January Meeting Notes

Thursday, January 8, 2004, 7:00 PM

**Happy New Year Quilters.** Have you resolved to attend Hidden Treasures June 9-12 in Rochester? If you still haven't decided, be sure to attend either meeting this month. You'll meet the Show Committee, find some hidden treasures, hear about the special events and exhibits and see the unveiling of the Raffle Quilt. You'll also watch the DVD presentation about the show.

The Registration Booklets with all the details should be arriving about the same time as this newsletter. You'll be able to see this information on our new website by the end of January.

If you've taken a class, or have a pattern or book from one of the faculty, bring it for Show and Tell. More examples will make it easier to choose a class or lecture. A sample supply list will be available for each class, too.

Eunice Hill has been named Quilter of the Year for 2004. She is truly a Hidden Treasure. Eunice has designed and contributed many quilts in support of various concerns including the International Association for Human Caring and the Mayo Clinic Women's Cancer Program. An award winning international quilter, Eunice has also won ribbons at the Minnesota Statefair.

Remember, this is the largest quilt show in the US completely staffed by volunteers. Be a VIP before, during and after the show by volunteering. There are lots of tasks to be done (not all of them in Rochester) and many hands make the work go faster. See the article on page 5 of this newsletter for information about volunteering.

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**Block of the Month Winner!**

Angels from on high came to Ruth Johnson. Three could be found on the head of her pin.

Celebrate the New Year and bring in Confetti blocks to the January meeting. Stripes are the fat quarter of the month.

First Prize for the Holiday Challenge went to Ruth Herbst. Carol Mayala was awarded Second Prize. Congratulations to great small quilts!

Look on page 4 for instructions on making (not breaking) Hearts for February and how to become a winner!
Hello, Quilters –

It seems a bit strange to write a new year's column when Christmas hasn't even arrived but that's the nature of a monthly newsletter, isn't it? I always find this time of year a bit reflective (after all the craziness of shopping, baking, family gatherings, and all) – don't we all at least THINK about making some new year's resolutions? Here are some of mine:

1. Do more quilting, even if it means putting off cleaning the house or something else that produces guilt when not completed on a regular schedule.
2. Take time to thank people who may be just doing their jobs but who do them with a good attitude and a smile.
3. Remain patient when things take longer than I'd like (this goes for getting the car fixed, finishing a quilt project, or even reorganizing MQ's board).

Three is probably enough, huh? (I don't want to overdo it....)

On the business side of MQ, let me tell you about our November board meeting and 'retreat.' I put retreat in quotes because it wasn't your typical 'sit around and sew, eat and have fun' retreat (although we did have some fun, some of us sewed a bit, and we all definitely ate well and often). What we spent the bulk of our time on, though, was discussing the plan for the reorganization of the board. We talked about the job descriptions of current board positions and how these will change as we reduce the board's size to seven (from the current 13-15). We also realized that much needs to be accomplished before the transition can occur, and therefore voted to change both our board year (which is currently July to June) and our fiscal year (currently November to October) to a unified October to September. There will be many benefits to this change, not the least of which is that our annual meeting, which we hold at the show in June, will include the official voting for the new board. We hope many more members will participate in the election (sounds like I'm talking national politics here, huh?) and feel more ownership in the organization. As I've discussed before, this reduction in the board will also make many volunteer positions much less time-consuming than they currently are.

I hope you will all think about the skills and talents you can bring to MQ. We are always open to your ideas and would love to have you become more involved in whatever way, at whatever time and level of activity you'd like to tackle. Stay tuned for more details, including specific job descriptions for both board and committee/individual projects coming in future newsletters.

Stay warm and Happy New Year!

Renay Leone
President

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.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The winner of the drawing ($25 give certificate to any quilt shop) for the Children's quilts was Diane Felicetta of Lonsdale. We got 24 great quilts, for all ages from premie to teens. Other contributors included Barbara Walster, Betty Rhodes, Doris Kraemer, Rosemary Bisciglia, Dori Pierce, Peggy Baker, Helen Olson - Freindly Quilters, Mary Petron, Marilyn Lee, Mari Sue Howes, Diane Beran, Mille Hartleben and Michelle Swenson. Thank you to all.
FAT QUARTER DRAWING

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

Fat quarter drawing “rules”:
- Bring or send a fat quarter in the color(s) or design specified for each month, with your name and address attached.
- Send your entry to:
  Fat Quarter
  Minnesota Quilters
  3000 University Ave SE Suite 120
  Minneapolis, MN 55414

- When a color is specified, the fabric can be a solid color or a print that contains the specified color as the main or predominant color.

- When two colors are specified it means that you can bring either of the two colors, or a fabric that has both of the colors as main colors.

- The plaids and stripes can be any colors.

The next five months’ quarters are:
- January – stripes
- February - pinks and reds
- March - greens and whites/off-whites
- April - pastels (solids or prints)
- May - brights (solids or prints)

FAT QUARTER DRAWING

Art Wear in Motion, Minnesota Quilters Award
Gini Corriick represented Minnesota Quilters at the Textile Center Art Wear in Motion 2003 style show. She selected Juan Erman Gonzalez of Miami, Florida, as the 2003 winner of the Minnesota Quilters’ $100 prize for creative quilting. Congratulations to Mr. Gonzalez!

Mystery Fabric Challenge
Minnesota Quilters (and children) are also invited to create an item using the mystery fabric available for $2.00 in the Shop at the Textile Center. It is a fat quarter of a cotton blend print. The finished creations will be displayed at the Textile Center Annual Meeting, Sunday, May 16, 2004.

The Textile Center is celebrating the diverse talents and techniques of its textile community by challenging its member guilds to create from many different disciplines using the same fabric. This fabric challenge is intended to be a fun event, not a juried art competition, so all are encouraged to participate.

Finished items may be brought to the Annual Meeting or delivered to the Textile Center the week prior to the event. The creations will be displayed and participants may vote on their choices for Best Accessory, Best Home Décor, etc. Children’s creations will be judged separately.

The rules are:
1.) The mystery fabric must be used on the visible surface.
2.) The mystery fabric must be identifiable on the piece.
3.) You do not need to use the whole piece of the mystery fabric.
4.) You may add other fabrics and embellishments.

Join in the fun and then donate your small creation to MQ’s Small Quilt Auction.
BLOCK OF THE MONTH
for the
FEBRUARY MEETING
BY JOANNE HOLZNECHT

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

Fabrics
1 white/black print (maybe try one of those geometric prints?)
1 bright red OR purple print

Cut
1 of each fabric 4 ½" x 8 ½”
1 of each fabric 4 ½” x 4 ½”
2 of each fabric 2 ½” x 2 ½”

Assemble by placing squares in corners and sewing diagonally across as shown in diagrams. Flip up, press and trim off excess fabric. Sew the 2 larger triangle units together from the lower cut to make triangle squares. These will make 2 bonus blocks for the winner to possibly use in borders. ATTACH THE BONUS BLOCKS TO THE HEART BLOCK WITH A PIN.

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 February meeting as you want. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your name and block(s) to:

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

CALL FOR BLOCKS AND QUILTS

Thank you to those who have already responded, but we’d like to get more block makers.

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

If you were a BOM winner, have finished your BOM quilt and would like to display it at the Rochester show, please contact Pam Ronan.
VOLUNTEER  VOLUNTEER  VOLUNTEER  
V. I. P.  
(Very Important Person)  

Anyone and Everyone can be a VIP! All you have to do is Volunteer to help at the 2004 Quilt Show in Rochester.

By now you should either have your registration book for our 2004 show in Rochester or anticipate getting it any day. As you are going through it, and thinking about the classes you want to take and the events you want to participate in, remember you can also be a V.I.P. at the show just by signing up to volunteer. What better way to have fun and make new friends.

Be thinking of where you would like to get involved!

If you have any questions or are ready to Volunteer, contact one of the following persons:

Diane Beran, 1770 Onacrest Curve, Maplewood, MN 55117, 651-488-6816, dberan1770@msn.com
Mary Lou Imholte, 7649 Stillwater Way, Oakdale, MN 55128, 651-777-9309, imholteml@yahoo.com
Joyce Palla, Box 633, Lindstrom, MN 55045, 651-257-8385 (jpalla@frontiernet.net)

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

It's not too early to donate a small quilt for the 2004 auction. Consider donating your Holiday challenge quilt to the small quilt auction. Please bring your small quilt auction donation to the next meeting or mail it to

Ellen Carter
11010 Spoon Ridge
Eden Prairie MN 55347

If you have questions, comments or suggestions for the Small Quilt Auction, please contact her at ecquilter@mn.rr.com or 952-944-0138.

President’s Block

Our illustrious leader has (finally) chosen a block pattern to commemorate her year of presidency. She prefers a scrappy Log Cabin block in the Barn Raising pattern (see the picture). The block should be 6 ½” unfinished for a 6” finished block with a black center. Including your name or initials on the block would be great.

Calendar of Events

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

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January, 2004
- Striped Fat Quarter
January 8 and 10: Introducing Hidden Treasures, Rochester 2004 Committee
January 25: 2004 Show Committee Meeting
January 26: Board of Directors Meeting

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February, 2004
- Pinks and Reds FQ
February 5 & 7: Benefits of Wool in quilts and batts by Suzanne Pufpaff
February 6: Wool Workshop
February 25: 2004 Show Committee Meeting
February 26: Board of Directors Meeting

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March, 2004
- Greens and whites/offwhites
March 4: British Quilter, Barbara Barber, will present Foundation Freedom
March 5: Workshop - Building on Foundations
March 6: Barbara Barber presents “My Work and Inspirations”
March 21: 2004 Show Committee Meeting
March 22: Board of Directors Meeting

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April, 2004
- Pastel (solid or print) FQ
April 1 & 3: Add sparkle and pizzazz to your quilt and learn how to use exotic fabrics with Judy Zoelzer Levine
April 2: Workshop
April 25: 2004 Show Committee Meeting
April 26: Board of Directors Meeting

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May, 2004
- Bright (solid or print) FQ
May 6 & 8: Merikay Waldvogel will speak on Antique or nearly Antique Quilts
May 24: Board of Directors Meeting

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June 9 - 12: Hidden Treasures Quilt Conference and Exposition in Rochester, MN

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General Meetings are free for MQM members and $3.00 for nonmembers. Workshops require an additional fee for all attendees.
The Minnesota Quilt Project committee did not have a meeting in December due to the MQ Holiday Brunch.

The next meeting will be January 10 at 8:30 AM at the Textile Center.

The first draft of the chapters for the “book” (Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections) are due at the January meeting. Details concerning these drafts will be discussed by the committee. Also, time slots for manning our booth at the MQ 2004 show will be decided along with how to decorate our booth at MQ’s 2004 show in Rochester. Plans for doing quilt appraisals at the show will also be finalized. Details for the Block of the Month book will be presented. We are looking for more volunteers to make blocks for the quilt that will be on the cover of the book. The quilt will then become part of MQ’s quilt collection. Anyone interested in helping with the project should contact Pat Cox or Pam Ronan.

We are planning to document a private collection in February.

**Membership News**

**Mary Montez - membership@mnquilt.org**

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

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

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

**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.

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**January 4th to February 8th, 2004**

**Minnesota Contemporary Quilters Exhibit**  
White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church 328 Maple Street, Mahtomedi, MN 55115. (651) 426-2369

**February 2-March 26, 2004**

**Arts in Harmony ’04**  
Elk River Area Arts Alliance Either Annual National Juried Art Show. Open to all living artists, entries will be juried and only work selected by the juror will hang. Entry form and documents must arrive by January 9 for consideration. Contact 763-441-4725 for more information.

**February 10, 2004**

Darlene Zimmerman will be speaking at the **Dakota County Star Quilters** meetings at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm on February 10, 2004 Location: 130 - 3rd Avenue South St. Paul, MN for more information contact Barb Luken, 8125 Casper Way East, Inver Grove heights, MN 55076 bdluken@aol.com(651/552-7548)

**February 28-29, 2004**

**Twin Cities Bead Bazaar - Spring Show**  
Hours 10-5 both days at the National Guard Armory, 1025 Broadway Street NE, Mpls. $2 Admission good for both days. For further information contact Doris Coghill (952)-492-2493, dcoghill@frontiernet.net. Or see www.beadsbydecy.com for list of vendors and directions

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

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

Green Lake Bible Camp
Spicer, MN
March 3rd – March 7th 2004

To register, complete this form and mail with check payable to “Minnesota Quilters, Inc.” to:
Mary Lueders 3134 Highland Ave., Wayzata, MN. 55391. Phone 952- 475 - 9919

Registration is strictly First Come First Serve… so act now!

Name (___) Phone Number

Address

City State Zip

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Sales Tax 6.50%

TOTAL

Due to copyright laws each participant must have a pattern or book to participate in the offered projects.

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

Registration includes 3 breakfasts, 2 lunches and 2 dinners. The Retreat is only open to Members of Minnesota Quilters.

Check in time is Thursday after 5pm. Check out time is Sunday before 10 am

We are lucky to have a wonderful vendor who will offer fun shopping experiences right there at the Retreat! The Quilter's Mercantile from Mankato will bring most of their store and offer kits for the Mystery!

Each project will have a facilitator and we will offer tips and demonstrations throughout the retreat.

Be part of the fun and make a block for the BLOCK LOTTERY!
Minnesota Quilters 2004 Scholarship For Beginning Quilters In Honor of Doreen Speckmann

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

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

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

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

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

Your scholarship application will consist of the following:

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

Scholarship Applications should be mailed to:
Minnesota Quilters
Scholarship Committee
3000 University Ave. SE #120
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Scholarship application deadline is February 15, 2004

Minnesota Quilters 2004 Scholarship Entry Form

Name:__________________________________________________________

Home Phone #____________________________________________________

Address:__________________________________________________________

City:________________________ State________ Zip:______________________
MEMBER TO APPEAR ON SIMPLY QUILTS

MQ member Cindy Thury Smith flew out to California in December to tape a segment of Alex Anderson’s Simply Quilts. She demonstrated making a crazy quilt block using fulled wool. Cindy went through all the steps from hand dyeing wool, how to recycle old woolen clothing into fulled wool, how to construct a block edge-to-edge using decorative threads and how to make a shrunken woolen pincushion using leftover pieces. Look at her website at www.quiltsbycts.com for more background information on the techniques.

This is the same technique that was detailed in her article in the Winter 2003 issue of American Quilter magazine.

According to the producers the episode will be aired mid-2004. We’ll keep you informed of the air date.

Congratulations, Cindy!

Tied up in knots after the Holidays??? If you’d like to make a quilt out of men’s ties for someone who inherited a “huge” quantity of them, please contact Linda Passon-McNally at mommaleah@aol.com

Answers to Helen’s Color Crossword