Lecture Series
Meeting
The February Lecture speaker will be Martha Waterman from Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is an expert in Welsh & English quilting designs and Wholecloth Quilts. Martha is a fifth-generation needlewoman who studied with English quilter Dorothy Osler and Welsh master quilter Katy Lewis. She specializes in custom made commissioned quilts made with authentic fabrics from master weaver Kate Smith of Eaton Hill Textiles in Vermont.

Thursday's slide/lecture will cover "British Wholecloth Quilts: British and Welsh Quilting Styles". Discover the history, techniques and quilting designs of this almost lost quilting art. Friday's presentation will be "Patchwork and Quilting Techniques". Martha will bring many fine examples to illustrate her expertise in selecting just the right quilting design to enhance a variety of patchwork patterns and the techniques to implement the design, like chalk marking and paper-folded templates.

Martha's quilts and needlework articles have appeared in American Quilter, Quilter's Newsletter Magazine, & Quilting Today. In Threads' 1994 book, Great Quilting Techniques, her work was featured on both covers. Another quilt was featured in Country Living's June 1997 issue.

Laura Nagel, Lecture Series Chair

Message from the Day
Directors
We wish you a Happy New Year. May this year give you the desired time to enjoy the art, craft, and friendship of quilting.

Thanks are extended to Claudia Clark Myers and Jessica Torvinen and their show committee for the informative presentation of the Duluth 2001 quilt show (June 7th through 9th) Each show goer will have many different topics and activities to fit into their schedule.

The February meeting will be the 19th annual meeting. See Laura Nagel's article on this page for more information. The vendor for this meeting will be Aunt Annie's Quilts and Silks of Avon, MN.

Now that the holidays are behind us and the quilt show is in the future, it is a great time to work on the MQ mystery quilt. I found that this mystery became a "real" mystery since I had not worked on it for a number of weeks. I had also not done any coding or bagging for the different fabrics and cuts. After becoming good friends with my seam ripper, I decided to go back to the first clue and do some coding. Gee it's amazing how good hindsight is! Remember that the May meeting will be for us to show our Mystery quilts, both from this mystery and any other you have been involved in. Mary Lou at Quilts by the Falls in Cannon Falls still has some kits left, so it's not too late to start! The final information is presented in this issue, along with some corrections.

Jan Herfindal and Betty Emerson

Fall Getaway Thanks
Linger ing in my mind are warm memories of the wonderful time I had at the Fall Getaway sponsored by MQ at Little Falls on October 26-29, 2000. It was a time to relax and do what quilters do best – make new friends, visit with fellow quilters, work on a UFO, take classes, shop, and eat! Best of all there were no interruptions to cook or clean.

The chairperson of this event was Gwen Lundgren. Her assistants were Susan Shoaff, Linda Taylor, and Susan Ude. The Fall Getaway offered classes by Laura Murray on foiling fabric and Collage Anatomy; Sue Rutherford on fabric dying, fabric painting, and stack and slash; and Lisa Hugo on Redwork pincushion and hankie doll/ angel, beaded fairy pin, and creative beadwork for embellishing. To all, MQ wants to extend a hearty thank you for all your time and energies which made the Fall Getaway a success. In addition to the classes, clues for a mystery quilt designed by Gwen were given to the participants.

53 people attended this event. Door prizes were beyond imagination in numbers and types. Thank you to all that donated a door prize. (If you choose to see who donated, see Jan Herfindal)

Calendar of Events
FEBRUARY
February 1 Evening Meeting, 7:00 PM
February 2 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
February 19 Board of Directors Mtg.

MARCH
March 1 Evening Meeting, 7:00 PM
March 2 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
March 26 Board of Directors Mtg.

APRIL
April 5 Evening Meeting, 7:00 PM
April 6 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
April 23 Board of Directors Mtg.

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

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 1-94, 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.
Quilters' Bookshelf

Those of you who were at the January meeting know that we took our first steps toward getting the MQ Library up and running. Although only 10 books are fully processed with spine labels, call numbers and barcodes, 200 more are entered into the computer and 250 more have the paperwork done and are ready to be entered.

I know you are reading this and wondering what you can do to move this process along. Glad you asked! Before the Thursday evening meetings we will meet from 4:00-6:30 in the Library to continue processing books. If you can type we invite you to call Laura at 651-683-6933 to schedule a time that works for you to come to Eagan High School to continue data entry on the computer.

In the meantime, be looking for your MQ membership cards, and bring them to the February meeting so we can give you your official member barcode label so you can check out books. Until then, please don't fight over our 10 lonely titles. Please continue to return library books and magazines. We want everything in the system as accurately as possible.

Thanks for your hard work and patience.

ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION

Minnesota 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. Effective 1/1/01, membership dues are $30.00 per year (U.S. funds only) or $15.00 per year for quilters 18 and under. Benefits include monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginning, advanced and professional quilters; the newsletter, workshop opportunities, and priority registration for the annual show.

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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: 0301 means that your membership ends March 2001. Membership is $30.

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Reflections
by Laura Sahlberg © 2001

My mother used to tell me, "When in doubt do nothing". This piece of advice has paid off more than once in my quilting life. My mother taught me how to sew. She taught me how to sew on an old black and gold White Majestic sewing machine. It only went forward and you could only adjust the tension and the stitch length, but my mother made the most wonderful clothes on that sewing machine. She was an excellent seamstress and anything that I know how to sew today is because of what she taught me.

I wasn't always the most receptive to her advice. I inherited the stubborn Swede side of the family, but my mother had endless quiet patience and I would eventually come around to her point of view. The maddening thing was she was always right. It did look better when you did it her way and it was easier. "Anything worth doing is worth doing right," she would say.

I have a set of basket blocks that were the result of the block of the month that I did for my small quilt group. They are made of blue and white shirtling plaids and I really love them. When I set out to make them, I had the perfect background fabric in my stash, but now there is not enough to set them on point. I have hauled these blocks around, and bought a lot of fabric to get them together. When I start to lay it out it is just not right--it looks like I was "making do". I took my mother's advice and did nothing.

The solution has appeared along with the perfect fabric and it is going to be even better that I could have imagined. A large French country stripe between the rows and the middle stripe of that fabric for the border. I am glad I took my mother's advice and did nothing.

I have only one regret in all of this. My mother lost her fight to breast cancer just as I was learning how to quilt. She did live long enough to see a finished quilt of mine. I was piecing the blocks of my first sampler at her bedside. I would lay them on the bed for her approval--she would smile and say "you have quilts on the brain". My mother would have been a wonderful quilter and she would have jumped at the chance to go to a show or a shop hop.

My mother gave me a wonderful gift as I was growing up--she taught me how to sew and along the way she passed along some good advice.

P.S. This is February, the month of Valentine's day and love. Do something for somebody you love--yourself and those near and dear to you--Get a mammogram! Do not put it off. There are no excuses. We all want you around to see your wonderful quilts and for the next piece of good advice that you will pass along.

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FREE PATTERN
On the occasion of my 60th Birthday, Jan. 29, 2001, I am introducing my new twelve part series, MAMA, a sweet, old fashioned, matronly, aproned character with a choice of two headaddresses. Each MAMA comes in two sizes: 12" block and miniature. The first pattern, BIRTHDAY MAMA, is yours, FREE. Just send $1.00 to cover postage and handling to:
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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

January and February used to be my least favorite months of the year. Being a solar-powered person, the dreary days of winter used to drag by because I just didn’t enjoy being cold or slogging about in the snow and I just plain refuse to go the “fish house” with my husband and son. The fish house is their domain and secretly I think they are relieved I don’t care to join them during this male-bonding time because I always suggest “improvements” while waiting for a fish to show up from under the ice. Then, I discovered quilting!

Now, after the holiday decorations are put away, the house is back in order and the past year tax forms are filled out or collected and I send the man and boy to the fish house, I look forward to many days filled with quilting fun. First comes the MQ Show Preview and registration booklet. I spend hours poring over the choices for classes and lectures for the upcoming show and I get my first, second and, sometimes, third choices figured out. Then, my small quilt group (6 of us) gets together to quilt, eat, plan our trip to the show, quilt, eat, and catch up on the latest happenings in our families (did I mention quilting and eating?).

By now it’s the end of January and it’s time for the annual Card Club outing to a cabin in the woods. Four couples head north for a relaxing weekend with adults but you can probably guess what happens. The guys go out and fish or snowmobile and the gals stay in where it’s warm and we can chat away the days with no agenda. Heavenly! I, of course, usually bring along some quilting project that serves two purposes—keeping me warm and keeping me busy—because we gave up actually playing cards at this event years ago.

February rolls in and it’s time to pull out the UFOs and “maybe I should try...” projects that pile up each year and see if I can make some progress. By the time everything is sorted and prioritized, spring is just around the corner and I wonder where the winter went. I now have such a good time each winter because of my quilting, it kind of makes me feel sorry for those quilters in warmer climes who don’t have the benefits we have here in the north of a “quilting season”.

Something to look forward to in March is the 2nd annual “Quilt Affair”. This event was a service project that premiered last year and was a great success. We made small quilts to be donated to groups in need and it was a wonderful opportunity to visit, make quilts and share information and fun in a smaller setting than our MQ regular meetings. The event this year is scheduled for Friday, March 23rd and Saturday, March 24th and the registration form is in this issue of the newsletter. Please consider joining in the fun.

Have a warm and productive New Year and Quilting Season!

Susan MacLennan

February Block of the Month
"Four H"
6” finished (6.5” unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

Fabrics
Background: off-white muslin
Use 2 medium and 2 dark prints for the H’s
Fast rotary cutting: Cut rectangles 1.5” by 3.5”
Cut small squares 1.5” by 1.5”

Pattern 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.
email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net
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QUILT AFFAIR 2001

Join us for a weekend of fun, fabric, food and friends!
March 23rd and 24th, 2001
Friday 5:30 p.m. to Saturday 4:30 p.m.
Eagan High School, Eagan, Minnesota

Minnesota Quilters is organizing the 2nd annual get-together for its members to become better acquainted, learn new techniques, participate in an MQ sponsored service project for children and work on your own project.

Beginning on Friday evening, we'll gather for a social hour to explain the schedule of events and to eat (not sure of the menu yet) and then we will begin an evening of fun for all. Plan to spend the night (bring a sleeping bag/air mattress), or stay as long as you like and return Saturday a.m. to continue with the programming. Activities will be planned for the entire 23 hours of Quilt Affair 2001.

MQ will provide the meals, classrooms, demonstrations, movies and more. You will need to bring some treats; a few supplies and that best “I've never met a quilter I don't like” attitude.

Space is limited, so register early. Questions can be directed to Laura Nagel or Susan MacLennan
Laura can be reached at (952) 997-6630 or at lauraqvlts@aol.com
Susan can be reached at (612) 522-4864 or at randsmaclemann@worldnet.att.net

Quilt Affair 2001 Registration

Registration fee $20.00 (non-refundable) Make payable to MQ
Registration Deadline: March 10th, 2001

I will attend: _____ Friday & Saturday
              _____ Friday ONLY
              _____ I will be sleeping over
                     _____ Saturday ONLY
I will rotary cut
(and bring my cutter, ruler and larger mat)
I will sew on a machine
(and bring my machine and extension cord ready to run)
I will iron
(and bring my iron)

NAME: __________________________ PHONE #: __________________________
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Trivia questions:
• How long have you been an MQ member:
• How many UFO's/unfinished projects do you have hidden:
• What is the farthest distance you have traveled/driven to a quilt shop or for fabric:
• Where is that place:
• What was the reason you HAD to go there or get that fabric:

MAIL TO: (SEE OVER)
SUPPLIES:
• If your name begins with A-K bring a snack to share
• If you last name begin with L-Z being a dessert to share
• Bring your own beverage or money for pop – Coffee/hot water will be provided
• Bring what ever you need for your own project
• Bring a quilt-related WHITE ELEPHANT in a brown bag (lunch or grocery)
• Bring your BSS (Basic Sewing Supplies)
• Bring clothes/personal items, sleeping bag and pillow (air mattress if you have one)
  (We promise we will be able to turn out the lights in the sleeping room this year!)
• Please note that you will be notified of the items to bring for the service project when you receive
  your confirmation.

Mail to:

LAURA SAHLBERG
834 SHERWOOD AVENUE
ST. PAUL, MN 55106
February 6 - March 2, 2001
The Dakota County Star Quilters Guild & the Dakota County Historical Society will co-host their Annual Quilt Show, Imagine This. The show will include a display of members’ quilts, quilt fabric challenge, mystery quilts, round robin block of the month projects, plus a Small Quilt Silent Auction. Also be sure to visit the ‘Imagine TOO MUCH!’ Quilt Shop that will sell new or gently used quilting books, tools, fabric, gift items, crafts and assorted sundries. February 13 will be a Reception and the end of the Small Quilt Auction (final bids placed 6:45 PM) and an exciting lecture will be presented by a Special Guest Speaker at 7:15 PM.

The show is being held at the Dakota County Historical Society (130 3rd Ave. N) in beautiful downtown South St Paul. Directions: I-494 to 7th Ave; Go North on 7th to Marie Ave; Go Right on Marie to 3rd Ave. N; Left on 3rd Ave. N. It’s on the right, next to the library. Show hours are 9 AM-5 PM Tues., Wed & Fri; 9 AM-8 PM Thurs.; and 10 AM-3 PM Sat. There is no charge to see the show but a $1 donation to the museum is appreciated.

For additional information contact:
Dakota County Historical Society at 651-451-6260 or Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Jacquie at 651-454-4711 or Carol at 952-435-6674.

March 5-30, 2001
Celebrate Women’s History Month by attending Eagan High Schools 6th Annual Quilt Exhibit, "Quilting through the Centuries." More than 60 quilts and quilted items from the 19th and 20th centuries will be displayed from March 5th to the 30th, with a special collection from our featured quilt artist Carol Wagner. There will be an opening reception on March 8 from 5:00-6:45, followed by a free lecture at 7:00 on Miniature Landscape Quilts. Hours: M-F 9:00-3:00, closed March 9 and weekends. Questions: Laura Nagel, 651-683-6933.

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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.

Nominating committee

We are coming up on the last minute to form a ballot of new officers for the year 2001-2002. We’ve gotten a great response to all positions except one—PRESIDENT ELECT! As you probably know, Susan MacLennan is serving a second year as President because we did not have a President Elect in 2000. This cannot happen every year. Please contact Laura Sahlberg (651-778-8065 after 6 PM) or Susan MacLennan (612-522-4864). Either of us would be happy to answer any of your questions.

Minnesota Journal Project 2000

While some of you were busy quilting in 2000, Bonnie Ellis was keeping a fabric journal. Her journal, and 46 others done by painters, sculptors, musicians, writers and poets are part of the "Minnesota Journal Project 2000". Ellis' journal is the only one in cloth and will be on display with the others at the Minnesota Center for Book Arts at 1011 Washington Ave. S. in Minneapolis beginning January 28. You are all invited to the opening Jan. 27 from 6-9 PM.

"Minnesota Quilters members contributed millenium fabrics that are part of the weekly entries. Ellis loves to draw and "drew" her pages with machine stitching, then colored them with either colored pencil or watercolor crayon. The cover is cloth also and "looks" like the other green books that were given to participants.

Journals will be on display at Bemidji State College in mid-March and then will become part of the permanent collection of the Minnesota History Center. They will be catalogued and will be available from the History Center library.

ANGEL PINS AWARDED

Pins are awarded to MQ members who have volunteered 8 or more hours of their time doing different tasks for our organization. This month 15 members have earned this small token of our appreciation for their dedication and hard work:

Barbara Gabel  Judy Petersen
Gail Kieper     Marlys Riley
Barbara Braun   Barb Pastman
JoAnn Atkins    Marilyn Sherry
Sharon Wells    Karen Asmundson
Kim Andrews     Jennifer Burman
Sandra Brekke   Joyce Palla
Deb Walstrom-Riske

Thank you for your efforts. Most of these people received their pins at one of the January MQ meetings. If you did not, please contact Susan MacLennan (she lost her checklist) to get your pin.

Volunteer hours are now computerized and easier to keep track of thanks to the computer skills of Karen O'Brien. If you wish to check to see how close you are to getting your pin, you can check with Karen (Membership) at our monthly meeting or by e-mail or phone. Please check the newsletter or at monthly meetings for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

CLASSIFIED ADS

FOR SALE-
Sewing machine cabinet on casters, maple woodgrain, 2 drawers. When top is closed measures 35"x20" when top is open it extends to 72". There are two height positions for the machine so you can use your free-arm. Any machine will fit with a Plexiglas insert from St. Cloud sewing center (they made it for me). $75.00. Laura Nagel 952-997-6630.

Hapco Quilt Frame, rock maple, beautifully handmade. Fits crib to king sized quilts. Eliminates basting. $500, call Barbara at 320-732-4380.
Corrections for Part 4!

1) Step 22--it should read "right together, on top of 26 Patch L" (in January newsletter it stated Patch I)

2) Step 22--the black area of the pinwheel is fabric "L" the white area of the pinwheel is fabric "H"

3) Step 23--use the diagram located in step 22
the black area of the pinwheel is fabric "G"
the white area of the pinwheel is fabric "H"
NOTE the "H" fabric is in the same position in step 22 and step 23.

Welcome to Part 5 of the Mystery Quilt, where all is revealed.

Below is a chart of how the various patches are put together. The arrows indicate the direction of the top of the patch (Note these blocks look somewhat like arrows). The "U" indicates upside down. Used in combination with the second figure, you will obtain the layout of the quilt. We look forward to seeing you and your quilt in May.

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March Madness Quilt Shop Tour
Friday March 30 ~ 7:00AM to 7:00 PM

You won't want to miss this fun day of shopping
as we visit four delightful Minnesota quilt shops!
Quilted Treasures ~ Rogers . . . The Sampler ~ Chanhassen . . .
Quilts By The Falls ~ Cannon Falls . . . Rosebud's Cottage ~ North St Paul

. . . here's the scoop . . .

Register at the store of your choice. That's where your journey will begin. We'll take you via coach bus to your first location where you'll enjoy a continental breakfast, a wonderful demonstration and lots of shopping. Back on the bus, you'll be whisked to the next shop for a light lunch, another terrific demo, more fabric and samples to enjoy. You'll probably be napping on the way to the third store but make sure you wake up for a fantastic dinner, trunk shows to enjoy and still, more fabric! You'll arrive back at your starting location just in time for dessert and show and tell.

How can you resist a day of fabric, food and friendship?

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Your check for $60 ensures your seat on the bus, breakfast, lunch, dinner and dessert, goodie bags, treats, demonstrations, trunk shows and lots of surprises! Pick up a registration form and return it with your payment to the location where you wish to board the bus. (Sorry, no credit cards for this trip.)

Questions? Call these stores for more information. Quilted Treasures ~ 763.428.1952 or The Sampler ~ 952.934.5307 or Quilts By the Falls ~ 507.263.2528 or Rosebud's Cottage ~ 651.426.1885

Our March Madness Quilt Shop Tour will launch you into Spring!

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH
At the January meeting, the winner of the "Anvil" blocks was Joyce Rupert. There were 13 participants and 23 blocks. At the February meeting, we will draw for the "Topsy Turvy Heart" blocks. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!