Susan Cleveland to Speak at Minnesota Quilters, Inc. March Meeting

On Thursday evening, Susan will present “Making Simple Quilts With Spark.” With careful fabric and thread selection and attention to detail, simple quilts can pack a punch and become special. Using simple designs, innovative products, and special binding techniques, Susan has created eye-catching simple quilts in days rather than months. Perhaps some of these ideas could be incorporated into your next quilt!

On Friday morning, Susan will speak about some of her experiences at quilt shows in “On With The Show.” Susan’s quilts have been juried into national level competitions since 1997 and several have been awarded prizes. Get a close-up look at these works and the quilts leading up to them including her first quilt. Hear the ridiculous stories of panic and elation involved in creating these quilts and how they were designed, executed, cried over, sworn at, and loved.

Susan began quilting in 1994 and it soon became her passion. Her background as an engineer has both helped and hindered her quilting. The precision and math used in quilt design and execution come easy while breaking rules and becoming artistic has been a challenge. She’s finding her way and developing her own style while having a fabulous time! An “extra” perk is that all the walls in her home are now padded. Students say her enthusiasm is contagious and they leave class eager to put their new skills to use.

Susan’s quilts have won several awards at the Minnesota State Fair, have been juried into 3 American Quilters Society shows in Paducah, have been awarded 7 prizes in the last 5 Minnesota Quilters shows, and have placed first in the last two International Quilt Festivals in Houston. Her first published article appeared in American Quilter magazine in October of 1999. She’s looking forward to more quilting “gigs” in the future.

The quilt shop “All in Stitches” will be the featured quilt shop for the March meetings. All in Stitches is located in Rochester, MN and carries all of Susan’s patterns.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful meeting.
Carolyn Peters, Evening Director

Message from the Day Directors

At the February meeting, Martha Waterman presented us a wonderful showing of her whole cloth quilts. The quilted designs were awesome. They appeared to be difficult to design onto fabric; however, she showed us the trade secret of creating these designs. A tidbit of information I learned from this speaker was that the stitches per inch were not as important as the consistency of the stitches. Also, in a whole cloth quilt it is not necessary for one piece of material to be used, but it can be striped or pieced of the same material.

During a week in January, I worked on the mystery quilt. After becoming too friendly with my seam ripper, I talked with Mary Lou (Quilting by the Falls) and she gave me permission to do the code sheet that you will find on page 15. An explanation of this is as follows.

Each of the four fabrics has a code color assigned to it. This coding also tells the assigned letter of fabric cut from the first clue sheet. Next, there are fifteen numbered blocks. They are color-coded. Under each block is the step where this block was completed. In the ( ) is the number of blocks that are needed for this quilt.

Jan Herfindal & Betty Emerson

How do I get to an MQ Meeting???

Machinists’ Hall is at 1399 Eustis Street, St. Paul. From Highway 280 take Como Ave. exit. If coming from I-94, turn right at the bottom of the ramp. If coming from the North, turn right on Eustis Street. The Health Partners (was Group Health) building is on the right.

Calendar of Events

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.

MAY
May 3 Evening Meeting, 7:00 PM
May 4 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
May 21 Board of Directors Mtg.

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

PROJECT LINUS THANKS YOU!

Dear Minnesota Quilters,

We want to thank you all for all your hard work. Project Linus would not be what it is today if not for you, our volunteers. Project Linus would not have survived without your caring and generous donations of time, money, and talents to a cause that we believe in. You have sacrificed your homes, fabric, talent, and money to children and parents whom you don’t even get to meet, but who receive a hug when they need it. For this we are truly grateful.

Project Linus reached our goal of over 1,000 quilts donated to area hospitals this past year—WELL DONE! We look forward to the new year; with your support and generous donations, Project Linus will be around for many years to come. God bless you all!

Martha & Mary Godby,
Project Linus East Metro Chapter Coordinators.

Watch in future newsletters for some thanks from recipients and their families.

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Quilters' Bookshelf

We continue to work toward getting the MQ Library up and running. Although a seeming small number of books are fully processed with spine labels, call numbers and bar-codes, 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.

If you did not bring them to the February meeting, be looking for your MQ membership cards, and bring them to the March meeting so we can give you your official member bar-code label so you can check out books. 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.
Laura Nagel

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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Business card size ad (3" by 2.5") is $15 per month, plus $5 per additional inch of length. Classified ad is $5 for 3 lines. If ads must be composed by editor, there will be an additional $10 charge. Make checks payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. No ads will be included in the newsletter unless they are accompanied by full payment with the order and handwritten, typed or computer output copy. All ads must be received by the newsletter editor, Sue Rutford, 5085 Morehead Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, by dates posted below.

The next issue of MQ News will be the April 2001 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is March 1, 2001.

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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: 0401 means that your membership ends April 2001. Membership is $30.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

CHANGE! A word that can conjure up our worst fears and or wildest expectations. We can try to avoid it, be frustrated by it, fear it, ignore it or deny it. We can also accept it gratefully, enjoy it and be a part of it but we cannot eliminate it from our lives.

Recently, a big change came in my life when my daughter moved into her own apartment. For months I knew it was coming and I did everything I could to deny that it was happening. I tried to scare her with the tales of all the things that would/could go wrong, made her question her confidence and decision making skills and all the other dirty tricks I could pull out of the hat because it was CHANGING my life as well as hers. In the end, even though I did not want to let her go and miss her terribly, it was the right thing for her to do and she is getting on splendidly. The funny thing is, now that she is on her own, my life has changed and I AM ENJOYING IT! It's different (and way cheaper than having her at home!) and I am having to explore new avenues for myself and that can be fun.

MQ is in this same process of changing and at times it will be frustrating as well as exhilarating. Some of the changes are:

a. Moving forward on the Textile Center move (see related article for update) and planning for our future possibilities.

b. Finances required us to look hard at the way we do business and necessitated a dues increase, as well as tighter budget controls, to be able to continue our programming and annual show. We are also beginning to work toward changing to a 501(c)3 non-profit IRS status which will lower our tax burden.

c. We are in the process of computerizing our library to be ready for the move to the Textile Center and to better serve our MQ members. The time constraints and availability of (who)manpower will determine the time before we become fully operational. This would have been done whether we stay at the Machinist's Hall or not, but now we need to integrate what we have done into what the other members of the textile community also want in the combined library.

d. Membership cards and services are being updated.

e. Newsletter, Website and Grant request programs are being reviewed to better communicate with our members.

All of these steps take time and energy and will result in a well run, cost effective organization that encourages our art and supports our members will into the future. We cannot stop change from happening, we can only do our best to guide the change in the direction we wish to go.

Thanking you for your patience on behalf of the MQ Board of Directors.

Susan MacLennan
President

(P.S.-- I miss her but I got more room for my stash when my daughter moved out....that can't be all bad, can it?)

March Block of the Month
"Capital T"

9" finished (9.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

Fabrics

Background: White on muslin
T's in two different blue prints and 2 different green prints
Place colors in corners opposite from each other.

Fast Rotary & Easy Angle cutting: Cut large triangles from 2.5" strips, small triangles and square from 1.5" strips.

Pattern submitted by Joanne Holzknecht.
The drawing for this block will be held at the April 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
The Computerized Quilter
Cindy Thury Smith©2001

Ah, March. The weather outside is frightful and you have the winter blues. A new quilt pattern would be nice but you don’t want to go out and you don’t feel like sitting down and doing the drafting or the math. Just turn on your computer, head for a Search Engine (I used www.altavista.com) and do a search for, “Block of the Month.” It will give you a listing of mega-sites and individual sites that offer free and for sale Block of the Month patterns.

About.com has their free offerings broken down into blocks or quilts at the following URL: http://quilting.about.com/library/bl_freehere.htm. The World Wide Quilting Page at http://mail.kosmickitty.com/MainQuiltingPageS.html (scroll down the page) gives you a choice of six, twelve or eighteen inch Block of the Month designs. Another site with over a dozen BOM designs is the St. Andrew’s Bay Quilters Guild site located at http://www.totalsignstudio.com/blocks/index.html. I particularly liked the Dutchman’s Puzzle, Pieced Hearts and the Royalty Block. McCall’s Quilting has dozens of block instructions (very good instructions) at http://www.mccallquilting.com/mccalls/bom/index.htm. Many of the McCall’s designs are intermediate or advanced level. If you like miniatures, visit JC Quilts Mini Block of the Month located at http://members.nbc.com/jwestergren/block.htm.

Of course, if you’re willing to spend some money (if you have any left after paying your utility bill), many on-line quilt shops offer BOM kits. Alaska Quiltworks, located at http://www.alaskaquiltnworks.com/index.html, offers pieced BOM kits, paper piecing BOM kits and stained glass BOM kits. A wonderful variety of sampler quilts broken down into BOM kits is available at JanniLou Creations at http://www.proaxis.com/~jannilou/index.html. They have BOM kits for Old World Santas, angels, a wildlife sampler, cats in the garden, several folk art designs and a Stained Glass Christmas Window. If you like lighthouses, check out the BOM design Beacons of Light at Ultra Treasures at http://www.ultrapnareasures.com/Quilter8.htm. A particularly beautiful BOM design featuring birds is available from Jillybean’s Pride Quilt Shop at http://jillybeans.com/jillbloc.html. I only went through the first few screens of references under Block of the Month. There are many more pages of references for whatever style of BOM quilt you would like; all you have to do is browse and enjoy.

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Gallagher’s Quilt Shop
Presents a Weekend Retreat with
Darlene Zimmerman
March 9, 10, & 11
Spend the weekend at Long Lake Conservation Camp
Palisades, Minnesota

Darlene hosted a weekend retreat for the quilters and editors of American Patchwork & Quilting Magazine. Darlene will provide us with a similar retreat by giving a presentation on Saturday morning and providing personal input to help you complete your UFO’s.

Fee: $130 includes class, three meals on Saturday and Brunch on Sunday. Arrive Friday Evening.

Register Today at Gallagher’s Quilt Shop, 1059 1st Avenue, Gibbon, MN 55335
Phone: (888) 610-6886

Make plans now for this fun and relaxing weekend. Use Darlene’s expertise to help complete those UFO’s in a way that you never dreamed!
March 5-30, 2001
Celebrate Women's History Month by attending Eagan High School's 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 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.

March 17, 2001
On National Quilting Day, Quilt Dreamers Guild is delighted to present their eighth annual show from noon until 4 PM at the Galaxy Library, 14955 Galaxie Ave, Apple Valley. This is two lights east of Cedar Ave on Co. Rd. 42. Quilts shown will include those made by the group for children in crisis situations, an exhibit of members current work and an auction of small quilts. The group is also known as the Bag Ladies because each member makes a small quilt to be auctioned on a fabric given to them in a brown paper bag. All proceeds from the auction are used to buy supplies to make quilts to give away. In the past eight years, Quilt Dreamers have made and given over 1200 quilts to children and others in difficult situations. For more info, contact Gwen Lundgren 651-423-1979 or Geni Lehmann 651-322-7701.

March 17, 2001
Riverwalk Quilters Guild presents "Quilt Gathering 2001: A Floral Odyssey" on Saturday, March 17, 2001 at The Abbington Banquets in Glen Ellyn, IL. This event will go from 8:30 am to 3:00 PM and includes a luncheon, guest speaker Patricia Campbell, a quilt raffle, charm square exchange, demos, raffle baskets, merchant mall, silent miniature quilt auction, challenge quilt display, bed turning, book signing and show & tell. Patricia Campbell will discuss "Applique Inspiration." Register by February 17th for $30 per ticket, or $32 per ticket after February 17th. For more information, please contact Marilyn Edgar at 847-455-0972.

In addition to the above event, Patricia Campbell will be teaching two day long workshops. They are "Wild Flower" on Sunday, March 18th and "Tulip Tree" on Monday, March 19th. These workshops are $50 each. Because space is limited, reservations are required. For reservations and information, contact Katie at 630-960-9133.

May 5-6, 2001
The Northfield Quilters Quilt Show will be held at Bridgewater Elementary School, 401 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN 55057, Saturday, May 5, 9 AM - 5 PM., and Sunday, May 6, 11 AM - 4 PM. Pieced Quilts, Appliqued Quilts, Vintage Quilts, a Retrospective of Betty Kaminska, Small Quilt Silent Auction, Raffle Quilt, Jumble Sale, and Door Prizes will be featured. For more information send a SASE to Mary Warner, 411 9th St. W, Northfield, MN 55057, or maryw@conncct.com.

June 2-3, 2001
The North Star Quilter's Guild celebrates 20 years of quilting with their Quilting on the Red Quilt Show, held in the Red River High School Commons, 2211-17th Ave. South, Grand Forks, ND. Show hours are 9 AM to 5 PM on Saturday and 11 AM to 4 PM on Sunday. Admission $2. Quilts, Boutiques, Merchants, and Classes will be featured. Contact Bobbie Shields at 701-775-5310 or email at quiltbobbin@aol.com.

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

August 2001
PLUM CREEK QUILT RETREAT will be held on August 6-8 and repeated on August 16-18 at Shalom Hills Farm Retreat Center, in rural Windom, MN. Johanna Wilson of Plum Creek Patchwork has designed a Prairie Quilt Sampler especially for the retreat featuring her new fall fabric line "Shades of Autumn." Join us for 3 days of quilting in this peaceful hillside setting of rural Windom. Retreat includes two nights lodging (double occupancy-bedding included), 5 meals, workshop, quilt pattern plus "Rx for Quilting Seminar" on last morning. The last day also includes a side trip to Walnut Grove, childhood home of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Shop, visit the LWJ museum and tour the studio of Plum Creek Patchwork. There are surprises planned sure to please. Send $50 non-refundable deposit by check or call with credit card to reserve your place for the First Plum Creek Patchwork Retreat. Limited enrollment offers one on one instruction throughout the retreat. Total cost is $175, full payment is due by July 1. Quilt diagram and cutting directions will be sent upon receipt of deposit. Fabric kits will be available July 1, 2001 at an additional charge yet to be determined. You may view fabric swatches on the Plum Creek Patchwork web site as soon as it is available. Info at Plum Creek Patchwork, 14160 County Highway 5, Walnut Grove, MN 56180 or www.plumcreekpatchwork.com

September 7-8, 2001
Prairie Star Quilt Guild will be hosting "The Quilted Prairie" quilt show at the Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 S. State St. Fairmont, MN. For more info, contact Lin Hilgendorf, 1579 120th Ave, Welcome, MN, 56181, 507-728-6489 or wgmill@bevcom.net.

September 15-16, 2001
Hayward Piecemakers and Wild River Quilters from Spooner will be presenting our 6th annual Autumnfest Quilt Show at the Lac Courte Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center, Hayward, WI. For more info please send a SASE to Ann Degen, 7759 N. Wilkie Rd, Hayward, WI, 54843 or call 715-634-3336.

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. March 1 for the April newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
MINNESOTA QUILTERS NEWS AND NOTES

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Website -- New Feature!

The MQ Website has been updated to include a new feature -- a Members Only portion to the website. You will be required to sign into this portion of the website. Launching at the beginning of March, MQ Members will be able to sign-up and select a unique User ID and Password. This request will be sent to the Webmaster, your name will be compared to the current Membership list. If your dues are up-to-date, you will be granted access. To sign up you will need your Name (the same as on the MQ Membership roll), your MQ Number (4 digit number), the month/year that your membership expires, and address. Once you have been approved, you will then be able to visit the Members Only portion of the website. If your membership dues should fall into arrears, your access will be blocked.

Now to the Members Only portion: We will begin modestly, but hope to offer more features and activities at the website that are available only to the members. The e-mail directory for members will be moved to this portion of the website. We may offer opportunities, such as providing for online voting for Board members. All of these are being considered.

Please drop me a line with your ideas for how to use this portion of the website to provide the MQ Membership with added value.

Regards,
Carolyn V. Peters, Webmaster

Upcoming MQ meetings:
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 and introduction of 2001-02 Board.

Textile Center Update......
The ownership of building at 3000 University Avenue is moving forward! As of the last Site Transition Team meeting on 1/31/01, the following status was known:

a. City Council approval was given on 1/29/01
b. EPA issues had passed and were no longer a problem
c. Bank loan approval for financing had been received
d. Contractor has been chosen and is working with architect on the final plans and bids.

e. Property closing has been tentatively scheduled for 3/21/01.

Now that these hurdles have been jumped, MQ will be working on its time line in anticipation of a completion date somewhere around the end of this year. The details will be sent to our members as soon as they are available.

At the February meetings, Renay Leone was (re)introduced to our attending members. She is a MQ member and past Board member and has taken on the task of Capital Campaign Liaison between MQ and the Textile Center. By taking on this task, she has developed a letter that has been sent to all MQ members asking for donations to help toward the purchase and remodel of the Textile Center building. This letter has been mailed to MQ members on Textile Center letterhead and has been signed by Renay and by me, as President of MQ.

The Textile Center has a $2,000,000.00 price tag and after grants and all other sources for funding are totaled, they are hoping for individual donations to help fill the gap so that bank financing for the building is minimal. The lower the financing, the lower the operating costs for the center, which, in turn, lowers the rents charged to the group members.

Please take the time to read the letter, donate as you see fit, and be part of this new venture. Whether large or small, our goal is to have a high percentage of participation from our members to see this dream come true. (For you competitive types, the Weavers are at 40% participation already from their members)

Any questions regarding the Textile Center can be directed to Renay or me and our names and numbers are in the MQ Directory. Personally, I wish to thank Renay for this investment of her time for our organization and I look forward to working with her during the next year. In future, she will be keeping us posted on the progress of this project as well as the change in non-profit status (501(c)(3)).

Sincerely,
Susan MacLennan
Site Transition Team Member and
MQ President

If you know of any members who have had a death in the family or are ill, please call the Corresponding Secretary (Anne MacLennan, 612-623-4459, or email annethemac@yahoo.com) so that Minnesota Quilters can send a card. Thank you from the MQ Board.
QUILTS ON THE WATERFRONT
JUNE 6-9, 2001

DOREEN SPECKMANN SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

We are happy to report that we had 16 entries for the 1st Annual Doreen Speckmann Scholarship award. The Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors chose Kelly Lessman of Dresser, Wisconsin as the winner. Kelly receives 12 hours of classes, three lectures, her registration package, tickets to the Fashion Show and Banquet and 4 nights at the Holiday Inn Waterfront. Kelly is bringing her mother to the show, in hopes that she will be bitten by the quilting bug, so they can quilt together. Our thanks, two lecture tickets and a raffle quilt poster go to the other 15 entrants whose names follow: Kate Steinhorst, Jane Borgren, Cathy Hufford, Gretchen Mercalf, Barbara Rhode, Sheri Aguirre, Peggy Kessel, Kimber Olson, Jill Schultz, Julie Williams, Marlys Hansen, Janice Schurtz, Patty Morrissey, Katharine Megarry, Donna Stuntebeck.

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

We hope you are busy working on your creations for the Small Quilt Auction. Remember, for each quilt donated, you will receive a voucher for a free lecture ticket-redeemable at the show. That’s a good deal! Someone will be at the March, May and June meetings to accept your quilts, or you can send them to Mary Eblom, 298 Stark Road, East, Duluth, MN 55810 or to Kris Graves, 5665 Rose Road, Hermantown, MN 55811. The money raised from the Small Quilt Auction and the Raffle Quilt goes to lend support to all the requests that MQ receives every year from Public television stations that air quilting shows to teaching Girl Scouts to quilt, to the preservation of historical quits and breast cancer quilt-ins and we thank you for making it possible.

MQ CHALLENGE

All the Challenge packets are sold! With so many cold fronts coming in this year we’ve had many snow bound days--the perfect time to quilt! We hope you have your challenge in front of you and a wonderful inspiration has come to the front of your mind! Remember to get your entry form in by April 13th and your finished entry in by May 13th. You could be the lucky winner of the $125 gift certificate to your favorite quilt shop. "Quilts on the Waterfront" will be here before you know it!

JUDGED AND NON-JUDGED QUILT ENTRIES

We understand that some of you are in a panic about the April 13th deadlines for the Judged and non-judged quilt entries and we apologize for making your life difficult. Because our show is a full week earlier than MQ Shows usually are (because in Duluth, Grandma's Marathon has precedence over everything and is ALWAYS the third weekend in June) and because it takes at least two weeks for the exhibit chairs to get 400 quilts organized, get the acceptances and shipping instructions out to the entrants and all the information to the printing chair, who then needs at least two weeks to assemble all the names and descriptions into what we see later as the Show booklet and the descriptions on the individual quilts. Then it all goes to the printer, who needs two weeks to print the booklet-leaving us with not quite a week leeway, in case something goes wrong!

And, yes, your quilts have to be finished this year-quilted and bound before you take the entry photos. We have only your word that an unfinished quilt will actually be finished in time for the show, and if it isn’t, we are left with a hole in our exhibit and misleading information in the show booklet. However one trick I have used-machine sew your binding on the front and baste, pin or tape it on the back for the photo--that we will accept! Susan MacLennan has assured me that there will again be several people with digital cameras at the March and April meetings to take photos of your quilts to simplify the entry process for you. So, burn the midnight oil (along with me) and get those beautiful quilts done!

Claudia Myers, Show chair

DOOR PRIZES WANTED

There are 3 reasons people come to the annual MQ show. One is to see amazing quilts and displays. A second reason is to take new and challenging classes by nationally known teachers. The third reason, of course, is to win FABULOUS door prizes! We know that you are hard at work on your quilt show entries and have selected your classes, but have you thought of what you might donate to this year’s show? The Door Prize Committee is looking for new items to be used as door prizes for lectures and classes. All items valued over $75.00 will be given out at our 2 special events, the Fashion Show and the Banquet. What a great way to advertise your business, shop, or guild! Send your items to: Michelle Bowker, 1825 Wallace Ave., Duluth, MN 55803, or (218) 728-2976 or mbot@aol.com.
Janome MemoryCraft 4800 Computer Sewing Machine. 233 built-in stitches, decorative and 2 alphabets. Incl. are many extra items such as 1/4” foot, walking foot, and soft carry case. $700.00. Dawn Jensen 952-997-7424

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

FOR SALE: Two Singer 221 Featherweight sewing machines. Black ($380 and $440) and white ($450) w/case and extras. Mint cond. Please call Sue at 651-636-3757 for add’l. info.

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Tuesday – Friday
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featuring Pattern Designer Edna Trunt

Special Hours:
Tuesday – Friday 9 AM – 9 PM
Saturday 9 AM – 6 PM

Directions to Bound in Stitches
From St. Cloud, take Highway 15 North. Exit right on County Road 29 and continue east. At stop sign, turn left (Mayhew Lake Road). Go one mile. Turn right on County Road 15. Continue east for 1/2 mile. Quilt Shop is located on the right.

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Friday, April 6, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
A workshop will be provided on Billie’s ever famous quick quilt tricks to make the complicated looking Bargello Quilt. The Bargello Quilt will be taught using Billie’s “loop de-loop” technique to create the visual wonder of color and pattern that catches the eye and causes everyone to wonder how the quilt was made.

Class Fee is $50 (Box Lunch available upon request)
Members of this class are welcome to sew and enjoy this one-day retreat until 10:00 p.m.

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

TWIN CITIES' ANNUAL QUILT SHOP TOUR
APRIL 26-28, 2001
Thurs. & Fri. 9am-9pm
Sat. 9am-6pm

3 Grand Prizes: new sewing machines donated by A1 Sewcraft, Bear Patch Quilting Co. & Valley West Sewing.
10 Second Prizes: value $200 (visit all 10 shops to qualify)

Plus, lots of great door prizes!

Free pattern for “Quilter’s Village” quilt designed by the quilt shop owners (visit all 10 shops to receive the entire pattern.)

2002 Challenge Packs available for purchase.

A “Quilter’s Village” quilt will be raffled—proceeds to benefit Habitat For Humanity.

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“Omiyage: Fabric Origami” Taught by Elsa Canterbury March 20 & 27
“Retirement Retrospective” An Exhibit Of The Work Of Sandi Hopkins March 3—31
Minnesota Quilters presents

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 lauraqwiits@aol.com
Susan can be reached at (612) 522-4864 or at randsmaclellen@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 _____ I will be sleeping over
______ Friday ONLY ______ 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 # ___________________________
ADDRESS: ________________________ MQ # ___________________________

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.

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Donations
What to donate
Fibers, fabrics, beads, buttons, needles, books, threads, notions, patterns, tools, looms sewing machines in working order, any textile-related items.

How to donate
Items which can be easily carried should be brought to the new TCM building at 3000 University Avenue SE, in Minneapolis, on Friday, March 30, between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m.

For large, heavy items such as floor looms or knitting machines, please send a photograph and written description, the name of the donor and contact information to the current TCM office at 2324 University Avenue W, #106, St. Paul 55114, by March 30. Do not transport large items to the sale.

Pricing
❖ Each item or package of items must be priced and marked prior to drop-off. Please try to include fiber-content, yardage, etc.
❖ Use even dollar amounts only; e.g., $1, $2, $3, etc., marked with permanent ink on mailing labels or masking tape, securely fastened to items or packages.
❖ If unsure about pricing, consider the age and condition of the item and assign a value of approximately 25 to 50 percent of the original cost.
❖ Place small items such as ribbons or beads in a securely-sealed see-through bag.

Drop-off
Friday, March 30, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the new TCM site at 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, on the west side of the building (Arthur Avenue). Look for the drop-off signs.

Directions
By car
❖ Highway 280 to the University Avenue exit; west on University for half a mile to 3000 University Avenue SE.
❖ Highway 94 to the Huron Avenue exit to Washington Avenue. Right on Washington Avenue for one block to University. Right turn (east) on University for a quarter of a mile to 3000 University Avenue, SE.

By bus
❖ The #16A bus on University Avenue SE to Arthur Avenue.

The TCM building is at the corner of University Avenue SE and Arthur Avenue — just east of the car wash, in the Prospect Park neighborhood.

Parking
Parking is available on both sides of University Avenue and on the streets north of University. Please avoid parking on the residential streets south of University.
ARTWEAR IN MOTION 2001
Textile Center of Minnesota Runway Show
October 21, 2001

Call for Entry

TEXTILE CENTER OF MINNESOTA
A Nonprofit Organization
The Textile Center is a coalition of organizations, businesses and individuals dedicated to promoting fiber arts and preserving textile excellence.

PURPOSE
Besides being the annual benefit for Textile Center of Minnesota, Artwear in Motion, the runway show and boutique, is a venue to showcase the work of artists who design and make wearable art.

ELIGIBILITY
Artists must live in the six state area (MN, WI, SD, ND, IA, IL). Artists over the age of 18 may submit five slides of representative garments or accessories—hats, scarves, handbags, beaded jewelry, etc. Accessories will be included in the boutique, but not shown on the runway because they are too small to be seen from the audience. Accepted artists have the option of participating in the sales boutique on the day of the show. More information will be sent to accepted artists.

SLIDES
Each slide must have the artist's name, title of piece and number of entry in the upper left-hand corner. If the work is accepted, slides will be kept by TCM for publicity purposes. Enclose a self addressed, stamped envelope with entry for return of your slides.

For more information please call 651-917-7270

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS FORM FOR YOUR RECORDS.

ENTRY FORM: ARTWEAR IN MOTION 2001
DEADLINE: Friday, April 13, 2001

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Make checks payable to: Textile Center of Minn.
2324 University Ave. W. #106; St. Paul MN 55114

JURY PROCESS
Jury fee is $20. Slides of the garments or accessories you submit to the jury process should be representative of the actual work which would be in the show. Jurors will be looking for professional quality slides which clearly show your highest level of aesthetic and technical skill. Your slides should also reflect a cohesive body of work.

AGREEMENT
The Textile Center will retain a 35 percent commission on all sales. All works in the show must be for sale. Artists in the boutique must be present on the day of the show.

INSURANCE
The Textile Center provides insurance on the work while it is in our possession but not during shipping.

CALENDAR
Entry Postmark: Friday, April 13, 2001
Mail entry form, SASE and slides to:
Textile Center of Minnesota
2324 University Avenue W. #106
St. Paul, MN 55114

Jurying Completed: May 2, 2001
Notification letters will be sent out on this date to all artists who entered

Garments Received by: October 8, 2001
Garments must be hand-delivered or shipped to the Textile Center of Minnesota. Artists will be responsible for shipping costs to and from the show.
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Date of Sale
Saturday, March 31, 2001
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(one-half mile west of Hwy 280)

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
At the February meeting, the winner of the "Topsy Turvy Heart" blocks was Joyce Palla. There were 21 participants and 41 blocks. At the March meeting, we will draw for the "Four H" block. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!