debut and I thought "wouldn't it be nice to have an old-fashioned quilt for the new baby?" Being the person I am (jump first, ask questions later) I took those string-pieced blocks and coaxed them into a quilt, of sorts, and my quilting journey was off and running. Now, almost 20 years and quilts later, I am glad to have the pictures of those family members, both human and fabric.

So this year, as you take those family snapshots and put them into the family albums, don't forget to take a picture of your latest quilt project. Include yourself (hips don't show when you hold a quilt in front of you!) and keep the legacy and history alive.

Best regards,

Susan MacLennan

September Block of the Month

"Domino"

12" Block (12.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.
Fabrics: Background--various LIGHT prints
Pattern: Use all the same blue print
Cut: A pieces 2.5" by 4.5" (all include seam allowance)
   B pieces 2.5" by 2.5"
   C piece 4.5" by 4.5"

Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the October 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.
  email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net
August Evening Meeting Show and Tell

The following folks presented Show 'N' Tell. We are hoping that in the future, we may be able to offer a few photos of what was shown. But to give everyone a sense of the Evening Meeting, we are listing the people who gave us a treat by sharing their quilts and things.
Carolyn V. Peters, Woodbury--River Valley Quilters Raffle Quilt
Mary Schmidt, Roseville--Necktie Quilt
Mary Lou Murray, St. Paul--2 Baby Quilts
Laura Sahlberg, St. Paul--3 President's Blocks
Jean Lindley, Orono--Wall hanging & Room Dividers
Katalin Shier, Apple Valley--Compass Quilt
Kim Ball, Hudson, WI--Jewel Box Quilt and Beaded Purse
Janet Schuetze, Eagan--Appliqué top
Ellen Carter, Eden Prairie--Pine Trees, Star and Baskets
Ann Degen, Hayward, WI--Hayward Raffle Quilt
Rosemary Kessler, St. Paul--2 Antique quilt tops and a baby quilt
Sandy Tuzinski, Bloomington--Bull's Eye (quilt from Aunt Amy) using Chinese and Oriental fabrics.
Gini Corrick, Minneapolis--Chenille Jacker (Appliqué and bead work)
Jan Wilke, So. St. Paul--Comedy of Errors (Queen-sized quilt)
Jan Herfindal, Stillwater--Charity Quilt (child sized)
Carol Meyer, Willmar--2 Quilts (to encourage herself back into quilting).

All of the pieces were great and we look forward to more Show 'N' Tell in the coming months. Don't forget to think about exhibiting some of those pieces at the upcoming MQ Quilt Show in Duluth.

Grab your partner, hold onto your hat and ride off to the 3rd annual

**WILD WEST SHOP HOP**

November 9, 10 & 11, 2000

Grand prizes - instant winner drawings -
- new Terry Atkinson quilt pattern -
-Trunk shows -Demos
-tote bags -surprises -
Hours: 9am - 8pm

Seven participating shops:

Aunt Annie's Quilts & Silks - Avon,       Lady of the Lake - Buffalo
Grubers Quilt Shop - Waite Park,          Quilted Treasures - Rogers
Country Treasures - Princeton,            The Pine Cellar - Richmond
Cottage Quilts & Fabrics - Elk River

Come see the seven unique quilts that reflect the seven different shops in this western hop. These quilts are featured in Terry Atkinson's newest book, "Minnesota Hot Dish" available in October 2000.
August 29-October 1, 2000

The Phipps Center for the Arts in Hudson WI will be presenting an invitational exhibit, Contemporary Art Quilts 2000. Innovative quilts by 15 quilt artists will be displayed in three galleries at the Phipps. Speakers at the opening reception on September 10, 2000, from 2 PM to 4 PM, will be nationally known artists Tim Harding and Eleanor McCain.

We anticipate that this will be a truly stunning display of beautiful and exceptional quilts. There will be 2 or 3 quilts from each artist, showing the diversity of their work. The work may contain new and innovative materials, techniques and embellishments.

September 1-30, 2000

Minnetonka Lutheran church, 16023 Minnetonka Blvd., Minnetonka, MN is hosting an invitational exhibit of quilts made by contemporary quilters of our area, curated by Judy Fletcher. Exhibit hours 8-5 Monday through Friday. There will be a reception/coffee hour 10-11 AM Sunday, September 17. For more information call 612-935-3419.

September 2-29, 2000

Minnesota Contemporary Quilters members' exhibit, at the Lutheran Brotherhood gallery, 625 4th Ave. So., Minneapolis, MN 55415

September 9, 2000

Prairie Star Quilters of South Central Minnesota and Northern Iowa will present their Prairie Threads Style show at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 S. State St., Fairmont, MN. Silent Auction, Lunch, and Style Show. Advance reservations only, for tickets contact Ruth Anne Beckendorf, 806 Home St., Fairmont, MN, 56031.

September 15-17, 2000

QUILT FEST 2000: Generations of Quilts, Creating Treasures for All Time, will be held at the Holiday Inn Holidome in Topeka, Kansas. This show, presented by the Kansas Capital Quilters Guild, will feature lectures and workshops by Katie Pasquini Masopust, Cheryl Phillips, Judie Zinn, and Tammy Olander. Show hours will be 10-5 on Saturday and noon-5 on Sunday. Admission is $2. To receive a copy of the workshop and lecture registration brochure, please mail an SASE with $1 to QUILT FEST 2000, Kansas Capital Quilters Guild, P.O. Box 47162, Topeka, KS 66647. Registration begins May 1, 2000.

September 16-17, 2000

The Apple River Quilt Guild is having their 10th annual quilt show, "A Quilter's Lodge." It will be held at the First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm St., Amery, WI, on Saturday from 9 AM-5 PM and on Sunday from Noon until 4 PM. Guild members will display an excellent variety of quilted items, the show includes a raffle and vendors, and it runs in conjunction with Amery's Annual Fall Festival. For more information call (715)268-8588 or write to Regis Johnson, 1435 85th Ave, Amery, WI, 54001-4947.

September 22-24, 2000

Des Moines Area Quilters Guild presents "Blooming in 2000" at Des Moines Christian School, Timberline Campus, 13007 Douglas Parkway, Urbandale, IA. (1 mile west of exit 126 off of I-35/80). Free demonstrations and lectures daily, raffle quilts, merchants' mall, and miniature quilt auction. General admission $5.

September 23-28, 2000

Redwood Area Quilters 10th Annual Quilt Show will be at Gilwood Haven, 219 South Mill Street, Redwood Falls, MN. Hours: Sept. 23—9 AM to 4 PM, Sept. 25 through 27—11 AM to 3 PM, Sept. 28—11 AM to 6 PM. Contact: Sharen Monahan, 308 Lake Drive, Redwood Falls MN, 56283—1528.

September 29-October 1, 2000

The second annual Central Kansas Shop Hop, with 11 participating shops, will again feature drawings for prizes, trunk shows, demos, and patterns with fabric kits for this year's shop hop quilt. For more info, call Debra Enns at the Quilt Barn, (316)654-3400 or email at qbarn@midusa.net.

October 5-7, 2000

Black Hills Quilters Guild Retreat at St. Martin's Monastery in Rapid City, SD. The featured teacher will be Phlomena Durcan of the Celtic Design Company. Other classes will be taught by Pattie Black, JoAnn Stearns, Cynthia Saunders, and Kim Ellis. The cost of the retreat is $150, which includes two nights lodging, five meals, snacks and your choice of two classes. For more information, call Roxene Powell at 605-342-0776 or Peggy Titze at 605-342-3242 or visit the website at www.rapidnet/-bhquilt.

October 7-8, 2000

"Connecting the Centuries," a quilt show sponsored by the Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild of Frederic, WI, will be held at the Frederic 6-12 School, 1437 Clam Falls Drive. There will be vendors, a silent auction, raffle quilt, and challenge quilt display. Contact Bev Johnson, 7357 Alder St. E., Webster, WI, 54893 for more information.

October 14-15, 2000

Historic Stillwater Quilt Show will be presented by the Thursday Evening Courthouse Quilters at the Stillwater National Guard Armory, 107 E. Chestnut St., Stillwater, MN. Admission $2, show hours Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-4. For more information, send a SASE to Judy Symalla, 1316 Sunny Slope Lane, Stillwater, MN, 55082, jsymalla@ix.netcom.com or visit our web site: www.angelfire.com/ mn2/ quilt

October 14-15, 2000

Thread Benders Quilt Guild presents their 10th annual Quilt & Trunk show at the Marshall Area Senior Center, 107 S. 4th St, Marshall, MN. Show hours are 9:30 AM to 4 PM on Saturday, Noon to 4 PM on Sunday. Admission is $2. There will be a trunk show of "Family Quilts" by Emma Hennen on the 14th (note date correction from the August newsletter) at 10 AM and 2 PM. Refreshments, prizes, and raffle. For more information, please call Catherine Verkikender at (507)532-6069.

Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as you find out your event dates; the deadline for this newsletter is the first day of the month before the newsletter is printed (e.g. September 1 for the October newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
Show Winners Announced!
- The winner of the Husqvarna Viking Model 545 sewing machine given away to a person attending Meet The Teachers event was Vanessa Haese of Rhinelander, WI.
- The winner of the Janome New Home Memory Craft 3000 sewing machine given away at Meet The Teachers to a person who pre-registered for classes was Ardie Muenchow of Backus, MN.
- The winner of the Bernina 140 Patchwork Edition sewing machine given away to a person attending the Banquet was Carla Kilkerly of Richfield, MN.
- The winner of the Pfaff Model 2030 sewing machine given away to a person who volunteered at least 2 hours during the show was Pat Tollefsrud of Rochester, MN.
2001 SHOW
Quilts On the Waterfront

HOTELS--ROOM BLOCKS AND PRICES FOR JUNE 6-9, 2001

HOLIDAY INN-Downtown Waterfront
200 West First Street
(218)722-1202  1-800-477-7089
flat rate-$84.00 plus tax
on the Skywalk to DECC, free guest parking

HAWTHORNE SUITES at Waterfront Plaza
325 Lake Ave, South
218-727-4663
There will be brand new 6-8 person suites, being built even as we speak, renting for $175.00 per night.
All other rooms are sold out

BEST WESTERN EDGEWATER EAST
2400 London Road
218-728-3601  1-800-777-7925
Standard rooms-flat fee $75.00
Lakeview balcony-flat fee $85.00
comp. breakfast bar 6:30 - 9:30 AM Mon-Fri.
comp. breakfast bar 7:00 - 10:00 Sat-Sun
comp. cocktail party 5:00-6:30 Mon-Sat
free guest parking

THE INN ON LAKE SUPERIOR
350 Canal Park Drive
218-726-1111  1-888-668-4352
30 rooms available Wed. through Friday-$119-$129
All other rooms are sold out. Rate includes comp.
breakfast, free guest parking

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(218) 727-8981
All rooms (1-4 people) flat rate @84.00
On the Skywalk to the DECC, free guest parking

COMFORT SUITES of Canal Park
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Sold out

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Rate includes deluxe Continental breakfast & free
guest parking

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(218) 628-1464
All rooms- flat rate @ 79.00
room rate includes deluxe Continental breakfast &
free guest parking

SUPER 8-DULUTH
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All rooms-Queen or double, flat rate @ 64.00
room rate includes deluxe Continental breakfast &
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Offering unique, innovative
and one of a kind fabrics!

SALE
Friday and Saturday, September 8 & 9
20% off all Merchandise
(Clases not included)
Special savings on selected items
Up to 50% off.
(half yard cut minimum on sale days)

NEW Applique Series from PATRYSKA
NURSERY RHYME CHILDREN...not necessarily
for kids...24 charming children in early
1900 dress, 12 boys, 12 girls, 12" block,
many unusual Nursery Rhyme characters,
full of embellishment, if desired.
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the first boy and girl patterns for the
price of one. Just send $3.00 to:
PATRYSKA PATTERNS, 1012 N. Broadway St.,
Stillwater, MN 55082.

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Minnesota Quilters Treasurer's Report
January 2000 - March 2000
Corrected

Net Income
Cash Balance as of March 31, 2000

(5,467.04) (10,642.32) (231.02) (16,340.35)

$102,085.24

Corrected Net Income
Corrected Cash Balance as of March 31, 2000

(1,618.88) (7,365.92) 2,668.81 (6,315.99)

$112,109.60

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Johnson, Treasurer

Members Keep In Touch
If you know of any members who have had a death in the family or are ill, please call the Corresponding Secretary (Anne MacLennan, 612-522-4864, or email annethemac@yahoo.com) so that Minnesota Quilters can send a card. Thank you from the MQ Board.

Quilter Featured in State Fair News
Betty Bissonette was interviewed about her quilts for an article in the newspaper "Good Age," which can be picked up for free at the State Fair in the Ramsberg Senior Building.

Mark your calendar for these upcoming MQ meetings:
September 7 & 8--Tinkerville
October 5 & 6--Mystery Quilt begins, Lecture Series meeting with Faye Labanaris
November 2 & 3--School House, featuring Copyrights, Behind the scenes of MQ, Preparation of a quilt show, and Publishing a pattern or book.
December 7 & 8--Holiday Party
January 3 & 4--Preview of the 2001 show
February 1 & 2--Lecture Series meeting, speaker TBA
March 1 & 2--Susan Cleveland
April 5 & 6--MQ Birthday party, Lecture Series meeting with Heidi Kaisand
May 3 & 4--Mystery Quilt revealed, Show and Tell related to mystery quilts
June--No Meeting
July 5 & 6--Business Meeting, introduction of 2001-02 Board.

Grand Opening!!
September 8th and 9th

... Door Prizes, Pick Your Own Discount, Free Gift...

Don't Miss These Special Events!
Friday - September 8th
- Hooking in the Hot Rods - 5pm to 8pm featuring Cabins Creek RUG DESIGNS during North St. Paul's Classic Car Show

Saturday - September 9th
- Maple Island Quilts trunk show and demo from this Fall's segment on "Simply Quilts" and Debbie Bowles new book "Cutting Curves From Straight Pieces" being published next Spring
- Wool E. Bear Primitives' wool applique and rug hooking
- Gallery Glass demo from Plaid Products
- Learn to show off your loving projects with Creative Memories terrific new scrapbooking program, "Heirloom Handicrafts"
- "One Stitch At A Time" embroidery mini class

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE OUR NEW LOCATION!

Rosebud's Cottage
2550 Seventh Ave E - North St Paul, MN 55109 - 651-426-1589
There's some in the closet. Also in the 4-drawer dresser under the window. More in boxes on shelves marching up both walls. Not to mention in the under-the-bed storage cartons. What is an adequate stash? If it fits in one room, you haven’t got enough.

We are lucky in the U.S.: we can accumulate large stashes of fabric. But then we have to figure some way to store all that fabric so we can get to it when we want it. However, we may not want it for several years (you know, those unusual fabrics you buy because you might use them some day, "investment" fabrics). We know, of course, that we should store them out of the light and dust. NOT in plastic. But storing a quilter’s stash presents some unusual problems--we have large amounts (several yards of flat folds) all the way down to palm-sized scraps.

I started my search for stash storage ideas by going to about.com where I did a search for "quilting fabrics." This provided much information such as a beginner’s guide to fabrics, fabric ID tips and fabric terms, but not just what I wanted. I searched using several more phrases and still wasn’t finding what I wanted (nuts and bolts ideas for in-home, easy to access, cheap storage ideas). Eventually I found several URLs that were compendiums of submitted solutions from readers. For some answers to FAQs (frequently asked questions) on fabric storage you can go to www.quilt.com/FAQ/FabricStorageFAQ.html. Another URL for information on organizing your quilt supplies is D. Duperault’s site www.reddawn.net/quilt/org.htm. On the page entitled "Quilt and Textile Storage" she will tell you an inexpensive way to protect your quilts against fold creases. I did several more searches on the "big" quilting sites but wasn’t finding what I wanted. I guess I’ll just have to keep looking and remembering: A creative mess is better than idle neatness.

Live long and sew many quilts

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**CLASSIFIED ADS**

Excellent quality photo transfers to fabric. Colorfast, washable. Originals not harmed. Great for memory quilts, pillows, checkbook covers, etc. For a price list send SASE to Robbin’s Nest, PO Box 707, Lindstrom, MN 55045 or call 651-257-6638.

FEATHERWEIGHT 221 for sale. "AH" series (1948), includes case, many attachments, original manual and lubricant. Excellent condition. $550 or best offer. Nancy Restuccia, 612-377-7560 or email nancelynne@aol.com.

ARTICLE II: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

In this, the second in a series of articles designed to inform the general membership of the inner workings of the organization, we can shed some light on the unsung heroes who work to keep Minnesota Quilters, Inc. a viable, solvent and growing entity.

Over the past year, we have looked hard at all the positions, writing job descriptions and finding ways to serve our membership in a more efficient manner. This was done for many reasons and has taken many hours of volunteer time and energy, sometimes calmly, sometimes heatedly, in order to best serve the needs of the organization. The results are, I believe, worth the effort.

First, we have clarified the positions by reviewing the By-laws of the organization and looking at the original intent. Originally the Officers of the organization were a President, Vice President and Secretary-Treasurer, constituting the Executive Committee, and Board members consisting of Chairs of Standing Committees, which included a Historian, Newsletter Editor, Membership and Telephone person and, believe it or not, a Fabric Co-op person. These positions have evolved over time and the present Board consists of 15 positions:

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The organization also has permanent or Standing Committees, which include Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) and the Show Chairs, and appointed positions that include Lecture Series, Librarian, Video Librarian, Website and Block of the Month.

MQP became a Standing Committee during its reorganization in 1998-1999, and the Show Chairs moved from being Board members to Standing Committees during the 1999-2000 Board year. This was done for several reasons, one of which is that we now need to be working on our annual shows at least 4 years in advance and being "on the ballot" only a year in advance, as has been previously done, does not give sufficient time to prepare. The Show Chairs are vital to our successful annual shows and in future will be selected by a submission process before the Board of Directors instead of the annual ballot.

At the same time the Officers/Board members were being defined, job descriptions were being written and clarified. In some cases, going from such sketchy descriptions as "writes news releases and sends out newsletter" to truly defining what is involved so that there are fewer questions and confusion as to what needs to be done and when. Copies of each position description are available upon request and, in future, will be available for review in the MQ Library as a resource. We will also utilize the descriptions to advise members of positions opening up each year. The NOMINATING COMMITTEE for 2000/2001 will be happy to send you a copy of any position description you may be interested in.

Most of the paper shuffle side of MQ business is handled at the monthly Board meetings. The dates are listed in the newsletter and are on Monday the week prior to our regular meeting dates. We follow an Agenda that is issued prior to the meeting and it includes a standard format of approving the previous Minutes, Committee Reports, Position Reports, Old/New Business, etc. These meetings are open to all and any MQ member may join us to observe. MQ members may also present issues to the Board for consideration by contacting any Board member and asking to be included in the Agenda or by forwarding your request/concern, in writing, prior to the Board meeting.

As we move forward toward our 25th Anniversary (in 2003) and life in the 21st century, we look to our membership to give us direction so that our organization continues to grow and meets the needs of our members. As we address the issues of the present, with an eye on the future, we look for our members to step up and join in the process by becoming members of any task force that may be formed, answering surveys or becoming Board members.

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES--THEY NEED YOU!

Can you help with Cancer hats? We are still sewing but so few were made over the summer that the well is dry. HealthEast is begging for hats for young women trying to live with no hair and new jobs. We need people who will sew at home and/or come to a one day sew-in. Bonnie Ellis will pick up completed hats at meetings or they can mail to Mary Hess, Box 396, Maple Plain, MN 55359. Viking Sewing Machines are sponsoring a Sew-in day on Sept. 16. Each store is making its own schedule so times may vary. Mary Hess will be at the St Cloud store. Bonnie Ellis will be at And Sew On in Stillwater. The Race For The Cure is having a sew-in but the date is still uncertain. Mary will try to meet with any group that wants to sew.

COME JOIN THE FUN!

We are looking for a few good people to work on the 25th Anniversary show committee for 2003. Anyone interested in being a part of this exciting project, please contact Jane Shattuck or Susan MacLennan. We have all sorts of opportunities for those up for a challenge. To reach Jane call 651-644-1987 or e-mail at JA.Shattuck@juno.com for Susan call 612-522-4864 or e-mail at randmscalennan@worldnet.att.net. LET US HEAR FROM YOU SOON!!!

MQ SPONSORS FESTIVAL OF TREES

MQ is participating in the HealthEast Festival of Trees November 8-10, 2000. We have agreed to decorate a 7-ft. slimline tree which will be auctioned off for charity. This year the proceeds benefit HealthEast Senior Care division, and will be used to implement the Eden Alternative, integrating pets, children and gardening in the lives of seniors at 5 HealthEast Senior Care Centers. Our MQ tree will have Buttons as the theme, with button garlands and homemade ornaments. Please make ornaments up to 4 inches square, using buttons or buttonhole stitching as decorations, in traditional red, green and gold. We also need many buttons for the garland. Lisa Hugo has demonstrated how to make the garland, and in addition, her Girl Scout group will make tiny tree ornaments using buttons. Please bring your donations of ornaments and buttons to any MQ meeting, and drop them off by the tiny tree display. For more information, call Rosemary Kessler at 651/699-4582.

SMALL QUILT GROUP REQUESTS

Many new quilters search for a quilt group to join in their neighborhoods. MQ would like to keep a list of open small quilt groups to assist those callers. If your group is open to new members, please send us information about where you meet, how often and who new quilters can contact. Rosemary Kessler, 1665 Hillcrest Ave., St. Paul, MN 55116. E-mail: rkessler@pclink.com. Phone: 651/699-4582.

Changes to MQ By-Laws

During the summer the Board of Directors updated the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. By-Laws. In addition, there were two changes made, one regarding the Special Events Committee and requests for money from the Treasurer.

A Summary of the Updates and Changes are listed below. A copy of the updated by-laws are available in the MQ Library.

1. "She" and "Her" was replaced with --She/He-- and--Her/Him--.

2. The Day and Evening Directors were combined and are now identified as "Program Directors".

3. For any amounts of $500.00 or over, a check request must be signed by two members of the Board of Directors and one of those signatures must be the President or President-elect.

4. The Show Chair (or co-chairs) will now be selected by the Board of Directors based on past experience. To be a show chair -- an application must be sent to the Board -- experience must include involvement in a past MQ quilt show and chairmanship of one of the major positions on the MQ quilt show, such as show chair, faculty, vendors, registration, etc. Other experiences will be also evaluated to determine the Show Chair(s).

5. Show Chair(s) will no longer be members of the Board of Directors and will not appear on a voting ballot. Show Chair(s) are required to submit a monthly report to the Board of Directors.

Any questions, please contact one of the members of the Board of Directors
Carolyn V. Peters
By-Laws Subcommittee
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

At the August meeting, the winner of the "Flag" blocks were Adele Davis and Randa Van Kirk. At the September meeting, we will draw for the "Dove in the Window" block. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!