July Meeting Notes

Thursday, July 9, 7:00 pm
Saturday, July 11, 10:00 am

The Minnesota Quilt Project, a standing committee of Minnesota Quilters, Inc, presents the July programs. Appropriate for the current economic environment, the topic will be “Hard Times” quilts.

During the 30’s, quilts were used as comfort and inspiration as quilt makers looked forward to better times. Thrifty quilters used up scraps. Kit quilts were popular. Fabric colors included both pastels and brights.

The program will illustrate that in the quilting world, “the more things change, the more they stay the same.” Quilts on display will come from the collection of Pat Cox, a founding member of Minnesota Quilters and one of the authors of the book, *Minnesota Quilts, Creating Connections to Our Past.*

MQP member Karen Kopitzke will be the presenter. Please join us for this program and look forward to seeing lots of wonderful quilts.

Future Meeting Notes

In August, we welcome Rhonda Horvath of RagSpun Quilting. She developed RagSpun textured appliqué shapes to add a fresh and interesting design element to quilts.

RagSpuns: What are they? How do you use them? What can I make with them? Rhonda will answer all those questions and more in an entertaining and heart-warming presentation.
Notes From the President

Okay, it’s curtain time and the show must go on! And like the mail, come rain or shine we will deliver the best show in the country. Yeah, that’s a little over the top, but that’s just how I feel about our show. In talking to faculty and vendors/sponsors, that is the opinion we get from them, too.

So this month this letter will be short and to the point, come to the show, have a great time, enjoy the quilts, vote for Viewer’s Choice, make a new friend and don’t forget to spend an hour or two volunteering.

See you at the show – stop at the Board table and say, “Hi.”

- Mary Brandt

May Membership Meeting Highlights

One more time, as April is ending just before I write this—Happy Birthday to US! Minnesota Quilters celebrated another birthday at the April membership meetings, and although MQ is younger than most of its members, it’s still a notable achievement that we have sustained our organization for 31 years. Every time we meet, I think fondly of the great gift our founders gave us when they gave birth to Minnesota Quilters.

Our May meetings featured two delightful presentations by Kay Capps Cross, known to many of us as “the Black and White lady.” In Thursday night’s lecture, “Everything Goes with Black and White,” Kay showed us the difference using just black and white (with a splash of color!) could make in a simple or complicated quilt design.

The Saturday morning lecture, “Working in a Series,” showed us a different group of quilts, focusing on the ways we learn and change when working in a series.

Kay has a new book, Black and White and Pieced all Over, and her patterns can be found on her website at www.crosscutsquilting.com.

There will not be an MQ meeting in June, of course, because we will be having our BIG meeting, our annual show.

Please plan on attending our annual meeting at the show. It will be held from Noon to 1 pm on Friday, June 12.

Please have your membership card with you to verify your membership.

Besides the important annual meeting information, there will be a fun speaker and the chance to win a Viking Sapphire sewing machine.

- Sue Rutford, Education Director
Use Your MQ Membership Card for a discount

Look for our new Business Member on page 15.

MQ Business Members offer a discount to MQ members. The specific discount offered by each place is listed on the Business Members page on the MQ website.

Be sure to carry your MQ Membership card with you! You MUST show your card in order to receive the discount (please don't put these businesses in an awkward position!).

We hope that you'll be able to visit these members, and give them a THANK YOU for joining in partnership with MQ.

Strategic Action Plan

by Wynn Martin

Member Survey Drives Development of 2009-2010 Strategy Plan

Do you remember the survey that you perhaps filled out at the 2009 Show in Rochester? Those survey results were the first step in a 6-month planning effort to develop a new vision for Minnesota Quilters.

After several brainstorm sessions and contributions from many Board members and guild members, we are ready to bring a series of action plans back to the membership for approval and development.

Please be sure to look for information about the new Strategic Action Plan when you attend the Show in Duluth.

If you aren't attending the show, please look to future issues of the newsletter and give us your feedback on recommendations from this report.

Any inquires about the Strategic Action Plan can be directed to a Board member, or if you want to get involved in the process, please send an e-mail to Wynn Martin at wynnermn@yahoo.com.

We’re almost there! Join the FUN! The 2010 Quilt Show Committee needs you!

Committee Positions still open:

Admissions (1 person committee)
Registration (2 person committee)
Vendors (We need 1 more person for this committee)

Please come and join us on this fun adventure!

For more information, please send an email to mq2010@mnquilt.org.

Thank you!

Jill Schultz and Jan Walstrom, Your Fun-Loving 2010 Quilt Show Co-Chairs
Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters’ 2010 Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota? If so, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship for beginning quilters.

Minnesota Quilters exists to celebrate and promote quilting. In honor of our Charter Members, we believe that one way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in a great quilt show and conference by offering a scholarship. The person chosen to receive the scholarship will receive the following awards:

• Priority Registration
• One Year Membership to Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
• Registration fee (including show bag and pin).
• Registration for two 3-hour classes or one 6-hour class.
• 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 need to be finished.
• Completed scholarship entry form (found below).
• Your name and address included on the essay and pictures.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to:
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
Attn: President-Elect/Scholarship Committee
3000 University Ave. SE #120
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Or e-mail the information along with your pictures to preselect@mnquilt.org

Scholarship application deadline is November 1, 2009

Minnesota Quilters 2010 Scholarship Entry Form

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Block of the Month
by Joanne Holzknecht

Any Questions or Comments Contact:
Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave N.
Brooklyn Center, MN  55430
sewsewo@iphouse.com

* For July meeting *

FOURTH OF JULY     9” (9 1/2” unfinished)
Fabrics: Red, white and blue . . . of course
         red and blue prints
         white solid or tone on tone print
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     4 - 2” X 3 1/2” rectangles
     4 - large triangles from 3 1/2” strip and use the Easy Angle cutting tool
     red print
     4 - large triangles from 3 1/2” strip and use the Easy Angle cutting tool
     8 - smaller triangles from 2” strip
     dark blue print
     8 - smaller triangles from 2” strip and use the Easy Angle cutting too.

April BOM winner: Debbie Craig won 28 of the Windmill Variation blocks.

May BOM winner: Jen Shipp won 19 of the May Basket blocks.

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2009 Show Parking Update

The Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center (DECC) has started construction on their new arena and on an additional parking ramp. Unfortunately, this work will be in progress during our quilt show. However, there is still a lot of parking available.

There are 800 parking spaces available at the DECC. The surface lot parking is accessible from Harbor Drive (on the far right of the map above) and the parking ramp is accessible from W. Railroad St. The parking spaces closest to the DECC entrance are designated handicapped.

In addition, there is a Lot B which is 1 block from the DECC. This lot is a 5 minute walk from the DECC, and will also have continuous loop shuttle service to the DECC. If Lot B fills up, they are also allowing us to use Lot C, which will also be used by tour busses and vendors with trailers.

The cost of parking at the DECC is $4 per day and allows re-entry during that day.

Special Event - Fashion Show

by Mary Hinz and Kathleen Winters, Special Events Co-Chairs

Special Event – “Out on the Town” Depot Museum and Fashion Show
Thursday, June 11th, 2009
At the Train Depot

Late Breaking News: There will be transportation between the DECC and the Depot the evening of the Fashion Show.

The Fashion Show is at the Train Depot located across the freeway from the DECC. There is shuttle bus service from the DECC to the Train Depot and back to the DECC at the end of the event. The seats are on a first come first served basis.

Currently we are planning on shuttle bus service at 6:40 and 6:50, departing from the DECC to the train depot and returning to the DECC at 9:00 and 9:15. If necessary, an additional circuit can be added. There is a $1 donation for each way.

For those wanting fresh air, the walk from the Depot to the DECC takes about 7 minutes.

For those wanting to drive from the DECC to the Depot, there is parking immediately adjacent to the Depot.

The fashion show starts at 7:30. There will be a cash bar and a sweet treat for you to enjoy. You may also see the antique quilts hanging in the train depot with a docent providing information on these quilts at any time and you may visit the train museum.

Your participation is what makes for a great fashion show. You may create a garment or an accessory, as there are two categories. You only need to have flying geese in your garment or accessory. Don’t forget the quilting.

This should be a fun event, as you will make all the items. Please send in your application to enter as soon as you know what you are going to make. Please let us know by June 1st so you will be included and we will have you on the program.

Don’t have a ticket yet? There is still time to register. If you would like to add the fashion show, send your request to mq09reg@gmail.com. There will be a few tickets available at the show.
2009 Show Volunteers Needed

The Minnesota Quilters Show is the largest VOLUNTEER show in the country. Volunteers are what make a successful show. YOU are the most valued and treasured resource Minnesota Quilters has. We need over 600 volunteers working together to put on a successful show.

The 2009 Show is only about 2 weeks away! We have heard from many of you that wish to volunteer at the show, but we need many more volunteers to step forward. If you pre-registered for the Show, you should have received your registration packets by now. Look for the Volunteer form that was included in your packet. You can still mail in your form to us or send us your name and what you might like to do via e-mail.

We are only asking for two short hours. In the March and April issues of the MQ newsletter we outlined several volunteer opportunities/job descriptions to give you an idea of what jobs are available and what the jobs entail.

So grab a friend or two and sign up to work together or sign up alone and meet some new friends.

We would appreciate everyone signing up to volunteer in advance, but if you are not sure what you would like to do or find yourself with some unexpected free time, please stop by the Volunteer table and we will be happy to give you an assignment.

Remember for each TWO hours (only TWO short hours) that you work, your name is entered into the daily door prize drawings and also for the grand prize drawing for the Pfaff sewing machine.

Thank you in advance to all those who volunteer to work at the show. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Paula Gaboury and Char Wenger (763-757-7888)  
2009 Volunteer Co-Chairs  
Showvol09@mnquilt.org

2009 Show Challenge Committee

Great Lake, Great Quilts, Great Challenge. It is a great time of the year because we get to see great quilt projects.

Your challenge entry must be turned in by June 5.

Any questions call Susan Manning, 763-757-1336 or Judy Trempe, 763-755-9545.

You can mail or drop off your finished quilt project to:

Susan Manning  
12965 Martin St. NW  
Coon Rapids, MN 55448  
or

Jan Gibson  
2410 Harvey St.  
Duluth, MN 55811
2009 Raffle Tickets

by Nancy Hall and Doris Kraemer, 2009 Raffle Co-Chairs

We are getting close to the deadline of June 1 for pre selling raffle tickets!

We hope you are having success selling the tickets for the beautiful quilt. All ticket stubs and all unsold tickets must be returned to MQ or turned in at the show (it’s a Minnesota State Law). If they are not turned in before the show we will be calling you.

Ticket stubs and money should be returned to the MQ office at:

Raffle Tickets
3000 University Avenue S.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Additional tickets can be requested by mail, e-mail to quilter@mnquilt.org or by phone at 612-436-0449

The prize for the person selling the most tickets by June 1 is a gift certificate to your favorite shop.

Good luck and please get the tickets in as you sell them.

2009 Small Quilt Auction

by Jan Walstrom, 2009 Small Quilt Auction Co-Chair

We are continuing to collect donations for the 2009 Small Quilt Auction. We will even accept donations at the Show.

There’s still time to get a donation in and get to see a Lecture at the Show for free.

Drop them off or mail them to Minnesota Quilters, Inc., Attn: Small Quilt Auction, 3000 University Ave Se, Suite 120, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

At the show, see us at the Small Quilt Auction Booth.

Please be sure your entries are clearly marked for the Small Quilt Auction.

Thank you for all your support!

Be sure and stop by and bid on your favorite one, or two, or three. You can never have too many favorite quilts. See you there.
2009 Door Prizes

by Karen O’Brien and Vicci Matts

The excitement is rising as we all look forward to the upcoming show in Duluth! Great quilts; fascinating and educating classes and lectures; fun events with terrific friends; all in a great location like Duluth. What could be better? Well, wouldn’t winning a great door prize be like the delicious icing on the proverbial cake?

Door prizes for MQ are continuing to appear—wonderful books, colorful bundles of fat quarters, fascinating patterns, cool gadgets and all kinds of fantastic things. What generous gifts our members of Minnesota Quilters are donating. Thanks to all who have already given us items. We look forward to what you find in your sewing space—things you admit you’re not going to use after all—or brand-new things you find in your visits to the shops. When you’re looking for good homes for those never used, new or like-new items, remember the MQ Door Prize committee.

We still need 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.

We will continue to welcome your donations until the show begins. Of course, we’d rather have them sooner than later, so we know what we’ve got. You may bring your donations for the door prize committee to the MQ office or mail them to:

Vicci Matts
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 deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Thank you so much!
2009 Show Sponsors

MQ extends a heartfelt thank-you to the following companies:

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Arts Alliance Gallery Quilt exhibit, Elk River, July 9-August 29. Exhibit features non-traditional quilted wallhangings, 3-D objects and clothing. The gala reception will feature an informal fashion show. For information on how to participate and to receive the guidelines contact Sylvia Dudycha at 763-441-4725 (Thurs-Sat, noon-6) or s_dudycha@elkriverart.org. For information on the Arts Alliance go to www.elkriverart.org.

Quilts on Lake Bemidji Quilt Show, July 17 & 18. Presented by Headwaters Quilters at Evangelical Free Church, 115 Carr Lake Rd., Bemidji. Hours are Friday, July 17, from 10 am to 6 pm and Saturday, July 18, from 10 am to 4 pm. Show includes vendor mall, silent auction and raffle quilt. Refreshments available for sale. Admission is $3. For more information, call Shirley at 218-835-5852 or email bji09quiltshow@yahoo.com.

Piecemakers Quilting Guild Quilt Show, Hayward, WI, July 24 & 25. At Ramada Inn, Hwy 27 South, Hayward WI. Hours are Friday, July 24, 10 am to 4 pm and Saturday, July 25, 10 am to 3 pm. Display of quilts, vendors, raffle, demos, door prizes, silent auction. For information contact, Ruth Skeie at skyquilt@centurytel.net.

Hands All Around Quilt Guild Show, Braham, August 7. Annual quilt show at Braham City Hall. Hours are 10 am to 7 pm. This year’s special feature is our members’ quilts from our ugly fabric exchange. Free admission. Raffle quilt. Viewers’ choice awards with cash prizes. Show is part of Pie Day (one of Minnesota’s best folk art festivals). You can also enjoy homemade pie, crafts, and entertainment. Send a long self-addressed stamped envelope to Nancy Neumann, 818 Shady Ridge Lane, Braham, MN 55006 for show registration information or e-mail ichtsdirector@izoom.net.

Apple River Quilt Guild 19th Annual Fall Festival Quilt Show, “This Is American Quilting”, September 19 & 20. At St Joseph Catholic Church, Amery, WI, just north of Amery on Highway 46. Hours are Saturday, September 19, 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday, September 20, 11 am to 4 pm. Admission is $3, 16 and under free. Raffle quilt, vendors, classroom demonstrations, guild challenge and lunch on Saturday. Small quilt sale to benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelter. For information, contact Mary Watry at nwatry@centurytel.net.

Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild’s 21st Annual Quilt Show, Siren, WI, October 10 & 11. “When Life Gives You Scraps . . . Make A Quilt!” at Siren High School, 24022 4th Ave N, Siren. Hours are 10 am to 4 pm both days. Admission is $3, under 12 years free. Special exhibits, silent auction to benefit CRA of Milltown, quilt raffle featuring a queen size quilt and 2 other quilted items, quilt store vendors, demonstrations, hourly bed turning of antique quilts, and over 200 quilts on display with Viewer’s Choice Awards voted on by attendees on Saturday. Appraisal service by Bev Proulx will also be available. Cafe located on site. For more information, contact Jean M. Judd at sistersinstitches@mail.com or 715-566-0212.

Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society, “Stitches in Time” Quilt Show, Mahtomdie, October 16 & 17. At Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3770 Bellaire Ave, White Bear Lake. Hours are Friday, 9 am - 8 pm and Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm. Admission is $3. Raffle quilt tickets are $1. New location offers more quilt display, quilters garage sale, vendors, boutique, bed turning and demonstrations. Lunch and refreshments available. Group tickets and quilt raffle tickets may be purchased in advance by contacting Joan Gerten at 651-490-3157 or joangerten@earthlink.net.
AMERICAN QUILT STUDY GROUP
2010 Quilt Study of
19th Century Star Quilts

AQSG invites members to join in and create a reproduction quilt for the sixth biennial AQSG Quilt Study for the 2010 Seminar to be held in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The focus of the 2010 Study will be 19th Century Star Quilts. Participation is a way of learning about our quilt heritage and helps to promote AQSG.

Please take a few minutes to read through the following guidelines. As the popularity and participation in the Quilt Studies has grown, it has become necessary to adjust some of the requirements. Most important are the changes in the guidelines for obtaining permission from the owner of the original quilt or quilt image. Therefore, it is a good idea to obtain the required permission before beginning your study project.

If you plan to participate in the 2010 Stars Study, it is important to promptly notify Greta VanDenBerg-Nestle at maquilter@epix.net as soon as possible to receive the necessary release forms and updated information as it becomes available. Exhibit space at Seminar may be limited and preference will be given to Participants in the order the required documentation and completed release forms are returned to Greta.

The following rules apply:
- The quilt may contain one or a hundred stars but it must read as a “star quilt”.
- You may reproduce a portion of the original, or a scaled down version of any star quilt of the period. You may make an exact replica of the original quilt, but it is not required. You may also make a quilt that is “inspired” by the original.
- While many star patterns are pieced, your stars or other parts of the quilt may be appliquéd, if the original quilt was appliquéd.
- Overall maximum measurement of 200 inches for all four sides will be strictly enforced.
- Each participant will be limited to submitting one quilt.
- Incomplete projects will not be accepted. All exhibited quilts must be finished (i.e., quilted and bound). All quilts must also have a standard sleeve attached, and a label with your name and address. An additional label with your entry number (when assigned) will also be required.
- To be considered a Quilt Study Participant each participant must submit completed and signed release documents together with documentation of the inspiration for their project, including a photograph of the inspiration piece and a statement about the work, such as why the particular quilt was chosen for study and what was learned from study of the quilt. The statements should not exceed 200 words. The required release forms and instructions will be forwarded to all interested participants who contact Greta VanDenBerg-Nestle at maquilter@epix.net to indicate their interest in participation in the Quilt Study.
- Two release forms will be required. The first is to be signed by the owner of the original quilt or quilt image allowing the participant to reproduce the quilt (either in part or in total) and further allows use of images of the original quilt or quilt image as part of all exhibits and publications related to the quilt study. The second document is to be signed by the participant granting permission for AQSG to show the study quilts, and use images of the study quilts for publication, promotion, etc.
- The photograph that is required of the inspiration quilt must be in .jpg file format. If you do not have the capability of creating a .jpg file, this generally can be accomplished at any copy shop.
- Any quilt that does not fit within the guidelines of this study will not be considered for inclusion in the travelling exhibit.
- Only AQSG Members may participate.
Show Activities

As many of you know, we have created several scrapbooks with actual blocks so people can see how they look in fabric. These are available for viewing in the Textile Center Library and will be in the MQP booth at the show. We are currently putting together another book based on references to quilts in the “Little House on the Prairie” series. Be sure to have a look at these at the show.

MQP will again provide documentation and appraisal opportunities at the show. On Wednesday, June 10, we will document quilts. On Friday, June 12, appraisals will take place. If you would like to have your quilts documented or appraised, you may make an appointment request using the form in the registration book or, if you are an online type, you can access the form from the show website at www.mnquilt.org. This year, we are adding an activity to our work at the show. On Saturday, June 13, we will document winning MQ 2009 Show quilts that were made in Minnesota.

Documentation Activities

MQP recently completed documentation of the quilts at the Anoka Historical Society. There were many lovely quilts but two were outstanding. One is a quilt made in 1857. It won the State Fair quilt award in 1857, 1858 and 1859. It is a wonderful lone star with smaller stars pieced in the corners. The second one that impressed the group was made in the 1990’s by students at the Anoka high school. Their Literature and History teacher had each student research a pattern, write an essay about their pattern, and make the block. She then put the blocks together into quilts and the historical society has one. The school published the essays in a book and the historical society has a copy of one of these also.

We are currently working with Helen Kelley’s husband to arrange a time when we can document her quilts.

It has been a long haul but we are finally there! All the pieces needed to get our quilt documentations available online for the world to see are in place. We have been told by the people at Michigan State University who manage the Quilt Index that we should be up and running in June. If you want to take a peek at the Index to see what we are talking about, go to www.quiltindex.org.

Presentations

An activity of MQP that you may not be aware of is the availability of members to give presentations at guild meetings and other groups. MQP members gave presentations this month in Fergus Falls and Buffalo. If your organization is interested in learning a bit more about quilt history and documentations (and why documentation is so important), please contact us either through the office or e-mail at mqp@mnquilt.org.

Photo Gallery

While you are online making documentation and appraisal appointments, checking out the quilt index, and setting up a presentation, you can also take a look at our photo gallery. Several quilts are currently on display and they include close-ups of the details. To get to the gallery, scroll down the right hand menu on the MQ web site to Minnesota Quilt Project and click on Photo Gallery.

American Quilt Study Group

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. requested the opportunity and was chosen to host the AQSG annual seminar in the Twin Cities in October 2010.

The American Quilt Study Group is an organization dedicated to the preservation of our quilt heritage through their various publications, extensive research library, and annual seminar. A local chapter of this organization meets regularly in Wayzata. AQSG publishes a journal of the papers presented at their annual seminar. The title of the book is Uncoverings and copies are available in the Textile Center library.

Join Us

Last of all, MQP is not a select group. We meet at the Overflow Coffee Shop across from the Textile Center at 8:30 a.m. before the monthly Saturday MQ meeting. Stop in sometime and see what it’s all about.

News from Minnesota Quilt Project
by Karen Kopitzke

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Minnesota Quilters, we need you! Volunteers keep our organization VITAL and ENERGETIC. It bestows the same rewards on the volunteer.

MQ Website - Webmaster
Maintain MQ website and keep updated in a timely manner. DreamWeaver experience is preferred. Time commitment is for 12 months and requires approximately 8 hours a month. The position is available October 1, 2009 or any time prior to that date. If you are interested, please contact comm@mnquilt.org

MQ Website - Redesign team
Help redesign the existing MQ website. Work with a team to: come up with design ideas; review the website organization and navigation; determine new features that members would like; etc. This will probably be a commitment of several months. If you are interested, please contact comm@mnquilt.org

Guild Contact Update
Short-term position, done by one or more persons working together. Duties include contacting each guild listed with MQ to request updates and verify information. Results will be posted in our database and website, with assistance from our webmaster and office staff. Each guild will designate a contact person, who will serve as liaison. Please contact President Elect at preselect@mnquilt.org, or call Char Wenger at 763-757-7888.

Email Marilyn Orlich, Volunteer Coordinator, at volcoord@mnquilt.org or call Becky at the MQ office to post future volunteer needs.

Fat Quarter Drawing

Fat quarter drawings have been very successful. Just ask the recent winners. In April, Mary Pozzini and Carolyn Minor split 28 beautiful pastel batik fat quarters. And at the May meeting, the names of Cheryl Coulter and Kara Albrecht were drawn. They shared the 33 fat quarters collected.

Keep those fat quarters coming! Start thinking to the future. These are the themes for the next months ahead:
- July - brown tone batiks - this includes golds
- August - Asian fabrics
- September - fall flannels

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.”

The drawing will take place at the beginning of the Saturday morning meeting. We draw one name at the beginning of the Saturday morning meetings. You need not be present to win.

Questions or theme suggestions, please contact Carolyn Minor at 651-439-7139 or cminor@winternet.com.

Textile Center Liaison News

Textile Center Author Bag Lunch with Susan Stein on June 2. Susan will present her new book Fabric Art Projects and answer questions Call Textile Center office at 612-436-0464 to register.

As of April 1, there is a new library computer system. To access the new system, go to the “Library” page from the main page, then click on “go to the Online Catalog.”

Library users can use their ID and PIN to access their accounts; see reviews of books or submit their own review; use On-line Book Bags for storing selected items; and browse the collection at any time. Click on Bulletins to see Librarian notes about this new online catalog. Click on the calendar for hours and to see if a volunteer is on duty.

For an ID and PIN number contact Nancy Mambi, the librarian, Fri 9-1, Mon 9-1, Tues 9-5 and Thurs 9-1 at 612-436-0464 or at librarian@textilecentermn.org.

Living History: Textiles of India in the Joan Mondale Gallery, May 1-June 6. “Living History reflects 20 years of research and travel in India by Elsa Sreenivasam, founder of the Surface Design Association. Selections from the collection showcase textiles as a living art, in transition, with tradition adapting to cultural and generational influences and changes. There are impressive and colorful examples from many regions in India that highlight a wide variety of techniques.”
**Welcome to the following Business Members who joined Minnesota Quilters during April 2009.**

Quilt Yourself, 5749 Egan Drive, Savage. Receive a 10% discount on all wide backing material with your MQ membership card. They carry a wide selection of backing material. It is 108” wide and runs between $9 and $18.95 per yard. They have batiks, cotton prints, hand dyed and 60” wide minke. They have over 60 bolts in stock right now. No more piecing your back! Watch for specials throughout the year.

**Welcome to the following who joined Minnesota Quilters during April 2009.**

- Mariana Campbell, Minneapolis
- Karla Dahms, Mora
- Bonnie Edwards, Rock City IL
- Helen Halvorson, Thief River Falls
- Leila Horazdovsky, Vadnais Heights
- Evonna Hotvet, Savage
- Helen Lanis, Hudson WI
- Marilyn Lee, Pinewood
- Mary Manns, Roseville
- Mary Mans, Roseville
- Judi Olson, Garden City
- Harriet Oyera, Minneapolis
- Shelli Ricci, Apple Valley
- DeDe Tredinnick, Emerald WI
- Jackie Urmann, Blaine
- Kathy Foster, Lakeville
- Francie Glickman, St. Louis Park
- Virgie Hagen, Bloomington
- Nancy Hertz, Hugo
- Magpye (Michelle) Hill, St. Paul
- Beverly Hunnicutt, Bloomington
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- Chris Nickelson, Scandia
- Jean Nolting, Moorhead
- Sharon Odahl, LaCrosse WI
- Mary Rossi, Woodbury
- Mary Lou Schmitz, Roseville
- Nanette Sutherland, Mendota Heights
- Lynnette Wass, Minneapolis

**Thank you to the following Minnesota Quilters who renewed their memberships during April, 2009.**

- Karrol Barbieri, San Rafael CA
- Jennifer Bernard, Webster City IA
- Nancy Birger, Roseville
- Faye Bodenhamer, Lino Lakes
- Janice Brown, Buffalo
- Dianne Conner, Roseville
- Mike Ellingsen, Blue Earth
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- Kathy Foster, Lakeville
- Francie Glickman, St. Louis Park
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**MINNESOTA QUILTERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

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**Membership Level**

- **$40 Regular** receive MQ News via postal mail
- **$35 Email** receive MQ News via email
- **$30 Volunteer** year-long volunteer position
- **$15 Student** under 18 years old
- **$80 Business** link to website and Directory advertisement

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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
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DIRECTIONS: Minnesota Quilters is located at the Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Mpls. From WEST (On I-94, 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 I-94, 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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