January Program Notes
January 4 at 7:00 p.m.
January 6 at 10:00 a.m.

2007 Quilt Show Preview:
“Land of 10,000 Quilts”

The January show meeting is an opportunity to look at faculty samples, books, and other information related to our show faculty. If you have taken a class from one of our teachers, own one of her/his books, and you have made a quilt based on one of their patterns, please bring it to the meeting to share.

Upcoming February Program

Minnesota Quilt Project presents:
“Quilted Today, Forgotten Tomorrow?”

Would you like to see your quilt being used as a cover for the air conditioner on the porch? Or as a dog’s bed? To use when changing the car oil? Thrown out with the garbage? Gasp! Is your work as a quilter valuable to you? Your name may not be on a stadium or a theater, but it can be on your quilts—and your work recognized, respected, and cherished by quilt lovers today and in the future. Come to the February meeting and discover ways to sign and document your quilts—and join quilters from the past and the future on the Quilt Index, a national database of quilts and quilters. Make your work count. Become a recognized part of our history.

Patty Von Arx, Debbie Craig & The Program Committee
I look forward, every year, to the January membership meeting. This is the meeting where the next Show comes alive for me. I will have recently received my Show registration booklet in the mail. I make myself a cup of tea, get out my highlighter, settle into my favorite chair and leisurely read every word of my registration booklet. I’ll create a chart of the days I’ll spend at the Show and start making a tentative schedule of what I will do while at the Show, what classes I’ll take, what lectures I’ll attend and what special events I’ll go to.

Then there’s the January meeting. The raffle quilt is prominently displayed; teachers from the Show have sent samples of their work, all the committee members are there, the Show bag is usually unveiled and the official Show wardrobe is available for sale. The classes are reviewed. I frequently, at that point, change my mind about what classes I want to attend. It’s all good.

The other part of the Show I get excited about is figuring out how I will spend time volunteering. Of course, this year, I’ll be spending the lion’s share of my time at the Minnesota Quilter’s Board table. I really enjoy meeting people who make their way to the table. I get a chance to talk with people who ask “and why should I join Minnesota Quilters?” I appreciate the people who want to talk about their concerns.

Of course there is still ample opportunity to contribute to the Show effort by making a small quilt for the small quilt auction or contributing a door prize.

As always, Happy Quilting......

Paula Gaboury
**MQ Calendar of Events**

Evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm and Day meetings begin at 10:00 am, except as noted. Board meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm.

**January 4 & 6:** General Meetings  
**January 16:** Board Meeting

**February 1 & 3:** General Meetings  
**February 20:** Board Meeting

**March 1 & 3:** General Meetings  
**March 20:** Board Meeting

**April 5 & 7:** General Meetings  
**April 17:** Board Meeting

**May 3 & 5:** General Meetings  
**May 16:** Board Meeting

**June 14-16:** MQ 2007 Quilt Show in St Paul

**July 5 & 7:** General Meetings  
**July 14:** Board Meeting

**August 2 & 4:** General Meetings  
**August 18:** Board Meeting

**September 6 & 8:** General Meetings  
**September:** Annual Board Retreat  
**October 4 & 6:** General Meetings

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

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**MQ News**

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**Effective March 1, 2004**

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The next issue is February, 2007.

The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration is **January 4, 2006**.

All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. Please contact the MQ office to place an ad and the Editor to submit an article or item. All items for publication are subject to review. MQ charges for ad space; at MQ’s discretion, announcements and other information of interest to guild members may be published at no charge. All ads (except classified ads) must be submitted in camera-ready format. Ads must be paid in advance. Ads will be accepted on a space-available basis in the order payment is received.

All ads and articles may be sent by email to lba0718@hotmail.com or sent by mail to:

Lori Allison
Show Registration News & To Do List

• DO register by MAIL – NO ONLINE REGISTRATION, NO FAXING this year
• DO keep a copy of your registration form.
• DO add notes or letters to us with your registration form to clarify what classes you would like.
• DO know that your check and/or credit card will be processed upon receipt – no more wondering when your check will be cashed or credit card processed.

All registration forms will go directly to the MQ office and all credit cards and checks will be processed immediately upon receipt for the total amount you indicate on your form. Your registration forms will be passed along to the committee member in the order received with postmarks in tact. Refunds, if necessary, will go out later – once class lists have been finalized.

Each year, we listen to member’s comments and try to improve the accounting and clerical steps that we hope will make your registration into your chosen classes, lectures and meals flow smoothly for you and for everyone.

A Note from the Banquet Committee.......

Come to the January meeting where we are unveiling information about the “Land of 10,000 Quilts’’ 2007 MQ Quilt show, its teachers and classes along with the mouth-watering culinary delights available at the Banquet. Sincerely, the Banquet Show Chairs, Carol & Trish, or Trish & Carol....whatever!

MQ 2007 Quilt Show
Land of 10,000 Quilts
OR
10,000 Things to Know About the Show!

News from the Judged Committee

Are you busy getting your entries ready for the 2007 MQ Judged Show? We hope so! Here is some information to help you prepare. First of all, note these important dates:
April 23 is the final day your paper entry forms may be postmarked.
May 28-June 4 are the days accepted mailed quilts should arrive at the Textile Center.
June 2, 5, 6, 7, or 9 are the days accepted quilts may be dropped off at the Textile Center.

Next, here are the categories for 2007:
Group (three or more people)
Applique (large and small, one or two people)
Traditional (large and small, one person and two people)
Non-Traditional (large and small, one person and two people)
Pictorial
Miniature
Show Chairs Choice: Fun, Funny, or Funky

There have been some changes, so be sure to read the definitions carefully when you receive your registration guide, and contact judge07@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.

Non-Judged Children’s Exhibit

We love to have lots of children’s quilts to display at the annual Minnesota Quilt Show. Each entry receives a ribbon, and after the show they will have something wonderful that they made to remind them of the time spent learning to quilt with you.
2007 Quilt Show Door Prizes

It is that time again. We all love to win door prizes and you can help to make the 2007 show fun in this way. If you have quilting-related items that would make a good door prizes such as:

① If you are cleaning out your stash and you can make an appealing bundle that someone else will delight over;
② If you have nearly new quilting books that feature quilts YOU WILL NEVER MAKE;
③ If you’ve purchased a pattern and fabric for a project and now you have a “What was I thinking?” feeling about it;
④ If you’ve made 48 churn dash blocks from Aunt Gracie fabrics and now you’ve fallen in love with hand dyed batiks;
⑤ If you’ve received a complicated appliqué pattern and fabric as a gift and you’re all thumbs with a needle and thread;

Send it to the door prize committee. We are looking for anything quilt related that is in new condition with a retail value of approx $20-25. Think fat quarters, patterns, books, and notions. Contact Karen Zalewski 651-398-2775. email. kezalewski@comcast.net. Mail items to K.E. Zalewski, 7302 Paul Alcove, Woodbury, MN 55125. You may also drop donated door prizes at the monthly program meetings.

RAFFLE QUILT: “All Points North”

The 2007 raffle quilt was designed by Lenore Smith, of Hudson, WI, and Michelle Swenson, formerly from Hudson, WI, currently residing in Arizona. It is an original design based on traditional design elements. Michelle paper-piece the Ocean Waves sections and Lenore drafted and pieced the center compass and border elliptical compasses. It was hand-quilted by Lenore using original quilting designs with a bit of machine quilting in the Ocean Waves sections by a person who would prefer to remain anonymous. Michelle and Lenore chose fabrics that would give a feeling of radiance and luminosity to the design.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. uses the proceeds from the raffle quilt to support its mission to celebrate the art of quilting. Raffle tickets are $1 each and are available from the MQ office, at MQ meetings and will be available during the Annual Quilt Show and Conference. To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ Office at 3000 University Avenue SE, #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or by phone 612.436.0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. (Please note, raffle tickets will not be included in the registration packet as has been the practice in previous years. To better track ticket sales, raffle tickets will need to be requested.)

The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 16, 2007 at 4 p.m. at the RiverCentre. You need not be present to win. Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success. Good luck.

To view a full color version of this dramatic raffle quilt, check the MQ website www.mnquilt.org.

2007 Small Quilt Silent Auction

It’s time to start working on those donations for the Small Quilt Auction. What a great way to contribute to MQ, make something small that actually gets done, and maybe win a $30 gift certificate to your favorite quilt store! You can bring your donation to the meetings or mail them to Martha Eaves or Doris Kraemer. [If you don’t have a directory, email us for an address at eavesm@visi.com]

Every donation receives a free lecture ticket for the 2007 show lectures! Be sure to put your name on the quilt and attach a tag with your address and phone number. The first drawing for the gift certificate will be at the February meeting on Saturday—early bird contributors and multiple contributors will have the best chance of winning the gift certificate!
Where to Stay in Saint Paul
Plan ahead to attend the Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference June 13–17, 2007 at RiverCentre in Saint Paul. Rooms have been blocked at the following hotels for use by Minnesota Quilters show attendees during the week of the show. To receive the special room rates, mention Minnesota Quilters when making your reservations.

Make your hotel reservations early. Saint Paul is hosting the “Back to the 50’s” weekend and hotel rooms may fill quickly.

Holiday Inn RiverCentre
175 West 7th Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102
For reservations call: (651)225-1515
www.holiday-inn.com/stpaulmn

The Holiday Inn River Centre is the closest hotel to RiverCentre, located across the street from the main entrance.

Minnesota Quilters Rate—$119.00 single or double occupancy
Special room rates are based on availability. Reservations must be made by May 23, 2007. Parking fee: $13 per day per vehicle

The Saint Paul Hotel
350 Market Street
Saint Paul, MN 55102
For reservations call (651)292-9292
www.saintpaulhotel.com

The St. Paul Hotel combines turn-of-the-century beauty with every possible modern grace & convenience. Overlooking Rice Park just a few blocks from RiverCentre.

Minnesota Quilters Rate—$162.00 single or double occupancy
Special room rates are based on availability. Reservations must be made by May 15, 2007. Parking fee: $18 per 24-hour period

Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront (formerly Radisson Riverfront)
11 East Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN 55101
For reservations call (651)292-1900 or (800)2-CROWNE www.ichotelsgroup.com

“The Place to Meet!” Located four blocks from RiverCentre.

Embassy Suites
175 10th Street East
Saint Paul, MN 55101
For reservations call (651)224-5400
www.embassysuiteshotels.com

Located 10 Blocks from RiverCentre.

Minnesota Quilters Rate—$139.00 single or double occupancy
Special room rates are based on availability. Limited guest parking is available for $8.00 per day.

Best Western Kelly Inn
161 St. Anthony Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55103
For reservations call (651)227-8711
www.bestwesternstpaul.com

The Best Western Kelly Inn is 7 blocks from RiverCentre. The only hotel in downtown St. Paul with free parking.

Minnesota Quilters Rate—$94 per room
Special room rates are based on availability. Reservations must be made by May 23, 2007.

Note: Special room rates do not include local taxes and fees.

Visitor Information
To find visitor information in Saint Paul, check the St. Paul Area Chamber of Commerce Web site www.saintpaulchamber.com or the Saint Paul RCVA (RiverCentre Visitors Authority) www.stpaulcvb.org.
2007 Sponsors
We have many amazing sponsors that support the Minnesota Quilters Annual Show and Conference. Among them are:

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Fabri-Quilt, Inc.
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Karen’s Quilt & Bead Shop
Leo9 Textiles
Original Creations / MJP Designs
Patches and Petals
River City Quilts
SewBatik
Willow Wood Market

A complete list of sponsors and contact information will be printed in the Show brochure. While at the show, please stop by these booths and thank our sponsors for making the 2007 Minnesota Quilters Annual Show and Conference possible.

Note to Quilt Guilds of Minnesota

Remember to send a notice of your quilt show or quilt-related public event to editor@mnquilt.org for placement in the MQ newsletter Bulletin Board.
Check out the contact information for your quilt guild on the mnquilt.org website to insure that your guild is represented correctly.
Feel free to send a copy of your newsletter to the MQ Editor.

Minnesota Quilters In The News

Minnesota Quilters:  Blow Your Horn

For a new regular column in the MQ newsletter email your news to the MQ newsletter editor if you’re a Minnesota Quilter and you’ve:
• just got a quilt juried into a national show
• published a book
• won a ribbon at a national show
• received a significant honor or award
Library Lines
by Martha A. Eaves

Happy New Year from your new MQ Librarian. When
Karen O’Brien asked me if I would be interested in taking
over the librarian duties, I was thrilled. We have such a
great library, particularly considering how our founding
mothers used to lug the books and magazines to the
meetings in the trunks of their cars! As a part of the
Textile Library, we have a beautiful place to spend time
browsing the books and are not limited to just quilting
books.

The Minnesota Quilt Project is currently collecting and
donating books about historical quilts being documented and
photographed from other states. A book review of one of
those books by Karen Kopitzke can be found elsewhere in
the Newsletter. The following titles are already catalogued
and ready for checkout:

- Northern comfort: New England’s early quilts, 1780-1850;
  from the collection of Old Sturbridge Village / Lynne Z.
  Bassett and Jack Larkin; photographs by Thomas Neill.

- West Virginia quilts and quilters : echoes from the hills /
  Fawn Valentine with the West Virginia Heritage Quilt

- A Maryland album : quiltmaking traditions, 1634-1934 /
  Gloria Seaman Allen and Nancy Gibson Tuckhorn ; based
  on the Maryland Association for Family and Community
  Education quilt documentation project edited by Deborah

- Quilting traditions : pieces from the past /by Trish Herr.

- Virginia Quilt Museum /text by Joan Knight ; photography

- Plain and fancy: Vermont’s people and their quilts as a
  reflection of America /by Richard L. Cleveland and Donna

- Mississippi quilts /Mary Elizabeth Johnson for the
  Mississippi Quilt Association ; photographs by J.D.
  Schwalm. University Press of Mississippi, Jackson, MS :
  c2001

- Quilts: the fabric of friendship /the York County Quilt
  Documentation Project and the York County Heritage Trust
  Book CommitteeSchiffer Pub., Atglen, PA : c2000,. Sharon
  P. Angelo ... [et al.].

A generous contribution by MQP, whose goal is to
have all the state historical books in our collection! Happy
reading!
Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as finalize your event dates; the deadline for this newsletter is the fifth day of the month before the newsletter is printed e.g., February 5 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.

**Bulletin Board**

**February 3-28**  Itchin to Stitch presents it’s 3rd Annual Redwork Show. Saturday Feb. 3, 2007. Open house from 10:AM. to 4:00PM. Exhibit through February 28 at Four Seasons Quilts, Lancaster Lane, Plymouth (SW corner of Hwy 169 & Rockford Rd. Additional information, call 763-557-5899

**February 13 at 1 and 7 p.m.** Dakota County Star Quilters will feature Debbie Bowles as a speaker at the History Center in So. St. Paul. Tickets are $4 and available from Mo Johnson (952-898-3855 or mojoquilt@hotmail.com) or Doris Kraemer (651-452-5824) Debbie will also be teaching a class called “Letting Loose on Feb. 10. Call or email Mo for more information.

**April 14 & 15**  Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m at the Northfield Middle School, 2200 Division Street S., Northfield, MN. Admission is $3.00. Featured quilter, vendors, raffle quilt, a bed-turning & small quilt auction. For more information, contact Julie Windschitl at (507) 645-2411 or northfieldquilter@gmail.com.

**Membership Information**

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.

Membership Dues: $40/year
Email Newsletter Membership Dues: $35/year
Volunteer Membership Dues: $30/year
Student Dues: $15/year

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.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc., dues were last raised almost six years ago, in January of 2001. Since then almost all of our expenses have risen—office and auditorium use, printing costs, postage, etc. We have hired two part time staff people. The new dues structure reflects those cost increases while at the same time acknowledging the cost savings possible through email newsletter delivery and the real value contributed by volunteers.

To qualify for the volunteer membership rate, include a note with your renewal check detailing your year-long volunteer position and the year it was completed.
Donation of Quilts Wanted
In Yellow Medicine County (southwestern Minnesota) we are raising money for our veterans memorial and will be having a auction. If anyone can donate a quilt to help raise money it will be appreciated. Please call Michelle Gatz, Yellow Medicine County Veterans Service officer at 320-564-3134. The auction will be held May 5, 2007 at the Yellow Medicine East High School in Granite Falls, MN. The memorial will be built on the courthouse grounds. Throw size or bed size quilts would be ideal.
The memorial has the names of the veterans from Yellow Medicine County engraved on jet black granite and will include a special set of stones for purple heart, KIA, POW veterans. Another part of the project is to raise money to insure that deceased veterans from the Civil War to the present without relatives in the county are also named. Without large businesses in the county, raising money has been challenging so this auction will be a critical fund-raiser for the project.

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!

Evening Program Coordinator
Contact Patty Von Arx or Debbie Craig, Education Directors if you are interested please contact Debbie Craig (952) 544-6341 or Patty Von Arx (612) 865-4471 or email us at ed@mnquilt.org.

Nominations Welcome for Outstanding Volunteer Award for 2007

MQ board members welcome member nominations for this award. Email a board member or send a postcard naming your nominee including supporting information before the February board meeting.
This is a new annual award in recognition of the outstanding contributions of our many, many volunteers. The MQ Outstanding Volunteer Award will be awarded annually at our April birthday party to an MQ member who has been a loyal volunteer over time and across responsibilities. The honoree will receive a year’s free membership, a quilt shop gift certificate and recognition on a MQ Outstanding Volunteer plaque.

From the Editor
In this issue, it’s all about the show. Look for articles of valuable information contributed by the hard-working show committee.
I’ve issued a request for information for a new regular column entitled “Minnesota Quilters In The News.”
Many thanks to the advertisers who help to defray newsletter costs.
P.S. I still can’t “text-wrap” but stay tuned!
February 3 BOM Drawing

**Chocolate Bon-Bon** 10” (10½” unfinished)

Fabric: med. to dark brown tone on tone or brown with small print & light to med. pink print

Think of that yummy piece of candy with a creamy cherry center, and with wonderful chocolate outer coating that you hope to get for Valentine’s Day. I can hardly wait!

Pink fabric cut:
- 2 – A 4 7/8” x 4 7/8”, then sub-cut as shown in the diagram to make four triangles
- 2 – B 2 7/8” x 2 7/8”, then sub-cut to make 4 triangles
- 1 – C 2 ½” x 2 ½”

Brown fabric cut:
- 4 – D 2 ½” x 4 ½”
- 6 – E 2 7/8” x 2 7/8” and sub-cut as shown to make 12 triangles

Make one or more blocks and print your name and address on a slip of paper attached to each block. You may send your blocks to the address below and your name will be entered even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

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

Fat Quarter Drawing

The January 6, 2007 fat quarter drawing will be winter blues and snowflakes. The fat quarter drawing is a great way to build your stash. Participate by bringing/mailing up to 3 fat quarters of quilt-shop-quality fabric measuring 18” x 22”. Pin your name, address & phone # to each FQ. You’ll get one chance to win for each FQ contributed. One name is drawn at the Saturday meeting for all FQ’s. You need not be present to win. FQ Drawing coordinators are Kathy Simon Frank and Karen Zalewski.

Wisconsin Quilts: Stories in the Stitches.


Reviewed by Karen Kopitzke, MQP

The quilt history books published by the various states are all wonderful eye candy. They are full of lovely photographs of beautiful quilts. Yet, like quilt shops, each one has its own unique “personality.” Wisconsin Quilts: Stories in the Stitches makes use of a three-pronged approach. In addition to the lovely pictures, each quilt is tied to the personal story of the quilt maker. These stories are gathered together into historical groupings beginning with Wisconsin’s settlement and ending with the beginnings of the quilt revival in the mid-1970s. Quite often, history gets a bad rap as boring. The author does an excellent job in this book to make the history not only painless but interesting! A single page at the beginning of each chapter sets the background of the era for the quilters’ stories. After that, the quilts and their makers take over.

It always amazes me to see the beautiful things that were created without all the implements we use today, in poor lighting, in moments found during very busy, labor intensive days, with just scraps. I hope you enjoy this book as much as I have.