August Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 5, 2004, 7:00 PM
Saturday, August 7, 2004, 10:00 AM

IT’S A MYSTERY
At the August Meeting local quilter and mystery maker Gwen Lundgren will offer a mystery made especially for Minnesota Quilters. This will be a three part mystery, with the clues in the newsletter. Gwen will be our speaker at both the Thursday and Saturday meetings. She will offer tips on picking fabric for a mystery, often a challenge for quilters, because we have no idea what will end up where. She will have several samples of solved mystery quilts, and will help you decide what works and what does not.

Fabric Town will be the vendor at both meetings, and will offer kits for Gwen's mystery, to make it even easier for you.

Show and Tell will feature Graduation and College quilts. If you haven't been motivated to get that quilt made to send off to college with your child or grandchild, get to it, and bring it for show and tell. We thought we'd have you show them before they took up residence in the dorm or apartment. Remember to tell your scholar “Don’t do anything under this quilt you wouldn’t want me to know about”.

SIGN UP TO BRING TREATS
Sign up to bring treats to the meetings. A plate of cookies, muffins, cupcakes or any other type of treat will be appreciated. The sign up sheet will be available at meetings until filled or contact one of the Program Chairs.

HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR NEEDED
Traditionally, the Program Directors-Elect have been responsible for bringing treats, setting up coffee and drinks before and then cleaning up after the meetings. Since we don’t have Program Chairs for ’05-’06, yet and MQ is restructuring, a new volunteer position has been developed: Hospitality Coordinator for Day or Evening or both. This person (or persons) will be responsible for calling and reminding the treat bringers, keep track of supplies needed, and in general make sure that things are set up then cleaned up and put away. We are working on a new volunteer pin, and other perks, so you will not go unrewarded for your efforts. This is a great way to meet people, and become more involved with the meetings. If you want to sign up to bring treats or are interested in the position of Hospitality Coordinator, for day, evening, or both, please contact, Ellen Carter, at 952-944-0138, or eMail at ecquilter@mn.rr.com.

FAT QUARTER FUN
We plan to continue the fat quarter drawings at the morning meeting. Look for details elsewhere in the newsletter.

FALL GETAWAY
We are still taking reservations for the Fall Getaway at Mount Olivet Retreat Center, Nov. 4-7. We will have samples from the classes at the August and September meetings. Give yourself a treat, and sign up. If you have never been to a retreat before, it is a great time, meeting new people, getting to know others better, lots of sewing, laughing, and of course, eating. See the signup sheet for more details.

Enjoy what is left of your summer. Ellen, Mary and Judy
Hello, Quilters –

So how is your summer going? Mine has been a whirlwind, as usual. It feels like I barely caught my breath from our show in Rochester (and tried to weed my garden!) before we were off on a vacation to Seattle. I think they have almost as many quilt shops there as they do coffee shops, though ours here in Minnesota have nothing to apologize about. What great inspiration and help we have from our local quilt shops – I am continually amazed at what they do to help promote this great hobby!

By now you should have sent in your ballot for the next year’s board of directors. The ballot can be found in the May newsletter and is due to the office by July 31. We will announce the new board at the August meetings. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for opportunities to become involved, if you haven’t already done so. With the reorganization of our board, many committee tasks are much more manageable and you should be able to find something that fits with your particular skills or interests. It’s a great way to get to know more people and have some fun giving back to your favorite pastime.

I can’t forget to thank again our terrific Rochester Show Committee – didn’t they do a great job? It seems no matter where I go (even on a bus in Seattle!), someone comments on what a great show MQ puts on every year – that’s a testament to the committed committee members we seem to keep bringing back year after year. Next year’s show committee is looking to be no exception to this level of quality. They are already working hard on producing yet another fine MQ show. If you haven’t made hotel reservations, consider doing so soon. Because of the popularity of the Duluth show, our blocks of hotel rooms sell out very fast.

Lastly, keep an eye out for the great monthly meeting programs coming up. Mary, Ellen and Judy have done a great job lining up some great speakers and workshops for the next several months, and you’ll want to make sure to attend as many as possible. Have a great rest-of-the-summer and keep quilting.

Renay Leone
President

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President’s Block

Renay prefers a scrappy Log Cabin block in the Barn Raising pattern (see the picture). The block should be 7 ½” unfinished for a 7” finished block with a black center. Including your name or initials on the block would be great. The center and all the strips should be 1” wide when finished.
Fat Quarters

Anyone wishing to participate should bring up to 3 fat quarters of quilt shop quality fabric to the evening or day meeting. Put your name, address and phone number on each (a mailing label works) and we will draw one name at the Saturday morning meeting. That person will get all the fat quarters contributed for that month. You need not be present to win. You can also participate by mailing them to the Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Ave. SE #120 Minneapolis MN 55414-3360, before the morning meeting.

If you are not at the meeting, you will be called, and the FQ’s will be held for the next meeting or mailed to you. Again, get involved, have fun, and maybe take home a bundle of fat quarters.

Please contribute fabric you would use yourself, you might actually win! Remember, a Fat Quarter measures 18” x 22” (1/2 yard cut in half along the fold).

- August: Anything goes
- September: Schoolhouse Red
- October: Oranges
- November: Neutrals
- December: Dark Blues

- January: Jewel Tones
- February: Pink and Purple
- March: Green
- April: Yellow
- May: Light Blue

Minnesota Quilt Project

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

Quite a few pre-orders for Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections to Our Past were received at the show in Rochester. The book will be available next year at the show in Duluth. Go to page ______ for the pre-order form. It can also be found on our website at www.mnquilt.org.

We appraised 26 quilts at the Rochester show and hands-on activity in the MQP booth included creating quilt blocks from magnetic geometric shapes in various colors. Laura Jelinek worked out this design method. The display of antique quilts at the Plummer House was wonderful.

MQP has documented two more private collections. One consisted of all Minnesota-made quilts purchased at local auctions or from estates.

The Dakota County Quilters hosted the MQP program in June. The members brought family quilts and we discussed various aspect of the quilts including when they were made.

MQ News

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The next issue is September, 2004. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration is August 3, 2004. 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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Plymouth MN 55447
763-745-0335

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**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

for the

**SEPTEMBER MEETING**

**HOMESPUN HOUSE**

6” Block (6 1/2” unfinished)

**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.

Fabric:

Roof .......... Homespun stripe or plaid cut 3 1/2” x 6 1/2”

Sky .......... White on Muslin print cut two 3 1/2 x 3 1/2” Sew these onto roof piece as shown in diagram. Be sure to sew this seam correctly. You want a roof line.

House ...... Homespun stripe or plaid to go with the roof.

Door......... Dark solid or print to go with other fabrics

Window ... Medium to dark gold print.

Optional button for door knob

Cut the rest of the pattern as shown. Seam allowances are included.

Sew a second seam when constructing the roof and sky as shown. This will result in two bonus blocks. Attach them to your finished block with a safety pin to give the winner of the BOMs the opportunity to use them in sashing or borders.

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 September 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
Artwear in Motion, the Textile Center Fashion show, with the theme of World Visions will be October 23 and 24. Deadline to enter is August 1. The goal of the fashion show is to create and promote artwear with surface embellishments and unique details. Complete garments are preferred, but shawls, jackets, vests, etc. are acceptable and would be worn by models wearing black for best display. If you’d like to collaborate on an MQ entry, please contact Gail Hanson at stugahanson@msn.com.

The Textile Center will have a display case in the Creative Activities building at the State Fair. They would like an item or two for the member guilds that fits the World Visions theme. If you have a quilt with international or ethnic fabric, figures or symbols, contact the Textile Center before August 1.

Red, White & Blue: A Patriotic Runway Show will be held October 9 and 10 in conjunction with the Minnesota Historical Society to celebrate the opening of The American Presidency: A Glorious Burden at the History Center in St. Paul. A $1,000 honorarium will be divided equally among participating guilds. If you’d like more information, contact Gail Hanson before August 1.

About Place 2005: Fiber Art for Interiors will be held March 19 & 20, 2005. This will be both a showcase and sale opportunity for artists who design and make fiber art for interiors. Deadline for entries is November 1, 2004. For more information call 612-436-0464 or go to www.textilecentermn.org.

Joanne Holznecbt’s Blocks of the Month is now available in the Textile Center Gift Shop.

25 Blocks from the last 15 years honoring Joanne’s contribution to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. are available in this $10.00 book.

This edition is limited to 150 copies.

Buy one now and have Joanne sign it at a Saturday meeting.

When dropping off donations in the MQ office, be sure your items are marked with the intended recipient. Please put them in the box marked DONATIONS. If you want your donation acknowledged, put your name and address on the item, too.
Challenge Packets

While the packets sold out at the Rochester show, the Challenge committee has reordered some of the fabric to make all projected 450 packets. The additional packets (less than 20) will be for sale at the August meetings. There may be some extra fabric left to purchase, too. Check with Susan Manning or Judy Trempe for details. Thanks to The Quilter's Basket for assistance and use of the shop and to Enesco and Jim Shore for the drawing prize.
The Great Minnesota Get-Together is coming soon! There's still time to enter a quilt or wall hanging in the State Fair’s Creative Activities competition. The competitions are open to any resident of the State of Minnesota. Each year the Minnesota State Fair publishes a booklet of all the rules and categories for the Creative Activities building. You can ask for a copy of this booklet by calling 651-642-2217 and asking for the Creative Activities Rules and Premiums book. The booklet is also available on their website at http://www.mnstatefair.org/pages/comp_creativeact.html.

All entries must be brought to the Creative Activities building, corner of Dan Patch Ave. and Cosgrove St., on the State Fairgrounds, August 15 - 17 between 10 am and 7 pm and August 18 between 9 am and 12 noon. If you can’t get to the fairgrounds, your entry should be sent to the fair offices at 1265 Snelling Avenue North, St. Paul, MN 55108 at least 3 weeks before the opening of the fair, or before August 8.

MQ will be providing prize money for 26 categories in addition to memberships and rosettes for specific categories.

MQ will be at the Fair September 3 and 4th. Members will be in the Creative Activities building demonstrating quilting techniques and answering questions about the guild and quilting in general.

If you decide to enter, good luck! If you’re just going to see the fair, have fun!

Membership News

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.

Thank you to all the members who contribute to the snack fund at our meetings.
Registration Form - Nickel Quilts Workshop

Name | Address
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Phone ( ) - | City, State ZIP

Vegetarian Lunch Requested? Yes No | Willing to bring home made cookies to share? Yes No

Please enclose your check payable to “Minnesota Quilters, Inc.” for $45.00 in U.S. Dollars – A Box Lunch will be included.

Mail payment and Registration to
Mary Lueders, 3134 Highland Ave., Wayzata, MN 55391

The workshop will be held on Friday, October 8, 2004 at the Textile Center of Minnesota
The workshop will begin at 9am and conclude at 4pm
There will be a one-hour break for Lunch
Choose from Tillie’s Treasures, All That Glitters and/or Star and Crown

You Don’t want to miss this WORKSHOP!

Nickel Quilts is the brainchild of Pat Speth and Charlene Thode. These women from Iowa came up with great ways to make fun and easy quilts that look complicated. And all from 5 inch squares! It is fun to exchange fabrics to make scrappy quilts. But their construction methods are also unique, fun and easy. You will find that the quilt goes together quickly because most of the cutting is already taken care of with the 5-inch blocks. I have also been happy with the accuracy, using their techniques. We will be providing tables, chairs, tabletop ironing boards and irons. You will want to bring extension cords and power strips along with your machine and basic sewing supplies. Bring your Cutting board for squaring up and treat yourself to a NEW Blade.

You Don’t want to miss this Lecture!

In addition to the Workshop, Nickel Quilts will be our guests in OCTOBER at the Evening and Day Meetings. Their trunk show will include over 25 quilts. Their Book, “Nickel Quilts – Great Designs from 5-Inch Scraps” is well written, and full of great patterns. We must warn you, this book and these patterns are addictive. Once you start you can’t stop!
PERFECT POINTS MYSTERY QUILT

Finished Size: 44” x 58” by Gwen Lundgren

Do you like mystery books? Do you like secrets? Do you like quilts? If you answered yes to any of those questions, you will love making this quilt. Clues will be given in the August through November newsletters. You can have the top or maybe a finished quilt ready to show at the December MQ meeting. And give it as Christmas gift, if you can part with it.

This quilt can be a wallhanging, a baby quilt or a throw. We will rotary cut and machine piece. There is no appliqué. It uses four fabrics. Some hints are given below for choosing fabric. Fabric Town will have kits available at the August meeting in several groupings; including Fall leaves, Christmas, Pastel baby/child, Bright baby/child, Batik, and Floral. After the meeting you can contact them at 952-432-1827 to see if they have any left. If you are purchasing a kit, you can ignore the next section and jump to the cutting instructions.

Please Avoid Directional Fabric

Theme Fabric: This should be a multi-color print that could be cut up and sewn back together without looking too chopped up. This works best if the print is evenly distributed all over the fabric. It can be a medium to large scale print. There will be lots of this fabric so you want to pick something you like.

First Contrast and Second Contrast: Next choose two fabrics that contrast really well with the Theme Fabric and each other. They can be brighter or bolder. Or maybe they need to be darker. We will be sewing them to the Theme Fabric and will want to see them easily against it. Both of these should be tone on tone, very plain fabrics with texture but basically just one color. Now choose the one you like best to be called First Contrast and the other is called Second Contrast.

Background: There will be lots of this fabric. It needs to contrast with all the other fabrics. You can choose a muted print, a texture or an almost solid fabric. The plainer this is, the better your quilting will show off.

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Supplies:

Sewing machine, rotary cutting supplies, thread, scissors, pins, a pencil and maybe a ripper. Later you will need supplies for quilting.

After you have purchased your fabrics, prepare them in this way.

1. Dip each fabric, one at a time in cool or lukewarm water to check for color bleeding.
2. Soak in cool or lukewarm water for a few minutes and spin dry. No need for detergent or fabric softener. (If any bleed, soak those in Retayne.)
3. Dry in dryer until just dry or almost dry and press. I highly recommend using spray starch.

Hint: Before you wash fabric, cut a tiny scrap off each piece and tape or glue on left margin near charts on next page so you remember which is which. The colors/prints in the little boxes on the next page will be used in the diagrams with the clues.
MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY
Registration Rules and Class Descriptions
November 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th 2004
Mt Olivet Retreat Center of Farmington, MN

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

- Open to MQ members and guests.
- All registrations postmarked on or before August 15, 2002 will be considered first.
- Getaway fee is non-refundable, unless we have someone to take your place.

The cost for the Fall Getaway this year is $205 or $250 (Non MQ Members add $20) and includes the following:

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Check-in after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 4th. Please note that dinner on Thursday is INCLUDED.
We plan to entertain you at dinner on Thursday Evening and cover the agendas.

Class samples will be available at the July, August and September MN Quilters meetings.

THURSDAY EVENING  All classes are for any level experience unless otherwise indicated.
Ellen will offer a Pin Tree Project. Didn’t you always want to have a wall hanging to store and display all those quilt pins? Every time you look at it, you will see all the fond memories of where and when you got them.
Mary will offer a Fall Sweatshirt Cardigan with pocket. You will have fun exploring quilting without having to worry about it being perfect. This is a great opportunity to pick up a few balis that imitate the wonderful fall colors we see in the changing leaves. Pattern is free.

FRIDAY CLASSES - All classes are for any level experience unless otherwise indicated.

Machine Quilting with Jane Peterson (all day). Jane Peterson. Jane Peterson has an impressive list of credentials. And her jokes are wonderful! She makes learning fun and productive.
Grandpa’s Best from Celine Perkins (all day). Celine will show you how to make this fun and eye catching quilt. Chose your size from throw to King. Pattern is extra.
And as always... There is YOYO (You’re On Your Own). All three rooms have great lighting.

SATURDAY CLASSES - All classes are for any level experience unless otherwise indicated.

Something Old, Something New from Celine Perkins (all day): You will love how quickly this quilt goes together. The fabric plan is simple using dark & medium value fabrics with a contrasting background. Great for beginners. Pattern is extra.
Rolling Petals (all day) – Mary Lueders. This raw edge quilt is wonderful as a scrappy quilt. The illusion of elliptical circles draws you around and around. It can be done in flannels or traditional quilt fabrics. This is a quilt that you can finish in a day. We will give you options for an 8 or 9 inch finished square. And will show a faster way to cut those arrowheads in class.
And as always... There is YOYO (You’re On Your Own). All three rooms have great lighting.
We also have a special treat this year! A masseuse will come and do massages on Friday and/or Saturday. The fee is $15 for 15 minutes and $25 for 30 minutes. You can sign up separately for this wonderful pamper session in addition to all that wonderful camaraderie and quilting.

FALL GETAWAY REGISTRATION
WEBSITE FOR MT OLIVET is www.mtolivetretreat.org

November 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, 2004
St Olivet Retreat Center
To register, complete this form and mail with a check in
US Funds payable to "Minnesota Quilters, Inc."

Mary Lueders
3134 Highland Ave
Wayzata, MN 55391

Name

Area Code Phone MQ Membership #

Street Address City/State/Zip

Roommate

Vegetarian Diet Handicap Room Request YES NO

YES? NO? One room with 2 single beds

You may take as many classes as you can fit in. Classes are included in your registration fee.

Thursday Indicate a 1st and 2nd choice.

Evening Pin Tree Wall Hanging: Ellen Carter - Pattern Fee: $8.00
Evening Fall Cardigan Sweatshirt: Mary Lueders
Evening YOYO- You're on Your Own.

Friday Indicate a 1st and 2nd choice.

All Day Machine Quilting: Jane Peterson.
All Day Grandpa's Best: Celine Perkins
All Day YOYO - You're on Your Own.

Saturday Indicate a 1st and 2nd choice.

All Day Rolling Petals: Mary Lueders Pattern Fee: $8.00
All Day Something Old, Something New: Celine Perkins
AM / PM / All YOYO - You're on Your Own.

Make Checks Payable to: Minnesota Quilter’s Inc.

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Total Enclosed:

Retreat Registration fee is non-refundable, unless we find someone to fill your spot.

Confirmation of registration will be sent after September 1st.

You will receive an information packet at that time.

Packet includes class registration, supply lists, retreat information, maps and other goodies.

Questions? Mary Lueders 952-475-9919 email is M_Lueders@msn.com
**Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections to Our Past**

MQP’s book, to be published by Voyageur Press in May, 2005, will showcase 150 quilts from the approximately 4,000 documented by the Minnesota Quilt Project during the past 20 years.

The story of the quilts is told through glorious color photographs, vintage black and white images and detailed, informative text. Drawing on oral interviews with quilters and the close study of Minnesota’s classic quilts, MQ members Gail Bakkom, Jean Carlton, Patricia Cox, Laura Jelinek, Linda Kosfeld, Jean Loken, Elise Schebler and Kelly Willis explore the connections quilts have had to our history, our families and our everyday life.

Pre-publication order price is US$32.00 (tax is US$2.00). Avoid US$4.00 shipping by picking up your prepaid copy at the 2005 MQ Show in Duluth, June 9-11, 2005.

Reserve your copy today by completing the form below and sending it with payment or indicating credit card information.

The form can also be found at www.mnquilt.org.

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Send completed form to:

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Minneapolis, MN 55414
Volunteer Opportunities

As we’ve stated before, MQ is an all Volunteer, nonprofit organization. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. proudly claims production of the largest all-volunteer quilt show in the US with attendance averaging 10,000 each year. MQ can’t do it without you, her members and supporters. With the start of a new board term in October she’s also looking for help with a wide range of activities:

The new Education Director will be looking for an Historian and Documentarian in addition to:

Program Chairs for the 05-06 season. These chairs start now; helping the current Chairs set up and organize our monthly meetings. They also start NOW to plan and book teachers, programs and events from October, 2005 – September 2006.

Library Assistants are needed to keep the library open before and after our meetings

The new Communications Director will be looking for help with Public Relations, Advertising and Merchandising. While the Newsletter Editor position is filled for now, if you have experience producing a newsletter on a regular basis and would like to learn more about becoming the next editor, please let her know.

The Operations Director is looking for some trail blazers! There are several new volunteer positions that need to be filled by people who are interested in some adventure. These positions include Volunteer Coordinator, MQ Office Management Assistant and Textile Center Liaison.

The Membership Chair will need to be replaced in September. This position must be at both meetings at least 45 minutes before the meeting starts and must be comfortable using Access to maintain the membership list. It helps to have two people in this position, especially for the meetings.

Please keep in mind that many of these positions need to be done by more than one person. If you have a group of people working on a task, not only is it easier, but it is much more fun! If you are interested in getting more involved with MQ, any of the positions listed above would be a great opportunity. Meet new people, get to know each other better and remember: The quilter who gets involved in their guild gets more out of their quilting!

Whew…we’ve barely recovered from the great Rochester get together, are actively finalizing arrangements for Duluth, and now must get a committee for St. Cloud up and running ASAP. Since January of this year, I have been meeting and talking with MQ members and non-members about considering committee positions for the 2006 MQ Show in St. Cloud.

To date, we have a proposal for a fantastic, contemporary design for the raffle quilt that could set the theme for the Show. We are looking for a co-chair with prior MQ Show or relevant experience. We’ve had a couple of people interested in co-chairing the Faculty committee, but no firm commitments yet. The Faculty Committee does start doing it’s work now in order to get on teachers’ calendars as they book out 2 years in advance! There are several other committees that do have firm commitments for chairs. We do have the St. Cloud Civic Center reserved for the show dates of June 15-17, 2006, with classes beginning on Wednesday, June 14.

As you know, MQ is an ALL volunteer organization…I promise you that by the end of my term as President, you will be so tired of hearing that phrase…and volunteers mean YOU. If we don’t get the 2006 Show committee up and running within the next couple of months, the unspeakable may just happen. The other alternative would be to hire a professional organization to produce the show; the implications of this option would significantly change MQ, as we have known her to be.

So, please think seriously and quickly about stepping forward to take on a piece of the responsibility for making an event that we all look forward to happening. Call me at 952-906-0147 or email rpnorth@mn.rr.com to learn more about the exciting opportunities that can be in YOUR future!

Polly North

2006
St. Cloud
or Bust
August 13 - 14
Celebrating 15 years of Quilting in Ely, Heart of the Woods Quilters will hold their quilt show at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Quilt raffle. Admission free. For more information call 218-365-7420.

August 14 - 15
Cannon Falls Sesquicentennial Quilt Show presented by the Common Threads Quilters. Cannon Falls Elementary School. Sat 9 - 5 Sun 10 - 3. Charity raffle quilt, small quilt auction, quilters' garage sale, vendors. “Come Home to Cannon Falls” challenge and an abundance of quilts to enjoy. Admission $2, Children $1. Information: Janet Rock 507-263-4494 or cftcq7@yahoo.com

August 6 - 7, 2004
The Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Braham presents their annual small quilt show at Braham City Hall. “Miniatures from the Heart” trunk show. Hours 10am - 7pm Enjoy homemade pie, crafts, entertainment, and fun on Pie Day. Aug. 6. Free admission. Raffle quilt. Viewers' choice awards. Send a long SASE to Rosemary Brabec, PO Box 401, Braham, MN 55006 for show registration information.

September 10-11
Keepsake Quilters Quilt Show St. Edward's Church, Corcoran Center, Austin, MN. Raffle Quilt, Small Quilt Auction, Merchant Mall, Guild Boutique, Lunch available. Admission $2.50 NO Strollers Please.

September 14
Harriet Hargrave Trunk Show Sponsored by Redwood Area Quilters Guild. Redwood Valley High School PAC, Redwood Falls MN 7:00pm

September 18
Northern Lights Quilting Guild 2004 Quilt Show at the Memorial Building, Ironwood, MI. Vendors, One Day Raffle, Door Prizes, Raffle Quilt, Refreshments and Silent Auction. Hours 10 - 5 Admission $3.00 Contact Denise Engel, engeld@up.net or 906-224-7011

September 18 - 19
Autumnfest Quilt Show, presented by Pecemakers Quilting Guild of Wisconsin, Ltd. Lac Courte Oreilles Casino, Lodge, and Convention Center, East of Hayward, WI. Sat 9 - 5, Sun 10 - 4. JoAnne Larsen Line will present a trunk show/lecture Sunday at 1:00. Show is dedicated to a beloved member, Peg Reynolds. Contact Rolinda Langham, PO Box 614, Hayward, WI 54843 or rolinda64@yahoo.com

September 18 - 19
14th Annual Fall Festival Quilt Show presented by Apple River Quilt Guild Saturday 9am - 5pm, Sunday, 12 - 4pm. St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Amery, WI. Raffle quilt, vendors, guild challenge and demonstrations. Admission $2.00. Contact Nancy Drake, 715-268-6910 or nancy@amcicomputers.com.

September 24 - 25
Fall Splendor Rice County Pecemakers' Quilt Show. Congregational Church UCC Parish House, Faribault, MN. Fri 9 - 5, Sat 9- 4. Quilt raffle, Small Quilt Auction, Vendors, Door Prizes, Admission $3.00 NO Strollers Please.

September 24 - 30
Redwood Area Quilters Quilt Show Gilwood Haven, Redwood Falls, MN. Sat 9 - 4, Sun 1 - 4 Mon - Wed 11-3, Thurs 11-5, Quilt Raffle. More information send large SASE to Sharen Monahan, 308 Lake Dr, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-1528

September 25-26

October 2 & 3
A Fiesta of Color sponsored by the Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild. Frederic Elementary School, Frederic WI. Hours 10 -4 both days. Raffle quilt, vendors, silent auction, guild challenge and refreshments. Admission $2.00. Contact Nancy Drake, 715-268-6910 or nancy@amcicomputers.com.

October 2 & 3
A Garden of Quilts sponsored by the Fort Dodge Area Quilters, Inc.. Career Education Building. Iowa Central Community College. Hours Sat. 8 - 5, Sun.10 -4. Shar Jorgenson deomonstrations, Donation Quilt Drawing, Door Prizes, Vendors, Silent Auction, . Admission $3.00 per day, $5.00 for two-day pass. Contact 515-573-2229.

October 8-9-10
Harvest of Quilts Des Moines Area Quilters Guild Adventureland Park Palace Theater Altoona, Iowa I-80 Exit 142 Visit our web site at dmaqg.org Or contact Cindy at 515-223-1353

October 8-9-10
Fall Splendor of Quilts Chaska Area Quilt Club. Chaska Community Center. Fri 9-8, Sat 9- 6, Sun 11-4. Gabrielle Swain, Raffle Quilt, Vendors, Small Quilt Auction, Member Quilt Display, Challenge Quilts, Lectures and Demos. Admission $3.00 No Strollers Please. Call 952-448-5633

October 9 - 10
Autumn Glory, presented by Northeast Iowa Quilt Guild. Thomas Roberts High School, Decorah, IA. Sat 10 -7 Sun 10 - 4. Admission $4.00, special deals for buses and groups of 15 or more. Contact Jeri at jlaursen@alpinecom.net or http://www.members.tripod.com/baker_ia/index.htm.

October 15 - 16