February Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 7, 10:00 am

Join us as we welcome Celine Perkins of Bloomington, MN as our lecture speaker. Celine's life as a quilter began in 1983 when she took her first hand piecing class at Glad Creations Quilt Shop, and realized that quilting was something she could be passionate about.

An occupational therapist by trade, Celine worked in Long Term Care and Home Care for 16 years before "retiring" to the quilting world. In 2000, she began teaching at the Wayzata Quilting Emporium and other stores in the Minneapolis-St Paul area. She also has been presenting programs to quilt guilds and teaching at retreats.

Celine's pattern company, Perkins Dry Goods, was established in 2002. It specializes in traditional designs geared toward beginners, all rotary cut and machine pieced. She currently offers more than 30 patterns for quilts, table runners and toppers, and tote bags on her website, www.perkinsdrygoods.com. She also has a book, "Mill City Sampler," and her Perfect Piecing Seam Guide, a tool that will allow you to calibrate your scant 1/4" seam allowance for perfect piecing throughout your project. Her "Village Crossings" pattern was designed and distributed for the 2008 Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop. At the 2008 Minnesota State Fair, a beginner won an award for her first pieced quilt using Celine's "Grandpa's Best" pattern!

We will be enjoying Celine's lecture, "Dinner Plate Quilts," at both meetings. During this lecture Celine will share more than 20 quilts, runners, and toppers that she has made over the years. The quilts show how her designs have changed and progressed over time--there is a story for every quilt! Celine will discuss her inspirations in her creative process and how she often uses common household items like freezer paper and dinner plates in her quilting applications. The lecture will include a demonstration on scalloping borders and a complimentary scalloping project pattern.

March Meeting Highlights

We will have two very different meetings in March.

On Thursday, March 5, MQ will move to Eagan High School for a lecture by Lynette Jensen of Thimbleberries. Watch the March newsletter for more information and directions.

Our Saturday, March 7, meeting will be back at the Textile Center and we will have a fun and fabulous garage sale in addition to our regular business of announcements and show and tell. Check page 6 of this newsletter for more information on the garage sale.

Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop. At the 2008 Minnesota State Fair, a beginner won an award for her first pieced quilt using Celine's "Grandpa's Best" pattern!
Notes From the President

As I write this letter it is bitterly cold outside, but the fireplace is going and so is my sewing machine. It’s nice and warm inside and doing what I love makes it all okay. Like most of you I am trying to save some money and am using fabric from my stash instead of buying all new fabric, but there is always that one piece that is needed to make it sparkle and so off to the quilt shop we go. If you are like everyone else you are probably tired of hearing about the economy and really don’t want to hear about it in your newsletter, but it is hitting us here at MQ too. We need to make a few changes in policies to help our guild keep going, just like each of you is making changes to help your family in these tough times.

As the Board struggles with the budget we have had to make some difficult decisions; most of them will become effective during the New Year. I am sure that some of you wonder where all the money goes, and sometimes we do too, but the expenses of running a guild as large as we are go up every year just like everything else. Most of the income and expenses are related to the annual show, and no matter which city we are in the expenses related to the shows are going up. The facility rental, the food, the pipe and drape and, of course, the fees of the teachers all go up each year. The show committee does their best to keep from having to raise the price for attendance, for classes and the banquet, but there is only so much they can do.

One of the ideas the Board has come up with is that the incentives that the board, the standing committees and the show committees receive will be changed.

The Board as a whole has decided to forgo the free membership as well as making a separate donation to MQ. The one-year free membership is one of the items the board has considered eliminating. The tiered membership will stay the same, so if you do serve in a year long position you will still be eligible for the lower rate. This year the show committee as a whole and the Board have also decided to forgo the free banquet ticket; we will pay the cost of the meal to help defray some of that expense.

We hope these decisions do not affect your willingness to continue to volunteer to work for MQ and the show. MQ still needs its volunteers to keep running. One of the ideas brought to the table is to only have the show every other year, another to not have classes, or not as many. If you have suggestions on how to help MQ continue to offer the best for you please let us know your ideas. They will be considered. We are currently working with Wynn Martin, our new Marketing Coordinator, on a new strategic plan for the future. Included in this is how to market MQ to the public to help gain new membership, especially the younger new quilters. If you would like to be part of this group all you have to do is contact any board member for the next meeting date.

As always, if you have suggestions or opinions, please let any Board member know what it is. Our emails are listed in the newsletter and on the web site. Help us out with these tough decisions, we will listen. More importantly, get involved. It is time to find new Board members as well as other positions on the different standing committees. There is always room for one more smiling face with helping hands! - Mary Brandt
**December 2008 Board Meeting Highlights**

-- The Board reviewed the Budget for 2008-2009.

-- Auditors from Boyum & Barencheer PLLP presented MQ's financial review and status. Copies of these documents are available for review in the MQ office during regular business hours. Please call ahead to make sure that Becky is in the office before arriving.

-- Raffle Tickets will be mailed to MQ members with a return-postage envelope. It is hoped that this will have a positive affect on ticket sales.

-- GenOps and Operations will be combined on the budget and called Administration.

-- The Board is considering having the current-year Show Chairs join the Board, with one vote. Will seek legal advice for any potential issues.

-- The Board voted to give $150 to The Goldstein Museum of Design.

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**More Parking at the Textile Center**

Good news! Prospect Park Properties has offered us free parking in their fenced lot behind the Minnesota Teamsters building at the corner of 30th Avenue and University Avenue (3001 University Avenue, across the street from and just a bit east of the Textile Center). There is a stoplight at the intersection of 30th and University, which is a very good thing! We can park in the Prospect Park lot after 5pm on weekdays, and on weekends. Please be careful to adhere to these times only!

The code to drive into the lot is 7755, and the code to enter through the people gate to get your car out is 77755. The gate to leave will open automatically.

We are still able to park in the Osvold lot at the end of the alley across from our parking lot (evenings and weekends) but that may change as the owners are trying to sell the building. Watch for signs and more information on that situation in the MQ News.

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**DOCUMENT YOUR QUILTS - Starting in February! See page 13 for details.**

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**President’s Block** MQ has a tradition of presenting our president with “thank you” blocks for their year in term. Mary has defined her block: Stars made with batiks, with the star being dark and then a light background. The size can vary, 6”, 9” or 12” finished.

Past president, Linda Wines, is fond of cows and is looking for cow blocks for her quilt.
**February Survey**

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| Are you attending the 2009 Show?                                       | 1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Haven't decided                                                                  |
| How many days will you be attending the Show?                           | 1. 1  
2. 2  
3. 3  
4. 4  
5. 5                                                                  |
| Did you attend last year's Show?                                       | 1. Yes  
2. No                                                                  |
| Are you a member of Minnesota Quilters?                                 | 1. Yes  
2. No                                                                  |
| Would you rather see more vendors or more quilts?                       | 1. More Vendors  
2. More Quilts                                                                  |
| If you have attended an MQ Show in the past, how satisfied have you been with the amount of lunchtime food and the choices? | 1. Satisfied  
2. Mostly satisfied  
3. Dissatisfied  
4. Very dissatisfied |
| Are you planning to attend the Grand Banquet?                           | 1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Not sure                                                                 |

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“**Live Longer” -- an Opportunity from Your 2010 Show Co-Chairs**

“Studies show that those who volunteer not only are healthier but actually live longer than folks who don’t.”

- Taken from the December 2008 Issue of HEALTH magazine

Join our team! Volunteer for the 2010 Quilt Show being held in St. Cloud and go on this amazing journey with us! Our goals are to promote quilting, to promote our Minnesota Quilters, Inc. organization and to have FUN.

If you are even thinking about a committee position, please ask us for the job description. Open committee positions at this time are:

- Door Prizes,  
- Information Desk,  
- Judged Exhibit,  
- Non-Judged Exhibit,  
- Raffle Quilt Designer/Maker,  
- Registration,  
- Signage,  
- Special Exhibits,  
- Vendors, and  
- Website

You can email us at mq2010@mnquilt.org with any questions or concerns.

Your very excited 2010 Show Co-Chairs,  
Jan Walstrom and Jill Schultz

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Minnesota Quilters is seeking members who want to make a difference by serving on the Board of Directors. This is a great way to offer a bit of your time to help shape us as an organization.

The following are offices that are available and a bit about the responsibilities involved:

**OPERATIONS DIRECTOR** (two year term)
- This position has two people, so you get guidance from Kathleen Winters who will be continuing on for another year.
- This position deals with the day-to-day operations of Minnesota Quilters
  - Supervising employees (Business Manager & Show Coordinator)
  - Office and equipment
  - Oversee Payroll process
  - Insurance oversight.
- Oversee the Membership and Volunteer Coordinator standing committees.
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and as many of the MQ Monthly Membership Meetings as possible.
- Skills recommended: email access, some computer skills, general knowledge of areas of supervision.

**SECRETARY** (two year term)
- Serve as recording secretary (take minutes at Board Meetings) and as corresponding secretary (as directed by Board).
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and as many of the MQ Monthly Membership Meetings as possible.
- Skills recommended: email access, word processing/computer skills, minute taking skills.

**COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR** (two year term)
- This position has two people, and both spots are open.
- Oversee the following:
  - Publication of MQ News and Membership Directory (editor is the MQ Business Manager)
  - Public Relations of MQ
  - Advertising/Marketing, Outreach (Quilting for Others), State Fair, MQ Website.
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and as many of the MQ Monthly Membership Meetings as possible.
- Skills recommended: email access, computer skills, general knowledge of most areas of responsibility.

**PRESIDENT ELECT** (one year term)
- Prepare for the accession to the position of President the following year.
- Assist the President as required, and preside in the absence of President if necessary.
- Serve as parliamentarian for Board Meetings.
- Receive and research requests for grants and/or donations for approval by Board.
- Attend monthly Board Meetings and as many of the MQ Monthly Membership Meetings as possible.
- Skills recommended: email access, some computer skills.

If you are willing to serve in any of these positions or have any questions about them or if you know of someone who would make a good candidate for these offices, please contact Linda Wines, Nominating Committee Chair, at lindawines@comcast.net or 763-516-0865.

The Election of Officers will take place at the annual quilt show in Duluth on June 12, 2009.
MQ Garage Sale

Are you up to your eyeballs in stash, unfinished projects, old books, patterns and other assorted quilting stuff?

Would you like to make room for NEW STUFF?

Would you like to make some money toward paying for the new stuff or tucking a bit away to use at the MQ Quilt Show?

If so, this notice is for you. We are beginning planning to have a MQ GARAGE SALE for quilters and others in March of 2009 and we need to know if you are interested in renting a table to sell your stuff to other needy quilters (who don’t have enough of their own stuff).

This would be a one-day event on Saturday, March 7, 2009 and you would rent a table ($20 full table - $10 half table), bring your items for sale pre-marked and take care of your own cash receipts.

The full details are being worked out but if you are interested in selling some of your “overages”, please call or e-mail your interest to:

Susan MacLennan
612-522-4864
randsmaclennan@msn.com.

Be sure to leave your name and a phone number if you call (and address if not in the MQ Directory) so I can contact you with additional information. Otherwise, keep your eye on the newsletter for additional updates.

Fat Quarter Drawing

We all love Fat Quarters so plan ahead as you are out shopping.

February’s theme is Easter fabrics.
March’s theme is zoo fabrics.

Our drawings are a wonderful way to add to our stash.

Contribute up to three fat quarters (approximately 18” x 22”) of quilt-shop quality 100% cotton fabric in the theme of the month and we’ll enter your name in the Fat Quarter Drawing for that month (one entry for each fat quarter contributed, up to a maximum of three). Please be sure to attach your name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter.

Bring your fat quarters to the Thursday evening or Saturday morning meeting or mail them to the MQ office, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 so that it arrives before the Saturday meeting. Please label the envelope “FQ Drawing.” We draw one name at the beginning of the Thursday night and Saturday morning meetings (Saturday only drawing if we have fewer than 10 FQs on Thursday). You need not be present to win.

The Fat Quarter Committee members are:
Carolyn Minor, Arly Fuhr, Jill Schultz, Patty Von Arx, and Janet Watt.

If you have questions or theme suggestions, please contact Carolyn Minor at 651-439-7139 or cminor@winternet.com

Crafty Corner Quilt & Sewing Shoppe
Worthington, Minnesota
Call 1-800-SEW-MORE
Visit us at www.craftycornerquiltandsewingshoppe.com

15th Annual trip to Paducah
Quilt Show

Ken is planning Crafty Corner’s 15th annual trip to Paducah Quilt Show by Deluxe Motor Coach. He has secured rooms in Paducah at the Drury Inn (home of the FREE super hot BREAKFAST) during the quilt show; at the Drury Inn in St.Louis, Missouri on departure and the Comfort Inn in St. Joe on the return trip.

Price: $595.00 (two to a room)
Price: $545.00 (three to a room)
Price: $495.00 (four to a room)
5 Nights transport & rooms

April 20–25, 2009

by Susan MacLennan
Block of the Month

by Joanne Holzknecht

WINDMILL VARIATION     8” (8 ½” unfinished)

Fabrics: Background is cream, ivory or ecru print
Blades are brown print and pink print

Cut: 4- background 2 ½” X 4 ½” strips
8 triangles from a 2 ½” strips, using the Easy Angle tool
or cut 4 - 2 7/8” squares of each brown and pink and cut as shown
in the diagram.

* For MARCH meeting *

Fly To The South Pacific
Take Your Spring Break At The

WILD GOOSE CHASE SHOP HOP
April 17 - 26, 2009

Prizes:
1-$500 Gift Certificate
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1-Basket of Goodies from Moda Fabrics
2-Baskets of 16 Yards of Batik Fabric

20 Percent Off Regular Priced Fabric
(One Yard Minimum)

Eleven Participating Shops

Quilter’s Haven
Rosemount, MN

Quilter’s Dream
Montgomery, MN

Pine Needles Quilt Shop
Racine, MN

Quilting by the Hearth
Lonsdale, MN

All in Stitches
Stewartville, MN

A Stitch In Time
Onalaska, WI

The Cotton Patch
Owatonna, MN

Calico Hutch
Hayward, MN

Rather Bee Quilling
Lake City, MN

Firefly Quilt Shop
Mankato, MN

All Shops Open - Both Fridays 10 - 6, Saturday 10 - 5, Both Sundays 12-4, Monday - Thursday 10 - 5
2009 Door Prizes

by Karen O’Brien and Vicci Mattsfield, 2009 Door Prize Co-Chairs

Thanks to all of the generous people who have already contributed a variety of door prizes for the show and conference in Duluth in June. Oh, the lucky people who will win these wonderful books, patterns, fat quarters, and other items!

We still need many more door prizes, though, so that we have plenty to give out in all of our classes, lectures, and special events at the show, as well as at other MQ meetings and events during the year.

Bring your donations for the door prize committee to Thursday or Saturday meetings between now and May 2009, or mail them to:

Vicci Mattsfield
21300 Furman St NE
Wyoming MN 55092

Note: please make sure that each donation is clearly labeled with your name and address, dollar value of the item, and a label stating, “MQ Door Prize.” We’ll make sure to acknowledge each donation when it is received. We also ask each door prize recipient to send their thanks after the prize is awarded. Contributions are tax deductable to the extent allowed by the law. Thank you so much!

2009 Show Registration Online

*Duluth here we come*

Online registration for the 2009 Great Lakes Great Quilts show and conference is available 24/7!

That's right, if you can't sleep wondering if you will be able to get into a certain class - don't delay; get online and register so you can get that peaceful night’s rest knowing you got into the classes that you wanted. Go to www.mnquilt.org and click on the Registration button.

If you have questions please direct them to mq09reg@gmail.com.

2009 Charter Members Scholarship for Beginning Quilters

Minnesota Quilters exists to celebrate and promote quilting. If you are a beginner quilter who could use some encouragement, please consider sending in an application for the Minnesota Quilters Charter Members Scholarship for Beginning Quilters. MQ believes that the best way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in a great quilt show and conference.

The person chosen to receive the scholarship will receive the following:

- Registration fee
- Registration for two 3-hour classes or one 6-hour class and registration for three lectures
- Banquet and Award Ceremony ticket
- Single hotel room for two nights.

To be considered for this scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

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

The scholarship application consists of the following:

- An essay containing between 300-500 words. The essay should explain what quilting means to you and what you would like to learn during the quilt show and conference.
- Photos of two of your quilts and/or wall hangings, with a description of each. The quilts do not have to be finished.
- Completed scholarship entry form (will be in the registration book and available on-line).

Please watch for more information in the registration booklet and online. **Application deadline is February 15, 2009.** Please contact Char Wenger, President-Elect, at preselect@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.
2009 Special Exhibits

Call for Special Exhibitors . . . WE NEED YOU!

This year’s show will feature many fine traveling special exhibits, including Quilts with a Sense of Humor by Contemporary Quilters, the Red and Green Study and the Alzheimer’s exhibit.

But we also are featuring quilts that were inspired by our monthly Block of the Month in the MQ Newsletter, diligently prepared by Joanne Holznecht each month.

2009 Small Quilt Auction

Now is the time to think about what you can donate to the Small Quilt Auction for the June, 2009 Show. The money raised is used to support the educational mission of Minnesota Quilters.

We accept small quilts and many other fabric items. Where can your imagination take you? Some examples are: Fabric Bowls, Aprons, Purses, Dolls and Wearable Arts.

Donations will be accepted starting in January, 2009. Each item should have the makers name, address, phone number and title of the item safely pinned to it.

Donating between January and May will enter the donor’s name into a monthly prize drawing. A free lecture ticket will be given to the donor of each item.

Items may be brought to MQ meetings or mailed to the MQ office, care of Small Quilt Auction Committee.

Please mail to:
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
C/O: Small Quilt Auction Committee
3000 University Ave SE, #120
Minneapolis MN 55414

(Please note: This year donations should not be sent to the committee members homes.)

You can use this form to submit your 2009 Small Quilt Auction donation. Please pin to the back of your donation. Thank You!

Name: ____________________________ MQ # (if applicable): ______________
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My name is Kathleen Winters and I am honored to serve with Sue Sandager as Operations Co-Director. Becoming involved with Minnesota Quilters has been an exciting adventure and has opened up many possibilities to new friends who like to do the same thing I do (fondle fabric, collect fabric and cut that fabric up and make it into new and exciting designs) and be able to serve the larger quilting community in Minnesota.

I started sewing when I was 8 years old by designing and making doll clothes for my Ginny doll. She was an 8 inch doll with red pig tails. She was also flat chested and did not wear high heeled shoes. I continued to sew and made most of my clothes while in high school and college and even made prom and homecoming dresses for my friends. I was a major in home economics while in college but when I had to do my student teaching in a rural community (I am a city girl through and through) and live away from home, I decided to change my major. I continued to make my own clothes and later sewed for my children. I made doll clothes for my daughter’s babies, too.

In 1985, I took my first quilting class and was hooked ever since. I love to make all kinds of challenging quilts. Actually, I love to piece and have about 25 quilt tops to quilt before I die or someone else will have the pleasure of going through my stuff and get to claim my unfinished projects.

Now, I have expanded my quilting to volunteering. My first volunteer position with MQ was serving on the 2007 show committee. In 2008, I served as the Show Co-chair. I have already volunteered to serve on the 2009 and 2010 show committees. Part of the requirements for being Show Co-chair was to attend all the board meetings. I had a wonderful first-hand experience getting to know how MQ worked behind the scenes. Further I had an opportunity to meet other committed and dedicated members who want to keep MQ around for a very long time. I knew that I wanted to be on the board, but was too afraid to ask. I was blown away when Sue Sandager asked if I would serve as the Operations Co-director with her. As a result of my commitment to MQ in my volunteer positions, I have truly met some wonderful women. I have new friends and always someone to sit with at meetings. Most of all, I feel that I am making a lasting contribution to promoting quilting to new and older members. In fact, I have volunteered so many hours in the last two years, MQ has been given two $250 awards from my employer, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota.

In addition to my involvement with MQ, I have been very active with South Minneapolis Quilters, Women of the West and now added Maple Grove Quilters. In my spare time, I work full time at Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota as a Behavioral Health Dedicated Clinician. I am married, have two grown biological children and two grown step children. I look forward to retirement. I wonder what I will do in my spare time. I bet it has quilting written on it.
Meet the Board Co-Operations Director, Sue Sandager

I’m Sue Sandager, and Kathleen Winters and I share the Operations Director position on the Board of MQ. The Operations Directors oversee MQ’s business concerns, such as employees, membership, volunteers, equipment, insurance, and the lease with the Textile Center. I live in Scandia with my husband, two dogs, and a cat. My two boys are grown and gone. One is married, the other is engaged, no grandkids, but we do have a granddog—a pug, that makes us laugh. We operate a landscape nursery business that keeps us very busy.

Volunteering is an important part of life at our house. I’m on the Board at Gammelgarden Museum in Scandia, which is an immigrant heritage museum. Scandia was the first Swedish settlement in Minnesota, and the museum is made up of five buildings, some of which date from the 1850’s, and are original to the site. The museum offers activities that show how immigrants actually lived, so a quilting friend and I have a quilt ready to go on an antique quilt frame in the visitor’s center. We’re hoping visitors to the museum will try hand quilting—if we can figure out how to set up the frame! My husband is on the Board of Directors at the Minnesota State Horticultural Society and on the Board of a foundation at our church.

I am enjoying my time on the Board of MQ. It’s fun to be involved in the inner workings of the organization. There are so many dedicated people who contribute endless amounts of their time to make the monthly meetings and the quilt show run so smoothly. It is an amazing group. Anyone who doesn’t volunteer is missing out on a lot of fun.

Library Lines

by Martha A. Eaves, MQ Librarian

Playing with fabric is an activity no one, and especially quilters, need ever outgrow. We like to “re-sort” our fabrics, touching and refolding them, sometimes with a project in mind and sometimes to get inspiration for the project. A new book in our library, Happy Villages, Step into a Fabric Collage Adventure, by Karen Eckmeier is just the inspiration you may be looking for to stimulate your play.

Happy Villages results in a small raw-edge collage piece 18 x 18 in which you compose a village scene, be it a seaside, castle, Italian village, or a place of your own fanciful imagination.

The author, Karen Eckmeier, provides step-by-step illustrations to start you on the collage process, but it is clearly your own imagination and ideas that keep the construction going. Like her other book, Accidental Landscapes, Ms. Eckmeier emphasizes the playfulness of the village construction.

The pictures in the book clearly lay out each step of the basic collage process, beginning with the cutting and the layering of fabric right down to adding the protective tulle, which is top-stitched down to hold all of the little village pieces in their proper places. In case you are wondering what happens if the cat lays down on your village mid-stream, everything is held in place by pre-basting with fabric glue.

Ms. Eckmeier’s book also shows how different the quilts come out, depending upon the quilt-maker’s fabric selection and other design elements [such as adding in a real picture of a village scene into the middle of your collage village]. The gallery section of the book portrays 12 different villages, and explains the additional techniques used in the construction of each one. And as you might expect, some of the gallery villages were wider and longer than the sample view.

This is a good book to try out raw-edge collage techniques and to gain some confidence in how varied a collage piece you can make. And here is the best part: if you want to make your village with a little help from your quilting friends, Nancy Mambi, Textile Center Librarian and quilter is teaching a one day class in the Quilting Village technique at the Textile Center on March 21!
These days, when we talk about the Textile Center, we are talking about a wider world than just what is at 3000 University Avenue. Sure, we have the Common Thread exhibit right here at the Textile Center, but we also have a traveling exhibition (Focus on Fibers) at the McKnight Gallery in Minneapolis, and the IKEA Project Patchwork art quilts will be on display at the MOA IKEA store on March 21. Look for more and more Textile Center events to be located outside of the building itself.

But don’t get me wrong—there is still plenty going on in the Textile Center proper. There have been some helpful developments in the parking situation to help with those events. Not only is parking available in the Osvold lot at the end of the alley across from our parking lot (evenings and on the weekend), but Prospect Park Properties is offering free parking in their fenced lot behind the Minnesota Teamsters building at the corner of 30th and University Avenue (also on weekday evenings and on the weekend). See information elsewhere in the newsletter about parking in the Prospect Park Properties lot.

See you at the Textile Center, or at Textile Center events around the region!

In Textile Center Galleries…
A Common Thread 2009: Textile Center Members Show,
January 16-February 21. A diverse fiber art showcase that includes some of the country’s most talented artists, with over 100 pieces of fiber art by the Textile Center members. This show is the fifteenth Common Thread show.

Textile Center Traveling Exhibition: Focus on Fibers.
January 23-April 24. Opening Reception: February 12, 5:30-7:00 pm. The McKnight Foundation Gallery, 710 South Second Street, Suite 400, Minneapolis, MN. Fourteen master artists and Textile Center members are featured in this exhibition investigating the breadth and depth of contemporary fiber. Curated by Erica Spitzer Rasmussen, Focus on Fibers is a traveling exhibition that originated in 2007 at St. Paul’s Metro State University, and is now available for exposition in venues across our region. For more information, please contact Margaret Miller at mmiller@textilecentermn.org.

IKEA Project Patchwork. Textile Center has partnered with IKEA in an art quilt challenge. Fifty participants each received four yards of IKEA fabrics and were asked to transform the yardage into an art quilt. The quilts will be displayed and sold at a benefit event at the Mall of America IKEA location, Saturday, March 21. Prizes will be awarded. Proceeds of the sale will go to support the Textile Mobile youth programs at the Textile Center. IKEA will be promoting the event on their website www.ikea.com/us/en/. Many Minnesota Quilters members participated in this challenge, and it will be great to see what they came up with!

Opportunities…
Call for Entry: Textile Center Shop. Artists interested in consigning at the Textile Center Shop are encouraged to submit work through an annual call for entry and jury process. The jury committee is comprised of Textile Center board and staff plus local art community members, and artwork is selected based on Textile Center’s mission of excellence and innovation in fiber art. Call for Entry submissions will be accepted February 19-February 21. For an application, go to the Textile Center web site, www.textilecentermn.org, or pick up a form at Textile Center Shop.

Textile Center Garage Sale!!
Coming up April 18 (preview on April 17). Participate in the MQ Garage Sale in March—and if you have anything left unsold, donate it to the Textile Center Garage Sale. Then come and shop at the World’s Largest Textile Sale!

Textile Center Hours… The Textile Center is open M-F, 9am-5pm. The Textile Center Gallery and Shop hours are Monday-Thursday, 10am-7pm; Friday and Saturday, 10am-5pm. Classes and Workshops… visit www.textilecentermn.org/education.asp to see the exciting lineup of winter/spring classes.
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Dakota County Star Quilters present their annual quilt show “Color Our World”, February 11 - March 6. At the Dakota County Historical Society at 130 3rd Ave. North in South St. Paul, MN. Hours are Wed. & Fri. 9-5 pm, Thurs. 9-8 pm and Sat. 10-3 pm. The show is closed Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday. A donation of $3 is encouraged to support the museum. Events include: Small quilt auction, quilt challenge displays, and quilting items in the museum gift shop. The show will include a display of members’ quilts and featured quilter, Janet Schuetze. A lecture and trunk show will be given by pattern designer Lori Allison of Allison Designs on Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 1 and 7 pm. Advance tickets are required for $4 which includes museum entry. To purchase tickets, call Mary at 952-888-0421 or Susan at 651-455-8104. For additional information contact the Dakota County Historical Society at 651-552-7548 or Quilt Show Chair Susie at 952-431-1229 or visit our website at www.dakotacountystarquilters.org. Directions to museum: I-494 to Concord St.; Go North on Concord to Grand Ave.; Turn left on Grand Ave. and go to 3rd Ave. N; Turn left on 3rd Ave. The museum is on the left side at 130 3rd Ave.

Pieces From the Heart Quilt Guild Show, Morris, Illinois, March 4 - 8, 2009. Teachers are: Karen McTavish, Beth Ferrier, Barb Vlack, Anne Lullie and Londa Rohlfing. I just want everyone to be aware of the fabulous teachers that we are having; lunch with the teachers, lectures, quilt exhibit, vendors and raffle quilt. For information contact, Alice, Quilt Show Chairman at 815-942-5177. Register for the the quilt show classes at www.piecesfromtheheartquiltguild.com

Quilt Dreamers 16th Annual “Bag Lady” Quilt Show on Saturday March 21, Noon – 4pm at the Galaxie Library in Apple Valley at 14955 Galaxie Av. Apple Valley, MN 55124. Please join us on National Quilting Day for this fun event. There will be a small quilt auction, and a display of quilts the group donates to kids along with special project quilts and other quilts the members have made. Admission is FREE. If you would like to join our quilt group or have any questions, please call Liz at 651-322-5016.

Maple Grove Quilters presents Quilting to the Nines, a quilt show to be held 10 am to 7pm on Friday, April 17, and 9 am to 4pm on Saturday, April 18. Admission is $3.00. Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove MN. Quilt Exhibit, Vendors, Raffle Quilt, Boutique, Challenge, and more. Call 763-516-0865 for more information.

New Spirit School, a K-8 public school in Frogtown (an inner city neighborhood in St. Paul,) is starting a quilting club for interested parents and community members. Donations of fabric, thread (any kind) and used sewing scissors would be most appreciated. If you have something you wish to donate, please call Andrea E. Johnson, home phone 651-439-3544, daytime phone 651-225-9177, or ajohnson@newspritschool.org. Thank you.

Theater Unbound (www.theatreunbound.com) is looking for quilting volunteers for their spring production of the musical “Quilters.” The play explores the difficult and amazing lives of pioneer women for whom quilting was a form of artistic expression, community building, and survival. The play calls for a number of specific “blocks” and a finished quilt that reflects the themes and chapters of the play. Theater Unbound is interested in engaging quilters to create these blocks. It is important to the company to continue to celebrate the importance of quilters and quilts in our culture. Each artist will be given a theme/chapter from the play (ex: Prairie Fire) and each piece needs to utilize period appropriate fabrics. Quilters are then encouraged to use their artistry and unique vision to create their block in the hopes that the final product is a lovely mix of tradition and modern day artistry and creativity. We are also looking for fabric donations of Civil War era colors. Donations can be collected at the February 5th or 7th meetings. If interested, please contact Sharlene Wimpfheimer at 612-990-4783 or wimp0015@msn.com or Orit Ackerman at 612-940-1381 or OritAckerman@yahool.com.
**Welcome to the following quilters who joined Minnesota Quilters during December, 2008.**

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**Thank you for becoming a Minnesota Quilter member!**

Mail application to: Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Ave. SE, #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414
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.

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