March Meeting Notes

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

Get ready for a taste of the tropics at our March Lecture series meeting with guest lecture speaker Didi McElroy. She will be presenting her lecture, "The Tifafai Way" at both the evening and day meetings. We will hear some history of the South Pacific Islanders and their exposure to quilting through missionary wives, then see the uniquely Tahitian quilt, the tifafai. These beautiful quilts tell fascinating stories of life in a tropical paradise. Didi will show many tifafais, give tips and pointers on creating your own, and give us plenty of time for questions. Do not miss this fun and intriguing presentation! Didi is also giving a workshop, "That Perfect Stitch," on Friday, March 7, from 9 to 4. There are still spaces available if you wish to sign up. Check your February newsletter for the registration form or contact Sue Rutford at dougserutford@compuserve.com or 651-426-3539.

Our April birthday meeting will feature, among other things, an entertaining look at the sewing spaces enjoyed and endured by our members. Do you have a room you would like to share? Whether it is a disaster or a dream, we want to see it! Names can be changed to protect the innocent if necessary. Please call or email Sue Rutford (see contact info above or on the Board of Directors page) if you would like to join the lineup.

We are continuing to accept neonatal quilts and placemats, plus, if you took home a quilt for finishing from the November "Give Thanks, Give Quilts" meeting, we would like it to return so we can get them to our chosen groups. The day meeting continues to feature the Fat Quarter Lottery and the 9-Patch drawing - Remember March's color is green.

We hope to see you all at the March meetings!
Sue Rutford, Day Director
Ruth Knable, Evening Director

Exhibit Notice - Hollis Chatelain
MQ2003 Faculty Member

The solo exhibit "African Portraits" will be exhibited as part of the 2003 International Quilt Spring Festival in Rosemont, Illinois, April 11th, 12th and 13th, 2003. This exhibit will feature fifteen of Hollis Chatelain's best works, including "Blue Men," "School: It's Never Too Late to Learn," "The Grandfather" and other award winning quilts. The exhibit will take place at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 9301 West Bryn Mawr, Rosemont, IL 60018 (next to O'Hare Airport). This new festival is organized by Quilts, Inc., Houston.

Hollis will also be there to tell her stories that inspired the making of her quilts. For more information about the festival, click on www.quilts.com

To see some of the quilts that will be displayed in "African Portraits," go to www.hollisart.com

For more specific information, you can contact Hollis directly at hollis@hollisart.com or 917-732-5119.

Have you ever 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,

One of my favorite Minnesota Quilters’ volunteer projects is teaching Girl Scouts how to make quilts. Minnesota Quilters sponsors the project and provides volunteers. Besides being a learning project for the girls, it is also a community service project, for which they earn a badge. They choose a charity within their community and give them the completed quilts. The girls range in age from 10 to 14. Most of them do not have any sewing experience, but what they lack in experience they make up for in enthusiasm. It is a very rewarding, exhausting, fun day.

The driving force behind this project has been Minnesota Quilter, Paulette Marini. She has devoted a lot of time and effort to finding volunteers, shopping for fabric and supplies, cutting fabric for the quilt kits, and communicating with the Girl Scout Councils. She transports all of the fabric and supplies to the quilting location, unloads it, and supervises volunteers, Girl Scouts, and mothers. Paulette has coordinated these projects throughout the metropolitan area for the past four years. She has also coordinated projects in St. Cloud and Northfield. Thank you, Paulette!

Associated Sewing has been involved with this project from the start, supplying the sewing machines. They also have people from their stores who attend the sessions to show how to operate the machines and to take care of any problems. I’m not sure if the program would be possible without their generous contribution, not only of the sewing machines but also of their time.

If you have a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or other youth organization that might be interested in this kind of project, and you’re willing to help organize it, contact me. We are especially interested in working with groups outside of the metro area.

Warm quilting regards,

Linda Kostfeld, President
Minnesota Quilters

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 on-line 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@mnrr.com.

Visit our Minnesota Quilters, Inc. website at www.mnquilts.org
Quilters' Bookshelf
by Editorial Staff

Roxanne McElroy expertly explains the complexities behind proper stitching and teaches quilters of all levels how they can improve their skills in That Perfect Stitch. Quilters will learn to achieve more stitches per inch and create even quilting lines, resulting in a finer quality quilt that both showcases the quilter's creative and technical skills and withstands the test of time. Features include: - End-of-chapter "workshops" that help quilters practice and build skills - 20 original quilting designs for block, borders, and whole quilts - Drawings and photographs that show precise methods for making perfect stitches Award-winning quilter and quilt designer Roxanne McElroy was one of the best known and most in-demand instructors in the country. Her company, Roxanne International, develops and distributes a line of fine quality quilting products.

Fine Hand Quilting - After more than ten years comes the second edition of the most-respected book ever written on the art of hand quilting. Completely updated and revised, this edition features full-color photos, tips from quilting pros, and a special section on How to Quilt This Quilt. World-renowned authors Diana Leone and Cindy Walter have tested all of the latest tools and materials on the market, provided tried-and-true techniques for quilters to create even stitches, and included three projects so readers can get started right away. Completely updated and revised. - Now full-color. - Special section on How to Quilt This Quilt and numerous Tips from the Pros.

Love Stitches - Quilting a quilt is like frosting a cake—it's the loving touch that embalishes your work. And it's the one step in quiltmaking that often stumps the maker. With clear and gentle guidance, Jeanne teaches you how to make masterpieces out of all your quilt tops with the graceful art of fine hand quilting. Among other things, you'll learn how to prepare your quilter for quilting, how to make a design turn the corner in a border, smoothly and effortlessly, and how to make the short, evenly spaced quilting stitches so coveted by quilters and quilt lovers all over the world.

Flawless Hand Quilting - Here is all the information you've been looking for on giving the edges of your quilt a neat, professional finish. Nearly 300 color photographs guide you through 20 techniques from beginning to end. Finishing designs range from extra-easy to super-sophisticated so that every quilter from novice to expert will find just the right degree of challenge. The unique "Problem Solver" feature and special tips galore help you tackle finishing tasks in faster, smarter, better ways. And dozens of gorgeous quilts with distinctive edge treatments offer inspiration as you complete your own masterpiece. Your step by step guide to flawless hand quilting. Learn all the ins & outs of superb hand quilting the easy way. Learn back saving tricks which make basting fast & painless, learn the secrets of glitch free stitching, creative tying techniques which look terrific & take half the time, hints & tips which make trapunto & stippling easy & lots, lots more.

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@mqquilt.org

When renewing or changing address (or name), please include your MQ Membership Number (MQN0). 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: "MQN0 2 2003" means that your membership ends February 2003.

Membership Dues: $30.00/year (USD)
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The next issue of MQ News will be April 2003. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration is March 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@mqquilt.org or sent by mail to:

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March, 2003
March Block of the Month
by Joanne Holzknecht

"Logs Plus"
8" finished (8 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
White on White Prints
Black Tone on Tone Prints
Bright Red Print

From White on White Prints:
Cut: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" square
Cut: 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strip
Cut: 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip

From Black Tone on Tone Prints:
Cut: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" square
Cut: 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" strip
Cut: 2 1/2" x 6 1/2" strip
Cut: 2 1/2" x 8 1/2" strip

From Bright Red Print:
Cut 4: 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" squares

This block will be collected and the winner(s) selected at the April 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: sewsewjo@spacestar.net
Some Events for National Quilting Day - March 15, 2003

**GROUP EVENTS**

**All Shook Up**
Each team must unscramble quilt block names. Winners - 3, 2, 1 points.

**Under the Big Top**
Each group will get a batch of blocks. They are already trimmed to 10 1/2". They will be told how to assemble their blocks (5x7) into a top and the first group to finish wins 5 points, 4 for 2nd, 3 for 3rd.

**Scavenger Hunt**
Each team will get a list when they come in. They must collect either both items and signatures of people with items or information. First completed sheet turned in to judge wins 4 points, 2nd sheet 3 points, 3rd sheet 2 points. Its such as chetahaine, brass thimble, red thread, person wearing contact lenses, person with more than 3 children, person who has lived in more than 2 countries outside of US, etc. To make this more fun, each list will have one "ringer" item that we plant somewhere in the room.

**Pack a Sewing Basket**
All groups play - group lasting longest wins. Name an item in a sewing basket, next person says that item, plus a new one. When a person can’t remember, they drop out. Winner 4 points, next to last 3 points.

**Color Challenge**
Each team has to match colors with descriptions.

What’s in the Box
Each team will be shown a tray/box of items for 20 seconds. They will then have 2 minutes to write down as many items as they remember. (They can work together) The team who remembers the most gets 4 points. Runners up get 3 and 2 points.

How Many Blocks?
Each team will be assigned THREE letters. They will have 5 minutes to write down as many block names as they can that begin with that letter. Barbara Brackman's book will be used as the "dictionary."

Putting it Together
Each team gets an envelope with construction paper block pieces. Every team tries to put together as many blocks in 10 minutes as they can. Most blocks wins - 4 points, 3 point, 2 points. Two point bonus for using all the blocks.

National Quilting Day
This is what a guild in Austin, TX is doing for National Quilting Day. National Quilting Day is held on the third Saturday in March. This is an annual opportunity for the guild to share its love of quilting throughout the community. AAQG plans for National Quilting Day are announced in January of each year. In a first of it's kind event for the guild and the Texas Memorial Museum of Science and History, an exhibit of 46 quilts from the central Texas area were exhibited in the great hall of the Texas Memorial Museum from March 15 - 17, 2002. As a part of National Quilting Day activities, the guild sponsored hands on workshops that yielded 20 baby quilts for the Baby Bundles project, an outreach project for the guild.

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

- **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 Years 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 MG Members. GENERAL MEETINGS and LECTURE SERIES meetings $3.00 for nonmembers.*
Call for entries of 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 Gilson-Pierce, Trees For Tomorrow

**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 pm. 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 4-9:30pm on Wednesdays. Please call to make sure the space is open.

**March 4 - 29, 2003**

There will be an exhibit of new works by Wendy Richardson at the By Many Hands Gallery, 36th & Douglas Ave N, Crystal. Opening reception will be Saturday, March 8th, 2 to 5PM. 763-592-0100 for more info.

**March 15, 2003**

National Quilting Day - Celebrate this great event with friends, neighbors and your favorite quilt shops. You might also want to consider setting-up a service project to celebrate.

**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 pm. 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, 2003**

Helen Kelley will be signing her new book "Every Quilt Tells a Story" at The Quilted Stingle, 7166 10th St. N, Oakdale, MN. 55128. Come and visit with Helen, see a collection of her quilts and get an autograph of this surfeice 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 Radin 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 EYE! 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 are being sold for sale. This show has been held for over 30 years. For info call: Woodie Wheel at 319-656-2240, The Kalona Chamber of Commerce. 319-656-2660 or email kac@kec.net.

**April 25 - 27, 2003**

Fergus Falls Area Quilters Present A Festival of Quilts "A Stitch in Time." Location: Bigwood Event Center, 921 Western Avenue, Fergus Falls, MN. For more information, please contact Janet Knapp at jknapp@prt.com.

**April 26 - 27, 2003**

Northfield Quilters will host The Biannual Show at Bridgwater Elementary School, 401 Jefferson Plwv, Northfield, MN. Many of our area quilt artist will display their art. There will be a special exhibit spotlighting the quilting legacy of Cookie Williams. A raffle quilt "Rhapsody in Blue" prepared by Bette Kamiska and quilted by the Northfield Quilters will be raffled off to support the educational mission of the Northfield Quilters. There will be many vendors, quilt appraiser Jean Carlton, small quilt auction, garage sale and a first quarter raffle. Admission $3. For more information: www.northfieldmnquilthers.org (Jean Vick 507-645-7941)

**May 10, 2003**

Twin Cities Mennonite Central Committee Auction & Sale World Relief presents their Auction and Sale, Saturday, May 10, 2003, at Bethany Tech College Center, 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).

**June 7 - 20, 2003**

The 14th Annual Quilt/Surface Design Symposium 2003. Over 35 classes offered in Quiltmaking design, color usage, embellishing, collage, fabric painting and dyeing silk, silk painting, machine and hand applique, hand and machine quilting. QSDS will be held at University Plaza Conference Center, 31100 Olentangy River Rd., Columbus, OH 43202. For more information and registration, send $1.00 LSASE ($75 in stamps) to: Linda Fowler, 464 Vermont Place, Columbus, OH 43201, (614) 297-1585. Website: www.qsds.com.

**July 12, 2003**

**EAGLE RIVER - A Walk in the Northwoods Quilt Show.** A unique outdoor show of quilts inspired by the theme “Peaceful Waters” will be displayed along a woodland trail at Trees For Tomorrow. Natural Resource Specialty School. Quilt shop vendors will also be on hand with a wide variety of fabric and quilting supplies offered for sale. For more information call (800) 838-9472 or send an email to gail@treesfortomorrow.com.

**September 13 - 14, 2003**

Hayward Piecemakers and Wild River Quilters from Spooner will be presenting our 8th annual Autumnfest Quilt Show at the Lac Court Oreilles Casino, Convention Center. Including free Demos. For more information please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Ann Degen, 7759N Wilke Rd., Hayward, WI 54843 (715-634-3336)
October 31, November 1 & 2, 2003

Treasures of Tomorrow 2003 Quilt Show presented by Piecemakers 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 Kirm at Marshfield Convention and Visitor’s Bureau, (715) 384-3454 OR 1-800-422-4541 or email sharonkirm@marshfieldchamber.com or Carol Schallock, Piecemakers Quilt Guild, PO Box 2, Marshfield, WI or email schulkeuznet.ernet.com.

November 1 - 2, 2003

The Hudson Heritage Quilts Guild based in Hudson, WI is presenting its 6th biennial Quilt Show, Patchwork Harvest VI. The event will be held at the Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Road, Hudson, WI 54016. For more information contact: Tamra Soares, 879 McDamid Dr., Hudson, WI 54016 or tamrasds@aol.com.

THE QUILTERS HALL OF FAME

Marie Webster House, A National Historic Landmark 926 South Washington Street - PO Box 681, Marion, IN 46952

The Quilters Hall of Fame is pleased to announce Georgia Bonesteel of Flat Rock, NC, as its Honoree for 2003. Perhaps best known for her 27 years of television programs, "Lap Quilting with Georgia Bonesteel," and her series of books associated with the program, Bonesteel has made a lasting impact on quilters and the history of quilting at home and abroad. Her television series alone has reached millions, helping to educate a whole new generation of quilters each decade since she first went on the air. Author, teacher of international renown, founder of a flourishing quilt guild and quilt pattern club; pioneer and inventor of tools as well as techniques; hostess and coordinator of quilting tours and cruises, Georgia Bonesteel has continually striven to encourage originality and innovation among her far-flung students.

Born in Sioux City, IA, Bonesteel first appeared on television in New Orleans teaching sewing for Sears, Roebuck and Company in the early 70s. With her move to Hendersonville, NC, in 1972, she soon added traditional quilting to her skills. She quickly began teaching quilting herself at the old Flat Rock Center, and it was here that she first experimented with the idea of quilting in sections so that one could carry the work wherever one traveled. Encouraged by a family member to approach UNC-TV about a teaching series, her first 6-part series was launched in 1980, with a full 13-part series added in 1981 as a result of enthusiastic public response. Also founding President of Western North Carolina Quilt Guild, Bonesteel was teaching at Blue Ridge Community College by 1982, and selected as the Featured Artist at BRCCC’s 5th Annual Arida Arts Symposium in 1997 and honored a second time at the 10th anniversary of Arida Arts Symposium along with 9 other previous honorees. In addition to her own active teaching career, Bonesteel is an active member of Southern Highland Handicraft Guild, National Quilting Association, American International Quilting Association, and the American Quilt Study Group. QHF President, Hazel Carter, in announcing Bonesteel’s selection at the 34th Honoree stated, “Georgia Bonesteel’s recognition as an outstanding contributor to the advancement of the art and history of quilting is well deserved.”

For additional information about The Quilters Hall of Fame’s Celebration 2003, July 17-20 at which Bonesteel will be inducted into The Hall of Fame, please send a self-addressed stamped envelope to P.O. Box 681, Marion, IN 46952-0681 or email quilters@comteck.com.

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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 MC sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related. MQ News reserves the right to edit the content for length.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Used only on Sundays by a little old lady from Arizona, a lovely Bernina #1130. Includes 12 presser feet, a “walking foot”, bobbins, needles and instruction guide. Has been well maintained. Will ship. Phone 763.557.0978 or email jnkwatts@ix.netcom.com.

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NOTE: Auto Fabric Advance and Overhead Wiring may be added to table. These can be ordered new from APQS. Any additional questions please feel free to email or call me. Michelle Perham, MN, mmillers@arvig.net, 218/346-6261.
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 Bivens 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, (crasyq98@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 (crasyq98@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.

New things in the 2003 non-judged exhibit…
Two 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 three-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.

The Volunteer Committee NEEDS You! The excitement is building over the Show. You have poured over the show booklet, and hopefully signed up for lots of the fun events we have planned. Many of you have your registration confirmation in hand. Along with the confirmation, is included a sign up sheet to volunteer. Please take a minute to fill it out and return it.

The annual MQ Show and Conference is possible through the efforts of volunteers like you. And it is fun. You get to meet and talk with lots of fellow quilters. There are a wide variety of ways that you can help. And it is easy. All it takes is a one or two hour commitment. This year, we will offer one-hour shifts for White Glove Volunteers with variable start times. Let's face it, your feet can take the first hour, but the second one is murder. This way you can fit time in no matter what your class or lecture schedule.

And there are rewards also. Once again, we will have twice daily drawings for door prizes and a drawing on Saturday evening for a Pfaff Sewing Machine. A Volunteer Pin is awarded after two hours of volunteer time. You can also contact us through the website www.mnquilts.org., or you can contact the Volunteer Chair, Mary F. Lueders at 952-942-9919, 3134 Highland Ave, Wayzata, MN 55391, M_Lueders@msn.com.

Fashion Show: More garments are needed for the fashion show. So far 4 models will be wearing clothes and the rest will be naked. Please help clothe the models. The entry forms are not due for a long time but we need to know now if you are interested in making a garment. See the show brochure for specific directions and contact information. It is true that the book Stripes in Quilts is out of print, however you can order it from Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble, or find a friend who owns it. Some quilt shops may still have it in stock also. Fashion Show Audrey Mead - 651 731-3053

The Special Exhibits Sub-Committee Still Needs You!!!
You all know that this is our 25th anniversary, in April, 2003 and that our June show will have some special exhibits honoring our history. But what you maybe do not know is all the fun you are missing by not volunteering to help put that MQ history exhibit together. While my whole family of males was watching the pre-pre-Super bowl, the pre-Superbowl, and then the Super bowl, I was reading MQ Newsletters from our beginnings in April, 1978.

I just cannot resist sharing some tid-bits from those early newsletters!
Did you know that . . .

... We used to meet all over the metro area, and the state, including places like the Jolly Troll restaurant in St. Louis Park, the Bethlehem Lutheran church in St. Cloud, the Country West Restaurant in Rockford, MN, and of course, lots of parks all over the city including Como Park, Powderhorn Park, and Minnehaha Park, and in Duluth as well!

... December, 1979 is the first mention in our newsletter of a new addictive disease called “quiltholism.” No remedy was offered.

... by February, 1979, we already had 233 members and a budget of $1,195.00!

... we were always giving out “tips” to each other, like the one offered in April, 1980, by Bonnie Ellis of a way to carry a 3 x 5” index card notebook, with felt inserts and pins in order to carry along swatches of fabric we were trying to match at all times in our purses! As if our purses need more to carry!

... or sharing humor with each other, like the story related by Cathy LaRosa, in March, 1980, that goes like this: Carrie LaRosa, daughter of MQ member Cathy, recently heard her mother discussing the birth of a new baby. As is the nature of a three year old, Carrie’s curiosity led her to ask her mother, “Where did I come from?” Her mother answered, “I made you.” To which Carried then asked, “You mean I was quilted!”

... and then of course there was also the MQ “dog show”, discussed in the January, 1981, newsletter as a show of quilts that came out like dogs . . . .

Are you starting to “get” how much fun this project is? Do you want to be involved? I am looking for a few (or more) good women to help with putting this multi-media project together. I particularly need someone with time to go through the photo scrap books at the MQ office, and to help with video taping interviews with our earliest members who agree to be interviewed. Want to help? I need you now!!

Also, we are interested in displaying quilt memorabilia from our 25 years: the original MQ button, the MQ bumper sticker, a complete set of MQ show pins, the MQ pattern book (which was a hot deal at only $4.00), etc. Do you have any of these to “lend” for the show exhibit? Call Martha Eaves, 651-224-0612 or email me at covesm@visi.com.

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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
Membership News
Mary Montez - membership@mnquilt.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 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

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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

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 Bakkom 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.

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
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 randysmaclennan@att.net if you can see yourself helping to lead our group into the next 25 years fantastic quilting!

Susan MacLennan
Nominating Committee Chair

*Prior board experience required

**Computer and desktop publishing experience required

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Change of Address

MQ Number: ______________

Name: _________________________

New Address: __________________________

New Phone Number: _________________________

Send to:

Mary Montez
285 E Wentworth Ave.
West St. Paul, MN 55118

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FALL GETAWAY 2003

It is time to start preparing next years 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
am_elect@mnquilt.org

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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 quiltholic! We enjoy finding ways to surprise and delight our fellow quilters and those who are interested in learning quilting. Come alone 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!!!

Stitchin' Trips
stitchintrips@yahoo.com 763-754-1296
13345 Isanti St. NE Ham Lake, MN 55304

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We offer:
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cindystitches@myexcel.com

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& Conference Center

Don’t miss Billie!!!

Billie Lauder, who frequently appears on
Simply Quilts will be teaching
“Off With Their Heads”
at Gallagher’s Retreat House &
Conference Center
in Gibbon, Minnesota
March 28 - 30, 2003

Gallagher’s will also be featuring Sharon Hultgren in July, 2003 with two great classes for all quilters!
Kaleidoscope Stars, July 25 - 27
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or call Gallagher’s Quilt Shop & Cafe at
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Magazine www.eaglecreekquiltshop.com
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.

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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
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- 10 participating shops
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Rochester, MN

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♦ Door prizes, treats and other surprises

MINNESOTA STORES: Bear Patch Quilting Co, Gruber’s Quilt Shop, Main Street Cotton Shop, Quilts By the Falls
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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.

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