March Meeting Notes

Thursday, March 3, 7:00pm
Saturday, March 5, 10:00am

As we write this we have to wonder if March will come in like a lion. If so, all is not lost. We can cuddle up with a quilt and read a good book. Or better yet, pull out a little redwork and enjoy!

Annemarie’s program was wonderful. The workshop was fun and valuable.

MARCH PROGRAM AND WORKSHOP
Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer will be our speaker in March. Jeannette’s workshop, titled Fold, Poke and Stamp, will explore surface design of fabric. The dye lab at the Textile Center has been reserved. This is a wonderful and unique opportunity to learn more about the dye process and add to your creative instincts.

My exposure to quilters has left me with the impression that WE ARE CREATIVE PEOPLE, HOWEVER WE WILL NOT BELIEVE IT OF OURSELVES. Please look for the workshop registration form in this issue and sign up.

You will be very impressed with Jeannette’s website as well, www.jdmeyer.com. Her goal is for “viewers to be able to visually enter my quilts and walk through fields of color to the still, contemplative space within. That is the place my work comes from and the place I hope to lead others to when it is done.”

TREAT SIGN UP - MARCH
Please call and sign up to make a couple of dozen cookies or treats. Our hostess coordinators are Cathy Stiele (phone 952-934-3197) for Thursday evening and Michelle Hill (phone 763-383-1474) for Saturday morning. Each volunteer who brings treats, gets two hours of credit toward their volunteer pin.

SHOW AND TELL
Have you taken the fun, freeing and creative step into Dyeing? If so please bring your efforts for show and tell. In the spirit of the season, we are looking for March shamrocks, green quilts of the “Irish Persuasion”, kites, lions or lambs. And remember, they can be finished, “not so finished projects” and plain unfinished projects. Come and share with your friends.

Ellen Carter
Mary Leuders
Judy Lewis
Hello Again,

First, I want to recognize those MQ members who have stepped forward this month to assume organizational responsibilities:

- Karen Kopitzke – Karen has actually been working on the MQP database “clean-up” for several months. I neglected to recognize her in the February issue. She is coordinating the standardization of the 4000+ entries made by MQP as it has documented quilts over the past 15 years.

- Karen O’Brien – Karen has come forward to be the “official” MQ Librarian. She will be our liaison with the Textile Center library and will coordinate and purchase new books and subscriptions for the library. Karen has had the library open for both monthly meetings over the past several months.

Second, we need to have a serious conversation about MQ’s need for additional volunteers to coordinate, plan and make ongoing programs happen. Our current crunch is PEOPLE, not money; money ONLY becomes an issue if we need to hire out those positions that have traditionally been filled by MQ volunteers.

Those who attended the membership meetings on February 3 and 5 were asked to complete the form on the opposite page, and I would like to provide preliminary outcome information here…after all of you have had an opportunity to reply, I’ll put together a final report which will be printed in the newsletter and posted on the website.

As of this afternoon (2/5), there have been a total of 105 replies. Most of the replies had comments and/or suggestions, which I won’t summarize here except to emphasize that this is a PEOPLE shortage NOT a money shortage!!!

- Treats – 70 said it was fine not to have treats, 33 said attendees should pay 50c for treats at meetings. This is really a minor issue, nevertheless has repeatedly raised concern and controversy.

LIKELY SOLUTION: We will continue to have sign-up sheets for treats, please take your turn, and what is brought is what we will have. MQ will continue to supply coffee.

- Meeting Frequency – 68 want to continue monthly meetings, 19 said quarterly, 4 said bi-/semi-monthly. As of this writing, no programs have been planned after September 2005. Even if we do more informal meetings, or ask guilds to present programs (popular suggestions), someone needs to coordinate the who-what-when-how.

LIKELY SOLUTION: Monthly meeting will continue providing 2-4 members step forward to take on the role of coordinating these meetings. Please see the HELP WANTED ad in this issue for job description, time commitment, and who to contact for additional info.

- Member Dues – 41 supported increased dues to hire out positions not being filled by volunteers, 48 supported tiered dues for volunteer and non-volunteer members, and 6 wanted no dues increase. The issues of disability, fixed income, and non-metro members would be addressed through volunteer jobs that fit the individual situation if we decide to go with a tiered dues structure.

Concerns expressed included members wanting to know what MQ’s budget is. Our balance sheet as of December 31, 2004 is on page 14. Others were concerned that we may be spending too much money having our office and meeting space at the Textile Center. The facts are that when we left Machinists Hall our rent was $1400 per month, plus we had approximately $150 in off-site storage charges each month; our cost at TCM is $1216 per month. We do pay extra to TCM if there is a Friday workshop or show committee meeting using part or all of the auditorium space.

A question I was asked at both meetings this month was “Could there be a list of open positions, job descriptions, approximate hours and who to contact published in the newsletter?” Since August 2004, there has been a column, initially titled “Volunteer Opportunities” and currently titled HELP WANTED, toward the back of each newsletter. Please check there monthly for the specifics of current needs.

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March, 2005

MQ News
Survey Sez...

CAN WE CONTINUE TO BE A MEMBER RUN, VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATION?

Possible ideas to deal with the issues of non-volunteerism:

MONTHLY MEETINGS
- Treats
  - It’s fine not to have treats
  - All attendees pay 50c for treats
- Meeting Frequency
  - It’s fine to have quarterly meetings
  - It’s fine to discontinue the general meetings and have only the annual show.

Your ideas about this dilemma:

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MEMBER DUES:
- I support increased due to hire out positions not filled by volunteers.
- I support present dues for member volunteers (maybe 10-15 hours a year?), increased dues for non-volunteers.

Your ideas about this dilemma:

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Please contact me, I’m willing to help:

________________________________________________________

Name

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At present, the Board is looking at hiring a part-time office person who would be able to answer phones, direct members to the appropriate committees for questions or involvement, keep our office organized, provide some “institutional memory” and generally do much of the clerical work that often falls through the cracks. We hope to have a decision regarding this for you in the April newsletter and March membership meetings.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is YOUR organization, and the Board needs your input in order to make certain decisions. Please take a few minutes to fill out the member poll on the opposite page and send it to me at 3000 University Ave. SE, Suite 120, Minneapolis 55414. The form is also available on our website, or you can just email me your replies at president@mnquilt.org.

I want to thank all 105+ people who responded, and those of you who will be responding. A special Thank You is due to the 12 who gave contact information and said they would be willing to volunteer. It’s going to take all 1148 members (as of 2/1/05) to keep MQ the fun, vibrant and educational organization we have come to know and love.

Please let us hear your thoughts, suggestions and ideas as to how to solve our current dilemmas. Thank you for your support.

Polly
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.

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 APRIL 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

FABRIC:
Background White on muslin print
Tulip Print or use 2 prints from same color family of your choice
Stem – Dark green
Leaves – Medium green print

Use template for cutting tulip pieces – ADD SEAM ALLOWANCES

CUT
Stem 1 ½” x 5 ½” (The stem is a solid piece, not triangles)
2 leaves 2” x 5 ½”
Also for the leaf section cut 2 background squares 2” x 2”
Sew these squares onto leaf pieces as shown in diagram
Side panels from background fabric 2 ½” x 9 ½”.

Assemble as shown.
Library Lines II
Karen O’Brien (MQ Librarian)

The Minnesota Quilters’ library has always been a cherished part of the guild, important to its members as a place to find quilting books, magazines, and videos, both old and new. That treasure has greatly increased in value since our move to the Textile Center. Since I never was a cheerleader in high school, please allow me to be a cheerleader for the Textile Center library.

Give me a R-A-H! Give me an “R”: now we have access to an incredible RANGE of subjects in our books. Of course there are lots of quilting books (hooray, MQ!) but there are also books and magazines on design, beading, embroidery, sewing, weaving, tatting . . . the list goes on and on.

Then, give me an “A”: the Textile Center Library is AVAILABLE and ACCESSIBLE (see posted hours below). At Machinists’ Hall, the library was only open at monthly meetings. Now it is open throughout the week, both during the day and in the evening. If you are a current Minnesota Quilter, a member of one of the other sponsoring guilds, or a member of the Textile Center, you have automatic borrowing privileges.

Finally, give me an “H”: the Textile Center’s computerized catalog makes the HUNT for an item quick and easy. The catalog is searchable by any number of methods. One can look up items by title, author, subject, or keyword. Even if you’d prefer to simply browse through the shelves, the system will send you to the proper spot in the shelves. Who knows what you’ll find once you start looking!

So, let me cheer for the library – I can’t say enough about what a jewel it is. Stop in soon!

Textile Center Library Winter Hours (September to June)
(called ahead to make sure that someone is behind the desk – Textile Center (612-436-0464).

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P.S. More book stuff to think about:
Look for newsletter book reviews by Kathy Burchill in forthcoming issues. The books that Kathy reviews will be placed in the Textile Center library after the reviews have been published.

The Textile Center library has a continuing Used Book Sale; prices are at 60-70% of what you’d pay on the internet. There is a large assortment of quilting books for sale! These are duplicates of books that the library already owns. Money from the Used Book Sale goes to purchase new books!

The Textile Center Garage Sale is coming up on Saturday, April 16 ($1 admission), with preview on Friday, April 15 ($25 donation to Textile Center Annual Fund), and a $1 per grocery-bag-full sale starting at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 16.

“Books Wanted List” – Textile Center member guilds have been asked to put together a list of books for what would make up, for their craft, the perfect textile library. I am going to try to put this together for MQ, but would LOVE to hear your suggestions. What book(s) could you not have done without? Please email me at KLOBRIEN2@aol.com with your suggestions. Thank you!

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 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 contacted, and the fat quarters 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).

March: Green
April: Yellow
May: Light Blue
FOLD, POKE AND CLAMP
with Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer

Come to the Textile Center Dye Lab Friday, March 4, 2005 for a day of adventure. After a short introduction to dyeing with fiber reactive dyes, we will tie, rubber band, sew, wrap, roll, and generally play with fabric to discover the beautiful effects physical resists produce when combined with low water immersion dye techniques. We will be working with fat quarters and producing samples of a number of fabric manipulation techniques. (For beginners and experienced dyers) Jeannette is an experienced fabric manipulator and will bring innovative and intriguing views to her students. Contact Evening Program Chair, Judy Lewis for more information at 612-781-6758 or jl556lt@msn.com.

Class starts at 10:00AM so please be prompt.

Each student needs:
- Playful attitude, sense of humor, chocolate as needed
- Plastic bins (2-3), approximately 14”x18” by 4” deep. These are easily found in the storage sections in discount stores. If you’re having trouble finding them, cheap plastic kitty litter trays work fine.
- Pony spring clamps, medium size (4-8) in some parts of the country these are called alligator clamps or A-clamps. Often stored with carpentry supplies in hardware stores.
- Apron or clothes you’ll be happy to drip onto
- Rubber gloves
- Thimble
- Quilting thread and needles

Supply Fee Includes:
- Handouts
- Dye and Auxiliary chemicals
- Prepared-for-dyeing (PFD) mercerized cotton fabric
- Use of instructor’s non-perishable supplies

Complete the form on the next page and send it with a check to Judy Lewis at Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Ave. SE, #120
Minneapolis, MN 55414

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Membership News

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

Gayle Mundstock
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
3000 University Ave. SE, #120
Minneapolis MN 55414
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: “9/1/04 means you need to renew your membership before the September meeting in 2004.

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

Please make checks payable to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. MQ 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 Gayle for a replacement card. Badge holders are available at the admission table.
### Dye Class with Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer
#### March 4, 2005 - Textile Center Dye Lab

**Fee $**

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**MAIL TO:** Judy Lewis- March Class  
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.  
3000 University Ave. SE, #120  
Minneapolis MN 55414

### Calendar of Events

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

- ★ **March 3-5:** Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer, Dye Artist  
  **March 4:** Fold, Poke and Clamp Workshop  
  **March 12:** 2005 Show committees Walk through DECC St. Louis River Room Noon  
  **March 28:** Board of Directors Meeting

- ★ **April 7-9:** 10 x 10 - 10 quilters share 10 quilts to make 100! Birthday Cake and Fun  
  **April 10:** 2005 ALL Show committees meeting Duluth Art Institute 2:00PM

- ★ **May 5-6:** Brandywine Designs  
  **May 6:** Board of Directors Meeting  
  **May 21:** ALL Show committees meeting at DECC Noon

- ★ **June 9-11:** Stars in the Harbor Annual Show in Duluth (Classes begin June 8)  
  **June 10:** Annual Meeting Noon - 1:30 DECC  
  **June 27:** Board of Directors Meeting

General Meetings are free for MQ Members and $3.00 for nonmembers. Workshops require an additional fee for all attendees.

### Members Gain Yards for Youth

Pictured above are the MQ members who played with fabric Saturday, January 29, 2005 during the First Annual Yards for Youth event. Sponsored by Life’s Missing Link and benefiting the Lindquist Apartments, a new facility for homeless and transitional teens and young adults, more than 40 quilters took part in creating 49 quilt tops during the event. From the starting whistle blown by Life’s Missing Link co-founder and former Viking Oscar Reed to the final Touchdown, a great time was had by all. The tops will be machine quilted and presented to the new residents when the building is ready for occupancy in the fall. If you’d like to help with quilting or binding, please contact Lucy Zanders at Life’s Missing Link, (612) 871-0748

*(Photo courtesy of Deb Renshaw)*
Our show is brought to you entirely by Volunteers. YOU are the most valued and treasured resource Minnesota Quilters has. It will take over 600 volunteers working together to put on a successful quilt show in June, 2005. Each volunteer with 2 hours of service will receive a Volunteer Pin as a token of appreciation for time given. This year we will have volunteer shifts of one hour for white gloving, and two hours for other duties. We will also have start times on the half hour, so you will have more opportunities to volunteer and enjoy the show. For each hour you volunteer, your name will be entered into daily prize drawings. In addition, your name will be entered into the drawing for the Grand Prize Drawing.

**Grand Prize is a PFAFF Sewing Machine!**

Call, write or eMail your volunteer registration information to:
MQ Duluth Volunteers, 3000 University Avenue SE #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414, 952-475-9919, eMail showvol05@mnquilt.org . PLEASE PRINT!

Name________________________________________________________

Address___________________________________________________________________________________________________

City, State ZIP or Postal Code________________________________________________________________________________

eMail_______________________________ Day Phone__________________Evening Phone_________________

Please check the Volunteer Opportunities

- White Glove - We have one hour shifts available starting at half hour intervals.
- Bag Check Table
- Door Guard
- Lecture Helper
- Registration
- Small Quilt Auction
- MQ Merchandise
- Raffle Quilt
- Volunteer Table
- 2006 Challenge
- Set-Up MONDAY
- Set-Up TUESDAY
- Set Up WEDNESDAY
- Take-Down SATURDAY
- Other ____________________________
- Class Room Helper – MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THE CLASS: Class Numbers ______________________

Please list the times you are available to volunteer.

Monday, June 6th ________________________________________________________________________________

Tuesday June 7th ________________________________________________________________________________

Wednesday June 8th ______________________________________________________________________________

Thursday June 9th ________________________________________________________________________________

Friday June 10th ________________________________________________________________________________

Saturday June 11th ________________________________________________________________________________

Saturday Take Down (5:00pm start)________________________________________________________________

Those who contribute 4 hours of volunteer time for Take Down on Saturday Night will be eligible for a special drawing. The special prize is a certificate for custom quilting for up to a full-size quilt. The quilting will be done on a longarm, stitch-regulated machine by a professional quilter and includes one thread color, but does not include batting.
CHANGE IN JUDGED COMPETITION RULES

On February 2nd, 2005, the Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors were asked to clarify the language regarding entry eligibility of show sponsors. The current Judged Competition Rules published in the newsletter, Registration Book and on the website reads:

“Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 2005 Show Faculty and Sponsors are not eligible for this Judged Competition.”

The following language was adopted:

“Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 2005 Show Faculty and Sponsor owners, in part or whole, are not eligible for this Judged Competition.

No other terms or conditions have changed. This allows persons working for a Sponsor to compete in the Judged competition. If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact Show Chairs Susan MacLennan or Linda Krueger or President Polly North.

VOLUNTEERS

The registration books are delivered and the registrations are pouring in. On cold gray days it is nice to think about summer in Duluth. The temperature will be perfect and there will be plenty of friends and smiles. Shopping, classes and quilts will be GREAT TOO! We will be hanging Judged Quilts on Monday. Therefore, we need helping hands. What a wonderful way to be a part of a fantastic show. It is a real treat to see the quilts up close and personal. So please pull the volunteer sign up sheet out of your registration book or use the one to the left and send it in. You can also sign up by email! The address is showvol05@mnquilt.org. We also have many volunteer opportunities during the show. With some you get to walk around and with others you get to sit down. Whichever way you look at it, you meet nice people! And the grand prize of a PFAFF sewing machine will be one lucky person’s dream come true.

Mary Lueders

FABRIC CHALLENGE

Bulletin! Bulletin! A record number of “Stars in the Harbor” challenge packets were sold at the Rochester Show. Now we are anticipating a record number of entries! Actual projects aren’t due until June 5th, but you must submit your entry form by April 29th to qualify. Details are found in the challenge packets. If you have any questions please call Judy Trempe (763-755-9545) or Susan Manning (763-757-1336). We are very excited to see everyone’s project!

SILENT AUCTION

The first prize drawing for the silent auction was held on February first in Duluth. The names of 10 quilters who had donated 12 items in January were placed in the monthly drawing pot and the lucky winner was Barb Goldman of Saginaw, Minnesota. As of this writing, four more items have arrived and the names of their contributors have been added to the pot. The next drawing will be on March first. In addition to the drawing, a free lecture pass for the show goes to each donator for each item contributed.

We are aware of quilt guilds that are taking us up on our offer of a special prize drawing at their meeting when they get together as a group and make at least 10 items for the auction. Some guilds are setting aside a special day for this. Others are making “round robin” quilts. Thus far, we have received small quilts, vests, a bowl, a shoulder bag and a table center. What can you come up with? Put on your creative cap and join the fun! Items can either be mailed to one of the co-chairs below or brought to one of the ‘Twin Cities’ monthly meetings at the Textile Center. Jane Carnes Janet McTavish 4723 Gladstone St. 1764 Wildwood Rd. Duluth, MN 55804 Duluth, MN 55804 (218) 525-9044 (218) 525-0103

MERCHANDISE

DON’T MISS OUT! THEY ARE GOING LIKE HOTCAKES! GET YOUR SIZE EARLY! Be sure to plan to purchase on of the cardigan sweatshirts at the next MQ meeting or when you come to the 2005 MN Quilt Show in Duluth, MN. It is sure to keep you cozy on those cool Duluth evenings and in the air-conditioned classrooms. The cardigan is a box-cut with no band at the bottom or sleeves. It is a beautiful royal blue color with an embroidered Quilt Show badge on the upper left side. Also available at the show will be a t-shirt to coordinate with the cardigan. It will have the Quilt Show logo screen printed on the upper left side. A thermal travel coffee mug will be sold this year at the show which will bear the MQ logo on it. This mug will be great to take with you to classes and meetings and can hold both hot and cold liquids and was selected to fit in the show bag.

We have great bags and pins this year that are included in the pre-registration price. Look for these items and the return of some classic MQ items in limited supply at the MERCHANDISE booth at the 2005 show. Please let me know if you have any questions. I can be reached at Daytime: 218-723-5967 Evenings: 715-392-4384 email: jhalom@css.edu

Julie Halom

By now you have registered for your classes and lectures, signed up for the special events and booked your hotel room for those fun-filled days in Duluth. Early registration numbers are impressive and classes are filling quickly.

An exciting array of vendors have been chosen to make your show-shopping and booth-hopping a jaw-dropping and heart-stopping experience! Please check out the MQ website at mnquilt.org for website links to our show sponsors, vendors and faculty.

As your anticipation builds, you may ask yourself how you can help make the 2005 MQ Show just a little better. Please consider completing the show volunteer form, donating a door prize, creating a special quilt related item using those fabulous challenge fabrics and finishing a small quilt to be auctioned at the show. The possibilities are varied and the results will help make 2005 Stars in the Harbor a memorable success!
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$35.00 (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.

Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections to Our Past  Pre-order Form

| Name ____________________________________________________________ | Book Quantity | ________ |
| Address ________________________________________________________ | X US$35.00 |
| City ________ State _______ ZIP _______ Country _______ | Tax |
| Phone ________ eMail __________ | Quantity X US$2.00 ________ |

Check enclosed ________

Visa or Mastercard Number_____________________________Exp Date________

Name on Card (if different)__________________________________________

If Shipment is outside the US, please contact MQP@mnquilt.org for shipping charges. Send completed form to:

Minnesota Quilt Project

3000 University Ave. SE, Suite 120

Minneapolis, MN 55444

Thank you to our very active members

The following members have contributed 6 hours to Minnesota Quilters in activities outside of the Annual Show. The entire organization wishes to THANK and RECOGNIZE YOU. We can’t do it without YOU! If anyone listed has not received her pin, please let a board member know and we will get one to you. In addition, anyone who does have 6 hours of volunteer time and has not been recognized, please fill out a volunteer form and advise a board member. We are a full volunteer organization and we are only as good as our participation.

Terry Chandler Roseville, MN
Kristine Campbell Wyoming, MN
Clare Degerness Moorhead, MN
Michelle Hill Coon Rapids, MN
Sandy R Johnson New Hope, MN
Doris Kraemer Eagan, MN
Susan Manning Coon Rapids, MN
Mary Lou Murray St Paul, MN
Karen O’Brien Roseville, MN
Catherine Stiele Eden Prairie, MN
Minnesota Quilters Balance Sheet  
As of December 31, 2004

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**Minnesota Quilters Profit & Loss**  
For the Three Months Ended December 31, 2004

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**Net Income** (9,096)

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Quilts Wanted

Have you noticed the quiltworks that were hanging in the office windows of Minnesota Quilters at the Textile Center? On an ongoing basis, we want to share your efforts with your fellow quilt fanatics. We are looking for individuals or small quilt groups willing to share some of their work for the windows on a monthly basis. The side panel window is 5 feet tall and 32 inches wide. The door panel is approximately 23 inches wide. The items will be inside the office and behind glass. They will be well protected from touching and sunlight. Please contact the Education Director to sign up and show your efforts.

Minneapolis Quilt Project News

Work on Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections is progressing. The authors met with the editor from Voyageur Press and were given the layouts for their chapters. Corrections have been made and the chapters returned to the publisher. They will now be sent to the printer. The book is listed in the Voyageur Press Spring 2004 trade catalog with one of the quilts from the book on the cover of the catalog. There will also be a calendar for 2006 printed using quilts from the book.

MQP will be presenting a program to a quilt guild in Minnetonka this Spring.

Plans are going ahead for our exhibits at the Duluth show. All the quilt owners contacted have been willing to lend their quilts for display.

Pat Cox
Help Wanted

Volunteer with merchandising/marketing/public relations experience to donate a little time to MQ. This involves advising the Minnesota Quilt Project on to inexpensively promote the kick-off of the Minnesota Quilters’ state quilt book in Duluth in June and the reception and quilt display at the Textile Center in August, including ideas for the book display/sales table and press releases for both events. Contact Linda at 952-835-3901 or email at LK5sisters@aol.com to get more information.

Operations Director

This Board Position will oversee office management, volunteerism within the MQ Organization along with Membership. You will get involved with the budget. Two year commitment that will take approximately 20 hours per month. For more information, please contact Polly North president@mnquilt.org

Evening Director

This is a really fun position where you get to meet new friends and get involved in the type of programs you would like to see at meetings. The Education Director will help and mentor on programs and conducting meetings. We have restructured these positions so that it will be fun and not take a large amount of your time. For more information contact ed@mnquilt.org

Coffee Maker

Person willing to come a little early to the Textile Center on Thursday Evening Meetings to start the coffee. Because we all know how nice it is to have a cup of coffee before the meeting starts… For more info call Mary Leuders 952-475-9919.

Cashiers

Operate Cash Register before and during meetings for sale of 2005 Show Merchandise. Training provided. Contact Mary Leuders 952-475-9919

Sew Many Northern Lights

St. Cloud, MN

June 15 - 17, 2006

Classes begin June 14

The 2005 Show Committee is still looking for a few good quilters. Door Prizes, Judged Exhibit, Special Exhibits and Publishing / Printing still need chairs. The show will be a little later in 2006 so there should not be graduation conflicts. If you want to be part of the fun, contact 06 Show Chairs Mary Brandt or Sue Keimig at mq06@mnquilt.org.
INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP QUILTERS

“Quilting Beyond the Borders”

The International Friendship Quilters (IFQ), which can be found at www.friendshipquilters.com, is an organization spearheaded by James Ellis Deakins and Suzy Poor. Its purpose is to create a network of quilters who share their passion, knowledge and friendship across the world. Relying on the international language of quilting, we are “Quilting Beyond the Borders”. The IFQ creates the structure that permits this to happen.

The IFQ uses the vast power of the internet to create a community for quilters across the globe. Chapters are the basic unit of the IFQ and are composed of 5 – 20 members. These groups can be local to a region or “virtual” and function over the internet. While a local group may meet in person, the virtual chapter will “meet” in the IFQ chat room. Discussions are held in a forum area and members get to know one another as they work on projects together.

The IFQ differs from other quilt groups and guilds. It is designed to broaden a quilter’s horizons and sets as few rules and regulations as possible. The international scope of the IFQ relies on embracing the differences inherent in various cultures so it follows naturally that we wish to limit hard and fast rules.

Members interact within their chapters, and chapters interact with other chapters, working on exchanges, projects or researching techniques. In addition, members can choose to participate individually in the special events, such as Mystery Quilts, Personal Challenges, or special projects. Just as every quilt meeting includes a “show & tell” time, the IFQ offers a “Show & Tell” page members post pictures of their works so we can all be inspired.

The IFQ membership spans the globe. Not only are our members meeting quilters across the world, but they are also finding new friends in their own backyard. One IFQ member lives in a tiny village in the UK and thought she knew everyone in that village, especially the quilters. It was much to her surprise when she discovered that one of her new IFQ friends lives only a few houses away in her village!

The IFQ serves as a communication hub so quilters around the world can get to know one another, learn from each other, laugh together and just share their love of quilting. To become a member, all that is required is to fill out a simple membership form on the website (http://www.friendshipquilters.com). Then the fun begins and you can start “Quilting Beyond the Borders”!

For more information send a message to IFQ@friendshipquilters.com.

BATIK DESIGN CHALLENGE

Here’s a chance to design a batik fabric: SewBatik has announced the theme for the inaugural SewBatik Challenge™. The SewBatik Challenge is to create an image for an original batik motif design that captures the spirit of the chosen theme. This year's theme will be: “East meets West.”

Anyone may participate in the SewBatik Challenge. The entries will be judged by an international panel of experts who will emphasize originality, creativity and adherence to the chosen theme. The entries must be received between September 1, 2005 and October 31, 2005. Award winners will be announced on December 15, 2005. The Grand Prize award will be a $1,000 cash prize for the exclusive use by SewBatik of the design submission. SewBatik will convert the winning design into batik fabric which will be sold on its website, at trunk shows and home parties for one year. Entry forms and Challenge Guidelines are available at http://www.sewbatik.com/SewBatik-Challenge-Entry-Form.pdf.
GARAGE SALE
Get ready for the 5th annual textile garage sale! This is a great time to clean out projects you have not gotten too, or clean out your stash, plus a great place to add to a few new fabrics to the collection! Saturday, April 16, 2005 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Textile Center. Admission is just $1 per person for hours of textile shopping fun! Drop off your donations at the Textile Center, Friday April 15, 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring items in clear bags (like Ziplocks) pre priced. If you would like to volunteer call the Textile Center at 612-436-0464. Four hour shifts available April 14-17. Volunteers get to shop first!

2005 MYSTERY MATERIALS CHALLENGE
Like a challenge? Pick up a package of “Mystery Materials” for the Textile Center Challenge. Items will be displayed at the Textile Center Annual Meeting in May. Packages and instructions are available at the Textile Center Shop.

Members of the Textile Center and its member organizations, children included, are invited to create an item using this year’s Mystery Materials.

Entries are due at the Annual Meeting at the Textile Center, Saturday, May 14, 2005. Complete rules and the Mystery Materials Kit are available in the Shop at the Textile Center for $5.

ANNUAL MEETING
The Textile Center Annual Meeting will take place May 14, 2005 10:00-4:00pm with a theme of World Market. Member guilds will have tables to display and sell items, as well as provide demonstrations. Awards for the Mystery Fabric Challenge will be announced. Come and join the fun and learn about other textile guilds. If you’d like to help staff the MQ table, contact Kelly Willis at kewillis@mail.mnzoo.state.mn.us.

LIBRARY
As a member of Minnesota Quilters you can use the Textile Center library. Please come in and look at the library collection, then check out a few books. Return them next month when you come to the meeting. It’s as easy as that.

MORE INFORMATION
Pick up a Textile Center Newsletter for all the upcoming events, classes, and guild meetings or go to www.textilecentermn.org. Kelly Willis, Textile Center Liaison

NOTHING NEW II
Exhibition of fiber art from recycled materials, at the Textile Center, July 8-August 13, 2005. Juried by Gyöngy Laky, University of California, Davis. Entry deadline is April 22, 2005. For more information call 612-436-0464, or email info@textilecenterm.org. Entry form also available for download at www.textilecentermn.org

ARTWEAR IN MOTION 2005
Runway show and boutique sale of wearable art and artwear garments and accessories, at the Textile Center, October 22 & 23, 2005. Juried by Kenneth D. King, a New York and Hollywood courtier with a varied background in clothing, jewelry and furniture design. Entry deadline is April 15, 2005. For more information call 612-436-0464, or email info@textilecenterm.org. Entry form also available for download at www.textilecentermn.org

STARS IN THE HARBOR ENTRY DEADLINES
- Judged Quilt Competition ....April 18., 2005.
- Non-Judged Exhibit ............. May 2, 2005
- Fabric Challenge ................. April 29, 2005
- Jacket Challenge ................ April 18, 2005

Please contact Susan Manning, Judy Trempe or Claudia Myers if you want to enter a qualified jacket in both the Fabric and Jacket Challenges. These dates are for entry only, Delivery dates are different. See the Registration book or www.mnquilt.org/mw2005 for more information.

American Sewing Expo's Art of the Quilt Contest.
Theme is “Out of the Box”. Quilts are to be “other than traditional” in nature. The quilt must consist of 3 layers held together with stitching. Incomplete, torn or soiled quilts will not qualify for entry or exhibition. Entry fee will not be returned. Deadline September 9. Contact Darlene Murray, 1385 Clyde Rd., Highland, MI 48357. (248) 889-3111; watastitch@comcast.net.
February 18 - March 26
Quilts as Art. At the Waseca Art Center, the Stitcher's in Time Quilt guild will be showing quilts as art. Five quilt patterns, log cabin, rail fence, spinning pinwheels, hearts and triangles, were chosen to represent quilts as art. Hours: Mon-Thur 10am - 4pm Sat 10-2pm Fri Feb 18, 7-9pm. Call 507-835-1701 during business hours for more information.

March 1-31
A Quilter's Stash Eagan High School's 10th annual quilt exhibit honors Women's History Month. Featured quilt artist, Helen Kelley will sign books from 6-7pm on March 9 followed by her lecture Every Quilt Tells a Story. Hours M-F 9-3 Closed Weekends and March 21-24. Admission and lecture free. Additional Information: Laura Nagel 651-683-6935.

April 1 - 2
The Sky's the Limit, the expanded annual quilt show presented by Maple Grove Quilters. Maple Grove Community Centers. Featured Quilter: Shelly Wolfgram. Quilt Exhibits, raffle quilt, small quilt auction, demonstrations, vendors. Fri 4pm-8pm Sat 9am-4pm. Admission $3.00 Contact Linda Wines at 763-553-9368 or lindawines@comcast.net

April 3 - 24
Breath of Spring: A Quilt Show, the seventh triennial Piecemakers’ quilt show. Tuesdays through Sundays 1pm-5pm (closed Mondays). Owatonna Arts Center, Additional Information Owatonna Arts Center 507-451-0522

April 8 - 10
Quilts in Bloom presented by the Fergus Falls Festival of Quilts at Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Fall, MN. Debbie Bowles and Heather Mulder. Quilt Show, Classes, Merchant Mall, Seminars, Prizes. Over 200 quilts on display. Fri 5pm-9pm, Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4:30pm. Additional information: Fergus Festival of Quilts, PO Box 921, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

April 23-24
Kaleidoscope of Quilts, Presented by Deep Valley Quilters of Mankato, MN. Mankato National Guard Armory. Sat 10 - 4 Sunday 12-4 Quilts, Raffle Quilt, vendors, food, boutique quilts.

April 29-May 1
Quilting by the Lakes Presented by the Country Quilters of Willmar, MN, Willmar Civic Center. Quilt Challenge, Mini Trunk Shows and Demos, Vendors, Quilt Raffle. Fri 4pm-8pm Sat 10am-5pm Sun 11am-4pm Admission $4.00

Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as your event dates are finalized. 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 and not for profit. MQ News reserves the right to reformat and edit the content for length.