From the Evening Director

Well, it is that time again — the January Preview Meeting of the MQ2001 Quilt Show and Conference. This year the show and conference is in Duluth, MN. Classes will begin on June 6, 2001 and the Exhibits and Merchant Mall will open on June 7, 2001.

The slate of teachers that has been assembled for this year’s conference is quite impressive. There is something for everyone, including appliqué classes from Nancy Pearson, one of the foremost floral designers. For those seeking to expand your horizons, try a class with Ricky Tims or maybe Beth Kennedy. There is the return of some favorites, like Karen Stone, Kaye England and Ruth McDowell.

Registration Booklets should be in the mail in time for the January meeting. However, if you wish a preview, the classes and lectures are posted at the MQ Website (www.mnquilt.org/mq2001/).

At the January meeting, the MQ2001 Show Committee headed by Claudia Myers and Jessica Torvinen will present the faculty and their classes. These class samples and descriptions will be presented by the show committee members. A video of classes and events will be presented. Members of the Small Quilt Committee will be there to begin collected small quilts for the auction. “Northern Reflections,” the award winning raffle quilt will be shown, and you will be able to turn in raffle quilt money, as we obtain additional tickets.

The MQ Merchandise Committee has found some really grand Polar Fleece pullovers, in three colors, burgundy, teal and medium gray, and sizes range from S to XXXL. In addition, they have a wonderful Limited Edition Raffle Quilt Poster.

So come along and be prepared to be intrigued and tempted with the workshops and the events that have been planned for the annual quilt show in the beautiful city on the shores of Lake Superior.

Carolyn Peters

TEXTILE CENTER PLANS

The floor plan in this issue (pages 8 & 9) is the most current (NOT final) floor plan drawing of the proposed Textile Center building. As previously announced, MQ is trying to decide on a move that would house all the textile related organizations in the building located at 3000 University Avenue (the Panelcraft Building). The decision to be included in this proposed building will be made soon even though the projected building will not be complete until fall of 2001. In our efforts to keep members informed and get as much feedback as possible, the Board asks that you take a few minutes to look over the proposed space and fill out the short survey (page 7) and return it to MQ by the January meeting dates. Please mail it to the office by regular mail, drop it off at the January meeting or respond by going to the MQ Website and leaving a message.

The MQ Board of Directors

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We are coming up on the time when we need to form a ballot of new officers for the year 2001-2002. Many of the current board members have served for many years. It is time for new talent to step and SERVE! We are looking for the following positions—

President-Elect
Day Director-Elect
Evening Director-Elect
Financial Planning
Long Range Planning
Editor
Historian/Parliamentarian

MQ has some real challenges facing it and it would be wonderful to see some new people with new ideas help to meet these challenges. 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. This organization can’t continue to maintain the excellence that we are known for if you do not step up and volunteer. This is not a free ride, it takes all the hard work of EVERY member to make this a success. Please consider it and volunteer.

Calendar of Events

JANUARY
January 4 Evening Meeting, 7:00 PM
January 5 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
January 29 Board of Directors Meeting

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.
Library Lines
Thanks to almost 40 volunteers in October we were able to catalog over half of the MQ Library. Remember, your volunteer hours count towards your angel pin.

Phase 1 The next dates to work on cataloging will be Jan. 4, 3:30-6:30 and Jan. 5 12:00-3:00. Refreshments will be provided for both shifts. Give me a call; Laura Nagel 952-997-6630. Leave your name and number.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS NEEDED
Peggy Hall is retiring as MQ Librarian. Paula Hagg will continue to select materials for our collection and Laura Nagel will administer the library automation program. We need volunteers for the evening and day meetings to check-out, check-in and shelf the materials used by our members. If you love books and are able to arrive early for either meeting, this might be a great opportunity for you. Training will be provided for all volunteers before the library re-opens. Please consider this position. Call Laura Nagel 952-997-6630 or Susan MacLennan 612-522-4864.

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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The next issue of MQ News will be the February 2001 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is January 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: 0201 means that your membership ends February 2001. Membership is $30.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings and Happy New Year!

We made it! 2001 is just around the corner and while 2000 was full of anticipated problems, (remember the millennium bug?) we seem to have made it through without our computers crashing, lights going out and chaos reigning over us...unless you are talking about the election or MQ having to decide about a new location. Because there is so much information being presented in this issue of the newsletter, I will keep this short and just take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year and to thank you for all your interest and support over the past year. Stay warm and safe and keep on quilting.

Susan MacLennan

January Block of the Month
"Topsy Turvy Heart"
5" by 8" finished
(5.5" by 8.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

Fabrics
Background: white on white print
Heart: 4 different prints in pinks, reds, or burgundies
Copy this pattern onto paper and paper piece, using numbers for the order of sewing. You will either have to add a seam allowance to the outside edges of the pattern, or extend fabric beyond the paper edge and trim to 1/4" for the seam allowance.

Pattern submitted by
Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the February 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
Reflections
by Laura Sahlberg©2000

Did you ever start out to make a quilt and it becomes the nightmare quilt? I have such a quilt. It started out with such anticipation and joy. I belong to a wonderful small group. Every year we do a mystery quilt--these quilts have become some of my very favorites. The person that supervises these projects picks wonderful patterns, with great instructions. The fault was not here.

I don't know where it all went wrong. I don't think it was the fabric choices--they were some of my favorites from my stash. I think I cut them out during the wrong phase of the moon. It was bad karma from then on.

When I started the first clue, I was short a few pieces. No big deal, I'll cut a few more. I took it up to fall getaway one year in hopes of finishing it. I had gotten behind and thought this would be a wonderful opportunity to catch up. I forgot a whole Ziploc bag of pieces. I was beginning to fall out of love, but I still had hopes that the relationship could be saved. I thought a separation period would help to lessen the tension growing between us. I started another quilt.

Another fall getaway rolled around and I gathered all the Ziploc bags for the "bad karma" quilt together. I tried to maintain an upbeat attitude. By now I had seen the solution and most everyone had theirs quilted (evidently they were started under the correct phase of the moon). I really liked this design and was anxious to see mine all made up. I made up a sample block and things were going well. I was feeding pieces through my machine at a record pace. I was really feeling good about this.

I gathered a chain of 96 pieces together to press. I opened up the first pieces to press and something was wrong--something was really wrong. You know how you get that horrible lump in your throat and that wave of panic washes over you. This is exactly how I felt--96 blocks were sewn WRONG! I hung my head and swore under my breath. My fellow quilters helped me rip them all apart and I rewound them--at midnight I was where I was at 4 PM.

It has been almost a year since I've looked at those blocks. I'd clean my sewing room and see them peeking out from under a pile--trying to get my attention. I just couldn't bring myself to get involved again. Last month, when I did a major overhaul cleaning I ran across those Ziploc bags. I cleaned around them, moved them from one surface to another, and then I gathered them up and threw them in the trash. I didn't look back. I didn't feel guilty. This was the most enjoyable thing about this quilt. It felt so good. I have been freed from the bad karma quilt.

Gallagher's QUILT SHOP
Invites you to spend Saturday, April 28, 2001 with
Laura Boehnke,
Quilt Tester for American Patchwork Magazine

Laura's Perfectly Plaid Table Runner (20x54) will be taught from 8:30 a.m.-2:45 p.m.
Class fee is $40.00, with lunch provided.
Kits available-$24.95. To view a picture, go to www.gallaghersquiltshop.com
Members of this class are welcome to sew and enjoy this retreat until 10:00 p.m.

Laura will also host her Trunk Show from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission only $10.
Welcome the opportunity to socialize with other quilters, enjoying cookies & coffee.

Register today with Gallagher's Quilt Shop, 1059 1st Ave, Gibbon, MN 55335
Phone: 1-888-610-6886. Class and trunk show will be held at the beautiful new Arlington Community Center, directly off Highway 5 in Arlington, Minnesota.
Bulletin Board

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, at the Dakota County Historical Society (Museum). The show will include a display of members' quilts, quilt fabric challenge, mystery quilts, round robin block of the month projects, plus more. New events for the show this year include a Small Quilt Silent Auction, held for one week, Feb. 6-Feb. 13 (final bids placed 6:45 at the reception). 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.

Tuesday, February 13, will be a special evening beginning with a Reception by the co-hosts and an exciting lecture will be presented by a Special Guest Speaker at 7:15 PM.

The show is at 130 3rd Ave. N in beautiful downtown South St Paul. Directions: I-94 south 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: Jacque at 651-454-4711 or Carol at 952-435-6674.

June 22-23, 2001
East Ottertail Historical Society sponsors the 14th annual competition and quilt show at Pioneer Village, Road #8 N.E., Perham, MN. For more information, send a SASE to Linda Boedigheimer, 116 2nd Ave. SW., Perham, MN 56573

Quilt Art - New Directions for a New Century
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UPDATE ON "QUILTING FOR OTHERS" THE GIRL SCOUT PROGRAM

Minnesota Quilters can add another successful program to our long list of activities. For the third year we, MQ, have partnered with the Greater Minneapolis Girl Scout Council and introduced 97 girls and 27 moms to the joy of quilting. Along with fifteen brave Minnesota Quilters we also had a helping hand from Associated Sewing Center, who supplied 25 sewing machines and staff to teach the girls how to operate them.

The volunteers worked with groups of 6-10 girls and 2 moms to help them create their crib quilts. The groups were given kits containing the pattern, partially cut fabric, backing and batting. The girls supplied all the energy and went straight to work cutting, sewing, ripping and re-sewing. By lunch some groups had almost all their piecing done. At lunch three organizations talked to the girls and asked for their support (in the form of the quilts) to help children less fortunate than themselves. After lunch it was back to work. By 3:00 some groups were almost finished. At the final show and tell there were some quilts in the process of being tied. Wow! those volunteers really worked hard, but it was a satisfying day's work.

Minnesota Quilters has authorized funds for other Girl Scout Councils in Minnesota who would like to participate in this program. If any members have connections with other Councils outside of the Metro area, please have them contact me and we will assist them in setting up a program.

Once again I would like to thank all the people who volunteered to help. This program could not take place without a large combined effort of time and talent.

Thank you,
Paulette Marini
952-938-5652

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![Bernina Ad](Bernina_Ad.jpg)
THE COMPUTERIZED QUILTER
By Cindy Thury Smith ©2000

So you went with a friend to an estate auction and while there you purchased an old quilt top that you want to finish or an antique quilt you want to display. It needs to be cleaned but you also want to know a little about the fabrics and the age of it.

The logical place to get information about caring for vintage textiles would be from museums that routinely have to clean and store textiles. Visit the website of the Bishop Museum in Hawaii to get comprehensive instructions on wet cleaning quilts at home at www.bishop.hawaii.org/bishop/conservation/quilts.html. Following their detailed instructions will take time but do a thorough job. They also have information about supplies you’ll need to properly store a quilt. The Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, CO (www.rmqm.org/preservi.htm) also has practical information on cleaning an antique quilt. Obviously it is easier to clean an unquilted top or blocks than a completed quilt but the care needed in the process remains the same. Another source for cleaning info is "Washing Vintage Tops and Blocks," at www.cindybrick.com/washing.htm.

How about dating that quilt top? A quick search at Amazon.com under the topic "quilting history" yields dozens of classic references such as Barbara Brackman's "Clues in the Calico," many of which you can take out from your local library using interlibrary loan. If you want a portable guide, a new one on the market is the "Fabric Dating Kit: A Pocket Guide to Identifying Quilts and Other Textiles by Color, Fabrics and Style." This pocket guide gives an overview by dates plus "Style Spotlights" on popular styles (Baltimore Album quilts, Red and Green Applique, Crazy quilts, Centennial and Bicentennial quilts, etc.). It also includes fabric swatches typical of the various time groupings and areas for you to insert notes and swatches yourself. A general checklist for quilt identification is included in the back. I recognized some of the fabrics (those tiny calicoes and microdots) from the 1960s to the 1980s. This pocket guide is available from Brickworks Press (303-688-0774 or http://www.cindybrick.com.)

Live long and sew many quilts (and remember to provide documentation with your quilts!)

Minneapolis Quilters/Textile Center Site Plan Survey. Please let us know what you think! This survey can be mailed to the office, dropped off at the January meetings, or you can respond on the MQ website.

To the Minneapolis Quilters, Inc. Membership:

We have outgrown our space at MacNinna Hall. In an effort to meet our membership needs, please review the following list of meeting facilities features. Indicate with an "X" the 3 MOST important features of a meeting facility and indicate with an "L" the 3 LEAST important features of a new meeting facility.
Wellcome Back to the MQ Mystery Quilt – Hope your New Year celebration, the true passing of the Millenium went well – Now is the time to get back to work -- We are almost finished, one more clue after this one – Part IV.

At the beginning of Part V, we will do a bit of bookkeeping to make sure that you have all the blocks that you need to finish you quilt – in time for the May MQ Meeting.

So here we go:

**Step 18: Making Block #9**
Take 8 K-B assemblies from Step 2 and sew to the left hand side of 8 Patch A rectangles. See illustration. Take the HGB assemblies (from Step 17) and sew to the right side of the 8 KBA assemblies (just made). Keep Patch H triangle to the upper right hand corner – See illustration. Press seams in one direction. **Create 8 Block #9** – Label and set aside.

**Step 19: Making Block #10**
Take 4 FB Assemblies from Step 15 and sew to the left hand side of 4 Patch A rectangles. Keep Patch F to the bottom left hand corner – See illustration. Take the HGB assemblies (from Step 17) and sew to the right hand side of the 4 FBA assemblies (just made). Keep Patch H triangle to the upper right hand corner – See illustration. Press seams in one direction. **Create 4 Block #10** – Label and set aside.

**Step 20: Making Block #11**
Take 2 HGB assemblies from Step 13 and sew to the left hand side of 2 Patch A rectangles, keeping H triangle to the upper left hand corner – see illustration. Take 2 more HGB assemblies from Step 13 and sew to the right hand side of the above HGBA assemblies (just made). Keep H triangle to the lower right hand corner – see illustration. Press seams in one direction. **Create 2 Block #11** – Label and set aside.

**Step 21: Making Block #12**
Take 2 HGB assemblies from Step 17 and sew to the left hand side of 2 Patch A rectangles, keeping H triangle to the lower left hand corner – see illustration. Take 2 more HGB assemblies from Step 17 and sew to the right hand side of the above HGBA assemblies (just made). Keep H triangle to the upper right hand corner – see illustration. Press seams in one direction. **Create 2 Block #12** – Label and set aside.
Step 22: Making Block #13
Take 26 creased Patch H from Step 11 and place, right together, on top of 26 Patch I – sew \( \frac{3}{8}'' \) from crease line on both sides – as described in Step 12. Cut down crease line and press toward Patch L – **Create 52 LH half-square triangles.**

Sew pairs of LH half square triangles together to form \( \frac{1}{2} \) of a pinwheel block. The easiest way to get the blocks in the right sequence is to lay out in a pinwheel – pick up two squares and sew together. Repeat with two more squares – creating two halves – lay out and check if correct – then sew together. **Create 13 Block #13 (Pinwheel blocks) – Label and set aside.**

Step 23: Making Block #14
Repeat directions for Block #13 (Step #22) using 32 HG squares from Step 12. **Create 8 Block #14 – Label and set aside.**

Step 24: Making Block #15
Take 4 patch E squares and using the Sew and Flip method (see Step 6) – sew 16 Patch I squares from Step 8 – one patch per corner of Patch E squares. **Create 4 Block #15 – Label and set aside.**

See you next month – We will give you the layout and the bookkeeping – how many squares you should have versus how many you do have – (Always seems to happen with me – just way too many pieces and I was being sooooh careful!)
SPECIAL NOTICE FROM THE BOARD

As Long Range Planner, it is my duty to advise the members of a decision made by the Board of Directors that will affect our next Board year.

As we are now six months into the term for the 2000-01 board year without a person in place as President-Elect, the Board of Directors has determined, after much discussion, that at this late date it would not be in the best interest of the organization to bring someone new into the President-Elect position. They would not have the benefit of working with the existing President and being involved in the major issues before us. The Board has determined that it is in the best interest of Minnesota Quilters to have Susan MacLennan extend her term as President. She has graciously accepted our proposal and will continue her position as President for the 2001-02 Board year. As she has given us great leadership in this past year, it is my hope, along with the rest of the Board, that you will give her your full support and help through this rough transition in our organization.

Laura Sahlberg and the nominating committee have been hard at work rounding up candidates for the positions opening on the board for the April 2001 ballot. Please see the article on page 1 and contact her if you are interested in finding out which positions are available as new people with new ideas are always welcome.

Quilt and Be Happy
Jane Shattuck, Long Range Planning

OPEN QUILT GROUPS

The Snowflake Stitchers meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1 PM at members' homes in the Coon Rapids area. They are open to any new members. Contact: Char Wenger, 763/757-7888 (H), 651/481-2828 (W), cweng@landolakes.com.

Dakota County Star Quilters meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 7-9 PM at the Rosemount Community Center, Hwy. 3, Rosemount. Contact: Karen Asmundson, 651/552-8832, Chair; or Mo Johnson, 952/898-3855, Vice Chair.

The Edina Quilters meet the 2nd Thursday of each month from 4-6 PM at the Edina Library Conference Room, 50th St. between France Ave. and Hwy. 100. Contact: Carol Raleigh, 952/920-4947.

Tuesday Night Quilters is looking for some quilters who would like to join our group. Our group is composed primarily of quilters in the northern suburbs of St. Paul...Roseville, Moundsviwe, Maplewood, Falcon Heights, Como, etc. We met the 4th Tuesday night of the month in each other's homes for quilting and conversation (and snacks, too). If you are interested, please call Carol Wagner for details, 651-488-6286.

Stillwater Quilting Groups welcome visitors and new quilters of all levels. Thursday Night Quilters meet Thursdays, 7-9 PM First Presbyterian Church, 6201 Osgood Ave., Stillwater. Friday Courthouse Quilters meet Fridays, 10-12 noon, First Methodist Church, 813 W. Myrtle, Stillwater.

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Minnesota Quilters often receives requests for quilt related services, including hand or machine quilting, custom quilt making, speakers and teachers. We are currently updating our list of professional services, which is shared with the general public as well as with MQ members. If you would like to be included on this list, please submit your name, address, phone number(s), email address and services available to Mary Montez, Minnesota Quilters, 1399 Eustis St. St. Paul, MN 55108 or email to m_l_m711@aol.com.
FROM THE MQ BOARD OF DIRECTORS:
DUES INCREASE

Over the past six months, the MQ Board has been wrestling with the budget issues. After much discussion and information gathering, a motion was presented at the November 7th In-Service Board meeting to increase the dues from $20.00 per year to $30.00 per year. This motion was seconded and then approved by the full Board. In addition to the increase for regular membership, the motion stated that there would be a student rate of $15.00 per year for members 18 years and younger. Also, as a matter of policy, memberships in the name of a quilt shop, business or guild will need to be "in care of" one person (owner or designated person) from that shop, business or guild. Each membership entitles one person to register for the show under that MQ member number. Multiple registrations under one MQ membership number are not presently available.

The reasons for increasing dues have been discussed at monthly meetings and in the newsletter. The major area of increase, of course, is in our rent at the Machinists Hall. However, increases in all areas, from postage and printing, speaker fees and traveling expenses, to MQ annual show venue expenses, have contributed to the need to increase the annual dues. Because we want to stay solvent and continue bringing our members the programming and events we have become accustomed to, we had to make the decision to cover those expenses. That being said, the following is a listing of the benefits that are available to you as a member of Minnesota Quilters, Inc.:

1. Eleven monthly meetings and programs to spark the interests of beginning, intermediate and advanced quilters. Meetings include a program, show and tell, a vendor, door prizes and refreshments.

2. Lecture Series brings in nationally known speakers four times per year.

3. Eleven Monthly newsletters, which keep members informed of events and news from our organization and other related organizations. Block of the Month quilt block patterns and articles are also included.

4. Website.

5. Library containing over 600 books, and over 500 magazines members can borrow.

6. Resource (non-lending) books and patterns

7. Video Library

8. Fall-Get-Away and Quilt Affair programs.

9. Annual Show and Conference, which brings together thousands of quilters to see our wonderful quilts, take classes and lectures from nationally known teachers.

10. Early registration (before general public) to annual show.

11. Public television sponsorship for quilt related programming throughout the state.

12. Annual holiday parties with block and ornament exchange.


14. Grant Program geared toward smaller or out-state guilds for service projects or assistance with teacher/speaker fees.

15. Donations to organizations that help us fulfill our mission to preserve, educate and advance the love and lore of quilting in the state of Minnesota. This includes Girls Scout programs, Split Rock/U of M, state history centers and museums, state school and church programs, Festival of Trees, and newly established Doreen Speckmann Scholarship.

Besides these benefits, there is the friendship and encouragement we receive from other quilters and that is a priceless commodity.

Please note that renewals sent in beginning January 1, 2001 will be at the $30.00 rate and all members will be receiving new laminated membership cards after the 1st of the year. Also, as in the past, your newsletter will indicate when your renewal date comes up.

With this change, we can look forward to many years of successful operation without further adjustment in annual dues and we hope we have kept you informed as we have worked through this process. If you have any questions regarding any aspect of this change, please do not hesitate to contact any Board member.

Thank you for your understanding, patience and continued support of our organization.

Susan MacLennan, President
On behalf of the MQ Board of Directors
MINNESOTA QUILTERS NEWS, NOTES, AND INFORMATION

CLASSIFIED ADS

SINGER 221 Featherweight Sewing Machines, white ($480) and black ($380 - $450), with case/extras. Mint condition. Call Sue at (651) 636-3757 for additional information.

FOR SALE: Q Snap floor model quilting frame. Call Carol @ 952-831-6843.

Call for MQ Raffle Quilt Photos, showpins, and/or logos. We know 2003 is a long way off, but you may play an important role in preserving history. In 2003 Minnesota Quilters will be celebrating its 25th Anniversary, and the raffle quilt committee for the St. Paul show needs your help. We are looking to the membership to locate photos of past MQ raffle quilts, especially from the late 1970's and early 1980's. We would like to incorporate elements from the past MQ raffle quilts, MQ show logos and MQ show pins into the raffle quilt to commemorate our rich history. We will make arrangements to copy them, and return them to you unharmed. If you have photos or show pins could you please call Kathy Barnes at (763) 323-0041 or Linda Bedard (763) 493-5693.

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.

Project Linus thanks the kids at the Barnes Community Church in Barnes, Wisconsin for their generous donation to Project Linus. The kids created pictures for blocks that were pieced and quilted, making a total of six quilts! Good work, kids! Some lucky child will surely appreciate the love and work that went into those quilts. Thanks, also, to Nancy Hailey, for bringing the box of quilts to Minnesota Quilters!

Thanks also to the wonderful quilters who brought quilts, supplies, and other donations to the Holiday Party in December. Project Linus continues to supply quilts and blankets to Minnesota children in many hospitals. You can drop off your donations at any Minnesota Quilters meeting.

Meeting Highlights

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--SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!
July 5 & 6--Business Meeting, introduction of 2001-02 Board.
### Minnesota Quilters Treasurer’s Report
#### April 2000 - June 2000

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| Cost of Goods Sold          |             |           |            |            |
| Buttons & Pins Cost         | 180.00      | -         | -          | 180.00     |
| Sales Tax Paid              | 27.00       | -         | -          | 27.00      |
| **Total COGS**              | 207.00      | -         | -          | 207.00     |

| Gross Profit                | 2,283.13    | 2,018.27  | 4,093.09   | 8,394.49   |

| Advertising – Publicity     | 46.00       | -         | 46.00      | 92.00      |
| Bank Service Charges        | 12.79       | 29.00     | 24.05      | 65.84      |
| Anniversary Cake            | -           | 41.99     | -          | 41.99      |
| Holiday Banquet/Party       | -           | 1.00      | -          | 1.00       |
| Board Gifts                 | -           | -         | 236.04     | 236.04     |
| Casual Labor SHW            | -           | -         | 350.00     | 350.00     |
| Computer Supplies           | 31.94       | -         | -          | 31.94      |
| Contracted Labor            | -           | -         | 96.00      | 96.00      |
| Credit Card Services Fees   | (865.49)    | 40.00     | 40.21      | (785.28)   |
| Donations PEL               | 196.70      | 50.00     | 224.55     | 471.25     |
| Equipment Purchase          | -           | -         | 1,070.00   | 1,070.00   |
| Equipment Rental            | -           | -         | (681.92)   | (681.92)   |
| Special Coverage Insurance  | 476.00      | 782.96    | 386.96     | 1,645.92   |
| 3 Year Employee Bond Dishonesty Insurance | 1,115.47 | -         | -          | 1,115.47   |
| Lecture Series              | -           | -         | 901.26     | 901.26     |
| Library                     | -           | 144.63    | 400.00     | 544.63     |
| Lunches, Meals              | 18.84       | 60.00     | -          | 78.84      |
| Mileage, Parking            | 105.00      | -         | -          | 105.00     |
| Newsletter Printing & Postage| 1,614.70   | 830.93    | 1,349.51   | 3,794.15   |
| Photocopies                 | 260.58      | 62.45     | 105.56     | 428.59     |
| Postage                     | 103.95      | 299.00    | 47.08      | 450.03     |
| Prizes, Giveaways           | -           | 1,000.00  | 38.40      | 1,038.40   |
| Quilter of the Year         | -           | 377.91    | -          | 377.91     |
| Rent                        | 1,700.00    | 1,700.00  | -          | 3,400.00   |
| Storage                     | 85.00       | 85.00     | 85.00      | 255.00     |
| Returned Checks Expense     | -           | -         | 20.00      | 20.00      |
| State Fair Prize Money      | -           | -         | 1,345.00   | 1,345.00   |
| Supplies                    | 133.72      | 29.40     | 115.99     | 279.11     |
| Telephone                   | 93.96       | 12.84     | 96.82      | 203.62     |
| Website                     | -           | 433.46    | -          | 433.46     |
| **Total Expense**           | 5,129.16    | 5,980.57  | 6,296.51   | 17,406.24  |

| Net Ordinary Income         | (2,846.03)  | (3,962.30) | (2,203.42) | (9,011.75) |

| Other Income                |             |           |            |            |
| 2000 Show (in Morgan, Stanley, Dean Witter Acct) | - | 50,000.00 | - | 50,000.00 |
| **Total Other Income**      | -           | 50,000.00 | -          | 50,000.00  |

| Other Expense               |             |           |            |            |
| 2003 Show (St. Paul) Seed Money | - | - | 1,000.00 | 1,000.00 |
| **Total Other Expense**     | -           | -         | 1,000.00   | 1,000.00   |

| Net Other Income            | -           | 50,000.00 | (1,000.00) | 49,000.00  |

| Net Income                  | (2,846.03)  | 46,037.70 | (3,203.42) | 39,988.25  |

| Cash Balance as of June 30, 2000 |             |           |            | $ 152,097.85 |
| Estimated Reserve Required     |             |           |            | $ 90,000.00  |
| Working Capital                |             |           |            | $ 62,097.85  |

Respectfully Submitted by Ruth Johnson, Treasurer
**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

At the December meeting, the winners of "Christmas Candles" blocks were Judy Smyalla and Judith Renmoe. At the January meeting, we will draw for the "Anvil" block. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!

**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!

Effective 1/1/01, the membership renewal fee is $30 (US Funds) per year, or $15 per year for quilters 18 and younger. All renewals received before 1/1/01 will be accepted at the 2000 rate of $20.