February Meeting Notes

Thursday - February 6, 2003 - 7:00 pm
Saturday - February 8, 2003 - 10:00 am

As I write this the last of the holiday decorations are put away and we are back to regular winter, albeit a very brown winter for Minnesota! We have had the Show meeting and everyone is getting excited about the possibilities for fun and learning in far-off June.

In the meantime, we have some exciting meetings planned. Our February meetings feature the Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters’ exhibit quilts, “Telling Secrets.” The quilters interpreted this theme in a great and fascinating variety of ways - some secrets revealed, some told, some that remain secrets. We have hosted the APNGQ quilts before, and this exhibit promises to be just as exciting and inspiring.

Our March Lecture series meetings will feature Didi McEllroy, who will speak on “The Tifafa’i Way,” an intriguing look at Tahitian quilts. She will share some of the atmosphere of Tahiti, the history and development of this unique quilting style, and how to design and create your own Tifafa’i. Didi brings many Tifafa’i quilts for us to see, touch, and examine, and she is an enthusiastic person who loves to share the beauty of this unique style.

Didi will also be teaching a workshop on the Friday between our day and evening meetings, “That Perfect Stitch.” Learn the secrets of creating beautiful, even, perfect hand quilting stitches. Most students make great improvement in their quilting within just a few hours due to Didi’s individual attention and guidance. This workshop is full of information and fun for beginners and more experienced quilters.

This class will be held at the Textile Center on March 7 from 9 AM to 4 PM, including a one-hour break for lunch (bring your own or go out). The class is limited to 25 students and registrations must be paid in full to hold your space. The fee is $60 for MQ Members ($70 for non-MQ Members), which includes supplies. See page 10 for the registration form.

Our April Birthday party meeting is going to feature a grand tour of the sewing spaces of some of our members. If you want to show off your fabulous studio or if you want to show folks that it could be worse, this is your chance to shine! Please contact Ruth Knable at knabler@attbi.com or 651-459-2936 to volunteer your sewing space (or a friend’s, we won’t tell who suggested their name!) for photography.

We close with congratulations to the Holiday Fire and Ice Challenge winners, selected by Viewers’ Choice voting at the Holiday brunch. First place went to Renay Leane, second to Carol Mayala for her quilt titled “Kalihari Christmas Tree Amid Kilimanjaro Mountain Snow,” and third to Kathy Berger for “The Fire of His Love Warms a Barren World.” All the entries were great and there was a wonderful variety of interpretations and styles. Thanks to all who finished their challenges and shared them with us!

Sue Rutford, Day Director
Ruth Knable, Evening Director

Have you every wanted to be a STAR? Then this is your chance to shine. We are going to make several Minnesota Quilter’s Stars. If you are interested, please contact me, Ruth Knable at this email address: knabler@attbi.com or call me at 651-459-2936.
Dear Minnesota Quilters,
I think we are all aware that the minutes of daylight have been increasing since the Winter Solstice on December 21. We will gain 62 minutes of daylight from December 21 until February 1, with greater increases in the coming months. I don’t know about you, but having more daylight has a big effect on me.

* More daylight means that I can do hand quilting without straining my eyes quite so much. * More daylight means that I can see the cobwebs lurking in the corners of my sewing room (and every other room in the house). * More daylight means that my cats start to shed more, because a cat’s coat is directly related to the increase and decrease in the number of hours of daylight. It’s Mother Nature’s way of making their coats thicker in the cold weather. So I either comb more often or deal with hair balls. * More daylight means that I’m motivated to go shopping after dinner, instead of cocooning (thank you, quilt shops that have evening hours!). * More daylight means that I start thinking about gardening, and all the time and work it will take. That gets me thinking about all of the quilt projects that I had planned to finish this winter and won’t get done. Then I tell myself that I’ll have plenty of time next fall, when the days get shorter and colder, and I can’t be outside. And before I know it, I’ve made another orbit around the sun!

I would like to mention Susan MacLennan’s request for volunteers to serve on the MQ Board of Directors. At the MQ show last summer, I was talking to a member of the Colorado state guild, which also has a large membership. She said that there is a lot of competition and campaigning for Board positions in Colorado, because people want to have some influence on how their organization is run, how it budgets money, and what it does for quilters. Those are all good reasons to serve on the MQ Board, but it’s also rewarding, interesting and fun! Warm quilting regards,
Linda Kosfeld

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**Are you interested in shaping the future of MQ??**

The MQ Board, upon the recommendation of the Strategic Planning Committee, has identified member communication as a top priority as we enter MQ’s second 25 years.

We need volunteers, especially those living outside of the metro, who would be willing to explore, expand and update the communication systems within MQ. The goal of this committee includes updating our website, newsletter and utilizing email and online bulletin boards to better serve MQ members, and to develop a presence in the community to better publicize the values and benefits of MQ.

We would like to do most of the committee work utilizing email and telephone rather than meetings.

So...if you would like to innovate, brainstorm and help develop the Communication Plan that will see MQ into the second 25 years, please contact Polly North at 952-906-0147 or rpnorth@mn.rr.com.

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Quilters' Bookshelf
by Editorial Staff

Fabric Dyeing for Beginners
by Vimala McClure

Luminous fabrics with exciting patterns can be made in only two to three hours with Vimala's easy-to-do technique! With a cookbook approach and step-by-step photos, the author demonstrates tie dyeing, Shibori-like dyeing, fold dyeing, and overdyeing, all illustrated with examples of fabric swatches and quilt blocks.

Both convenient and gentle on the pocketbook, her methods for hand dyeing fabrics are simple and done in small batches, so there is minimal clean-up. Using widely available dye products, recipes are provided for mixing batches of 12 different colors or for more variety, 24 colors.

A Perfect Union of Patchwork and Appliqué
by Darlene C. Christopherson

Darlene will be a member of the MQ2003 Quilt Show Faculty. Her new book gives you some insight into the class she will be teaching in St. Paul, "A Perfect Union." This new book, in hardback is due out to be published in April and is expected in your favorite quilt shop late March.

Seamless tales of life and quilting are featured in Every Quilt Tells a Story: A Quilter's Stash of Wit and Wisdom. When she was a young child, Helen Kelley's aunt used to give her quarters. Rather than candy and treats like other visiting relatives, Helen saved her money and used it to buy a very special sewing machine, one that stitched together the first quilts she made, as well as moved with her through the pieces of her life over many years. Today, Helen is an author, lecturer, traveler, and most importantly, still a quiltermaker . . . She still uses that first machine occasionally for her special quilt projects.

Many years ago, Helen formed a quilting group, then the group started a newsletter, which turned into a popular national magazine. Helen has written a column called "Loose Threads," a favorite of readers of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine since 1983. Every Quilt Tells a Story: A Quilter's Stash of Wit and Wisdom is a collection of Helen's writing about the joys and trials of quilting, and of living life, over the years. The results are humorous, poignant, and always thought-provoking. Helen's new book should be available in bookstores in March 2003. Helen's byline has appeared in a variety of quilting publications and her prize-winning quilts have been the subject of numerous photo essays. Her "Renaissance Quilt" was chosen as one of the "100 Best Quilts of the Twentieth Century." She is the founding President of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and a member of many national and international quilt guilds. She lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

MQ Membership

New membership, renewal and change of address (see page 11) should be sent to:

Mary Montez
285 E. Wentworth Ave.
W. St. Paul, MN 55116
membership@mnquilts.org

When renewing or changing address (or name), please include your MQ Membership Number (MQNo). Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will read: "Please Renew." The number on the label indicates the month and year of expiration. Example: "MQNo 2 2003" means that your membership ends February 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.

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The next issue will be March 2003. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration for MQ News is February 10, 2003 or until space is sold out. All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. If you wish to place an ad, please contact the Editor.

All ads and articles may be sent by email to editor@mnquilts.org or sent by mail to:
Carolyn V. Peters
MQ News Editor
1640 Quail Ridge Circle
Woodbury, MN 55125-8835
651-735-0053
February Block of the Month
by Joanne Holzknecht

“Prairie Queen”
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 Muslin
Dark Green Print
Light Green Print

From the Background Fabric:
Cut 4 triangles - 3 1/2” strip using and Easy Angle ruler
Cut 8 - 2” x 2” squares

From Dark Green Print:
Cut 4 triangles - 3 1/2” strip using and Easy Angle ruler
Cut 1 - 3 1/2” x 3 1/2” squares

From Light Green Print:
Cut 8 - 2” x 2” squares

Alternative Cutting Instructions - Fat Quarters

Fabrics: Three fat quarters - white on muslin, dark green print and light green print.

From the Background Fabric:
Cut 1 strip - 3 1/2” x 18”
Cut 1 strip - 2” x 18”

From Dark Green Print:
Cut 1 strip - 3 1/2” strip x 18”

From Light Green Print:
Cut 1 strip - 2” x 18”

Make 4 half square triangles from the background and dark green fabric using the 3 1/2” strips and 3” Finished Thangles.

From the remaining 3 1/2” strip of dark green fabric, cut 1 3 1/2” x 3 1/2” square.

Sew the 2” strips from the background fabric and the light green fabric together. Cut 8 strip units, 2” wide. Finish the 4-patch unit by sewing together two 2” wide strip units together for a total of 4 - 4 patch units.

Following the diagram to position the four patch units!

This block will be collected and the winner(s) selected at the March meeting. Print Name/Address and attach to the back side of the block. To participate, make one or more block. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your name and block to:

Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave. N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
email: sewsewo@spacestar.net
Reflections
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I have come to the realization that I am a winter “piecer” and a summer “appliqueur.” I think it all started when I marched into the decade of my 50s. It all started innocently enough. It was a slow transition. Gradually my arms became too short. It was almost imperceptible. One day I was threading a needle with ease and the next I was “playing the trombone” trying to focus.

I spend the summers appliqueing on my lake cabin deck. The sun is bright and the time goes by quickly. Needle and thread working together are pure pleasure. This year as the summer ended, and I moved my applique indoors, I realized this may be a summer sport. It was hard to duplicate that bright sunlight, the dark nights of winter, make it nearly impossible to put a beige thread through the eye of a #11 Milliners needle. A new pair of bifocals and an Ott light helped, but it is not like sewing on my bright summer deck.

On the other hand, I can “hole up” in my sewing room on a winter’s day. It can be gray and cold and all I need is the light of my sewing machine for the magic to begin. Strips of fabric sail through my machine and before I know it there is a design wall full of blocks. I can spend the whole day in this room. I do not need the bright sunlight.

Maybe it is not the season, but the place - each place having its own history. Each is like slipping on a comfortable garment, warm and familiar. It is being comfortable and at ease. It is knowing what to expect and remembering what has gone on before. It is like being home.

Quilt Me a Story for the 25th MQ 2003 Show

As you know, MQ is collaborating with the Friends of the St. Paul Libraries to develop a special exhibit for the 2003 Show. You will soon receive the 2003 Show Booklet with the entry form for this special exhibit. But we wanted to give you a head start. As explained in the November newsletter, we are asking for quilt entries that are inspired by a children’s book that features a quilt as a significant part of the story. The quilt can be any size, and can be tied, machine quilted, or hand quilted-consistent with the story that inspired your entry.

Questions: contact Arlene Drier at 651-699-0850, cjdrfier@aol.com

Calendar of Events

Evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm and Day meetings begin at 10:00 am, except as noted.

* FEBRUARY, 2003
February 6: Telling Secrets - APNQ Exhibits
February 8: Telling Secrets - APNQ Exhibits
February 24: Board of Directors Mtg.

* MARCH, 2003
March 6: Deirdre McElroy - Lecture Series
March 7: That Perfect Stitch - Workshop
March 8: Deirdre McElroy - Lecture Series
March 21-23: Spring Getaway
March 24: Board of Directors Mtg.

* APRIL, 2003
April 3 and 5: MQ 25th Birthday Party
Grand Tour of Sewing Spaces
April 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

* MAY, 2003
May 1: To Be Announced
May 3: To Be Announced
May 26: Board of Directors Mtg.

* JUNE, 2003
June 5: No Meeting
June 7: No Meeting
June 11-14: MQ2003 Quilt Show
June 13: General Meeting - RiverCentre
June 23: Board of Directors Mtg.

* JULY, 2003
July 10 and 12: Out with the old, in with the new! New Year’s Party and Member Garage Sale
July 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

* AUGUST, 2003
August 7 and 9: To Be Announced
August 25: Board of Directors Mtg.

* SEPTEMBER, 2003
September 4 and 6: That Thread Lady!
September 5: Workshop with Marje

Meetings are free for MQ Members. GENERAL MEETINGS and LECTURE SERIES meetings $3.00 for nonmembers.
MINNESOTA QUILTERS SPRING GETAWAY

March 21-22-23, 2003
Schwan’s Retreat Center - Trego, Wisconsin (one hour east of Hinkley, MN)

Enjoy a weekend of complete rest, relaxation, pampering and of course, quilting.
Learn new skills, meet new people, and rekindle old friendships.

✓ Open to MQ members only.
✓ Mail registration only. Each person must register with a separate envelope.
✓ Registration deadline is February 1, 2003.
✓ Retreat Registration fee is non-refundable after March 1, 2003 unless you, or we, have someone to take your place.

The cost for the Spring Getaway is $220.00 and includes the following:

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Check-in is Friday afternoon, March 21.
Supper will be served buffet style 6:00 - 7:00 PM on Friday.
The first activity will be at 8:00 p.m. on Friday evening.

Information packet will be sent out after March 1, 2003.

Questions?
Celine Perkins 952-831-2393 or Jenni Krosnowski 952-440-2345

To register, complete this form and mail with a check for $220.00 payable to “Minnesota Quilters, Inc.” to:

Celine Perkins
9123 Norman Ridge Circle
Bloomington, MN 55437

Retreat Registration fee is non-refundable after March 1, unless you, or we, find someone to fill your spot.

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Name
Area Code
Phone
MQ Membership #

Street Address
City/State/Zip

Roommate: Adjoining room with:
Rooms are non-smoking, double occupancy, with two queen-size beds.

Special Needs:
ASK YOUR FAMILY FOR THE BEST HOLIDAY GIFT EVER!

Join your fellow quilters on a 6-day trip to the

PADUCAH QUILT SHOW
April 22 – 27, 2003

Departure from the Twin Cities and Eau Claire, WI

This tour includes a guided tour of Central Illinois Amish Country, 2 days admission to the American Quilter's Society National Show in Paducah, lodging, many meals and deluxe motorcoach transportation.

$579.00 per person, double
(Single, triple and quad accommodations also available)

For more details, call Deanna Campbell, 612-821-0164
25th Annual Quilt Show & Conference - Saint Paul
June 12-14, 2003

General Information: The planning for the 2003 Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference is already in high gear. It is not too early to start planning for all the fun you will have as we celebrate the Minnesota Quilters 25th Anniversary show "Silver Threads ... A Quilter's Jubilee".

Small Quilt Auction: It is never too early to consider making a small quilt for the quilt show auction. We have already received two quilts! So start planning, so we can have an outstanding collection of quilts for our 25th Anniversary. Margaret Ballinger and Jackie Northrop.

Vendors: Applications for space in the Merchant Mall will be posted on the website by the end of August. If you participated in the Merchant Mall for the last several years, you should receive an application by mid-September. Once all the applications have been received, MQ will begin offering space in the Mall. Margaret Biwersi and Ruth Knable.

Door Prizes are a fun and exciting part of the annual show. They will be awarded at classes, lectures, Meet the Teachers, Fashion Show and the Award Ceremony and Keynote Speaker. Please consider donating an item to be given as a door prize, or encouraging your favorite shop to make a donation. For more information on the what, where, and why of door prizes, please call, or email Carol Fisher, (crazy98@aol.com) or call 612/588-8698 Committee Chair. If you want to drop door prizes off at a monthly meeting, please make sure they are clearly labeled as "2003 Show Door Prizes." You may also mail them to: Doris Kraemer, P.O. Box 21073, Eagan, MN, 55121. Carol Fisher (crazy98@aol.com) or call 612/588-8698.

The Special Events Committee would like to inform you of some of the events that we have been planning for our upcoming 25th Anniversary Quilt Show and Conference.

Wednesday evening you are invited to attend the Teachers Reception, which will include the introduction of the teachers and lecturers, while you enjoy a delicious desert and coffee or tea. The reception will be followed by a Sneak Preview for an exclusive opportunity to view of the quilt exhibits and shop at the vendor mall.

Thursday evening we are inviting you to attend an “Evening at the Theatre." We have arranged for all interested to attend a production of the play Quilters that is being performed at the Weyerhaeuser Theatre in the Landmark Center. This play is sure to entertain all who love to quilt.

Friday evening we are inviting you to attend the Silver Anniversary Banquet and Awards Ceremony in the Grand Ballroom at the River Center. A cash bar from 5:30 to 6:30 will be followed by a lovely meal, when we can enjoy dining with our friends. Three choices of entrees will be offered, topped off by a very special dessert.

Kaye England will be our keynote speaker for the evening. She will keep us laughing with her light hearted approach to quilting, Susan Stein - MQ Quilter of the Year, as well as the prize winners of the quilt categories will be honored. Many, many door prizes will be given away. The evening should offer something for everyone so come and ENJOY.

We have arranged for food to be served from breakfast to late afternoon throughout the show, including box lunches for those interested. Our committee looks forward to seeing many of you come and enjoy our planned Special Events. Special Events Committee.

News from the Special Exhibits Show Committee: 25 Years as Quilters. Getting ready for the 25th Anniversary Show of MQ is lots of fun. Our committee could use some additional help NOW! Do you have a special expertise or interest in history and putting together historical/educational exhibits? We need you!

As part of recognizing and honoring our history, our committee is using the old MQ Newsletters, scrapbooks, pictures, etc. to develop an exhibit about our “experience” as quilters during the last 25 years: what we had to work with in fabric, books, tools; what was “in” about quilting over the last 25 years, how we have changed, and how our options have expanded.

Would you like to work on this? Please contact me by email or phone or mail or pony express: Martha Eaves, 555 Holly Ave, St. Paul, MN 55104 651-224-0612 or email: eavsm@visi.com. Thank you.

New things in the 2003 non-judged exhibit... dimensional wall and large quilts are the staple of any quilt show, and we hope to have plenty of these to exhibit in St. Paul this June. We would also like to include 2 other categories in this year’s exhibition: clothing and dimensional works. So, if you would like to enter pieces that are nontraditional, experimental or flights of fancy, please use the entry form in your 2003 Show booklet and let us enjoy the fruits of your imagination. We will be offering the $250 Capitol City Award, given to a Minnesota Quilter entrant by the Mayor of St. Paul.
Membership News

Mary Montez - membership@mqquilt.org

Meeting Admission Reminder

The meeting admission for nonmembers is $3.

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 Mary at the Membership table for a replacement card to be made. Badge holders are available at the admission table.

President’s Block -- Pattern: Any traditional pieced or appliqued block pattern. Size: 9” finished Colors: Off-white print or off-white solid background. For the dark color in the block, use any of these colors: indigo, brown, black, purple. I like pre-1920 reproduction fabrics, but any era is fine. Your signature or initials on the block would be appreciated.

Board Restructuring Committee Call for Help

Have you been wondering how you could participate in the future of MQ, short of joining the board? Here’s your chance! As you’ve heard in the past several newsletters, the MQ board has been working on a strategic plan for MQ’s future. A committee worked through the summer and presented a list of recommendations to the board in September. Now, the board has selected a few of these suggestions for further research and (hopefully) implementation.

One of the suggestions is to restructure the board and create clearer duties for a board, committees and possibly some paid staff. Since we will be the first to admit we do NOT know everything and we’re sure there are lots of good common sense thinkers in the membership, we’re asking for your help. Here’s what will be involved:

- 1-2 meetings in person or by speaker phone to discuss restructuring issues
- assist with preparation of documents (or at least review them for layperson clarity)

We will supply you with all background information, including the strategic plan and current organizational documents, as well as samples from other organizations.

Call or email any of us (below) for more information or to volunteer.

(Note: Need not be an attorney or business executive to participate. The only requirement is clear thinking and broad vision for MQ’s future!)

Renay Leone
Michelle Swenson
Paula Gaboury

Minnesota Quilt Project

MQP TO OFFER INSURANCE APPRAISALS AT SHOW, NEGOTIATING CONTRACT TO PRODUCE STATE QUILT BOOK

A surprise ice-storm reduced attendance at the January meeting of the Minnesota Quilt Project, but those who could attend were anxious to share good news with fellow members.

Insurance Appraisals at the St. Paul Show: For the first time, members of MQP will be offering insurance appraisals for both antique and recent quilts. These will be available on an appointment basis. A small fee of $25 will be charged for each appraisal, which will go towards MQP projects. Watch your show registration confirmation for more information and form to request an appointment!

State Quilt Book: Pat Cox, Gail Bakkum and the board are negotiating a contract with Voyageur Press in Stillwater, MN to publish our book about Minnesota Quilts. Voyageur Press indicated interest in working with us last summer. The contract will call for the first printing to be released at the 2005 Duluth MQ Show. Volunteers are still needed for writing and related projects.

Quilting Bee: A quilting bee will be held February 8, immediately following the Saturday MQ meeting at the Textile Center. If you enjoy hand quilting, join us.

We have many interesting opportunities for volunteers. If you have an interest in the Minnesota Quilt Project, contact Elise Schebler Roberts at 952/898-3726, or email eliseroberts@charter.net.

Elise Schebler Roberts
16520 Jacaranda Way
Lakeville, MN 55044
952-898-3726

Quilt Appraisals

Any quilt you value, newly made or vintage, should be appraised and insured.

Call Jean Carlton with any questions
952-938-1181  djcarlton@att.net
Workshop: *That Perfect Stitch*

Six Hour Class  
Skill Level: Novice

**When:** Friday March 7, 2003  
**Project:** Miniature Whole-Cloth Kit by Roxanne Products Co.

**Description:** Never before has such a collection of research and testing been compiled and offered to students while learning how to make the quilting stitch! This phenomenally successful class analyzes every movement and product that goes into achieving That Perfect Stitch. Most students have improved their stitches by at least 3 stitches per inch within just a couple of hours because I personally watch and offer suggestions many times throughout the class. Individual attention is an emphasis in this program.

The real value of this class is the in-depth review of the currently available and widely used brand name products. Each of which can directly affect the hand quilting stitch and therefore the value of the finished product. We even discuss deciding on the purpose of your quilt and what national quilt appraisers and judges look for in a quilt. Expert quilter’s will learn something new in this class! Students are provided with a kit from Roxanne Products Co. The kit includes a hand marked miniature whole-cloth quilt top (16” x 21”), matching backing, batting, needles, and thread. The products provided have tested to be the best currently available. The kit is offered in several designs and students are proud to own a class project of such splendor!

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**March Workshop Registration Form** - Deirdre McElroy, Lecturer and Teacher of Quilting and Tahitian Applique will be lecturing at MQ Meetings on March 5 and 7, 2003. She will be holding a workshop on Friday, March 6, 2003.

Name:  
email:  

Address:  
City:  

State: _____ Zip: __________ Phone No.: ________________

MQ Number: ________________________________

**Friday, March 6 (10:00 - 4:00 pm) - $60.00 (MQ Members) or $70.00 (Non-MQ Member) - Location (Textile Center, Minneapolis, MN)**

That Perfect Stitch (Kit included) Skill level: Novice - Class size 25 Student.

Make checks payable to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and send (along with this registration form) to: Sue Rutford, White Bear Lake, MN 55.
ROCHESTER "DEAR JANE" QUILTER'S CLUB TOUR
Saturday, September 27-Saturday, October 4, 2003
8 days/7 nights

Tour includes round-trip air on Northwest Airlines from Minneapolis, 7-nights hotel (Bennington and Burlington, VT; Meredith, NH; Lowell, NH), deluxe coach transportation throughout with professional driver and tour manager, Daily Breakfast, 2 lunches, 2 dinners, admissions and visits to Bennington Museum ("Dear Jane" Quilt), Jane's gravesite at Shaftsbury, Shelburne Museum (and special exhibition "Art of the Needle: 100 Masterpiece Quilts"), New England Quilt Museum, American Textile History Museum, Keepsake Quilt Shop, baggage handling (1 piece), gratuity to driver, all taxes and service charges, and much more. Not included: Items of a personal nature, gratuity to any tour guides, meals not detailed, travel cancellation insurance.

Pricing: Double Occupancy $1,550 ($192/day)
Single, Triple, and Quad occupancies also available.

For more details or an informational brochure, contact Linda Freeman, 507-280-9066
Space is limited; deposits due by January 31, 2003.

Mark your calendars!! The Fifth Annual

Wild Goose Chase
Shop Hop
April 2-5, 2003

Grand Prize: $1000 Shopping Spree
First Prize: Tote bag filled with quilting goodies
Second Prize: Rowenta Iron
- Door prize drawings at each shop
- 10 participating shops
- 20% off regularly priced fabric (one yard minimum cuts off bolts)

Hours: Wed 9-6, Thurs 9-8, Fri 9-8, Sat 9-5
Maps available at all shops

Quilter's Haven
Rosemount, MN

A Stitch In Time
La Crosse, WI

Calico Hutch
Hayward, MN

The Quilter's Mercantile
Mankato, MN

Jacobsen’s
Northfield, MN

Just A Little Something
Rochester, MN

Matzke's
Rochester, MN

The Cotton Patch
Owatonna, MN

Quilts By The Falls
Cannon Falls, MN

Rather Bee Quilting
Lake City, MN

MQ News
February, 2003
NOTICE

Dear MQ Members,

Are you proud to be a Minnesota Quilter? Do you enjoy meeting with good people who appreciate and admire your artistic expression? Have you enjoyed learning new techniques from fellow quilters at a monthly meeting? Are you inspired by our show and classes taught by local, national, and international teachers? Do you think things could be done differently if you had more say in the planning process? Are you a willing volunteer?

If so, call me! I am now taking names of persons interested in serving as Board members for our organization. We are an all volunteer organization and we look to you, our members, to help keep our group going strong.

The positions to be filled as of this time are:

- President-elect*
- Editor**
- AM Program-elect
- PM Program-elect
- Financial Planning
- Long Range Planning

These are 2 year commitment positions and you can get copies of the current job description upon request. Please contact me directly if you are interested or have any questions. I can be reached by phone at (612)522-4864 or send an email to randsmaclean@gmail.com if you can see yourself helping to lead our group into the next 25 years fantastic quilting!

Susan MacLean
Nominating Committee Chair

*Prior board experience required
**Computer and desktop publishing experience required

MQ Directory Update

Members, please add the following information to your 2002-03 MQ Membership Directory:

Carol Slavick
1892 Christensen Avenue
West St Paul, MN 55118
651-554-8113

FALL GETAWAY 2003

It is time to start preparing next year’s Fall Getaway events. We are currently accepting proposals from individuals that are interested in teaching and/or demonstrating in Little Falls this September 25-28, 2003. Those interested can send their proposal to:

Michelle Swenson
1109 Sixth Street
Hudson, WI 54016
715-386-8581
m_elect@mqquilt.org

Stitchin’ Trips

Participants in Stitchin’ Trips retreats will tell you that you are guaranteed a good time on your getaway. Your time with us will pass all too quickly as you learn a new technique or work on your own project. We will add to your enjoyment with door prize drawings, quick seasonal craft projects, and plenty of creative support for the quillatholic! We enjoy finding ways to surprise and delight our fellow quilters and those who are interested in learning quilting. Come along or sign up with a friend!!!

Spring Retreat Schedule

Feb 21-23  Long Lake Conservation Center  McGregor, MN
***Sponsored by Quilt Essentials - Anoka, MN
Classes offered: Mystery Quilt & Cutting Bee
Retreat Fee: $179 plus applicable class fees

Mar 7-9  Camp Omega  Faribault, MN
Classes offered: Flag Tote Bag, Cutting Bee & Fold ‘n Finish Demo
Retreat Fee: $139 plus applicable class fees

Apr 4-6  Associated Retreat Center (ARC)  Osceola, WI
***Sponsored by Bear Patch - White Bear Lake, MN
Classes offered: Beginning Quilting, Stitchery, Table Pad
Retreat Fee: $129 plus applicable class fees
Add Thursday for an additional $29!!!

Contact Us!!!
stitchintrips@yahoo.com  763-754-1296
13345 Isanti St. NE  Ham Lake, MN  55304

Quilt Study Group -February 8th, 2003 - Noon to 1:30 pm. The Quilt Study Group meets each month right after the Saturday meeting at the Textile Center. It is open to anyone interested in the study of fabrics, quilts, their makers and other related subjects! The topic for February is Red and White; quilts, fabrics anything red related. Hope to see you there.
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Journey through the farmlands and forests of Minnesota and Wisconsin as you rediscover these top quilt shops as featured in Quilt Sampler® magazine.

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Telling Secrets
Quilt Exhibit from the Association of the Pacific Northwest Quilters

Mark Your Calendars!
Helen Kelley’s New Book is Coming So is Helen!
She will be at the store to introduce her book:
“Every Quilt Tells a Story”
on April 12-13, 2003 beginning at 1:00 pm
A selection of her quilts will be displayed during the month of April

Located just west of the intersection of Interstate 694 and 10th St. N in the Oakdale Center
Call for entries: quilts inspired by the theme “Peaceful Waters” for a unique outdoor show at Trees For Tomorrow in Eagle River, WI on July 12, 2003. For entry information contact us at 800-838-9472 or gail@treesfortomorrow.com. Thanks so much!! Gail Gibson-Pierce, Trees For Tomorrow

January 2-31, 2003

Minnesota Contemporary Quilters invite you to their annual exhibit at the Thrivent Financial for Lutherans gallery (formerly Lutheran Brotherhood), 625 4th Avenue South, Minneapolis. The gallery is near the cafeteria on the second floor and is open to the public. Hours are Monday – Friday 7 a.m. – 5 p.m. It is closed on weekends. Admission is free. For more info, email lpetrie@worldnet.att.net or call 651-489-0870.

February 4 - 28, 2003

Dakota County Star Quilters will hold their annual quilt show February 4 through 28, 2003, at the Dakota County Historical Society Museum at 130 3rd Avenue North, So. St. Paul, Minnesota. Museum hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 9–5 p.m.; Thursday 9–8 p.m.; Saturday 10–3 p.m. The museum is closed on Sunday and Monday. Our theme this year is “Trip Around the World.” A reception with our guild will be held on Tuesday, February 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. There will also be a lecture on the 11th, at 7 p.m., by John Giordano, sewing machine expert. The charge for the lecture is $2. The show is free, but donations to the Historical Society are greatly appreciated. For directions to the museum, call 651-552-7548 or visit the show Web site at www.dcsq.8m.com.

February 17 - March 24, 2003

March 9, 2003 (Reception)

HeARTwork, a social justice fiber arts group is having a show February 17–March 24, 2003, reception March 9, Noon – 2 p.m. Location: White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church, Main Meeting Room, 328 Maple Street, Mahtomedi, MN 55115, Phone: 651-426-2369. The church does not have set hours, though it is generally open 8-2 Sundays, 9-4 weekdays and 4-9:30 pm on Wednesdays. Please call to make sure the space is open.

March 15, 2003

The Quilt Dreamers Quilt Guild will host its Tenth Annual Bag Lady Quilt Show at the Galaxie Library, 14955 Galaxie Ave., Apple Valley from Noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free and the public is welcome. Quilts featured will include those made by the group for children in crisis situations. The 35 member group makes about 150-200 quilts for organizations in Dakota County each year. Also featured will be quilts made by members for themselves or for gifts and donated small quilts to be auctioned. The proceeds from the silent auction will be used to purchase supplies to make children’s quilts for the next year. For more information, contact Mary Gibb at 952-210-7886.

April 11 through May 25, 2003

The Johnson Heritage Post Art Gallery in Grand Marais, MN will feature an exhibit of small landscape quilts by Carol Wagner. The opening reception is the evening of April 11, 2003. The gallery is located on Wisconsin Street in downtown Grand Marais.

April 12 - 13, 2003

Helen Kelley will be signing her new book “Every Quilt Tells a Story” at The Quilted Shingle, 7166 10th St. N, Oakdale, MN. 55128. Come and visit with Helen, see a collection of her quilts and get an autograph of this surefire bestseller.

April 12, 2003

Maple Grove Quilters 5th Annual Quilt Show "All Creatures Great & Small" Date: April 12, 2003, Time: 9 am - 4 pm. Place: Maple Grove Community Center 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN. For more information call: Cathy Radintz 763-420-3053

April 24 - 26, 2003

The Kalona Quilt Show and Sale, Downtown Kalona, IA. At the Kalona Community Center at the corner of 6th & D Ave. Thur. April 24th EVE. ONLY Early Bird Entry 5 pm – 8 pm, Fri. April 25th 9 am – 7 pm, Sat. April 26th 9 am – 5 pm, Buses Welcome. Over 350 New and Antique Quilts are hung and on display and for sale. This show has been held for over 30 years. For info call: Woodin Wheel at 319-656-2240, The Kalona Chamber of Commerce. 319-656-2660 or email kac@kctc.net.

April 25 - 27, 2003

Fergus Falls Area Quilters Present A Festival of Quilts “A Stichin’ Time.” Location; Bigwood Event Center, 521 Western Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN. For more information, please contact Janet Knapp at jknapp@prrtel.com.

May 10, 2003

Twin Cities Mennonite Central Committee Auction & Sale World Relief presents their Auction and Sale Saturday, May 10, 2003, at Hennepin Technical College, 9000 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park, MN. 8 am to 5 pm. Auction items include quilts, wood products and art pieces, including pottery, framed paintings, metal art, garden art, antiques, vacation-get-aways, services and other original items. (Based on previous year’s donations).

October 31, November 1 & 2, 2003

“Treasures of Tomorrow” 2003 Quilt Show presented by Piccemakers Quilt Guild of Central Wisconsin, Inc. and Marshfield Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Held at: Marshfield Senior High Fieldhouse, 1401 Becker Road, Marshfield, WI 54449. Admission $5.00. Children under 12 free. For additional information contact Sharon Kirn at Marshfield Convention and Visitor’s Bureau. (715) 384-3454 OR 1-800-422-451 or email sharonkirn@marshfieldchamber.com or Carol Schallock, Piccemakers Quilt Guild, PO Box 2, Marshfield, WI or email schulk@tznnet.com.

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 the edit the content for length.

February, 2003
**Change of Address**

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Name: __________________

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who frequently appears on Simply Quilts will be back again to teach not one, but two classes at Gallagher's Retreat Center!!

"Off With Their Heads"
March 28 - 30, 2003

"Mystery"
September 19 - 21, 2003

Please call Gallagher's Quilt Shop to register or for more information.
Directions: The Textile Center is located on University Ave.

From I-94 (Westbound), exit at University/280, take the right hand fork. Turn left onto University Ave, and continue west for 0.7 miles. The Textile Center is on the left and the parking ramp is one block past the Center on the right.

From I-94 (Eastbound), exit at Huron Blvd and merge onto Huron Blvd. SE. Turn right onto SE Washington/SE 122. Turn right onto SE University Ave, and continue east for 0.5 miles. The Textile Center is on the right and the parking ramp is on the left.

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