October Meeting Notes

October 4 & 5, 2001

ATTENTION ALL CHOCOLATE LOVERS...

You will not want to miss the October Lecture Series speaker, Janet Jones Worley, author of *Quilts for Chocolate Lovers*. Janet is a professional quilter, designer, author and teacher. You may have seen many of her designs in McCall’s quilting publications. She also has a quilt on permanent display in the library of Peking, China.

At the evening and day meetings, she will present an informative but lighthearted look at quilting and ourselves. Learn how to become a true “Quilter with an Attitude.”

There will be tips on how to finish your quilts and to banish those you do not. Many quilts will be shown along with advice on how to choose fabrics for your quilts, starting new projects without guilt, getting your quilts published and preventing your quilts from being used as moving pads after you are gone. Grab your chocolate and get comfortable for an hour of fun. Chocolate supplements will be available before, during and after the meeting; but it’s always a good idea to never leave home without it.

Be sure to consider her classes offered on Friday afternoon at Machinists Hall and Saturday at Country Needleworks in Eagan. Her enthusiastic approach to quilting makes her classes fun and exciting. She firmly believes that all quilters go to heaven, and that chocolate is a necessary ingredient to sustain life. Visit Janet’s website for a look at the projects and on-line tutoring for your quilting problems at www.quiltpatternetc.com.

Laura Nagel and Annemarie Yohnk (Evening Directors)
Martha Eaves and Doris Kraemer (Day Directors)

What could be better than a book that combines two of our favorite things—quilts and chocolate. Not only do you get directions for 15 calorie-free chocolate-inspired quilts, but also 15 fantastic chocolate recipes (not calorie-free). Designs include patchwork, paper piecing, applique, and couching, along with suggestions for quilting the finished top. There is something for every level of quilter, from beginner to expert. Here are just a few of the delicious quilts you can make: Easter Candy, Black Forest, Chocolate Covered Cherries, Brownies and the Fourth, and La Chocolalada which will be included in one of this year’s segments of Simply Quilts with Alex Anderson. This book is a treat in every sense of the word. Don’t miss Janet Worley at our October meeting.

Block of the Month Winner!

At the September meeting, the winner of the "Choretime" blocks was Gail Nida. She won 26 blocks. At the October meeting, we will draw for the "Fall Leaf" block. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 4 for the next block and how to become a winner!

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VENDOR OF THE MONTH
(OCTOBER)

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Notes from the Day Directors

Thank you again to Gini Corrick for putting together the wonderful style show for the day meeting. The style show garments were so creative - the oooh’s and aahh’s from the audience said it all. Our models did a great job and looked gorgeous, thanks in part to the volunteer efforts of the Mary Kaye makeup consultants. And of course, "jungle girl" Doris and artist Gini deserve a lot of credit for their behind-the-scenes work in the gritty details of organizing this wonderful and inspiring
Due to the events of the past few weeks, I have just a few things to say to all of you: First, try and remember what is important in this life and do not let the little things take over your life. Second, be sure that your loved ones know how much they mean to you. Life is short, live every minute to the fullest and savor every moment.

With regards to the Board and decisions being made in connection with the Textile Center, the Board is meeting on September 22, 2001 to hash out the details of the transition move over to the new building. Look for details and/or a time line in the November newsletter. This will be an exciting time but a lot of work will need to be done to get all things where they need to be when they need to be there. Work assignments will be listed and help will be gladly accepted from our members.

Take care of yourselves, keep on quilting and stay safe. Susan MacLennan

Dust motes danced in the sunlight, while the sun warmed my face as I sat gazing out the window. Mozart's Symphony No. 41 played gently in the background intermingled with muted voices. Time drifted as the music rose and fell. Slowly, I realized that something was intruding upon my reverie. The voice was disembodied and the words failed to consciously register. The voice became more insistent and the words began to register. The horror of the words numbed me, but as I rose to complete an unprotected realization of the words, my heart broke. I silently screamed, "How could this happen?" They can not be saying the truth, it is only words. The disembodied voice came closer and was ragged with emotion. As I turned, I saw the sorrow and anguish in the faces around me and I realized the tears streaming down my face. Someone turned on the news, the reporter stated in a stunned and anguished voice, "The President is dead! President Kennedy is dead!"

The date was November 22, 1963 and I was sitting in music class. The images of that day have stayed so vivid in my mind for almost 40 years.

With astonishing coincidence, Tuesday began much like that long ago day in November. Once again I was sitting with colleagues in the sunlight, Mozart playing softly in the background, talking quietly among ourselves, as my assistant, Theresa walked in and interrupted our discussion. She was ashen and I was concerned. She announced that the Pentagon had been attacked and one of the towers of the World Trade Center had collapsed. She advised us that the television was on in the hallway. We said thank you and continued. Then the words sank in and I found myself staring out the window. Seeing my reflection, I relived the day, that November 22nd, fearing that something again was going to break my heart.

As we gathering around the television, the two towers were visible and then the tower collapsed. I was confused, she said it had already collapsed. I felt like I was falling in slow motion. Then they replayed the film, focusing on the towers as the second plane hit the second tower and my heart broke and screamed in pain. The image forever seared into my memory. And as the time righted itself and the second tower came down, I failed, the tears would not stop. New York is my home, it was were I was born, it is the place that is linked to my soul and my soul is weeping and holds a "quiet, unyielding anger".

As we returned to our desks, time seemed to stand still. During the day and the evening I received confirmation that my relatives in New York and my brother in Washington DC were safe and I was selfishly glad. I felt so helpless being here! The stories of the families waiting for word of loved ones are heartbreaking. The nightmare of the passengers of the hijacked airplanes unimaginable.

As I make this issue ready for press, I am reminded that red, white and blue have always been my favorite colors and I still get weepy at the sound of the Star Spangled Banner. As I watch the horrific aftermath and the efforts of the rescuers, shoulders bowed by sadness and fatigue, I am buoyed by the knowledge that the human spirit can be bent but it is tempered and will recover, maybe scarred but recovered nonetheless.

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If you want to read about the history of crazy quilts you need to locate a copy of Penny McMorris's classic book, Crazy Quilts. This book has been out of print for many years but there is at least one copy in the Twin Cities library system.

If you want to try a quick online lesson in crazy piecing you can visit any one of the following URLs:

http://www.quilterscarce.com/CrazyQuiltBlock.html
http://hometown.aol.com/crazyquitr1/crubbl.htm (this method uses very small pieces and makes small blocks).

Another online resource to learn crazy quilting is Quilt University (visit their website to see their class listing at www.quiltuniversity.com).

The abovementioned references will help you to start the piecing of a crazy quilt block. In the December column, I will give you an introduction to the wide world of crazy quilt embellishments. In the world of crazy quilting there is a much broader palette of fabrics (and embellishments) to choose from, so enjoy your stash and include a little bit of everything.

MQ News

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MQ News
October, 2001
October Block of the Month
by Joanne Holzknecht

“Double Dutch Stars”
9” finished (9 1/2” unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

NOTE: When making the Blocks of the Month, please read the instructions carefully, particularly regarding the fabric choices. The pictures may not always be representative of the fabric selection.

Fabrics
Background: White on white
Star: Use a medium dark or bright and dark prints in the purple to lavender family.

For ease of construction, use the Easy Angle cutting tool.

From the Background Fabric:
Cut 4 squares - 3 1/2” x 3 1/2”
Cut 4 triangles from 3 1/2” strips (using EZ Angle)

From the Star Fabric:
Cut 4 triangles from (P1) 3 1/2” strips (using EZ Angle)
Cut 4 squares (P2): 2 1/2” x 2 1/2”
Cut 1 square (P3): 3 1/2” x 3 1/2”
The star triangles (P1), center square (P3) and the smaller squares (P2) can be different fabrics ranging from purple to lavender.

Step 1: Make four (4) half-square triangles from background and P1 fabrics.

Using one (1) triangle cut from the 3 1/2” strip of background fabric and one (1) triangle cut from the 3 1/2” strip of P1 fabric.

Press seamline to the darker fabric (P1).

Step 2: Use the four (4) half square triangles made in Step 1.

Using one (1) 2 1/2” square from P2 fabrics. Position the P2 square right-side down, lining up the edges as shown to the left. Be sure to position the block, as shown.
Sew along the diagonal dotted line.

Step 3: Use the four (4) blocks made in Step 2.

After you have sewn along the dotted line, as shown in Step 2, carefully trim away approximately 1/4” from the seam line. See figure to the left.

Step 4: After you have sewn trimmed, open the remaining triangle and press, being careful not to distort the block.

Step 5: Use the four (4) blocks from Step 4, one (1) 3 1/2” P3 block and four (4) 3 1/2” background blocks.

Assemble the “Double Dutch Star” as shown to the left, being careful to orient the individual patches, as shown.

The drawing for this block will be held at the November daytime meeting. 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:

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Quilters’ Bookshelf
by Lauren Danner

Jennifer Chiaverini has written three books, *The Quilter’s Apprentice*, *Round Robin*, and *The Cross-Country Quilters*. The first two introduce you to the Elm Creek Quilters and explain how they started their quilting camp and learned to craft new lives and mend old ones, as they sew their quilt.

In the *Quilter’s Apprentice*, Sarah learns to quilt from an elderly widow, Mrs. Compson. Originally, Mrs. Compson offers Sarah a job sweeping and clearing the house. Although insulted at first, she agrees to work if Mrs. Compson will also teach her how to quilt. While Sarah labors over various quilt blocks, from Log Cabin to the Sawtooth Star, the two women become friends, reminiscing about the past. With Elm Creek restored, Sarah cooks up a plan that will preserve it from developers, give Mrs. Compson a new life, and herself at last a real job.

*Round Robin* reunites readers with the Elm Creek Quilters in this poignant and heartwarming follow-up to *The Quilter’s Apprentice*. The Elm Creek Quilters have begun a round robin ... a quilt created by sewing concentric patchwork to a central block as it is passed around a circle of friends. Led by Sarah McClure, who came to Waterford, Pennsylvania, with her husband, Matt, a few years ago, the project is to be their gift to their beloved fellow quilter Sylvia Compson. But like the most delicate cross-stitch, their lives are held together by the most tenuous threads of happiness ... and they can unravel. The Elm Creek Quilters come to realize that friendship is one of the most precious gifts we can give each other, and that love can strengthen understanding, lead to new beginnings, and illuminate our lives.

The *Cross-Country Quilters*, the third installment in the popular Elm Creek Quilts series once again features an ensemble cast of women who learn the importance of friendship and sisterhood by way of their passion for quilting. This time, five women from across the country meet during a week long visit to Elm Creek quilting camp in rural Waterford, PA. At the end of the week, all of them pledge to complete a “challenge quilt” — symbolic of each woman’s personal goals. Once again craft and crises intertwine as each woman reveals her private tale of family conflict, marital woes and health concerns.

Jennifer is working on the fourth Elm Creek Quilts novel, *The Runaway Quilt*. The revisions have been made and returned to the editor. Now Jennifer must begin making the quilts that appear in the story to take on her book tour. This time there are four quilts mentioned in the book! The quilts need to be finished before April 2002, the expected release date of *The Runaway Quilt*.

Want to help? Jennifer needs 140 blocks for a Log Cabin quilt. Check out this website (www.elmcreek.net/logcabinhelp.htm) for the complete list of requirements. The log cabin block uses Civil War era reproduction fabrics for the dark “logs,” unbleached muslin for the light logs, and black fabric (preferably solid) for the center square. If you have trouble finding reproduction fabrics, please visit The Kirk Collection for ideas. (www.kirkcollection.com/civilwar.asp)

Jennifer’s deadline is around November 1, 2001! That should give her enough time to assemble the blocks and quilt the top — as well as make the other three quilts and write the fifth Elm Creek Quilts novel.

Calendar of Events

Evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm and Day meetings begin at 9:30 am, except as noted.

**OCTOBER (Lecture Series)**

October 4 and 5: Janet Worley, author of “Quilts for Chocolate Lovers”

October 4: Machine Quilting the Fun Way for Beginners (1:00 pm - 4:00 pm) - $25.00 Location: Machinist Hall

October 5: Fall Festival Scrap Quilt (9:30 am - 4:00 pm) - $40.00

Location: Country Needleworks (Eagan, MN)

Vendor: Cotton Patch

October 29: Board of Directors Mtg.

**NOVEMBER**

November 1 and 2: “Basic Necessities” APNQ Quilt Challenge - 50 small quilts & slide presentation

Vendor: Aunt Annie’s Quilts & Silks

November 26: Board of Directors Mtg.

**DECEMBER**

December 5: Holiday Dinner

December 7: Holiday Brunch

December 17: Board of Directors Mtg.

**JANUARY, 2002**

January 3 and 4: MQ2002 Preview Event

January 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

**FEBRUARY, 2002**

February 7 and 8: MQ presents Documentation Demonstration & Slide Show

Vendor: Glad Creations, Inc.

February 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

**MARCH, 2002**

February 7 and 8: Women History Program.

Location: Eagan High School

Vendor: Fabric Town, Quilts by the Falls, Country Needleworks, Gathering Friends

March 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

Meetings are free for MQ Members. GENERAL MEETINGS and LECTURE SERIES meetings $2.00 for nonmembers.
24th Annual Quilt Show & Conference - St. Cloud
June 13-15, 2002

NOTE: The dates listed in the September issue of MQ News were incorrectly listed. The correct dates for the Quilt Show & Conference in St. Cloud are those listed above.

2002 Quilt Show Dates - The dates of the exhibits and Merchant Mall are Thursday - Friday, June 13-15, 2002. Wednesday, June 12, will be used for setup of the show, as well as having Registration open and holding some classes & events.

Drop Off Points - We would like MQ Members from around the state to be a quilt drop off site for the upcoming quilt show in St. Cloud. If you are willing to collect quilts for the MQ2002 Quilt Show and can deliver the quilts to St. Cloud on Wednesday, June 12, please contact Ruth Knable at pm_elect@mnquilt.org or you can sign up at the October MQ meeting. (Ruth Knable, MQ2002 Exhibit Chair).

Raffle Quilt Tickets - Watch for your January newsletter - a full color raffle quilt postcard and tickets will be delivered in the newsletter. Ten tickets per member will be inserted into the newsletter. We believe this will be a more efficient means of delivering your tickets. The tickets will be perforated for easy removal. (Carolyn Peters, MQ2002 Printing Chair).

Web Site & Contacting Show Committee - All show information will be updated as it is available on the MQ2002 Show Page at the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. website at www.mnquilt.org/mq2002. You can also use that site to post any inquiries about the show at the MQ2002 Quilt Show Forum. If you have specific questions and do not wish to post them at the MQ2002 Quilt Show Forum, you can send your question to mq2002@mnquilt.org.

Registration Brochure - The Registration brochures will be sent out in mid-December to all members of record as of December 1, 2001. Please be sure your MQ membership is current!

On-Call Helpers - If you are interested in helping us out during the year before the show by assisting our Show Committee members with small acts of kindness, please contact Linda Wines at mq2002@mnquilt.org. We often need people who are willing to run errands, stuff mailings, and the like. You will earn show perks, so do consider helping out.

Small Quilts & Challenge - It’s not too early to be working on your contribution to the Small Quilt Auction and your Challenge Quilt!

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My heart is broken. My country and its citizens are suffering, and there is nothing I can do to make it better. I was watching Simply Quilts on THAT morning, and my husband yelled down the steps, “a plane has crashed into the World Trade Center”. I switched channels and there before my eyes was the tower with a gaping hole and flames pouring out. A second plane appeared from nowhere and flew into the second tower—I stood there in disbelief and shock. My world and the world of everyone had been rocked.

I have been glued to the TV, and yet the stories and the pictures are too painful to watch. My heart breaks for all the people who this tragedy has touched. I want to do something. When the citizens of my community are in need, we make quilts. We make quilts for the Linus project, for the flood victims of Fargo, and the neonatal units. I would love to make a quilt big enough to wrap the people of New York and Washington D.C. in, warm and cozy, under which they could sleep peacefully.

In all of this fire, smoke, soot and tragedy, the true mettle of this country and its people come to the top. I have seen heroes every hour. One only needs to see those NYC firemen, exhausted, going back into that wreckage time after time, because their “brothers” are there. This country has pulled together in a way that only it and its people can. It makes me so proud to be an American.

This tragedy puts everything into perspective. It does not matter that the green fabric is too yellow, the points don’t match and that I am 4 months behind on a block of the month. Oh, in time, it will become more important, time does heal, but it will not erase the memories. Tragic and horrible things that only time can soften, but there is one thing that I hope stays fresh in my memory. A group of firemen in full gear walking across the roof of the Pentagon—roof burnt, sides caved in. They were carrying a huge American Flag. They rig it to the side of the building and let the Stars and Stripes fall over the side, and for a moment, they paused. In that instant, I knew everything was going to be all right.

The Nominating Committee is looking for energetic, hard-working persons to assist our organization in the following positions:

- President-Elect*
- Treasurer*
- A.M. Meeting Director-Elect
- P.M. Meeting Director-Elect
- Corresponding Secretary
- Recording Secretary
- Membership*
- Public Relations*
  *prerequisites may apply

Please contact Susan MacLennan at (612) 552-4864 or president@mnquilt.org if you are interested in any of these positions, or if you have someone in mind that you think would be interested or could be approached. We now have job descriptions that are available for review. Board members are required to attend 1 regular Board meeting per month (held on Monday evening) so LOCAL and OUT-STATE members can be on the Board.
anyone interested in deciding what blocks should go together in several quilts to stay after the day meeting. We will then sort the blocks into pleasing combinations and get volunteers to put them together. Again, anyone can participate in this part of the project, but you will have to attend the day meeting to actually work on the construction. [We may move to a different location for that part of the project, have lunch together, and work as we eat!]

Each time you contribute a block, please sign it somewhere in a discrete manner. If you bring a block to the meeting, we will have a donor card for you to fill out that asks this information:

1) Your name and MQ number.
2) A little history on when you made the block and how it ended up as a “stray”.
3) Finally, and importantly, who you would like the quilt to go to if you are the lucky winner. You can name yourself, your mom, your best friend, or your favorite charity - any recipient you wish. If you submit a block by mail, attach a note with this information so we can submit an entry card for you.

Each block you submit, or each time you work on this quilt project, you will fill out a donor block for the final drawings. Once we get the tops together, we hope to baste them with volunteers and who knows, even get them quilted. It will really depend on who wants to put in the time together. The goal is to have our Beat the Estate Sale Quilt ready for a drawing for the quilts at our May 2002 day meeting.

Book/Magazine Exchange - Don't forget that if you want to join on the Book/Magazine Exchange, we will have a "bring one/take one" policy. If you cannot find one you want, there are IOUs you can fill out to look in the baskets next month. This is a great way to trade magazines and books, so you can save all your money for fabric and gadgets! Happy quilting and see you at the October meeting. Doris and Martha

Fat Quarter Lottery - Again, our fat quarter jar was stuffed, this time with 16 fat quarters. The winner of the fat quarters was Mary Stenberg. Anyone can participate in the fat quarter drawings. Just remember to mail your fat quarters early to Attm. Day Directors and remember to mark you envelope “Hand Stamp” as a precaution. One member reported to us that hers was returned by the postal service because it was not marked “Hand Stamp.” If your fat quarter arrives late, we will put it into next month’s jar!

9-Patch Block Sets - We had 52 sets of the 9-patch leaves blocks. Therefore, we had two winners: Gail Hanson and Pam Caduff. Remember, the 9-patch [9” finished blocks] theme for October is Batiks. Refer back to your August Newsletter for directions or call/email either Doris or Martha and we will answer any questions. Thank you for your enthusiastic participation in the 9-patch lottery and be sure to mail in blocks early [marked “Hand Stamp”] if you cannot attend the day meeting! If your 9 patch arrives late in the mail, we will send it to the winner since they are fabric coordinated but we will let you know so you can mail sooner! You can participate any month you wish and do not have to participate in all months.

Beat the Estate Sale Quilts - October is the beginning for our Beat the Estate Sale Quilts. Our founding mothers have generously contributed unused/stray blocks from their stash to get us started. Over the months of October and November, you can contribute your own well-made, but never used blocks for this project. You may mail in blocks to Attm. Day Directors, or bring them to the meetings. In January, 2002, we will be asking
Thank you to all who entered this year’s Minnesota State Fair Quilt competition. This year there were 235 entries in the open competition and 32 entries in the Seniors competition. The following is the results of the competition. MQ Members are italicized.

**Sweepstakes**
*Debbie Czech* (Inver Grove Heights)

**County Sweepstakes**
*Judy Tinn* (Oakdale)

**Needlecraft Sweepstakes – Seniors**
*Cecilia Lamb* (Rochester)

**Best Use Of Color**
*Mary Zosel* (St. Cloud)

**Best Hand Quilting**
*Carol Schwoenkl* (Bloomington)

**Best Machine Quilting**
*Karen McTavish* (Duluth)

**Best First Quilt**
*Jean Cline* (Coon Rapids)

**Applique Quilt** (6 entries)
1st *Kathy Munkelwitz* (Isle)
2nd *Debra Burk* (Eagan)
3rd *Karen Golden* (Woodbury)
4th *Linda Pribyl* (Roseville)
5th *Judy Tinn* (Oakdale)

**Pieced Quilt** (18 entries)
1st *Kathy Munkelwitz* (Isle)
2nd *Renee Heimer* (White Bear Lk)
3rd *Diana Callahan* (Bloomington)
4th *Sue Anderson* (Glenwood)
5th *Linda Pribyl* (Roseville)

**Cross Stitch or Embroidered Quilt** (3 entries)
No Awards

**Mixed Technique Quilt** (5 entries)
1st *Carol Schwoenkl* (Bloomington)
2nd *Karen Golden* (Woodbury)
3rd *Kathy Munkelwitz* (Isle)

**Scrap Quilt** (10 entries)
1st *Marlene More* (Minneapolis)
2nd *Laurie Johnson* (Mora)
3rd *Linda Pribyl* (Roseville)
4th *Debra Steckman* (Apple Valley)
5th *Heidi Goar* (St. Paul)

**Innovative or Embellished Quilt** (6 entries)
1st *Virginia Corrick* (Minneapolis)
2nd *Mary Zosel* (St. Cloud)
3rd *Cindy Lorsung* (Minneapolis)
4th *S. Michaels* (Cottage Grove)
5th *Sheila Thelen* (Lino Lakes)

**Machine Quilted Quilt** (18 entries)
1st *Carol Schwoenkl* (Bloomington)
2nd *Carolyn Peters* (Woodbury)
3rd *Judy Tinn* (Oakdale)
4th *Carol Slavnick* (West St. Paul)
5th *Donna Johnson* (St. Paul)

**Commemorative Quilt** (5 entries)
1st *Nancy SAMMIS* (Isle)
2nd *Sylvia Santos* (St. Paul)
3rd *Audrey Johnson* (Maplewood)
4th *Lorraine Solbrack* (Woodbury)
5th *Julie Schlueker* (Maple Grove)

**Group Quilt** (14 entries)
1st *Cheri Hand* (Roseville)
2nd *Victoria Miller* (Northfield)
3rd *Charles Peters* (Woodbury)
4th *Kathy Munkelwitz* (Isle)

**Whole Cloth Quilt** (2 entries)
1st *Karen McTavish* (Duluth)
3rd *Mildred Gerards* (Freepoint)

**Youth Quilt** (16 entries)
1st *Billie Hodson* (Hastings)
2nd *Pam Zimmerman* (Apple Vly)
3rd *Barbara Garrison* (Foley)
4th *Linda Johnson* (Blaine)

**Crib Quilt - Hand Quilted** (6 entries)
1st *Debbie Anderson* (Minnetonka)
2nd *Lisa Johnson* (Minneapolis)
3rd *Barbara Garrison* (Foley)
4th *Marlene More* (Minneapolis)

**Crib Quilt - Machine Quilted** (8 entries)
1st *Mary Larson* (Minneapolis)
2nd *Nancy Sammis* (Isle)
3rd *Sandra Wucher* (Andover)
4th *Karen Cope* (Minneapolis)

**Wall Hanging – Pieced** (12 entries)
1st *Anita Westerhold* (Eagan)
2nd *Dawn Grasing* (Minneapolis)
3rd *Suzanne Holm* (Fridley)
4th *Sandy Claessen* (Roseville)
5th *Megan Drabek* (Bloomington)

**Wall Hanging – Appliquéd** (10 entries)
1st *Mary Zosel* (St. Cloud)

**Wall Hanging - Original Design** (27 entries)
1st *Debbie Czech* (Inver Grove Hts)
2nd *Nancy Schmiz* (Minnetonka)
3rd *Ann Poulsen* (Lakeville)
4th *Eunice Hill* (Rochester)
5th *Carolyn Peters* (Woodbury)

**Wall Hanging - Machine Quilted** (24 entries)
1st *Sharon Dunford* (Rochester)
2nd *Carolyn Peters* (Woodbury)
3rd *Kimber Olson* (Eden Prairie)
4th *Syrnvea Hicks* (Byron)
5th *Joy Fletcher* (Arden Hills)

**Garment, Pieced or Appliquéd** (not quilted) (8 entries)
1st *Debbie Schwarze* (Minneapolis)
2nd *Janet Harvey* (Elk River)
3rd *Steve Sadow* (Savage)
4th *Melissa Dalgar* (McGregor)

**Garment, Quilted** (11 entries)
1st *Syrnvea Hicks* (Byron)
2nd *Sharon Wells* (White Bear Lake)
3rd *Joyce Harder* (St. Louis Park)
4th *Janet Harvey* (Elk River)

**Machine Applique – Quilt** (1 entry)
1st *Jean Cline* (Coon Rapids)

**Machine Applique - Wall Hanging** (5 entries)
1st *Sharon Moreim* (Albert Lea)
2nd *Barbara Garrison* (Foley)
3rd *Kathy Munkelwitz* (Isle)
4th *Kimber Olson* (Eden Prairie)

**Miniature Doll House Quilt** (2 entries)
1st *Wendy Laezer* (Golden Valley)
2nd *Kay Pettman* (Champlain)

**County Sweepstakes Quilt** (18 entries)
1st *Judy Tinn* (Oakdale)
2nd *June Twit* (Glenwood)
3rd *Sandra Wucher* (Andover)
4th *Helen Sullivan* (Monticello)
5th *Ginny Graff* (Northfield)
6th *Kathryn Anderson* (Braham)
7th *Clare Mikes* (Maplewood)

**Crib Quilt – Seniors** (7 entries)
1st *Letha Roth* (Coon Rapids)
2nd *Mary Jean Miller* (Mahtomedi)
3rd *Betty Luick* (Minneapolis)
4th *Joyce Mundahl* (Plymouth)
Quilt Tragedy Update!

Here is a recent update regarding the Quilt Tragedy reported in the September Newsletter.

Gene and Sharon (Schamber), crying in Utah write:

We just received a slap in the face from UPS after they destroyed two Quilts valued at in excess of $8000. A nice little $100 check for 4-5000 hours of my wife's work. This is not the first problem we have had with UPS, they lost another of our quilts for three days a couple of years ago. The quilt was subsequently found. We had ordered a baking stone from Bakers' Catalogue, also three or four years ago and the baking stone was broken when we received it, so a claim was initiated. We repeatedly called UPS and after the claim was filed, nothing was ever done about it. This is just a warning, that if anyone out there still trusts UPS enough to ship with them

YOU MUST MAKE SURE IT IS INSURED FOR THE FULL VALUE. AND THEN HOPE!!!!

On the other hand we have never had a problem with delivery times or any other problems with U.S. POSTAL SHIPPING. Personally, we will never ship UPS again and I hope everyone else thinks about this very carefully before using UPS.

Quilt Sale - Saturday October 6 - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Everything from wallhangings to large quilts. Samples from The Country Peddler Quilt Shop and more. Most pieces are finished, some tops available, 224 N 72 St., Mahtomedi - Take Hwy 36 east to Hilton Trail, turn left to 72nd St. left on 72nd, approx 2 blocks on left. 20% of proceeds will be donated to American Red Cross.

In this time of National Tragedy, please pray for the victims of these horrific events, as well as their loved ones, still waiting for word.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. extends their heartfelt sympathies to any MQ member who may have been directly affected by these tragic events.

Congratulations to the following members for being juried into the Fine Arts exhibition.

Virginia Corrick of Minneapolis for her slashed fabric wall hanging Birds of a Feather.

Nancy Gipple of Afton for her wall hanging Changescape #2 (1st award)

Pam Moran of Plymouth for her wall hanging Ripening (3rd award)

Wendy Richardson of Brooklyn Park for her wall hanging Approaching Fronts (4th award)

Also, congratulations to Pam Moran and Lucy Senstad for their wall hangings displayed as part of the Invited Exhibition mounted by The Textile Center of Minnesota in the Fine Arts building.

MQ Sponsors Festival of Trees

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is once again participating in the HealthEast Festival of Trees to be held at the St. Paul Radisson, November 9 - 10, 2001. We have agreed to decorate a 7-ft. slimline tree, which will be auctioned off for charity. This year the proceeds will benefit HealthEast Orthopedic Care and will be used to expand their services, develop research, and create premier patient and family educational resources.

This year, the theme for our MQ tree will be snowflakes. All kinds of snowflakes will be gladly accepted, with fuzzy chenille, button garlands, snowy accents, and handmade ornaments. Please make each ornament up to 4 inches square, using our snow theme (snowflakes, snowmen, icicles, stars, etc.). Please use fabrics in blues and white or cream with silver accents, NOT traditional Christmas fabrics. If you need ideas, a handout of suggestions for ornaments will be available at the September and October MQ meetings. We also need many buttons for the garland. Please bring your donations of ornaments and buttons to any MQ meeting (prior to November), and drop them off by the tiny tree display. For more information, call Karen Asmundson at (651) 552-8832, or Doris Kraemer at (651) 452-5824.
Meet The Board!
Ruth Knable

Ruth Knable, the Evening Director-Elect has been quilting on and off for 30 years, but with a renewed enthusiasm for the last 10 years, Ruth learned to sew when she was 16, when her Dad bought her a Bernina. Like many people, Ruth was drawn to quilting because she “has always thought quilts were very practical” and she wanted to learn about them.

Ruth believes that quilting is whatever you want it to be and appreciates all kinds of quilts. She enjoys looking at most quilts, and is amazed at the variety of creativity. However, Ruth’s primary direction has been mostly pieced quilts plus a few Celtic quilts. Recently, she was bitten by the applique “bug” and has begun to really appreciate applique. Along with a number of guild members, Ruth took a class from Nancy Pearson at the recent Duluth quilt show.

Like most of us, Ruth enjoys all parts of the quilting process, including building a stash. But Ruth loves the process of building new friendships. These friendships, particularly her small quilt guild (River Valley Quilters) has proved a support system for Ruth if she wishes to stretch herself in either life or quilting. Trying a new color or technique can be scary, but Ruth looks at this as being fun. As Ruth states, “You get to buy new fabric and watch the finished quilt appear right before my eyes.”

Ruth believes that if you are happy with your project, then it is all right if the workmanship is not the best. She believes you learn from each project and as time goes by, you can change and improve “if that is important to you. Just enjoy what you do!” Ruth firmly believes that everything, including life is a learning process and that we learn from the past. After all it is part of the future, which makes it very important to preserve quilts and the heritage of who made them.

In addition to being the Evening Director-Elect, Ruth is a member of the MQ2002 and MQ2003 quilt show committees. She is inspired to quilt by listening to baseball games enabling Ruth to combine two of her favorite activities. When she has the time, Ruth also enjoys camping and reading.

Ruth was born in Brooklyn, New York. She has been married for 35 years and has two children (Eric and Katy) and four grandchildren (Jessica, Riely, Ruth, Jim and Andrew). When she is not quilting or camping, Ruth is a supervisor with the American Red Cross National Testing Laboratory.

Class Descriptions

Janet Jones Worley, October Lecture Series speaker and author of Quilts for Chocolate Lovers.

Machine Quilting the Fun Way for Beginners
Friday - 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm ($25.00)
Machinist Hall
“Got tops?” Learn to machine quilt and finish all those tops. Hands-on workshop that covers the basics of outline quilting, free-motion motifs and stipple, stipple, stipple. Batting, basting and maneuvering your quilts will be covered. Students are encouraged to learn to machine quilt using their own machine. Machine quilting is fun and easy! Just give it a try.

Fall Festival Scrap Quilt
Saturday - 9:30 am - 4:00 pm ($40.00)
Country Needleworks (Eagan, MN)
Can’t resist a fat quarter? Save all your scraps? This is the perfect quilt to use those fabrics. Choose your favorite color for the border. Then, from your stash, choose 12 darks and 12 mediums that you like when you lay them beside your chosen border fabric. It is that simple to choose the fabrics. This is the perfect time for this colorful scrap quilt. Don’t forget your lunch! For a sneak preview, check out www.quiltpatternsetc.com.

October Workshop Registration Form

- Janet Worley, Lecturer and Teacher of Quilts for Chocolate Lovers will be lecturing at MQ Meetings on October 4 and 5, 2001. She will be holding workshops on Friday afternoon (1/2 day) and Saturday (1 day).

Name: ___________________________ e-Mail: ________________

Address: ___________________________________________________________

City: __________ State: __________ Zip: __________ Phone No.: ______________ MQ Number: __________

Friday, October 4 (1:00 - 4:00 pm) - $25.00 - Location (Machinist Hall, Saint Paul, MN)
Machine Quilting the Fun Way for Beginners: "Got tops?" Learn to machine quilt and finish all those tops. Hands-on workshop that covers the basics of outline quilting, free-motion motifs and stipple, stipple, stipple.

Saturday, October 5 (8:30 am - 4:00 pm) - $40.00 - Location (Country Needleworks, Eagan, MN)
Fall Festival Scrap Quilt: Can’t resist a fat quarter? Save all your scraps? This is the perfect quilt to use those fabrics. Choose your favorite color for the border. Then, from your stash, choose 12 darks and 12 mediums that you like when you lay them beside your chosen border fabric. It is that simple to choose the fabrics.

Make checks payable to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and send (along with this registration form) to: Laura Nagel, 7885 Lower 139th Court West, Apple Valley, MN 55124.
New Masthead Sought!

MQ NEWS IS SEEKING A NEW NAME AND MASTHEAD. With the new format and the updated look of the newsletter, Minnesota Quilters is now looking for a new name and masthead for the publication.

If you are creative (other than as a quilter), consider submitting your ideas to Minnesota Quilters.

At the January board meeting, the board members will review the submissions and select the new name and masthead. The selected name and masthead will be announced at the February meeting. The April issue (the birthday month of MQ) will debut the new name and masthead, along with the name of the designer.

If you are interested, here is what you need to do: (1) select a new name and (2) design a new masthead.

Requirements: The masthead does not need to contain the current MQ logo. The width is 7.5” wide and no higher than 1.5”. You will need to send your submission by January 15, 2002 to: Editor, 1640 Quail Ridge Circle, Woodbury, MN 55125. You can also send your submission by attaching the graphic files, including any fonts by e-mail to editor@mnquilt.org. If you have a question regarding format, please contact editor@mnquilt.org.

The masthead submission must include the layout, with a volume/issue tag line, as well as the name of the fonts selected for the new name. If the new masthead was created on a computer, please include a high quality print, as well as a diskette, including any graphic files and fonts. If you have hand drawn the new masthead, the drawing must be a high quality, inked drawing. All submissions, including all copyrights become the property of Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

If your submission is selected, you will be featured in the April issue (along with pictures). You will receive a one year MQ membership, free registration at the MQ2002 Quilt Show, a priority registration envelope and a $50.00 gift certificate from a vendor of your choice at the MQ2002 Merchant Mall.

Minnesota Quilters
Festive Holiday Dinner!

Reception & Evening Meeting
December 6, 2001
Beginning at 6:30 pm
Olson Campus Center
(Luther Seminary)

Menu

Entree:
Chicken Wellington, Rice Pilaf & Broccoli -- $16.50
Prime Rib of Beef, Twice Baked Potato & Long Green Beans -- $16.50
Roasted Vegetables with Pasta -- $14.50

Served with:
Salad, Potato, Vegetable, Bread, Dessert
Choice of Beverage

Reservations Due by November 17, 2001

Festive Holiday Dinner
Reservation Deadline - November 17, 2001

Please Print Carefully

Name: ___________________________ MQ #: ___________________________

Please circle your dinner choice:

Chicken Wellington ($16.50)  Prime Rib of Beef ($16.50)  Roasted Vegetables w/ Pasta ($14.50)

Please make check payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Send this form, with your payment to:

Annemarie S. Yohnk
13624 Krestwood Drive
Burnsville, MN 55337
Holiday Brunch (December 7, 2001)
Reservation Deadline - November 17, 2001

Name: ____________________________

MQ Number: _______________________

Please make check for $12.00 payable to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
Drop off your reservation form and payment at the November meeting or
Send this reservation form and payment to:

Doris Kraemer
4069 Deerwood Trail
Eagan, MN 55122

Join Minnesota Quilters at a Holiday Brunch
Guest Speaker: Susan Stein on
Friday, December 7, 2001
8:30 am
Olson Campus Center - Luther Seminary

Menu
Assorted Garden Vegetables/Dill Dip
Baked Country Ham/Brunch Quiche
Fresh Fruit
Assorted Bakery, Muffins, Nutbreads
Beverages

Registration deadline: November 17
Cost $12.00

Ornament
Block Exchange

Susan Stein, the owner of Colorful Quilts and Textiles will be our speaker at the Holiday Brunch. Her presentation "Ringing in the Holiday Season" is based on her new book, Double Wedding Ring Quilts: Coming Full Circle. She will be showing her beautiful wedding ring quilts.

Fans of the popular Double Wedding Ring quilts will love Susan Stein's treatment of the design in her new book, Double Wedding Ring Quilts: Coming Full Circle. And come full circle they do. The gentle interlocking circles and open areas of the rings form a blank canvas for creativity, the playing field for the two dozen exciting wallhanging projects in the book. Each is a contemporary gem with a link to tradition.

This book is definitely user-friendly. Instructions for each project are numbered and illustrations are clear. You won't lose your place as you work through each project. A 15-inch Double Wedding Ring pattern is included. (AQS Review)

Pages: 96
AQS Publishing

Change of Address

MQ Number: _______________________
Name: ______________________________
New Address: _________________________
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New Phone Number: __________________
Send to Karen O'Brien, 1125 Sherren St., Roseville, MN 55113 or e-mail: membership@mnquilt.org
MQ Receives Award!

On Thursday, September 6, 2001 Minnesota Quilters, Inc., along with Quilts, Comforts & Tea, Inc. and Associated Sewing received an “Award of Excellence” for their participation in Project Linus. Leigh Gleason and Joan Johnson from Quilts, Comforts & Tea, Inc., Wendy Hamilton from Associated Sewing and Susan MacLennan, MQ presented by Mary and Martha Godby, area Project Linus coordinators.

In addition to the “Award of Excellence” from the Project Linus organization, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and Associated Sewing received the “Good Neighbor Award” from WCCO radio.

Project Linus is a 100% volunteer nonprofit organization. Their mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, homemade, washable blankets and afghans, lovingly created by volunteer blanketers. For more information you can check out www.projectlinus.org.

As of December, 2000, Project Linus had delivered over 265,000 security blankets to children around the world. With over 250 chapters in the United States, plus affiliate chapters in Canada and England, the organization continues to supply blankets to children in need. Although Project Linus originally donated blankets to pediatric cancer patients, recipients now include any child who is seriously ill or traumatized in some way — in other words “children in need of a big hug.”

Editor’s Note: While MQ applauds the participation of the membership in the Project Linus, the time spent on this project does not go to accumulating MQ Volunteer Hours. Mary and Martha Godby erroneously stated that the time will be added to your volunteer total. We are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

New Area Coordinator Named!

The Mission of ABC Quilts is to send love and comfort to at-risk children (young children who are HIV/AIDS-infected, alcohol/drug-affected, or abandoned) in the form of handmade baby quilts, and to use the process of creating these quilts as a tool for promoting awareness, informed choices and community service.

In May 1988, Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, M.D., published an article in her newsletter about the tragedy of HIV/AIDS infected babies, many of whom had been orphaned or abandoned, and were destined to live their short lives in hospitals. Dr. Kubler-Ross estimated that there were approximately 3000 of these babies. Ellen Ahlgren of Northwood, New Hampshire was so affected by the article that she decided to do something to bring comfort to these little ones. Remembering how thrilled her nine grandchildren had been with the quilts she made for them she wondered if quilters across the country would join with her to provide a “blankie” for each of these babies. Ellen contacted the Director of Pediatric AIDS at Boston City Hospital who was very enthusiastic about the idea.

As of late 1994, some 155,000 children-made quilts have been donated to hospitals for babies with HIV/AIDS, alcohol, or drug-related problems, thanks to Ellen Ahlgren. Motivated by the knowledge that most children have great anxiety about these problems, quilting bees provide an ideal environment for discussion, and afflicted babies would be comforted with a quilt of their own, the retired teacher/counselor began the now worldwide ABC Quilts project. In addition to clear directions for making quilts, the editors have included suggestions and “facts and discussion” starters for parents, teachers, youth leaders and others interested in starting a quilt project with youngsters. In a recent article, Ms. Ahlgren reported a story about Noble Jr. High 8th graders in Berwick, Maine, who won first prize for a state sponsored creative writing contest. It seems, that they had written about their quilt projects as 7th graders and used their prize money to help other 7th graders on their quilt project.

To help those who want to organize a quilting project in a school or youth group, ABC Quilts and the Quilt Digest Press have published a very useful manual called Kids Making Quilts for Kids. Available in bookstores, fabric stores, and libraries throughout the country, this guide includes easy-to-follow directions for four basic baby quilts. It also provides a special section for group leaders suggesting topics for discussion and answering the questions that middle- and high-school students most often ask about HIV and AIDS.

If you are interested in making a quilt for the ABC Quilt project, use pre-washed 100% cotton or at least 50/50 cotton/polyester. No knits. The sizes are approximately 36" X 36" (newborns) up to 40" X 44" (toddlers to 6 years). You can check out more information at www.abquilts.org.
MINNESOTA QUILTERS NEWS AND NOTES

MINNESOTA QUILT PROJECT
by Jackie Northrup, MQP Chair

The Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) is a standing committee of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. The purpose of MQP is to identify and document quilts that have a Minnesota connection.

Well, fall is approaching quilting and I am enjoying it immensely. This is great quilting weather. On August 18, three of us from the MQP Committee went to Aitkin to document their quilts. We documented 48 quilts in just over 5 hours. A dozen of those were from the exhibit at the Art Center, the rest were brought in by the public. What an experience, we saw a little bit of everything.

One of the ladies brought in at least a dozen family quilts. They were made for babies, graduations, weddings. She could tell you which fabrics came from which dress. Some were given to her as tops and she finished them. Each quilt told it’s own story. Several quilts were antique shop finds. Some were found at garage sales.

One Grandmother’s Flower Garden top was found crumpled in a box under some tools. They thought it was a rag. This top is now quilted and ready to be bound.

We saw two kit quilts, and both were extraordinary, both in workmanship and condition. There was a red and cream Double Irish Chain that was wonderful. There were three Grandmother’s Flower Garden from the 1930s.

I really enjoyed those quilts, but I think the find of the day was a red and green applique quilt in the “Love Apple” pattern that was dated to 1897.

At the end of the day, what struck me most was that out of 48 quilts, only 3 had any information on the quilt stating who made it and when it was made. There was an album quilt made by a Girl Scout troop that had their names and the date “1937” embroidered on it. That was priceless.

How important that little piece of information was. We can date a quilt by the fabric and pattern but it is so exciting to find a name and a date either embroidered on the front or on a label on the back. You can buy 

MQ2002 Show Advanced Registration

As we’ve been telling you, effective this year, DECEMBER 1 is the important membership requirement date for advanced registration in the 2002 show. That’s when we’ll be pulling THE LIST of Minnesota Quilters members for advanced registration. Don’t worry about renewing your membership early because we simply add on twelve months membership onto your current expiration date. To illustrate, if your expiration date is 11/1/2001 when you renew, afterwards it will be 11/2002.

President’s Blocks

It is a Minnesota Quilters, Inc. tradition to make President’s blocks for our serving President. Susan MacLennan (who should get twice as many blocks for serving two terms!) would like her blocks to be 9 in. (finished) Friendship Star Blocks with the background ranging from dark medium to dark blue. The star fabric can be all kinds of gold prints, tone on tones or solids.

Membership News
Karen O’Brien
membership@mqquilt.org

Meeting Admission Reminder

The meeting directors would like to remind you to bring your membership card to any and all meetings. This is something that most of you manage just wonderfully. When you have your current membership card in hand, it makes entry into the meeting room a snap!

If you’ve searched high and low and just can not find your membership card, please ask Karen at the Membership table for a replacement card to be made.

Badge holders are available at the admission table.

2001/2002 Membership Directory

Minnesota Quilters has published the yearly Membership Directory, a resource widely used by our membership of 1600+. Please let us know if you have not received your directory.

Member Demographics

Based on telephone area codes, the membership demographics of Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

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October 6-7, 2001
"A Quilter's Legacy" sponsored by Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild. Hours: 10 am - 4 pm at the Frederic Elementary School, Frederic, WI. Features: Silent auction, raffle, quilt challenge, display, and vendors. Any questions, contact Carol Peterson, 567 Day Rd., St. Croix Falls, WI 54024 or call: 715-483-9439.

October 13-14, 2001
"Heritage Stars" sponsored by St. Cloud Heritage Quilters at Hallenbeck Hall at St. Cloud State Univ. Admission: $2.00 Features: 300 quilted items, small quilt auction, raffle quilt, and vendors. Any questions, send a LSASE to: Jean Gilbertson, PO Box 7181, St. Cloud, MN 56302-7181 or call: 320-251-0523.

October 27, 2001
"Women Hanging by a Thread" sponsored by School Sisters of Notre Dame at Knights of Columbus Community Center, Savage MN. Quilt Review: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm.

Auction: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. For more information contact: Judith Evans, 507-389-4109 Website: www.ssdmankato.org.

November 1-4, 2001
International Quilt Festival - Houston, TX. Exhibit Hours: 10 am - 7 pm November 1, 2, 3 & 11 am - 5 pm November 4. Show Days: November 1-4, 2001, Special Events & Classes begin Monday, October 29, Preview Night October 31. Shop more than 850 booths, pick from 350+ classes, lectures, and special events, enjoy free teacher demos, daily bus tours to Houston museums for special quilt exhibits! Admission: $9.00 Website: www.quilts.com.

November 3-4, 2001
Hudson Heritage Quilters present "Patchwork Harvest V Quilt Show". Show Hours: Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sun 11:00 am - 4:00 pm. Admission: $3.00 - under 4 years Free. New and antique quilts, raffle, quilt, small quilt auction, vendors. Lunch available. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Road, Hudson, WI. Website: hhquilters.tripod.com.

If we all contribute... by Linda Krueger
When I looked at the price tag proposed for the Textile Center Capital Campaign (buying and renovating the building), the $$'s did not seem real to me and I had not taken the time to decide what a "fair" contribution would be.

The overall goal from individuals is $800,000, with a sub-goal of $100,000 by the end of September. If this is accomplished, we will be eligible for nearly $500,000 in matching foundation funds! We have already raised $70,000 of that $100,000, with $30,000 more to go. A total of $43,533 has been contributed by 180 quilters to date.

The MQ Board has voted to match the next $10,000 donated by MQ members, if pledged or donated between Sept. 1 and December 31, 2001.

What does this really mean to me?
I am one of 1,600 MQ members (there are 1500 that haven't yet contributed yet...)

I will be taking advantage of our new textile home as follows:
- Expanded library and MQ office hours
- Easy access to public transit
- More classes and workshops (with other fiber groups, too)
- Better lighting, space more conducive to fiber work than union activities
- Gallery, gift, and coffee shop in the building
- Lower rent, leading to more and better MQ programming than ever
- Pledges counted as cash (no need to write a check today)
- My dollars will be doubled!

Once I took a few minutes to break down the $$'s and realize all the benefits to me, my response to MQ was easy. YES! and here is my check.

November 4-6, 2001
Gathering Friends Quilt Retreat - 3 days of quilting at Green Lake Bible Camp. Send $50.00 nonrefundable deposit to reserve your place. Total cost is $125.00, payable in full by October 1, 2001. Project kits will be available at additional charge. Send check to: Gathering Friends Quilt Shop, 101 South Main St., Bird Island, MN 55310 or call at 320-365-4670. www.gatheringfriendquiltshop.com

Carol Wagner is looking for several people who are interested in participating in a landscape round robin. For more information contact Carol at 6551-488-6286.

Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as you find out your event dates; the deadline for this newsletter is the first day of the month before the newsletter is printed (e.g., February 1 for the March newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related. MQ News reserves the right to edit the content for length.

Do the Math!
Math, Yuk! but here is the low-down skinny!

We know that there are members located in many portions of the state that do not or can not attend the monthly meetings, but the move to the Textile Center will ultimately benefit the entire membership.

As Linda points out, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. has agreed to donate a sum of $10,000, in matching funds. That means you, loyal members of Minnesota Quilters can help us reach our capital campaign goals.

We can reach $10,000 if you consider the math:
- $6.25 from each member (based on 1600) or
- $10.00 from 62.4% of the membership or
- $0.12/week/member or ($0.19/week - 62.5%) or
- $0.0171/day/member or ($0.0279/day - 62.5%)

Did you know that $6.25 will get you —
- 2.5 lattes ($2.50/latte), or
- 9.5 candy bars ($0.69/bar), or
- 6.5 bottles of Coke ($1.00/bottle), or
- 6 Powerball tickets, or
- $6.25 of matching funds from MQ, Inc.

To make it easy, we have included a copy of the pledge form (see page 18). If you should respond by sending in your pledge card, be sure to include your Minnesota Quilters, Inc. membership number. Thanks, once again!
1. Which meeting do you usually attend?
   Circle one: Thursday PM   Friday AM   Too far to attend

2. Rank these meeting combinations in order of preference, if you were to attend a meeting
   (1 = most preferred, 3 = most preferred)
   ____ Thursday PM & Friday AM   ____ Friday PM & Saturday AM   ____ Thursday PM & Saturday PM

3. How important is it to you to have a vendor at each meeting?
   1 (very important)           5 (moderate)           10 (does not matter)

4. Rate your satisfaction with previous lecture speakers.
   1 (very satisfied)           5 (moderately satisfied)       10 (not satisfied)

5. Is there someone you would recommend as a future lecture speaker?

6. Are you interested in attending workshops given by our lecture speakers?
   Circle one: Yes or No        If Yes, (circle one): Full Day or Half Day

7. What has been your favorite non-lecture series program? List any suggestions.

8. For the July meeting (if you were to attend), would you prefer (circle one):
   Business Meeting only    Regular schedule program

At the August evening and day meetings, a survey (shown above) was handed out to the members attending those meetings. If you were unable to attend the August meeting and you are interested in responding to any of the survey questions, please send the survey (or a copy of the survey) with your answers to: Annemarie Yohnk, Evening Director, 1399 Eustis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108. You can also respond to this survey by visiting the MQ website at www.mnquilt.org/survey.htm.

There was a total of 264 responses, although not every voted in all the categories. Also some members voted at both meetings. Here are the results.

1. Which meeting do you usually attend? Thursday (178) - Friday (93)
2. Rank these meeting combinations in order of preference, if you were to attend a meeting. Thursday PM & Friday AM (153/51/38) Friday PM & Saturday AM (28/45/138) - Thursday PM & Saturday PM (86/110/26)
3. How important is it to you to have a vendor at each meeting?
   1 (96) - 3 (11) - 5 (110) - 8 (9) - 10 (34)
4. Rate your satisfaction with previous lecture speakers.
   1 (174) - 3 (25) - 5 (39) - 8 (2) - 10 (2)
5. Is there someone you would recommend as a future lecture speaker? 58 Ideas
6. Are you interested in attending workshops given by our lecture speakers? Yes (189) - No (60) - Full Day (38) - Half Day (111)
7. What has been your favorite non-lecture series program? List any suggestions. Demos/Mystery Quilt/School House/Garage Sale
8. For the July meeting (if you were to attend), would you prefer: Business Meeting only (41) - Regular schedule program (202) - Business Meeting w/ Garage Sale (8)
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