August Meeting Notes

Thursday, August 4, 7:00* p.m.
Saturday, August 6, 10:00* a.m.

August Meeting

“In the Good Old Summertime” is the theme for August. Think of all the fun things you eat in the summer, what is more delicious than ice cream! Come and enjoy an Ice Cream Social on Thursday, August 4th and Saturday, August 6th. On Thursday evening we will view an old fashioned bed turning of some of the most wonderful quilts from the collection of Suzanne Fisher. On Saturday, following the announcements and show & tell, we will unveil the ‘treasures’ at our MQ Garage Sale. Tables are available for $20.00. Sign up and pay on Cvent. For those of you who have a few items you no longer need, but not enough to buy a table, considering donating them to the MQ Table. Proceeds from items sold at the MQ table will go towards new library books and other needed items to benefit our MQ members.

September Schoolhouse

Plan ahead for another September Schoolhouse on September 1 & 3. If you have a fun technique or idea that you’d like to teach or demonstrate – or you may have a clever idea that you observed at the MQ Show or at spring Quilt Market – contact Education Director, Laura Nagel, at ed@mnquilt.org.

Fall Getaway: October 13-16, 2011

See page 8 & 9 for all the details about the retreat and registration.

*Coffee and treats will be served before each meeting to allow more time for socialization among our members. Coffee will be ready at 9:00 am on Saturday. Wear your name tags/membership cards so we can get to know each other.

July Program Recap

150 years of quilting with historian, Pat Cox...

Was the theme of the July programs. Pat Cox brought a large selection of her 350 antique quilt collection to show at the July meetings of Minnesota Quilters. Her rich historical knowledge and amusing or interesting stories of the acquisition of these quilts was truly a once-in-a lifetime experience for quilters.

Below pictured are a Menonite Lone Star quilt and a Carnival Star quilt.
Notes from the President

Dear Quilters,
I hope your summer is going well. With the show finished, I have been able to go into my flower gardens and do a lot of work which I find very relaxing. Work is now proceeding on our 2012 show. If you would like to volunteer on this committee, you can e-mail showcoordinator@mnquilt.org and someone will contact you.
The Minnesota State Fair is just around the corner. Volunteers are needed to help with the intake before the fair begins. If you would like to help, the information about the dates and who to contact is on page 3. New this year in the Fine Arts Building at the State Fair is the Fiber Arts award which is being sponsored by MQ. It is exciting to have MQ a part of the Fine Arts.
Enjoy the rest of your summer. For those who do not like the heat, just keep in mind that fall is not that far away.

Happy quilting,  Yvonne

2011 and 2012 MQ Show Committees Meeting

Sue Rutford, 2012 MQ Show Chair, and Lou Roos and Kathy Brevig, 2011 MQ Show Chairs, are asking their committees to meet at the Textile Center after the Saturday, August 6th MQ Garage Sale. The 2011 committee members will turn over their reports and insights to their 2012 counterparts. This is an important meeting, so we hope that all of the committees will be represented. We’ll even have some bakery turnovers to inspire us!

Membership Cards
Please contact Debra, the Office Assistant, at quilter@mnquilt.org if you have not received a Membership Card.

MQ Office Hours
Monday through Friday 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Visitors should call first to ensure staff is present.
Election Results

The results of the elections held at the Annual meeting are:
MQ Board of Directors:
Communications Co-Director:  Pat Curtner
Operations Co-Director:  Deb Spraggins
Membership Co-Director:  Jean Carr
Secretary: Char Wenger

Changes to the By-Laws were approved. The updated By-Laws will be on the website and available in the MQ office.
Members voted yes to using the updated logo.
Quilter of the Year will be announced later after she has been contacted.

Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting.

Volunteers Wanted for Minnesota State Fair Quilt Competition

Very few of the volunteers who staff the desks for entries into the Minnesota State Fair Creative Activities competitions know much about quilting, which means that quilt entries are often entered into the wrong categories. This causes delays in the judging process and can negatively impact a quilt’s ability to get an award.

MQ would like to improve this process by providing volunteers who do know something about quilts and quilt categories present during quilt take-in hours.

The acceptance hours at the Creative Activities building are:
Sunday, August 14:  11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Monday, August 15: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 16: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 17:  9:00 am to Noon

If you are willing to work shifts of 2 or more hours any of these days, please contact Kate Eelkema at kate538@gmail.com or 612.816.0365 for more details.

Forming Small Quilt Groups!

I’m Debra Svedberg and I’m the current Office Assistant for MQ. If you haven’t met me yet, come introduce yourself! My MQ office hours are 10 to 4:30 Monday through Friday.

I think one of the best things about being a Quilter is participating in a small quilt group. I can’t emphasize enough that when I’m with my quilt group, it doesn’t matter what happens, I always have a great time! I’m in several myself, but sometimes it is difficult to find one if you’ve never been in one. I am setting up new quilt groups specifically for MQ Members!

I am going to put them together geographically and setting them up to start in the evening of the 3rd Thursday of the month (2 weeks after the MQ meetings) at a public place.

Any changes regarding date, time, and place to meet will be made within the group and must happen later. I will set up the first meeting to be August 18th, but some may still be on vacation so September 15th will be the ‘official’ start up meeting.

If you are interested in being in a quilt group please send ALL of the information below to my email quilter@mnquilt.org or drop it in the mail or by the office.

Send these 5 items of information:
1. Your name, 2. Home street address, 3. Home and cell number, 4. Email address, and very important: 5. Closest freeway exit to your house! For example, I live near the “4th Street/University Ave exit off 35W” (No. 5 is for my use only).

For those of you already in a quilt group who would like new members to join, send me your groups information and how many additional members your group can take.

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for info: degehant@gmail.com
From Doris Kraemer and Martha Eaves

Can you believe the Small Quilt Auction this year? We had 180 items for bid. Thank you to all of you who donated one or more items to the auction. We had 183 registered bidders. As a piece of trivia for the future, Mary Pozzini was bidder #1 but we ended up having 83 winning bidders, with some folks winning multiple items. **We raised a whopping $4921.** Carolyn Minor won the cutting table and scissors special prize for submitting a piece to the Small Quilt Auction. We had to expand the space for hanging the small quilt auction by two bays. It appears that having a substantial prize for submitting a small quilt auction does have an impact on the number of items that are donated. We wish to thank our anonymous donor again for making that wonderful bonus prize available. Below is the list of items, donors, and winners:

**Item #**-Donor and Item-Winner of item
1. Jackie Urman—colorful placemats: Dorri Olson
2. Mary Jane Heng—decorative black pillows: Marge Olson
3. Carol Jacobson—rolled block keeper: Anne Manly
4. Sue Erickson—Flowery pillow: Linda Taylor
5. Jean Gray—Blue fans pillow: Catherine Williams
6. Carol Schwankl—redwork dog pillow: Carol Pankow
7. Glendia Fulkerson—4 baby bibs: Martha Eaves
8. Adrianne Lemberg—Orange batik scrap catcher: Doris Kraemer
9. Carol Schwankl—Raggedy Ann doll: Dianne Herrmann
10. Carol Fisher—Big prairie braid pillow: Beth Kwakenat
11. Elizabeth Doyle—Circular Farm panel: Linda Boothe
12. Jackie Urman—Sweet Potato Pie: Louise Somers
13. Judy Morin—Sunflowers wall hanging: Anne Tiller
14. Jackie Urman—Christmas houses: Kathy Foster
15. Jean Gray—Fall Leaves: Sharon Masloski
16. June Hoffå—Butterfly table runner: Kathie Simon Frank
17. Karen Brummer—Prayers Quilt: Connie Sue Tseharmer
18. Deborah Webber Werle—Migrating Geese: Karina Burger
20. Patty Von Arx—orange vase w/ flowers: Paula Gaboury
21. Doris Kraemer—Mallard Duck: Mary Pozzini
22. Janet Watt—My gym bag: Judy Bowers
23. Mary Manns—Sweet peas runner: Mary Manns
24. Pat Curtner—pink/poppy table runner: Dorri Olson
25. Anonymous—pink flower and stripe runner: Theresa Halverson
27. Mary A. Petron—Civil War sampler: Darla Crites
28. Carol Fisher—Green floral table runner: Karen Lamberg
29. Jackie Urman—Oh Christmas tree: Louise Somers
30. Carol Fisher—2 Christmas placemats: Nancy Fox
31. Carol Graves—Brown apple table runner: Dorri Olson
32. Shelley Stokes—Miniature Christmas Wreath: Nancy Hall
33. Suzanne Zander—Patriotic Hearts: Kathie Simon Frank
34. Karen Kopitske—Maple Island bars quilt: Beth Coverdale
35. Jill Ries—Doll Quilt of Sue Stein: David Shattuck
36. Roxanne Meyers—Applique apples: Dorri Olson
37. Karen Kopitske—Brown Stars: Karina Burger
38. Gail Bakkom—Tiny baskets of Jean Loken: Mikki Peine
39. Ellen Carter—Jacob’s Ladder: Lisa Bongean
40. Diane Beran—Scalloped hanging: Beth Coverdale
41. Jackie Northrup—4 patch small quilt: Lisa Bongean
42. Kay Harroll—pink striped tote bag: Kathy Reisinger
43. Sharon Odahl—gr & br purse: Theresa Halverson
44. Peggy Stockwell—Dogwood Bright quilt: Beth Coverdale
45. Sharon Odahl—red/wh/blue tote: Micheal Danielson
46. Carol Fisher—Carpenter Star: Karina Burger
47. Janet Harvey—chocolate fantasy purse: Karen Lamberg
48. Janet Harvey—Dreamscape blue purse: Kathie Simon Frank
49. Kathy Evenson—African prints purse: Shirley Arendt
50. Kara Albrecht—Charisma boots: Beth Kwakenat
51. Judy Toft—Hamburger hot pads: Lauri Facile
52. Char Wenger—Blessed are Piecemakers cross stitch pix: Darla Crites
53. Deborah Webber Werle—Spring flower bars quilt: Doris Kraemer
54. Janet Watt—“yes, I run this house” cat: Martha Eaves
55. Martha Eaves—Imagination bunnies wall hanging: Jeff Mejhofer
56. Jackie Urman—Cuddling Cats: Beth Russell
57. Jackie Urman—Two pigs wall hanging: Karina Burger
59. Jackie Urman—Small Sunbonnet Sue: Maribeth Duffy
60. Mary Kay Wycoff Harcus—Purple flower and bluebells: Margie Goodnuff
61. Kathyrn Ross—Amaryllis Pinwheel: Sandra Klinkhammer
62. Anonymous—Teal & silver vest: Theresa Halverson
63. Elizabeth Doyle—U is for Umbrella Sunbonnet Sue: Jean Breu
64. Karen Knoll—Lone Buck: Doris Knoll
65. Glendia Fulkerson—Goldfinch purse: Karen Wallach
66. Charlotte Wenger and Snowflake quilters—Spring appliqué flowers small quilt: Char Wenger
67. Glendia Fulkerson—Crazy quilt purse: Rene Heimer
68. Janet Harvey—Carmel magic purse: Lori Goth
69. Sylvia Primrose—Primrose applique: Margie Goodnuff
70. Janet Harvey—Purple Dawn purse: Karen Sietsema
71. Janet Harvey—Aqua purse: Mary Pozzini
72. Gloria Kugler—Prissy Fishy: Kimm Deline
73. Sylvia Korsmo—Turtle & strawberry applique: Martha Eaves
74. Janet Harvey—Pastel purse: Ann Poulson
75. Janet Harvey—Aqua magic purse: Kathie Simon Frank
76. Terri Krysan—Another game of cat and mouse: Twila Richter
77. Sylvia Korsmo—Chelsea Wattle applique: Margie Goodnuff
78. Jackie Urman—Lighthouse tote: Carole Ackermann
79. Gloria Kugler—Ruched flowers in vase: Paula Gaboury
81. Dianne Conner—Poppy purse: Kara Albrecht
82. Jackie Urman—apple tote: Sandy Resnick
83. Christie Fleischauer—tiny fans: Shirley Arendt
84. Jean Back—beaded & painted purse: Rene Heimer
85. Anonymous—Take out pin cushion: Lisa Bongean
86. Anonymous—Take out pin cushion: Wynn Martin
87. Anonymous—Take out pin cushion: Rita Jelinek
88. Arlene Albrecht—Coral flowers hat: Anne McCandless
89. Roxanne Meyers—hand towel set of 2: Dorri Olson
90. Roxanne Meyers—hand towel set of 2: Beth Kwakenat
91. Roxanne Meyers—hand towel set of 2: Connie Sue Tscharner
92. Terri Kryson—desert dish pincusion: Mary J. Sweeney
93. Diane Watson—handmade rabbit: Louise Somers
94. Carol J. Meyer—pincushion basket/blue: Nancy Hall
95. Carol J. Meyer—pincushion basket/pink: Nancy Hall
96. Sharon Pleiming—River banner: Dorri Olson
97. Jackie Urman—Miniature block sampler: Kathie Simon Frank
98. Rose Allen—Happy Garden Walk: Catherine M. Williams
99. Shelly Stokes/Nancy Restuccia—7th Parallel: Zeeda Magnuson
100. Janet Harvey—Blue Bubbles purse: Mary Pozzini
101. Peggy Wright—Zipping your lips: Wynn Martin
102. Shelly Stokes/Marilyn Badger—Threadwork Squares: Zeeda Magnuson
103. Virginia Mercil—Quilters Chatalaine/blue: Doris Kraemer
104. Virginia Mercil—Quilters Chatalaine/violet: Twila Richter
105. Virginia Mercil—Quilters Chatalaine/pink: Doris Harland
106. Janet Meyers—Circles art quilt: Julie Naatz
107. Janet Harvey—Apricot purse: Micheal Danielson
108. Martha Eaves—Not Your Country Hearts: Jane Johnson
109. Rose Allen—Red leaves: Twila Richter
110. Golden Butterfly (Jean Loken block): Martha Eaves
111. Lori Allison—Apple Table Runner: Beth Kwakenat
112. Mary Manns—Flower Bars: Karina Burger
113. Carla Albrecht—Fallen Leaves: Carol Aasen
114. Karen Kopitzke—Governor’s Garden Gate (a Jean Loken quilt): Karen Kopitzke
115. Arlene Albrecht—Lime green hat: Anne McCandless
116. Barbara Gabel—True Lover’s Knot: Anne Manly
117. Arly Fuhr—Wild Iris: Martha Eaves
118. Glendia Fulkerson—Asian reflections-Twila Richter
119. JoAnne Belling—Purple Maze: Anne Tiller
120. Janet Harvey—Golden Swirls purse: Sandy Resnick
121. Janet Harvey—Green bubbles purse: Martha Eaves
122. Judy Morin—Cream/Aqua Diamonds: Sally Neckvatal
123. Jackie Urman—Follow the Star: Beth Cloverdale
124. Janet Meyers—Bullseye art quilt: Julie Naatz
125. Gail Bond—St. Elmo’s Fire-Anne Tiller
126. Gloria Kugler—Seasoned Quilter: Martha Eaves
127. Yvonne Curren—Poth Posies: Paula Gaboury
128. Leah Doherty—Black & white house panel: Wynn Martin
129. Joanne Holzhnecht—B & W & yellow flowers: Catherine M. Williams
130. Arlene Albrecht—Beaded Edge Flowers: Kimm Deline
131. Mary Lou Schmitz—Pastel yoyo mat: Kate Eelkema
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133. Janet Meyers—Art quilt/mixed techniques: Twila Richter
134. Arlene Albrecht—Lg pinchusion turtle: Doris Knoll
135. Arlene Albrecht—Lg pinchusion turtle: Jean Brew
136. Arlene Albrecht—Lg pinchusion turtle: Nancy Hall
137. Carol J. Meyer—small embroidered pillow: Randi Helling
138. Carol J. Meyer—small embroidered pillow: Diane Johnson
139. Carol J. Meyer—small embroidered pillow: Patty Byrne Pfalz
140. Terri Kryson/Nancy Birger—Ladyslipper wall hanging: Finny Co.
141. Janet Harvey—Aqua Magic 6 tote: Micheal Danielson
142. Kay Nichols[teacher]—Curved piecing hanging: Carolyn Minor
143. Sharon Pleimling—River banner: Louise Somers
144. David Shattuck—Cream and Cheddar Anvils: Wynn Martin
145. Carol Mayala—Serengeti Setting Sun: Twila Richter
146. Martha Eaves—Face Mask: Twila Richter
147. Mary Lou Murray—African Inspirations: Cathi Johnson
148. Dianne Conner—30’ Red & Dots runner: Martha Eaves
149. Lori Allison—Bargello placemats: Char Wenger
150. Gail Hanson—Prairie Braid Charm: Twila Richter
151. Ruth Herbst—Crazy quilt heart: Dorri Olson
152. Carolyn Minor—Gold Star table runner: Barb Loll
153. Mary Pozzini—Christmas table runner: Nancy Fox
154. Sue Erickson—Snowflake runner: Mary Manns
155. Sandi Irish—Blue log cabin: Mariana Campbell
156. Janet Watt—My Knitting bag: Nancy Hall
157. Yvonne Curran—B & W Corset purse: Meg Devine
158. Mary Pozzini—Christmas table runner: Ranjith Kumar
159. Gloria Kugler—Pointsettta basket: Linda Boothe
160. Carolyn Minor—Christmas square table topper: Jeanne LaMoore
161. Barbara Gabel—Green corduroy purse: Jane Johnson
162. Anonymous—Red & Blue Santa tablerunner-Connie Sue Tscharner
163. Wanda Shelton—Big Snowman Wall Quilt: Collette Herrmann
164. Jackie Urman—Santa/snowman/half moon: Micheal Danielson
165. Bonnie Landorff—Wool snowman table mat: Sharon Brick
166. Jackie Urman—Christmas 4 square: Ranjith Kumar
167. Carol Fisher—Terrier Dogs at Christmas: Laura Nagel
168. Sue Erickson—Rail Fence Christmas runner-Barb Loll
169. Sue Erickson—Bunny With Bow: Jeff Mejhofer
170. Anonymous—Green Hmong hanging: Catherine M. Williams
171. Carol Schwankl—Colorwash flower basket: Paula Gaboury
172. Carolyn Minor—Snowball table runner: Judy Symalla
173. Mary Brandt—Autumn Leaves: Beth Cloverdale
174. Arlene Albrecht—turtle pinchusion/purple: Kim Jones
175. Arlene Albrecht—turtle pinchusion/red-orange: Jane Shattuck
176. Arlene Albrecht—turtle pinchusion/pink: Twila Richter
178. Judy Morin—Farmyard Swirl table runner: Joyce Wood
179. Judy Morin—Aqua Swirl tablerunner: Kara Albrecht
180. Laura Nagel—framed quilt poem: Beth Cloverdale

Don’t forget to pick up your items at a meeting or the MQ office.

Best of Show
Best of Show large quilt in the 2011 Minnesota Quilt Show was “Star Berries” won by Gail Stepanek of Minong, Wisconsin and quilted by Rhonda Beyer of Tualitin, Oregon. It is inspired by a Scottish children’s story that tells of a red berry plant that grows by Starlight. Hand pieced seven point stars are combined with hand appliquéd vines and berries to illustrate the story. Rhonda’s exquisite quilting adds a layer of textured beauty.
Volunteer Corner  by Nancy Hall

Contact: volunteer@mnquilt.org

Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you. Be sure to record your hours on the white slips at the meetings. If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please send me an email volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to me at the meetings. We will also have more positions available at the start of our year on October 1.

Current available positions:

Photographers
We need one or two photographers to take pictures at both meetings for the newsletter.

Door Greeters
We need one or two at each meeting to greet people as they come in the door.

Co -Meeting Coordinator Evening
This is a very important position as they make the meetings run smoothly. We are still looking for one more person.

2012 And 2013 Show Committies
We have started signing up to be on the 2012 show committee in Rochester and the 2013 show committee in Duluth. The sign up posters will be at the meetings. Contact President Yvonne to see what is available.

Membership Co-Coordinator Days
We need one more person to sit at the front table on Saturday mornings with Deborah to check memberships and give out tickets.

Newsletter Editor
Beginning with the October 2011 newsletter. Build your computer skills and make a contribution to Minnesota Quilters in this important way. See Lori Allison for more information.

Quilting for Others
Contact Paulette Marini at cpmarini@msn.com
Minnesota Quilter’s mission statement says that we are to “nurture the future of our time-honored traditional craft.” I can think of no better way to accomplish this than to teach our younger generation how to create a crib size quilt. Our organization supplies the fabric, batting and supplies needed to do the work. I just need enthusiastic people to work with groups of our youth and their moms. This is how it all works. I create packets of partially cut “kits”. The organization, such as Girl Scouts, arranges for a site for the program. The organization arranges registration. We arrange for sewing machines, usually from Associated Sewing, St Paul. I show up with my volunteers and we work with the youth and teach them how to create a quilt. When the quilt is completed it is donated to a shelter, hospital, police etc. This is a great project to do with a friend; it is a fun and fulfilling day!

Quilt Index Documentation Input Evening

Help Wanted!!  August 24, 2011 – 4 to 9 p.m.

BYOL (bring your own laptop) and don’t forget the power cord! Meet in the MQ Office at the Textile Center

The Minnesota Quilt Project has decided that we need another input session to attack the documentation entry backlog. This one will be in the evening so as not to interfere with summer weekend plans. Anyone is welcome as long as they can bring their own laptop. We will be doing this on August 24 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. Come when you can and leave when you must.

Training will be available and snacks will be provided.

If you can help with this, please contact Karen Kopitzke at kakopitzke@q.com. We need to know who will be coming so we can have an adequate number of user ids available.
Reserve your spot early for a wonderful long weekend of sewing, enjoying the company of fellow quilters and just plain having fun! The MQ 2011 Fall Getaway will be held October 13-16 at the University of Minnesota Forestry Center, Cloquet MN. The Forestry Center offers beautiful hiking trails, fabulous meals, large sewing rooms with comfortable ergonomic chairs, good lighting and ample sewing space. Accommodations are modern rooms for two with private bathrooms (no tubs). For more information on the Forestry Center, visit http://cfc.umn.edu/index.html

Online registration for the 2011 Fall Getaway will be available beginning August 8. Registration is first come, first served. A mail in form is included in this newsletter for those who do not have computer access. The mail in form cannot be postmarked before August 8. Credit card payment is not available; therefore registration is not final until payment has been received at the MQ office.

This year’s retreat will again feature the opportunity to participate in Quilts of Valor, helping to make lap size quilts that will be distributed to military personnel. In addition, there will be demonstrations and drawings, and of course, Show and Tell. Cost is $225 for members and $255 for non-members.

Above: photo taken on a walk at the 2010 Fall Getaway. Below are participants of the Mystery Quilt at the 2010 Fall Getaway. Photos courtesy of Virginial Mercil, who says, “My friend, Sue & I have gone four times and are looking forward to going again!”
MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY
October 13-16, 2011
(Thursday noon – Sunday noon)
U of MN Forestry Center, Cloquet, MN

Fall Getaway Cost: $225 MQ Members (Double Occupancy)
$255 non-members (Double Occupancy)

The fee is Non-Refundable unless we fill your spot.
All rooms: two twin beds with a private bathroom (shower – no tub) in the room.
Private room: Add $20
Limited handicap-accessible rooms are available upon request.

Fee includes:
• 3 Nights Lodging (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
• Meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast)
• Demonstrations

You may check-in after noon on Thursday, October 13 (to use the sewing rooms only).
Lodge rooms will be available after 3:00 p.m.

To register: Complete this form and include a check payable to “Minnesota Quilters, Inc.” Mail the completed form and payment to:

MN Quilters – Fall Getaway
3000 University Ave. SE
Suite 120
Minneapolis, MN 55414

***Registration must be postmarked NO EARLIER THAN August 8, 2011***

Name: Phone: MQ#: 
Address: E-mail: 
City/State/Zip 
Roommate Name: 

OR Select roommate based on my preferences:

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Are interested in participating in the Quilts of Valor (making lap size quilt(s) to be donated to military personnel?) ______Yes ______No

Registration packets will be sent in early September.
Packet will include demo information, supply lists, retreat information, maps etc.
Questions? Contact: Sue Sandager, 651-433-1488 or psandager@aol.com
Block of the Month for September 2011—Art Class Block, a simple log cabin block

by Kathie Simon Frank (kathie@umn.edu) and Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com)

To enter to win the Blocks of the Month, each person may enter up to three blocks each month (note: for September only, you may enter three pairs of blocks—see photographs below). The winner of the blocks will be drawn at the Saturday meeting each month. Blocks will be accepted at both Thursday and Saturday meetings. If you cannot be at a meeting, please send your blocks to MQ at 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 so that they arrive by or before the first Friday of the month.

September’s block is a simple log-cabin block. The order in which the colors are arranged is what makes this block so graphically dramatic. If you choose to participate in this drawing, please make a pair of blocks – one with the color on the outside, one with white on the outside. The pair will count as a single entry. All BOM patterns in the 2010-2011 series are designed to sew up as 12” blocks (12½” unfinished).

For the Art Class Block choose a white-on-white background and a bright primary color.

For the white bordered block:
Cut from the white-on-white:
A) 1 – 2½” x 2½” square
B) 1 – 3½” x 6 ½” rectangle
C) 2 – 3½” x 9½” rectangles
D) 1 – 3½” x 12½” rectangle

Cut from the bright primary color you’ve chosen:
E) 1 – 2½” x 2½” square
F) 2 – 2½” x 4½” rectangles
G) 1 – 2½” x 6½” rectangles

For the bright bordered block follow the cutting instructions above using the opposite colors (instead of white, cut colored pieces; and instead of using brights for the second set of measurements, cut white pieces.

Directions:
Sew A (a white 2½” square) to E (a color 2½” square). Press seam to one side. Begin to build the log cabin, adding F (color 2½” x 4½” rectangle) to one side of the pieced squares. Press seam to one side. Add the second F (2½” x 4½” color rectangle) at right angles to the pieced section. Press seam to one side. Add G (2½” x 6½” color strip) to the third side. Press. Now you’ve got a white square in the center surrounded by a bright colored frame. Continue to add increasingly larger 3½” wide rectangles around the square that you’re building (first B, then C, and another C, and, finally D). Be sure to press the seam to one side after each strip is added. You’ll end up with a white center, surrounded by a bright primary-color frame that is surrounded by a white frame on the outside.

Repeat for the bright primary block, but start surrounding your central bright square with increasingly longer white 2½” rectangles. Continue as above, ending with the bright primary 3½” x 12½” rectangle on the last side. This block will have a bright center with a white frame and a bright frame on the outside.

Since you’re cutting each strip to fit the side where it belongs, you should end up with your square exactly 12½” x 12½”. Check the size and trim to 12½” square if necessary. If you enter two or more pairs of blocks into the September Block of the Month drawing, try to choose different colors for each set.

Due to the abbreviated July meeting, the drawings for the July and August block of the month will be conducted at the Saturday meeting in August.
Quilt Show Musings
by Kathy Brevig, 2011 MQ Show Co-Chair

The job of the 2011 Show Committee is almost over. We’ve been wrapping up the details: reports to turn over to the 2012 Committee, financial reports to be given to our bookkeeper and to the Board of Directors. After the turn over meeting our jobs will be done.

A few days after the show I drove my sister back to New York. On the way there we stopped at a quilt show in Shipshewana, Indiana. It was a good show, and it gets a lot of promotion and help by the LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau, but it was much smaller than our show.

Driving alone on the way back from New York I had a lot of time to think, and a lot of that thought was about Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Quilt Shows. Our show looks and feels just as professional as any show in the country, including the several that are bigger and are run by professionals. Yes, we do have a paid Show Coordinator, and she works hard. But thousands of hours are donated by volunteers to make our shows successful.

This year the majority of the Show Committee had full time jobs. Besides juggling employment with committee work, life went on as some members celebrated births of grandchildren, some mourned the passing of a parent, some helped plan weddings, others dealt with health problems of their own or a loved one. After a year or more of juggling all of these events, everyone came together the week of the show and the results of all that work became visible to everyone. During the show we need even more volunteers, and hundreds of people put in hours to help set up the show and to help it run smoothly. Then we wouldn’t even have a quilt show without the hundreds of people who trust us to display their quilts. The quilts are amazing every year, but somehow they seemed extra amazing this year! Add to all of the volunteers and exhibitors the professional vendors and faculty, and the vendors who went the extra mile and became sponsors, and you end up with an excellent quilt show. Anyone and everyone who had anything whatsoever to do with our show at the St. Paul RiverCentre deserves to feel very proud of their efforts, and of Minnesota Quilters.

Anyone who would like to have that feeling next year who isn’t already signed up to be on the 2012 Show Committee should contact showcoordinator@mnquilt.org to see how you can contribute to the success of our show in Rochester.

Best of Show Small Quilt

“Red Letter Daze” by Janet Stone of Overland Park, Kansas. Inspired by cross stitch Quaker samplers, blocks were pieced or appliquéd, bound and appliquéd onto the background. Alphabet and scrolls were free motion embroidered.

Raffle Quilt Winner: Karen Snaza, Richfield

I’m still in shock at my winning the MQ raffle quilt. It is the most beautiful item that I own. Thank you again so much. I’m in awe of the talent you have. Maybe someday I will quilt like that. I’ve dabbled in some quiltmaking when I was younger. I made a few baby blankets and throws in just your basic patchwork. I have about 2,000 postage stamp size squares cut to put together someday.

I was at the show for the very first time to see a good friend’s entry. I didn’t realize what I was in for. I so enjoyed seeing all the entries. They were all so beautiful. I loved every minute of it.

My quilt will hang above our bed. My brother is making me a holder for it. I can’t wait to display it. Thank you all so very much.
July Show & Tell Highlights

Gail Keiper showed a striking log cabin made in Kaffe Fassett fabrics.

Kathy Brevig showed the quilt that she won at the Mankato Deep Valley quilters raffle.

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** August 5, 2011  Brahman, MN ** Hands All Around Quilters present their annual small quilt show at Braham City Hall. Hours are 10a.m.-7p.m.  August 5 as part of Pie Day. Free admission. Raffle quilt. Viewers’ choice awards with cash prizes. Contact Nancy Neumann, 818 Shady Ridge Lane, Braham, MN 55006 for show registration info or e-mail ichsdirector@izoom.net.

** August 19, 20 & 21, 2011 Blue Earth Valley Quilters ** will present the 27th annual Upper Midwest Woodcarvers and Quilt EXPO,  August 19 (4-8), August 20 (10-5) and August 21 (12-4) at Blue Earth Area High School, 1125 Highway 169 South, Blue Earth MN 56013. Quilter, Jude Edling, is featured. 150 quilts, vendors, quilt maket, door prizes, and refreshments available.  Admission $4 daily or $6 for all three days.  Marilyn Foreman Trunk Show at 2 pm on Saturday afternoon.  Contact Jude Edling at archaemom@hotmail.com.

** September 8-10, 2011 Quilt Expo, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI ** Presented by Wisconsin Public Television and Nancy Zieman Productions. Quilt contest and exhibits, workshops, lectures, vendors, special events. Website: http://wiquiltexpo.com/

** September 7, Stillwater ** Thursday Night Quilters will host an Open House to celebrate their 20th Anniversary at the Washington County Historic Courthouse in Stillwater. MN - Visitors welcome 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. to view quilts, technique demonstration and enjoy light refreshments. For info midarm@q.com

** Sept. 9 & 10, 2011  Prairie Star Quilters ** will present a Quilt Show, September 9th (10-7) and Sept. 10th (10-4) at the Bethel Evangelical Free Church, South door entrance, 1125 South State Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. Prairie Star Quilting Guild Member, Kathy Luther, is the featured quilter. 150 quilts, vendors, gift boutique, quilt drawing, and refreshments available. Admission $5.00 (includes raffle ticket). Questions call Dorothy 507-375-4192. dorothyhedberg@hotmail.com

** September 24 & 25, 2011  New Richmond, WI **

** Saturday 9-4  Sunday 11-4 ** Willow River Piecemakers Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College, Cashman Conference Center, New Richmond, WI, $3 Admission

** Sept 17 & 18, Amery, WI ** Apple River Quilt Guild 21st Annual Fall Festival Quilt Show: “A Sampling of Quilts!” Vendors, Guild Challenge, Raffle Quilts, Classroom Demonstrations. Homemade soup and pie available on Saturday. September 17, 9:00 –5:00, September 18, 11:00-4:00 St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Amery WI. Admission $3.00, children under 16 free. For info contact Nancy Drake at draken@amerytel.net

** October 7 & 8, 2011 Rochester, MN ** Sew-Ciety presents “Quilts for All Seasons” at the Calvary Evangelical Free Church, 5500 25th Ave NW. Fri: 9a-8p, Sat: 9a – 3p. 200 Quilts Exhibited, Raffle Quilt, Door Prizes, Boutique, Challenge Quilts, Demos, Café, Small Quilt Auction. Admission $5.

** October 7-9, New Albin, Iowa ** Quilt Show 2011, New Albin Community Center, 137 Railroad Ave SW, Oct 7th, 2011 4-7, 8th 10 – 5, 9th 12 – 4, Over 200 quilted items on display! Quilt raffle, to Sew or not to Sew raffle, antique section, vendors, demonstrations and refreshments more. Questions call Lisa 563-544-4325 or Karen 563-544-4699 Cost $4.00 Proceeds go to the New Albin Public Library.

** October 8 & 9, 2011 Siren, WI ** Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild’s 23rd Annual Quilt Show: “Quilts of the Northwoods”. Located at the Siren High School, 24022 4th Avenue North 10a - 4p both days. Admission is $4.00. Special Exhibits, Silent Auction, Quilt raffle, Hourly bed turning of antique quilts, and over 200 quilts on display. For more information, Jean M. Judd at sistersinstitches@mail.com or 715-566-0212

** October 15, 2011 Plymouth, MN ** Women of the West Quilt Guild presents “Pieces of our Lives” quilt show at the Plymouth Creek Center14800 34th Ave N. Saturday 9-5p. 200 quilts, raffle quilt, boutique and featured speakers including Marilyn Foreman of “Quilt Moments” patterns in the morning, “Gathering Friends” from Bird Island are lunchtime speakers, and Marilyn Bujalski with her pictorial quilts based on counted cross stitch in the afternoon. www.wowquiltguild.com

** Oct. 15 & 16, 2011 St. Cloud Heritage Quilters ** will present a Quilt Show, “Not Your Grandma’s Quilts”. Hours are Saturday (9-5) and Sunday (10-4) at Haehn Center, College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN. Admission is $7.00. Over 500 quilts, many great vendors, basket & small quilt raffle, handicap accessible, food available during show. Visit our website for more info and directions. www.stcloudheritagequilters.com


** November 12 & 13 Hudson, WI ** Quilt Show Patchwork Harvest Quilt Show Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, 10-5, and Sunday, Nov. 13, 2011, 11-4. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Road, Hudson, WI Quilt Raffle at 3 pm, Sunday, Nov 13. Adm. $5.
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