December Meeting Notes

Saturday, December 13, 2003 - 10:00 am

Seasons Greetings!

Many say this is the time of year for giving, but apparently whomever “they” are, must not be quilters. Throughout this past year the momentum of giving has not waned for the members of MQ and your generosity of giving has brought a great deal of happiness and appreciation to many. Thank you all for your love and caring.

The current service project for the year 2003 is for babies’ and children’s quilts in a winter holiday theme. They can be from approximately 30” x 30” to 40” x 50”, tied or quilted. In appreciation for your donation you will qualify for a drawing for a $25.00 gift certificate to your favorite quilt shop if you get them to Minnesota Quilters by December 4th. If there is no one in the office just ask the Textile Center staff to put the quilts in the MQ office for you.

December Holiday Brunch – Saturday December 13th

The December meeting will be held at the Binz Refectory on the campus of the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul. We will have a brief regular meeting. There will be a breakfast brunch, entertainment, block exchange, ornament exchange and BOM drawing, door prizes, show and tell and voting on the Holiday Challenge projects. There is more detailed information on signing up and directions to the Binz Refectory on pages 8 and 9.

Our brunch entertainment will be Kris Winter in ‘Family Treasures’. Kris Winter entertains children of all ages with her original character Sophie Obermueller. Sophie is an animated eighty-seven year old woman who loves sharing stories highlighting her love affair with life. In Family Treasures, Sophie’s personal and heartfelt family stories will have audience members, laughing, crying and embracing their own unique personal experiences.

Kris Winter, creator of Paper Cow Theater, is an accomplished teacher, writer, actress and director. Her original programming has delighted audiences throughout Wisconsin and now Minnesota. Kris has extensive experience in improvisational character appearances and directing original plays. She has studied with Paul Sills, and was a member of the Greenwood Players Children’s Theater for ten years.

January 8th & 10th – Minnesota Quilt Show Committee for 2004

The committee will present the June 2004 MQ Quilt Show, featuring a host of topics relating to show and class registration, quilt entry and attendance of the next quilt show. Get your memberships up to date by December 1st to be eligible for February, 2004, registration.

Happy Holidays to you and yours,
Linda Kosfeld, Evening Director
Michelle Swenson, Day Director
Hello, Quilters –

I hope to see a lot of you at the holiday brunch in St. Paul on December 13. Last year’s brunch at the same location was so nice – great food, great company and lots of fun with quilt-related (of course!) exchanges. I’m sure this year will be just as fun and just as delicious.

Since I’ve been trying to keep you up with the business end of MQ, let me tell you what the board has been up to lately. Besides the usual monthly meetings and seemingly endless decisions about the business of this organization, we have been working on the necessary adjustments to accommodate our new tax status (refer to the September newsletter for more on that) and planning for the implementation of our strategic planning goals from 2002 as well. I know many of you don’t really care about all those details and that’s fine, but it gives me an opportunity to continually remind you that we want to make MQ the best it can be for you members and for the public. So keep your comments coming. And think about how you might want to contribute in the future – there will be a new board structure and many potential committee assignments for your consideration in the next several months.

Don’t forget to note the January meetings in your brand new calendar. At such a dark, cold time of year what fun it will be to start planning for the show in Rochester in June. I’m sure you will want to come to the January meeting to hear and see all about it!

…and lastly, happy holidays to all. Let’s all remember to breathe during this very busy time of year, sneak in at least a few minutes a day to sew or play with fabric, and remember what’s important in our lives.

Renay Leone
President

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Yes, the leaves have fallen and that bad word (windchill!) was said on the weather forecast, but Mary Leuders and Ellen Carter, your Day Directors Elect, are here to tell you there is life beyond Winter… **Think SPRING FLING!** We’ve been scouting sites for Quilt Getaways and found a wonderful place in Spicer, MN, approximately 80 miles west of the Twin Cities. The Green Lake Bible Camp has wonderful views of the lake. It will make a great trip and we’ll tell you about all of the nice quilt shops along the way. The quilting spaces are very nice and we’ve planned a range of projects to meet different tastes and skill levels. Patchwork and Posies, Rolling Petals and flowers galore will be offered!

So now is the time to put this trip on your wish list for Christmas! Tell your family to send you away for a nice weekend of fun, fellowship, an in-house vendor and the hum of sewing machines. We will be checking in **Wednesday, March 10th, after 5 pm and leaving Sunday Morning, March 14th, by 11 am.** There will be plenty of time to sew long into the night and early in the morning. The rooms can hold 3-5 people with a bathroom in each room.
COMMMUNITY PROJECTS

January and February
Make warm utility quilts for refugees or natural disaster victims, to be sent where there is a need, or given to the Salvation Army for distribution. Bring in a quilt by February 7 to be eligible for the gift certificate drawing.

Everyone who donates a quilt as specified for the time period will be entered in a drawing for a $25 gift certificate to your favorite quilt shop. When you bring in a kid's quilt by December 1, your name will be entered in the drawing. The gift certificate drawing will be during the Holiday Brunch, December 13. Quilts can be brought to meetings or dropped off or sent to the MQ at the Textile Center. Be sure to put your name on the quilt so you can be included in the drawing.

Does your guild have a Raffle Quilt? Would you like to display it and sell tickets at an MQ meeting? PLEASE contact either the Morning or Evening Director (Michelle Swenson or Linda Kosfeld) FIRST. We don't want dueling raffle quilts.

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

Remember, a fat quarter is 1 yard of fabric quartered (cut in half lengthwise then cut in half widthwise). Each piece should measure at least 18” x 22”.

Fat quarter drawing “rules”:
× Bring or send a fat quarter in the color(s) or design specified for each month, with your name and address attached. Send your entry to:
  Fat Quarter
  Minnesota Quilters
  3000 University Ave SE Suite 120
  Minneapolis, MN 55414
× When a color is specified, the fabric can be a solid color or a print that contains the specified color as the main or predominant color.
× When two colors are specified it means that you can bring either of the two colors, or a fabric that has both of the colors as main colors.
× The plaids and stripes can be any colors.

The next six months’ quarters are:
December - no drawing this month
January - stripes
February - pinks and reds
March - greens and whites/off-whites
April - pastels (solids or prints)
May - brights (solids or prints)

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The next issue is January, 2004. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration is December 1, 2003. All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. Please contact the Editor to place an ad or submit an article or item. All items for publication are subject to review. MQ charges for ad space at MQ’s discretion, announcements and other information of interest to guild members may be published at no charge. Ads must be paid in advance. Ads will be accepted on a space available basis in the order payment is received.

All ads and articles may be sent by email to editor@mnquilt.org or sent by mail to:

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH
for the
JANUARY MEETING
BY JOANNE HOLZNECHT

Please use 100% cotton fabrics. PLEASE PREWASH THE FABRIC. Note: When making a Block of the Month, please read the instructions carefully, particularly regarding the fabric choices. The pictures may not always be representative of the fabric selection.

Background - White on White and cut as directed on diagram
Seam allowance is included
Squares are all cut 2 ½” x 2 ½”
  Cut 6 squares from a black tone on tone print
  Cut 10 squares from various bright neon colored prints
... Think confetti!!
Sew together as diagram shows.
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Make one or more blocks. Print your name and address on a slip of paper and attach it to the back of each block. Bring as many versions of the block to the January meeting as you want. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your name and block(s) to:

Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave. N.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net

CALL FOR BLOCKS AND QUILTS
The Minnesota Quilt Project is producing a book of Joanne Holznecht’s Blocks of the Month. If you’d like to make a block for the quilt illustrating the book, please contact Pam Ronan at 763-745-0535 or digistch@msn.com. Deadline for the blocks will be March 6.

If you were a BOM winner, have finished your BOM quilt and would like to display it at the Rochester show, please contact Pam Ronan.
**VOLUNTEER - VOLUNTEER - VOLUNTEER**

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Be thinking of where you would like to get involved!

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Linda Krueger 952-431-3646

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The MQP members working on Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections met October 19. They each brought an outline of the chapter they are writing. The discussion centered on how to proceed to the next steps to produce our first drafts. These will be due in January.

We are continuing to document quilts. In February we will be photographing an extensive private collection. We have been requested to present our slide program to a guild in the late spring.

We have contacted Merikay Waldvogle about lecturing at the May meetings. Author of Domestic Life Prior to 1930 with Bets Ramsey, and Soft Covers for Hard Times: Quilting and the Great Depression; Patchwork Souvenirs of the 1933 Chicago World's Fair; and Southern Quilts: Surviving Relics of the Civil War, Merikay has also appeared on Simply Quilts.

Arrangements for our presence at the 2004 MQ show in Rochester are being firmed up. We will again be appraising and documenting quilts if requested.

MQP has decided to produce a collection of Joanne Holznecht’s blocks of the month. With over 100 blocks to choose from, the goal is to present 40 – 50 blocks and create a quilt for the cover of the book. The quilt will then become part of MQ’s quilt collection. Anyone interested in helping with the project should contact Pat Cox or Pam Ronan.

**GIRL SCOUTS – QUILTING FOR OTHERS**

MQ supports the Girl Scouts by providing teachers for the Girl Scout Community Service Project: Quilting for Others. MQ volunteers and staff from Associated Sewing to teach 400 – 500 Junior and 11-17 year old Girl Scouts how to use a sewing machine and different quilting techniques during special quilting days. Each quilting day (9:00 am – 3:00 pm) is held in a different location:

- January 24, 2004 - St. Cloud
- February 7, 2004 – Northfield
- April 17, 2004 – Minnetonka

The Scouts will create tops that will be donated to agencies chosen by the Girl Scout Council and work toward a Merit Badge.

If you are interested in helping out at any of these Quilting Days, please contact:

Paulette Marini
16307 Blenheim Way
Minnetonka, MN 55345
952-938-5652
cpmarini@msn.com

**Membership News**

*Mary Montez* - membership@mnquilt.org

New membership, renewal and change of address should be sent to:

Mary Montez
285 E. Wentworth Ave.
W. St. Paul, MN 55118
membership@mnquilt.org

When renewing or changing address (or name), please include your MQ Membership Number (MQNo). This can be found to the right above your address on your latest newsletter. Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will read: “Please Renew.” The number to the left above your address indicates the month and year of membership expiration. Example: “9/1/03 means you need to renew your membership before the September meeting in 2003.

- Membership Dues: $30.00/year (USD)
- Student Dues: $15.00/year (USD)

Please make checks payable to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A portion of the dues is allocated to postage at U.S. Postal rates.

**Meeting Admission Reminder**

The meeting admission for nonmembers is $3.

The meeting directors 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 Mary at the Membership table for a replacement card to be made. Badge holders are available at the admission table.
Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as finalize 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 reformat and edit the content for length.

**Helen’s Color Crossword**
by Helen Kelley

Many thanks to Helen for this crossword. It is one half of a puzzle she created for her Crosswise Class. The answers are all names of colors.

**ACROSS**

2. ____Ribbons in her hair
6. The Old Mare
7. ______’s Baby: a movie
9. ______Waves of Grain
10. Peter Sellers’ Panther
11. Yummy Desert Bars
13. Fried ______ Tomatoes
16. The Red, White ______
17. ______Submarine
19. Heavenly Way Candy Bar
21. Roses are Red, ______s are blue
22. Fuel
24. Coffee Whitener
25. Corroded Iron
28. Rhymes with Juice
30. Chinese Carving Stone
31. Fish Swim in these Reefs
34. Leif Erikson’s Discovery
35. Company VIPs or Top ______
36. Salt and ______

**DOWN**

1. Kind of Scissors
3. Southwestern Jewelry
4. Kate ______away
5. One of a Fruity Cluster
8. ______r Twist
12. Join This to See the World
14. Dark ______late
15. Put in his Thumb and Pulled out a ______
16. Water: ______Pura
18. A Kind of Hot Mama
20. Springtime Flowering Bush
21. Rosy City in South Dakota
22. Tree that Blossoms in DC
23. Eggshell Color

26. Duck
27. Sky Ship
29. Long Skinny Vegie
32. Pekoe Tea
33. Dorothy’s Slippers

**Call For Entries**...of quilts inspired by the theme “Northern Skies” for a unique outdoor show at Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River, WI on July 10, 2004. For entry information contact us at 800-838-9472 or gail@treesfortomorrow.com
Join Your MQ Friends for Holiday Brunch

This year we will be returning to the St. Thomas Refectory in Binz Hall for a scrumptious breakfast brunch, entertainment, and general merriment. Everyone who attended last year raved about the wonderful food. This year we’re going to lighten up a little and go with a breakfast brunch instead of a lunch. We’ll have egg dishes, ham, fruit, pastries and other tasty surprises.

Block and Ornament Exchange

It has been a tradition in past years to have a holiday block exchange and a holiday ornament exchange. You may participate in one, both, or neither. These EXCHANGES are in addition to the Block of the Month and Fat Quarter Drawing.

Block Exchange

★ Bring a 12½ “ (12” finished size) block in holiday colors or with a holiday theme to exchange for a block made by someone else. This is sort of a “mystery” exchange because the blocks will be put in paper bags and you won’t know what you’re getting.

★ In the past we’ve separated the blocks by background color, muslin or white, but this year we are not going to separate them. Get creative and use green or blue or red, or any other color for a background. Or use white or muslin.

★ There is a maximum of 3 blocks per person. You will get a ticket for each block you bring, and you will turn in your ticket(s) when you select a bag(s).

Ornament Exchange

★ Bring a homemade ornament to exchange for an ornament made by someone else. The ornaments will be put in paper bags and you won’t know what you’re getting.

★ You will get a ticket if you bring an ornament, and you will turn in your ticket when you select a bag.

Details

Cost: $16.00 (must be received by Nov. 27)
Date: Saturday, December 13, 2003
Time: Doors open at 10:00 a.m.; brunch served at 10:30
Where: St. Thomas Refectory (St. Paul campus); Binz Hall. See the map for directions.

Sign up!

Make check for $16 payable to Minnesota Quilters. Write your membership number on the check. If your check does not have your address and phone number on it, be sure to include that information. Send the check with the necessary information to:

Linda Kosfeld, Holiday Brunch, 3312 W. 88th St., Bloomington, MN 55431
Sophie Obermueler is an animated eighty-seven year old woman who loves sharing stories highlighting her love affair with life. In *Family Treasures*, Sophie’s stories will have you laughing, crying, and embracing your own unique personal experiences. (Sophie is portrayed by Kris Winter from Paper Cow Theater in Menomonie, Wisconsin.)

**Entertainment**

**Menu**
- Eggs scrambled with provolone cheese, spinach, and roasted red peppers
- Roasted pit ham with rum raisin sauce
- Grilled red herb potatoes
- Assorted scones and sweet breads
- Fresh fruit
- Orange juice, coffee, tea, milk

**Directions to University of St. Thomas Binz Hall (Refectory)**

**East I-94 (from Minneapolis)**
Take I-94 east to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go right (south) on Cretin Avenue.

**West I-94 (from St. Paul)**
Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue.

Stay on Cretin for about one mile; cross Summit Ave. Turn right into Parking Lot. The Refectory is at the south end of the Parking Lot.
The Quintessential Quilt
2003 International Quilt Festival, Houston

Imagine filling Camp Snoopy quilts and more vendors than there are stores at Mall of America. Imagine 50,000 attendees. Imagine 80 degree weather for Halloween. Imagine meeting quilters from all over the world.

The week of the International Quilt Festival in Houston was like a dream. So many wonderful memories were made, techniques learned, quilts seen, not to mention the fun stuff that was purchased or longed for and the great and abundant food. There was even a Mowie Wowie stand in the Dining Hall, just like in St. Paul River Centre!

To be in the company of quilters and vendors from Korea, Japan, England, Scotland, South Africa, Australia and of course the United was fantastic. Your editor even got to meet Alex Anderson! The luminaries of the quilt world could not have been more considerate. Courtesy and kindness were the watchwords for the wonderful Festival staff and volunteers, Hotel staff and even the interesting bus drivers.

From Minneapolis, Gini Corrick’s ensemble Taming the Dragon was seen in the Bernina Fashion Show. One highlight of the fashion show was the appearance of Adrian Stimson, Chief of the Blackfoot Nation on the runway with Michelle Newman’s garment titled Chief. A Blackfoot Medicine Man gave a blessing for the show and quilters. Winner of the Bernina Crème de la Crème Award was Charlotte Warr Andersen’s Josephine's Amazing Neutral-Colored Dreamcoat. More information on the Fashion Show winners and pictures from the Festival can be found at http://www.berninausa.com/events/iqf2003f/festivalexhibits

If viewing quilts is music to the eyes, listening to the piano concert with Ricky Tims, Virginia Avery, Jeff Gutcheon and Karen Stone was pure heaven for the ears. There was even a little show and tell by Karen Stone that included quilts with Jeff Gutcheon’s fabric. If you’re ever at any show that offers a concert of any kind, make a point to attend. Getting ear candy after all the eye candy was almost as good as a nap to recharge the brain.

Best of all, MQ’s Best of Show quilt for 2003, 1774 – Heartache, Heritage and Happiness by Pam Holland was given That Patchwork Place ® Best of Show Award at the Houston Quilt Festival. There were several quilts by Minnesotans on display including these finalists in the Judged Show:

- Susan Cleveland, West Concord, A Big Star
- Claudia Myers, Duluth, Moonshine
- Kim Klocke, Rochester, Two Koko Girls
- Claudia Myers and Marilyn Badger, Duluth, Sparkle Plenty

Our own Pat Cox was teaching and vending and Helen Kelley was signing her book. New techniques, fabric, notions, machines and ideas were abundant. Gail Hanson, Ellen Clark, Mary Montez, Chris Stern, and Sue Rutford, were among the MQ members who saw the show. (Your editor apologizes in advance for any Minnesotan quilters who were at Festival and not mentioned here.)

The next opportunity to see a show like this will be in Chicago, March 26 - 28, 2004. Although somewhat smaller in size, it should prove to be no less spectacular. There already is a bus tour available from Minnesota. Check out www.quilts.com for more information.

Quilts, Inc. has already listed a 2004 judged category of small embellished quilts: less the 25” square with at least 100 items on the surface. There will also be a new category sponsored by Roxanne’s for hand quilting. Get details at www.quilts.com.
Minnesota Quilters 2004 Scholarship For Beginning Quilters
In Honor of Doreen Speckmann

Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters 2004 Quilt Show and Convention in Rochester? The Minnesota Quilters is offering the Minnesota Quilters Scholarship for Beginning Quilters In Honor of Doreen Speckmann. The late Doreen Speckmann loved to inspire new quilters. Her classes were always geared for the beginning or intermediate student. We offer this scholarship in Doreen's name to continue her primary focus: encouraging all quilters, but especially the newly interested.

We believe the best way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in annual Minnesota Quilters' Quilt Show and Convention. The person chosen to receive the scholarship will enjoy the following awards:

- Registration for two 3-hour classes or one 6-hour class
- Registration for three lectures
- Single hotel room for two nights
- Award Ceremony ticket
- Fashion Show ticket
- Conference Registration costs

To be considered for this beginning quilter's scholarship you must meet the following requirements:

- Have quilted less than two years
- Have started fewer than three large quilts or four wall hangings

Your scholarship application will consist of the following:

- An essay containing between 500-750 words. The essay should explain what quilting means to you, what you would like to learn during the Quilt Show and Convention
- Photos of two of your quilts or wall hangings, with a description of each. The quilts do not need to be finished.
- Completed Scholarship Entry Form (found below).
- Your name and address included on the essay and pictures.

Scholarship Applications should be mailed to:

Minnesota Quilters
Scholarship Committee
3000 University Ave. SE #120
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Scholarship application deadline is February 15, 2004

Minnesota Quilters 2004 Scholarship Entry Form

Name: ____________________________________________
Home Phone # _____________________________________
Address: __________________________________________
City: ___________________________ State _______ Zip: ____________

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THE DEDICATED QUILTER

NFO Research, Inc. and Abacus Custom Research, Inc. conducted a two-part study in August 2003 as part of an ongoing survey taken every three years since 1994. Funded by Quilter’s Newsletter Magazine, a Primedia Publication and the International Quilt Marked and Festival divisions of Quilts, Inc, results of the Quilting in America™ 2003 survey lead us to conclude that:

The Dedicated Quilter is:
Female
58 years old
Well Educated (76% attended college)
Affluent (Household income more than $80,000)
Spends almost $2000 per year on quilting
Has been quilting for an average of 12.3 years
Buys 100.7 yards of fabric per year that averages $7.67 per yard.

Answers to Bennie Harper’s Crossword Puzzle