August Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 3, 2006, 7:00 pm
Saturday, August 5, 2006, 10:00 am

JULY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS
Laura Murray: “If I knew what it was going to look like when finished, I wouldn’t do it.”
(See page 10 for full article and photos)

AUGUST PROGRAM
Claudia Clark Myers: “What Makes a Show Quilt”

St. Cloud Annual MQ Show attendees were treated to a magnificent exhibit of many of Ms. Myers show-stopping, ribbon-winning quilts. Everyone will agree that there is no one better than the 2006 Minnesota Quilter of the Year to talk to the MQ membership about what makes a show quilt and how you can develop the critical eye for design and color necessary to turn a particular pattern or idea into a show-quality, ribbon-worthy quilt. Ms. Myers will give us a slide presentation, trunk showing, and lecture about show quilts; why certain quilts win and other quilts, equally worthy in our eyes, hang ribbon-less.

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, August 4 will be a workshop by Claudia Clark Myers titled “Scrolls, Feathers & Vines,” where participants will learn the free-motion quilting techniques that have taken Ms. Myers’s quilts to the top of the “ooh, aahh meter.” At this writing, seven spaces remain for the six-hour workshop. Contact Lori Allison directly at 952-471-0131 to register.

MQ Fall Getaway
is September 21–24! Send your registration by August 31 for the best chance at classes. See information on pages 14–15; registration form on page 15.

MEETING CHECKLIST
>> Zig Zag BOM blocks
>> Quilt Pink Ribbons of Love blocks
>> Dotty Fat Quarters to exchange
>> Quilts for Show and Tell
>> Library books that are due

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM
Computer Quilting: What Can It Do? Is It For You?
Been thinking about trying out one of those quilt software programs? Expert computer user, Lori Allison, will take members on a tour of the available quilting software programs and their capabilities at the September program meetings. If you eschew computers entirely, you’ll enjoy the visual show of color, quilt layout, and design; if you’ve just never used one, this will show you what they can do; and if you own one, this program will pump up the WOW! factor for you.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS:
October: Peggy Martin: Quick Strip Paper Piecing & Workshop
November: Pricilla Bianchi, Guatemalan Art Quilter
December 2: Holiday Brunch, Binz Hall

Lori Allison
The 2006 Quilt Show and Conference is sewn up with many “northern lights” of enthusiastic attendees, volunteers, exhibitors, vendors, sponsors, and committee members who made it all happen. And it was indeed a happening.

I spent most of my time at the MQ Board table taking notes on what was going well and what wasn’t exactly to everyone’s liking. That is a humbling experience, but edifying as well! Our psyches need the good feedback, but we learn how to improve from the complaints. We got much of both and appreciate it all. Next year we will try to have an “official” feedback form, not just for classes as we have now, but for other activities, as well, and for the show as a whole.

As soon as one show is “sewn up” we move on the next—2007 in St. Paul—and the next—2008 in Rochester. At our July monthly meetings we put out a call for volunteers to fill the few unfilled committee positions for the 2007 show and filled them all! Thank you!

We also posted all of the positions available for the 2008 show (I do mean ALL of them) and we filled a good beginning of them as well. We now have committees in place for sponsors, vendors, challenge, and small quilt auction. Under “Volunteer Opportunities” in this MQ News (see page 9), I have listed the positions that remain to be filled for 2008. Some members are surprised that we start planning for each show at least two years ahead of time, but we do. In fact, we start even earlier than that. The Convention Center in Rochester has been booked for 2008 for at least a year.

We now must select a theme for 2008 from which everything else flows. It will be our 30th Anniversary as Minnesota Quilters, our pearl jubilee year. Perhaps a theme will develop from that. Any ideas? Once we have co-chairs and a theme we can select and order the appropriate challenge fabric, make the packets, have the bookmarks with faculty and available hotels printed and available at the 2008 table at the 2007 show! Much thinking ahead is needed! Put your “can do” hat on, grab a good friend, and volunteer! We need you!

Other good volunteer news is that we have Membership Co-Chairs in place for the 2006-07 year. Thank you Maria Zavala and Dawn Rank! Gayle Mundstock is preparing your crowns!

The only MQ administrative positions still to be filled are those of Evening and Day Directors Elect. I know that many, many members value the monthly programs MQ provides. I see our full auditorium each month. If you are one of those members who regularly attend either the Thursday night meeting or the Saturday meeting, YOU have the time and the commitment to be a good Evening or Day Director Elect. Very little additional time per month is needed. The great bonus is that you can influence the selection of programs and meet some great quilters in the process!

Keep on quilting!

Gail Hanson
MQ
Tenth Anniversary
Hankies!

Anniversary Find! How creative are you? We have about sixty 10th Anniversary “I’m a Minnesota Quilter” hankies, about 15" square each. We’d like to give them to quilters with imaginative uses for them—perhaps something in time for our 30th anniversary show in Rochester 2008. If you have an idea, submit it to Gail Hanson, president@mnquilt.org, by September 1. Depending on your project, you can request more than one hankie. We’ll distribute them to the best ideas until we run out!

FROM THE EDITOR

I am rapidly approaching the completion of a full year as editor of this newsletter. I want to thank each and every one of you for your support. My goal is to make the newsletter informative, attractive, and as readable as can be. And to end up with a completely typo-free product! (maybe, someday, I’ll get there!)

As always, please send me any items or suggestions for articles that you would like to see in the newsletter. Be warned: I might persuade you to pick up a pencil (or warm up a computer) and write an article yourself!

I do enjoy that part of being the editor: pulling together everything that everyone has written, assembling it into the collage you have in your hands. It’s not easy, but it is very rewarding.

Until next time,

Karen O.
Block of the Month for the SEPTEMBER 2006 MEETING

Shortcut to School 10-1/2” block (11” unfinished)

by Joanne Holzknecht

The drawing for these blocks will take place at the Saturday meeting in September.

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: Background - WHITE-ON-MUSLIN print (NOT white-on-white)
- RED print
- Light or light-medium BLUE print

CUT:
- 4 - 3 1/2” x 3 1/2” squares of background
- 4 - 3 1/2” x 3 1/2” squares of red
- 5 - 2” x 2” squares of red
- 4 - 2” x 2” squares of blue
- 4 - 3-1/2” x 5” rectangles of blue

Place red square over light blue rectangle and sew as in Diagram A, but RECHECK the angle you sew. Two of the sewing lines go one way and the other two go another.

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 like. 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 Holznecht  email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net
2618 65th Ave N
Brooklyn Center MN  55430
Mark your calendar for national Quilt Pink Day, Saturday, September 30, 2006.

**Minnesota Quilters** has joined Quilt Pink, a national effort with American Patchwork and Quilting (AP&Q), 700 quilt shops and guilds nation-wide and 25 quilt shops and guilds in the state of Minnesota to raise money for breast cancer research.

Quilt shops and quilters across the country are busy creating pink quilts for the Quilt Pink effort to be auctioned on E-Bay with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

The Minnesota effort will culminate on September 30th with a quilting event at the rotunda at the Mall of America. Quilts will be on display! Quilting will be demonstrated! It will be an exciting event.

How can you be involved?

- Create a block for the *Minnesota Quilters’* Quilt Pink quilt—see page 6 of this issue of the MQ NEWS for Joanne Holznecht’s extra block-of-the-month pattern; bring completed blocks to August membership meetings;
- Volunteer to help assemble quilts from the above blocks;
- Volunteer for the September 30th event at the MOA;
- Contact your local quilt shop for their Quilt Pink events;
- Make your own lap-size Quilt Pink quilt to donate by February 1, 2007;
- Go to www.quiltpink.com for more information.

Contact Gail Hanson at president@mnquilt.org or 612-676-1591 for more information on any of above *Minnesota Quilter* volunteer opportunities!
Ribbons of Love  
10” block  
(10 1/2” unfinished) 
by Joanne Holzknecht

Please use 100% cotton fabrics. PLEASE PREWASH THE FABRIC.

FABRIC:  Background – WHITE-ON-WHITE (NOT muslin or white-on-muslin) 
Two PINK prints – one light pink, the other medium or bright pink

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SEW together as shown.

At press time, over 70 blocks had already been collected. How many can we make?

This is an extra MQ block-of-the-month project. Bring completed blocks to the August MQ meetings. They will be made into a Minnesota Quilters’ quilt as part of the Quilt Pink project.
Winners of the MQ 2006 Non-Judged Viewer’s Choice are Pat Tollefsrud “So Many Poppies” (Quilt) and Kathy Burchill, for “Fireworks Year Round” (Wall Quilt). Congratulations, Pat and Kathy!

Challenge “Viewer’s Choice” quilter was Priscilla Handler. Challenge “Best Use of All Three Packets” quilter was Norma Reihm.

2006 Show Pins: Are you one of those pin collectors feeling deprived without a pin from the 2006 show? We have a limited number of 2006 Show Volunteer Pins available, identical to the show pin except with the word “volunteer” and a superimposed hand. If you will assure Becky, our office manager, that you have been a MQ volunteer in the past or will be in the future, she will send you a pin, postage paid, for $5.00! Or you can pick one up in the MQ office during office hours for $3.00.

The winner of the “Borealis Beauty” Raffle Quilt was Ruby Berthiaume of Black Duck, Minnesota. She was very excited to have won! The winners of the fat quarter basket were the “dualing Marys,” Mary Brandt and Mary Montez. A big “thank you” to all who sold and bought tickets!

One last call for all those who haven’t returned the tickets they received, to please send them back. The government requires that all tickets be accounted for, both sold and unsold. We want to extend a sincere thank you to all the show committee for all the hard work they did to make our 2006 show a success!

Thanks, Hazel and Elaine

MQ 2007—
A message from Show Chair Sue Rutford

We’re meeting, we’re working, we’re getting ready for next June—But we still need a little more help!

Our committee still needs a Co-Chair. We all know that life is what happens when you’re making other plans, and for that very reason we need to have two people chairing this show.

Please consider if you have the ability to help with our show—it’s a good way to give something back to an organization that means a lot to a lot of quilters. I am not going to try to tell you that chairing the show is not time-consuming, nor that it is a ton of fun the whole time, but it is a valuable experience, you get to meet and talk to lots of interesting people, you get to learn all the nuts and bolts and inner workings of a big quilt show, and—you are giving something of yourself. We all are fortunate to have gifts and skills and diverse abilities—we should be sharing those gifts.

Email (suerutford@usfamily.net) or call me (651-426-3539) to volunteer or ask questions about the show committee. We will be having a 2006-to-2007 handoff meeting at the Textile Center on Saturday, July 29th at 9:30 AM.

Thanks!
Sue Rutford

Dar Erickson (on left) won the Pfaff sewing machine in the volunteer drawing. Wendy Hamilton of Associated Sewing presents the machine to Dar.
### MQ 2006 Faculty Choice Awards

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### MQ Calendar of Events

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

- **August 3 & 5:** General Meetings
- **August 21:** Board Meeting
- **September 7 & 9:** General Meetings
- **September 15-17:** Board Retreat
- **September 21-24:** Fall Getaway
- **October 5 & 7:** General Meetings
- **October 23:** Board Meeting
- **November 2 & 4:** General Meetings
- **December 9:** Holiday Party

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

### Kaffe Fassett DVD

A DVD of the Kaffe Fassett slide show and program delivered to the MQ program audience on October 6, 2005, is now available! Kaffe gives a slide show of his quilts and the sights and experiences that have influenced his quilts and extensive fabric designs. He admitted that his lecture to MQ was one of his most inspired—he said the audience response was wonderful and he clearly enjoyed the enthusiasm for his colorful quilts and stories. Shown with a DVD player and projector, this DVD would make an excellent guild program. Price is $30 and includes postage and packaging. Send payment and your shipping information to Becky McPeek at the MQ office in the Textile Center. Please mark your order “Kaffe Fassett DVD.”
It’s not too late! Volunteers are still needed for the evening hours when MQ visits the Minnesota State Fair on August 24 and 25. MQ will provide you a free ticket in exchange for a few hours’ work at the Minnesota Quilters Booth. Our days at the Fair are August 24 and 25 this year. Share your time and talent with fair visitors; it’s a fun time to visit with other quilters who may not belong to an organized group and who want more information. As an added incentive, you will be in the same building as all those wonderful quilts from all around the state!

Please call me (Gail) at (651) 454-5147 or email me at www.keepfly@aol.com and I will schedule your time and arrange to have your FREE ticket sent to you for the 2006 Minnesota State Fair.

Gail Kieper

Volunteer Opportunities

2008 Rochester Quilt Show Co-Chairs and Committee Members: Our show planning begins two years ahead of time, so we have now begun planning for the 2008 show, our 30th anniversary show. Some volunteers have already come forward. Committee positions in sponsors, vendors, challenge and small quilt auction are filled. We still need the following:

Co-chairs, secretary, treasurer, door prizes, judged exhibits, non-judged exhibits, special exhibits, faculty, merchandise, publishing/printing, raffle quilt, raffle, registration, signage, special events, volunteers

If you have been thinking about building on your prior show experience and/or putting your own show ideas into action, now is the time to come forward for a great show in Rochester. Assistance is in place to make your experience easier. You can do it!

Home of the Brave Quilts: To Honor and Comfort

The Home of the Brave Quilt Project is an effort to make and deliver a quilt to every family that has lost a soldier in Iraq or Afghanistan. The Minnesota chapter was started in 2004 with Dakota Star Quilt Guild under the leadership of Jean Loken. She is now the state coordinator and is trying to enlist as many quilters in the effort as she can. If you can make even one block, it would be greatly appreciated.

For more information on the project, see http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HomeofTheBraveQuiltProject/

The life stories of the fallen can be read at http://www.legacy.com/Soldiers.asp (look under “Minnesota”).

To contact Jean Loken to learn how you can help with this effort, telephone her at 952-541-7435 or email her at sandjloken@att.net
Laura Murray says, “My first quilt-making class was like a portal that I passed through.” With no formal artistic training, Laura used the generous vacation from her corporate job to participate in five or six quilting workshops each year. She read many books and worked hard at her craft. Laura reminisced about her early inspiration—sitting in the back of an MQ program, taking a beginning class from Carolyn Sidebottom, and another from Helen Kelley.

As the slides click past, Laura’s design room is featured with its wall of ribbons as a testament to her focus and success. Laura left her corporate job in 2000 and now works full time as an art quilter and wearable art designer and maker. She said one of the most important lessons in quilt-making is to possess a thorough understanding of the elements and principles of design. Laura quipped, “Color gets all the credit, but value does all the work.” Following her Paducah win with “Quasars” and other pieced quilts, she found it more freeing NOT to do precision piecing and became an art quilter.

Program attendees learned that “surface designer” is “a term for one who changes fabric.” Laura says she looks at fabric in two ways. “How can I cut it up?” and “How can I change it?” Armed with cutters, paint sticks, and thread, Laura “surface designs” to extraordinary magnificence.

About her wearable art, Laura says, “We sew for different reasons—not for economy.” She says, “No one ever asks the lady with 72 tea pots, ‘what are you going to do with all those tea pots?’” so she began making wearables. She finds fabric therapeutic and very comforting to create with her hands. Laura Murray gets her wearable art inspiration from the fabric. She says, “I start where I’m excited, I find a fabric I’m really excited about. I always put one “Wow” piece of fabric into a garment.

Besides being talented, Laura is articulate and often amusing. She says, “Where is it written that edges must be turned under in appliqué?” Unfinished work is now “spare parts” and goes in that basket. She says, “If [a quilt] is not working, push it until you either fix it or kill it!” To see and learn more about Laura’s foiling, Paintstiks™, rubbing plates, kimono and obi silks, and stencil designs that Laura displayed during the program, check out her website at www.lauramurraydesigns.com.

Lori Allison

Seeking Patriotic Quilts from WWII

The Minnesota Historical Society is engaged in a project to document the Greatest Generation, those born between 1910 and 1929, and who lived in Minnesota during the 1930s, ’40s, or ’50s. Part of the focus of the story of this generation is their response to WWII and their home front activities reflecting the war effort. One of those activities was quilt making. The Society is seeking quilts with patriotic symbols made by Minnesotans during WWII. If you know of such a quilt to recommend for the Minnesota Historical Society’s permanent collection, please contact Linda McShannock, 651-297-8094 or email her at linda.mcshannock@mnhs.org.

Images of current quilts in the Society’s collection can be viewed at www.mnhs.org/quilts.
Textile Center Library Procedures

Minnesota Quilts is a Participating Member Guild and its current members can check out items from the library. Please have your guild card or a picture ID available when checking out library materials.

Checkout period: 35 days

Maximum number of items that may be checked out per member: 10

Number of times you may renew an item (in person or by phone): Once

Fine for overdue items: $1 per day per item

Online access: Go to the Textile Center Web site, www.textilecentermn.org; then select “Library”; then select “Go to the Online Catalog.”

Note: your library number is NOT the same as your MQ membership number. Call the library (612/436-0464, ext. 108) during open hours to find out what your number is. The number also prints on your library materials receipt (it’s the “ID” right under your name).

Library Hours: Monday, 9am–1pm; Tuesday 9am–7pm; Thursday, 9am–1pm and 5pm–7pm; Friday, 9am–1pm; Saturday, 12pm–4pm. The Library is NOT open on Wednesdays or Sundays.

To volunteer to work at the library, please see the sign-up sheets outside the library door. If you need training, please contact librarian Nancy Mambi at librarian@textilecentermn.org.

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Minneapolis, MN 55414
612/436-0464, ext. 108
http://www.textilecentermn.org/library.asp

Shelly Stokes was a recent visitor to the Textile Center Library; she donated two copies of her Paintstiks on Fabric: Simple Techniques, Fantastic Results. Thank you, Shelly!

Our own Pam Pryshepa Ronan was busy writing two books last year, and generously donated two copies of each to the library. Beadlique the Stitch: Small, Beaded, Take Along Projects and A Handfull of Applique: Hand Applique Preparation Techniques are wonderful books. Thanks, Pam!

Magazine news! Fons and Porter’s Love of Quilting has been added to the Library’s magazine racks! A very generous mystery donor has subscribed to the magazine for the Textile Center.

If you would like to help provide quilting magazines on behalf of Minnesota Quilters to the Library, first of all, thank you! It would be helpful if you would talk with the MQ Librarian (currently Karen O’Brien) before subscribing. We need to coordinate subscriptions so as to avoid “doubling-up” on issues.

The current emphasis of the Library Committee, made up of representatives from each of the participating guilds, is on long-term fundraising efforts for the Library (we can’t manage a Kaffe Fassett Gala Event every year, as we did in 2005!) If you have any fundraising ideas, please drop me a line at klobrien2@aol.com.

Remember that the Library space is available to member guilds and smaller groups for exhibits, but the schedule does fill up. Contact the librarian, Nancy Mambi, at librarian@textilecentermn.org for more information.

It has been such a busy and fun summer for this quilter, as I’m sure it has been for you! Looking to the fall, we’ll have more book reviews by our group of talented reviewers. Be watching for them!

Karen

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June 24-August 27, 2006 - Woodson Art Museum, Wausau, Wisconsin. Two quilt exhibitions, “Potluck Quilts: Art Quilters from the Piecemakers,” and “The Music Quilt Project.” The exhibits are “all about taste (in food and in music) and are sure to stimulate the senses.” See www.lywam.org, email museum@lywam.org, or call 715-845-7010.

July 8 - August 26, 2006 - Never Static: Art Cloth at the Textile Center. Exhibition July 8 through August 26 in the Textile Center Joan Mondale Gallery. Exhibit is free and open to the public. Nineteen participating exhibition artists.

August 4 and 5, 2006 - The Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Braham presents their 15th annual small quilt show at Braham City Hall. Hours for the show are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Aug. 4 and 10 a.m.- 5 p.m. August 5. This year’s special feature is a display of Carol Fealy’s quilts. Carol has won many awards at previous shows. August 4 is Pie Day (one of Minnesota’s best folk art festivals) where you can also enjoy homemade pie, crafts, entertainment, and fun. Free admission. Raffle quilt. Viewers’ choice awards with cash prizes. Send a long self-addressed, stamped envelope to Rosemary Brabec, PO Box 401, Braham, MN 55006 for show registration information.

August 13, 2006 - Workshop with Pam Holland. Pinetree Patchworkers (central Minnesota) present international quilter Pam Holland in a workshop featuring her “Drapplique” technique. Sunday, August 13. Cost is $20 plus a kit fee. For more information, contact Karen Martin at kmartin@uslink.net, or at 218-562-5277.

September 14 - 16, 2006 - Quilt Expo in Madison, WI. Presented by Wisconsin Public Television and “Sewing with Nancy.” Exhibition Hall at the Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI. National vendors; educational lectures; Sit and Sew workshops; juried and judged quilt competition with cash prizes; special stage presentations. See www.wiquiltexpo.com for further information.

September 16, 2006 - Autumnfest Quilt Show, sponsored by the Wild River Quilt Guild and Spooner Area Chamber of Commerce as part of Spooner Heritage Festival. Saturday, Sept. 16, 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Spooner Trinity Lutheran Church. For more information, call (715) 635-2168 or see www.spoonerheritagefestival.com.

September 16, 2006 - Northern Lights Quilting Guild’s quilt show. Saturday, September 16, from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Memorial Building, 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI. Viewer’s choice prizes and ribbons. Vendors, silent auction, raffles, door prizes, and refreshments. Admission is $3. In Michigan on the most western point; only two hours from Duluth, about 4 1/2 hours from the Twin Cities.

September 16, 2006 - Northwest Minnesota Quilter’s College, presented by the Thief River Falls Quilters Guild, at Northland Community and Technical College in Thief River Falls, MN. Sat., Sept. 16, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Nine vendors and over forty demonstrations and classes from which to choose. Cost is $30 for the day, which includes breakfast and lunch. See http://quiltcollege.blogspot.com for more information or email crlee@hotmail.com. Contact Holly Haugen at 218-681-3738 or Cheryl Lee at 218-681-5461 for registration forms.


September 22 and 23, 2006 - “Fall Splendor,” sponsored by the Rice County Piecemakers. Fri., Sept. 22, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.; Sat., Sept. 23, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Congregational Church, UCC Parish House, 222 NW 3rd Ave., Faribault, MN. Lots ofquilts, quilt raffle, small quilt auction, vendors, door prizes. Admission $3. No strollers, please.


September 28 - 30, October 1, 2006 - 27th Annual Indian Summer Quilt Show and Conference, presented by the Quilters’ Guild of North Dakota. Holiday Inn, Fargo, North Dakota. Open to the public; admission $3, children under 12 free. Friday, Sept. 29, 8 a.m.- 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 30, 8 a.m.- 5:30 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 1, 8 a.m.- 4 p.m. Classes and lectures, featuring Charlotte Warr Andersen, Susan Cleveland, and Rachel Clark. Over 200 quilts; small quilt silent auction; half quilt; demonstrations; vendors. Conference catalog and quilt show information available online at www.ndquilts.com.
September 30 – October 1, 2006 – “To Everything There is a Season,” Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild Show. Lodge Ice Arena, Siren WI. Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission $3 (children under 12 free). Special exhibit by Bev Proulx, quilt appraiser and historian; vendors; silent auction to support local shelter; demonstrations; over 150 quilts on display.

October 6 and 7, 2006 - 8th “Keepsake Quilters” Quilt Show, Austin, Minnesota. Friday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 7, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m. St. Edward’s Church, Corcoran Center, 2001 2nd Avenue NW, Austin, MN. Raffle quilt; small quilt auction; merchant mall; guild boutique; lunch available. Admission $3.00 at the door. Free parking. No strollers, please.

October 13 and 14, 2006 - Fall Splendor of Quilts presented by Chaska Area Quilt Club. Internationally-known quilter, author, and designer Marsha McCloskey is our guest speaker. Hundreds of quilts, hand-quilted raffle quilt, Singer featherweight raffle, small quilt auction, and vendors. Jean Carlton, AQS-certified quilt appraiser available for appointments. Friday, Oct. 13th: 10:00 am – 8:00 pm; Saturday Oct. 14th: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. Admission $4. Located at the Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska, MN. For more information, call Pat G. at (952) 443-1904, or visit our website www.chaskaquiltclub.com.

October 13 and 14, 2006 – River Valley Quilters present their bi-annual quilt show, “Quilted Treasures.” Friday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The show will be held at Central Park, 8595 Central Park Place, Woodbury, MN. Demonstrations, four vendors, small quilt auction, raffle baskets, and an award-winning raffle quilt. Admission is $3; raffle tickets are $1. For more information, please visit our Web site, www.rivervalleyquilters.fryar.org.

October 14 and 15, 2006 – “Garden of Stitches,” the Northeast Iowa Quilters’ Guild Show. Saturday, Oct. 14, 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 15, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Thomas Roberts High School, 100 Claiborne Drive, Decorah, IA. Vendor mall, food stand, quilt raffle, Canister Raffle, Quilt Turnings, and 400 quilts to see. Contact: Paula Wilmarth at wilmarth@alpinecom.net or see NEIQG website at http://www.members.tripod.com/baker_ia/index.

October 13-15, 2006 - “Variety is the Spice of Life,” presented by Des Moines Area Quilters Guild. Friday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 14, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 15, 11 a.m.- 4 p.m. Adventureland Park Palace Theater, Altoona, IA (Interstate 80, exit #142A going east). General admission $5.00. Featuring over 600 quilts; free lectures; vendors; raffle quilt; concession area; free shuttle service to and from the Midwest Feed sack Club Show. For updates, visit us at www.dmagg.org.

October 19 - 21, 2006 - Loon Country Quilters Quilt Show. Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.; Friday, Oct. 20, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 21, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sawmill Inn, 2301 Pokegama Avenue South, Grand Rapids, MN. 200+ quilts; door prizes; silent auction; demonstrations; ten vendors; special exhibits; raffle quilt - “Cow’s Path.” Admission $2.00.

October 20 and 21, 2006 – “Our Quilting Heritage” Quilt Show, in conjunction with Aberdeen, SD’s continuing Quasquicentennial Celebration. Friday, October 20th, 1–5 PM: Saturday, October 21st, 8 AM–5PM. Adults/Youth: $2.00, 12/UnderFree. Held at Ramkota Inn and Convention Center. “Vintage Quilts” Bed Turning, Native American Quilt Display, Six Vendors, Games. For additional fees we offer classes by Heather Mulder Peterson of “Anka’s Treasures” and by local artists; luncheon and trunk show; and Quilt Raffles. Show presented by Aberdeen Quilt Guild and Candlelight Quilters. Point of Contact: Claudia Fast, 605-225-5291 or clfast@abe.midco.net.

October 21 and 22, 2006 - Quiltfest on the Mississippi, sponsored by LaCrosse Area Quilters. LaCrosse Civic Center, 300 South 2nd St., LaCrosse, WI. For more information, contact Sharon Simmen, W8154 Holland Dr., Holmen, WI, 54736; phone (608) 526-3135; or email Email-wodnsho@adlmail.com. See www.lacrossequiltguild.com.

October 27 - 29, 2006 - Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show, sponsored by Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau and Piecemakers Quilt Guild of Wisconsin. Friday, Oct. 27, 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 28, 9 a.m- 5 p.m.; Sunday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Marshfield Middle School, 900 East Fourth Street, Marshfield, WI. Over $6,000 in prizes; Viewers’ Choice; Raffle quilt; classes and lectures; Quilt Shopping Mall; lunch and refreshments. General admission $5 per day; two-day pass $8. Handicap accessible. For more information see www.visitmarshfieldwi.com or www.piecemakers.org; or email knits@commplus.net.

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 and not for profit. MQ News reserves the right to reformat and edit the content for length.
MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY
September 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2006  Camp Wapogasset in Amery WI

This year’s MN Quilter’s Fall Getaway will be a FUN-filled and EXCITING time. Relax, laugh, and quilt as much as you wish. Take a class or sew on your own (SOYO). All quilters are welcome, so invite non-MQ member friends too.

Of course there will be fun activities, demos, and door prizes. Clues to a mystery quilt by Gwen Lundgren will be given occasionally during the retreat, so you can sew and try to solve the mystery if you wish. There will be a licensed Massage Therapist available to give massages (cost extra) to ease your weary muscles during a long day of sewing. Select your massage time preference on the registration form as these spots filled up quickly last year.

Class Descriptions

4-Patch Stacked Posies
Teacher: Jean Graham from Rosemount
Make a gorgeous quilt from one large print focus fabric. Super easy and fun, the blocks will surprise you, as each will be different. And they are just 4-patches. Add sashing and you are done. Blocks can be placed on point for another look. Supply list and hints for choosing fabric will be sent with the retreat confirmation packet. Fee for pattern: $8.50, payable to teacher in class. (All Day Saturday) Limit 20 students.

Fall Frolic Round Robin
Teacher: Carol Jacobson from Lakeville
Have you ever wanted to try a “round robin” project but were a little hesitant? Or maybe you just couldn’t get a group together. Here’s your chance to work on a quilt team and complete a round robin quilt top in a half-day. To start the round, bring an 8”-10” block/center with a Fall or Harvest theme (that’s your homework). The pictures show winter blocks from a similar project. For the retreat adventure, your block makes the rounds while you help to add borders, piecing, appliqué (fuse) or embellishments to other quilters’ blocks. Shhhh! it’s a secret as to what is being added, but at the end of three rounds your block is unveiled and returned to you more beautiful and special than ever! Various techniques will be taught/used for each round. The top will be great for a seasonal wall hanging, a bag, a pocket on a bag, a throw pillow, a center for a larger quilt, etc. Experience the FUN and don’t miss out on the EXCITEMENT of this Fall Frolicking Adventure! Supply list and ideas for blocks will be sent with the retreat confirmation. No limit on the number of students in this class. The more the merrier. (Half-Day Friday)
MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY  
September 21, 22, 23, and 24, 2006  
Camp Wapogasset in Amery WI

**Fall Getaway Fee:** $175 MQ Members - Non-members add $15. The fee is Non-Refundable if you cancel, unless we fill your spot from a waiting list. Room requests are first-come, first-filled. All rooms sleep four with a nice bathroom in the room. Handicap-accessible room available. Be sure to note that below, if needed.

**Fee includes:** Classes and All Activities - 3 Nights Lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat) - All meals on Friday & Saturday - Brunch on Sunday. Please note that dinner on Thursday is NOT Included. A list of the many restaurants in Amery will be sent in your information packet. You may check-in after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 21st.

**Priority Registration:** All registrations postmarked by August 31, 2006 will be considered equal.

To register, complete this form (or a copy) and mail with a check payable to "Minnesota Quilters, Inc." to: 
Gwen Lundgren - 14660 Dallara Av - Rosemount MN 55068

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We will select roommates for you if none are listed. Make new friends.

- Classes are included in your registration fee. You may take as many classes as you wish, as space allows.
- Classes are filled via a random drawing from registrations postmarked by August 31, 2006; first for MQ Members, then non-members. After Aug. 31, classes will be filled on a first-come basis.
- All classes are for advanced beginner level experience unless otherwise indicated.

Indicate a 1st and 2nd choice for each day, including SOYO (sew on your own). Mark a preferred massage time.

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Confirmation of registration will be sent after September 6th with an information packet. Packet will include class registration, supply lists, retreat information, maps, and other goodies.

Questions? Call Gwen Lundgren 651-423-1979 or email: glundgren@charter.net
August is a time to savor the end of summer and enjoy all that happens here in Minnesota. Do you have a friend visiting town who loves textiles? Take in an afternoon at the Textile Center. Running July 8–August 26 at the Textile Center Joan Mondale Gallery, Never Static: Art Cloth at the Textile Center, an exhibition of printed, dyed, and painted art cloth. In the Textile Center Corridor Gallery running through August 21, Fiber Art Study Group’s exhibition of textile projects by the group’s members. Don’t forget to stop in the Textile Center shop for a last minute gifts from local textile artisans, and check out the newest books in the library.

Or for an evening out August 25, 2006, Hot Art, Cool Jazz: A Benefit for the Joan Mondale Gallery Endowment. Exquisite fiber art work, live music, and food to honor Joan Mondale 7:00-10:00 pm. More information is available on the Textile Center Web site, www.textilecentermn.org. Contributions raised through this summer event will help achieve the endowment goal.

As you’re thinking about the fall quickly approaching, the fall class list will be out soon. Check the Textile Center Web site for classes and times.

Come and enjoy all the programs that the Textile Center has to offer; they are here waiting for you.

Kelly Willis, Textile Center Liaison

The Minnesota Quilt Project held its annual long-range planning meeting after the July Saturday MQ meeting. The board is working on plans for an exhibit of historic quilts in the display area of the Hennepin County Government Center for the month of January; the exhibit will include a lecture. Be sure to plan to see it!

We reviewed our 2006 show presence and made plans for the 2007 show in St. Paul. We discussed our program for the MQ meeting in February, and know that the membership will be excited to learn how they can add their personal quilts to the MQP data base and have them become part of the history of Minnesota quilting.

All of this data will eventually be included in a national database through the Quilt Index, a project of the University of Michigan.

Other projects for the year include adding state quilt documentation book titles to the Textile Center library, working on new presentation of the historical block collection and documenting privately held collections in Minnesota.

If you are interested in the history of quilts, please join us!

**Membership News**

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

Membership
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: “9/1/07” means you need to renew your membership before the September meeting in 2007.

MembershipDues: $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.

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 at the Membership table for a replacement card to be made. Badge holders are available at the admission table.
**“Nation’s Grandmothers Swept Up in Textile-Messaging Craze!”**

-- Caption in a recent “The Onion” newspaper, as reported by Cristina Nichols. Cristina observes, “How very appropriate about us!”

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**We are the Minnesota Quilters.**

Defining us is like defining a many-thousand-piece charm quilt by each piece of fabric making up its surface.

We are young and old; we are ageless. We are processors of words and of data. We are homemakers, lawyers, machinery operators, teachers, secretaries, doctors, and librarians. We are children, parents, grandparents, and companions. We are women and men. We are survivors. We live in the country; we live in the city; we live in the suburbs. We enjoy a great variety of heritages, political thought, and religious beliefs.

We share a love of quilting. For some of us, quilting is our living, as well. We are traditional quilters; we are contemporary quilters; we invent ways and means of creation that are not yet labeled.

Our quilts connect the generations. Our quilts warm hearts and bodies; they teach, SHOUT, and comfort.

Our physical proximity might define us as a group, but not completely, for our members live throughout the United States of America and, indeed, the world.

We have a great pride in our guild.

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Karen O’Brien, copyright 2001

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**Quilt Show & Conference**

**August 17-18-19, 2006 ~ Duluth, MN @ the DECC**

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$10/day Adults  $8/day Seniors  
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“FAT QUARTER” DRAWING

What a great way to build your stash and have fun doing it!

Anyone wishing to participate should bring up to THREE fat quarters (FQs) of quilt-shop-quality fabric to the evening or day meeting.

1. Please contribute fabric you would use yourself, you might actually win! Remember, a Fat Quarter measures approximately 18” by 22” (1/2 yard of fabric, cut in half along the fold).
2. Put your name, address, and phone number on each. You’ll get one chance for each FQ you contribute to the drawing.
3. Then one name will be drawn at the Saturday morning meeting. That lucky person will get all of the FQs contributed for that month.

If you are unable to attend an MQ meeting, you can still participate by mailing your FQs to Fat Quarter Drawing, Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Ave. SE #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3360. Please be sure to mail in time to reach MQ by the Saturday morning meeting.

You need not be present to win: If you are not at the meeting, you will be contacted, and the FQs will be held for the next meeting or mailed to you.

Get involved, have fun, and maybe take home a bundle of fat quarters!

August: Everything’s “dotty”! Polka-dots, big dots, little dots. DOTS are a great way to perk up a quilt!

September: PLAID FLANNELS

October: Animal prints

November: Holiday dazzle!

December: No FQ drawing; See you at the Holiday Party!

Remember, you can’t win if you don’t enter. Actually, everybody wins with this drawing, because it’s so much fun to play!

Karen Zalewski and Kathie Simon Frank

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Are you ready to move on from “in the ditch” and straight-line machine quilting to actually making the quilting a special feature of your quilt? Come join us for a fun day of new ideas and hands-on free-motion quilting with Claudia Clark Myers. You’ll learn simple to complicated-looking variations of several useful design elements such as scrolls, feathers, pine needles, figs, vines, and “doo-dahs,” while using “minimal marking techniques.” We’ll also talk about background designs, threads, batting, spray and fusible basting, “how to quilt it,” and design inspirations. Don’t be afraid—this class is for anyone who can drop their feed dogs and run! Supply fee of $5.00 for a booklet of designs.

$45.00

Friday, August 4, 2006  9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon &  1:00 p.m.–4:00 p.m.

SUPPLY LIST

1. Bring the machine that you intend to machine quilt on, if possible. Make sure it is cleaned, oiled, and in good working order, and that the feed dogs drop. My mechanical skills are not impressive, so I won’t be able to fix your machine ;-) For this machine, bring extra needles, a few extra bobbins, and the darning foot that fits it.

2. Bring two quilt sandwiches 36”X 36” each, with a plain top of solid or “reads-as-solid” fabric, already basted (preferably spray basted or using fusible batting, but pins will do; no thread, please). The second sandwich is for practice only and can be muslin, both sides. Please mark the first sandwich as indicated.

3. Bring half a dozen sheets of “scratch” paper and a pencil—to try the designs out before you sew.

4. Bring a few threads that contrast with your quilt tops.

5. Bring basic machine-quilting supplies that you like to use, such as: gloves (recommended), small scissors, thread holders, etc.

6. Bring a notebook and pen. There will be hand-outs, but you may want to jot down ideas or doodles that come from our discussion/Q & A sessions.

To register, contact Lori Allison directly at 952-471-0131.
MQ is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the celebration of quilting. Our activities and events are structured to honor the past, celebrate the present, and nurture the future of this time-honored, traditional craft in all its forms.

DIRECTIONS: Minnesota Quilters is located at the Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Mpls. From WEST (On I94, exit at Univ./280, take the right-hand fork. Turn left onto Univ. Ave. and continue west for 0.7 miles. Textile Center is on the left. From EAST (On I94, exit at Huron Blvd. and merge onto Huron Blvd. SE. Turn right onto Washington SE/MN 122. Turn right again onto Univ. Ave. SE and continue east for 0.5 miles. Textile Center is on the right.

PARKING: Short-term street parking is available during the day. Evening/weekends, parking is also available at 2999 Univ. across the street from Textile Center; in the Osvald business lot, 2828 Univ., accessed by the alley behind the car wash; and in a pay lot north of Univ. on 29th Ave. SE.