January Meeting Notes
Thursday, January 6, 7:00* p.m.
Saturday, January 8, 10:00* a.m.

2011 MQ Quilt Show Preview

Finally! We finally get to share our excitement about the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 33rd Annual Quilt Show and Conference at the St. Paul RiverCentre. Our stellar faculty is presenting a variety of classes for all skill levels and tastes. There are more classes than usual that don’t require a sewing machine, making it easy to take a bus to the show and still take a class.

Check the list of teachers to see if you have any of their patterns or books, or perhaps a quilt or other item made from those patterns. If so, we would love to have you display it at one or both January meetings.

As other quilt show committees around the country are doing with their registration books, we eliminated the little pictures of the projects in the class listings. They simply aren’t big enough to really represent the classes, but there will be excellent photographs on the MQ website. Bring your registration book to the January meeting and circle your favorites as they are shown on a big screen. We’ll see you in January!

*Coffee and treats will now be served before each meeting to allow more time for socialization among our members. Coffee will be ready at 6:00 pm on Thursdays and 9:00 am on Saturdays. Wear your name tags/membership cards so we can get to know each other.

2011 Show Committee
Notes from the President

The holidays are behind us, gifts have been opened, parties are happy memories, we are back from our travels and decorations have been put away. 2010 has come and gone. Many things have happened, some good, some that made our lives interesting. It is now the start of a new year- 2011. The days are getting longer, even if doesn’t seem like it. It is still very cold outside, which is the perfect time to quilt.

Do you need a reason to do a quilt? Most of us do not, but if you do - how about entering a quilt into our show in St. Paul. Or perhaps take a class or two. Hopefully your Registration Book has shown up in the mail. Notice a few changes in the judged quilts categories. Clothing is included this year.

Our annual show preview is happening at our January meetings where you will see examples of the classes being offered. You will hear about the special events that will be at the show. You will get a chance to purchase the new merchandise for the show including a t-shirt, polo shirt and fleece vest. Questions you might have can be answered.

We are still facing a challenging economy but the Minnesota Quilt Show remains an affordable luxury. It is a wonderful time to learn new things, be with your friends, meet new friends and see great quilts.

During these cold days remember, the days are getting longer, it will get warmer and the show will be here sooner than you think.

Happy quilting, Yvonne

President’s Quilt Block
MQ has a tradition presenting our President with “thank you” blocks for their year in term.

Yvonne has defined her block: 6”, 9”, or 12” Christmas blocks.

Past President, Char Wenger’s is: 6”, 9”, or 12” cat blocks.
Notes from the Treasurer

Hello Members,

The annual audit has been completed, the year-end books are closed and last night I put the last stitches in the wedding quilt for a cousin’s marriage on October 24, 2010. The wedding quilt is still a surprise to the recipient but the results of the operations for the year ending September 30, 2010 are summarized below.

Total Revenue was $394,900 of which the Quilt Show in St. Cloud accounted for $333,800 or 85% of the total. Total Expense was $400,200 for a net decrease of $5,300 in Net Assets or operating loss. Of that amount $1600 is depreciation expense, a non-cash expense, and $3700 was a reduction in cash. The show netted $57,600 which helped support other activities, grants, insurance and facility expenses.

Total Assets at 9/30/2010 are $247,000 compared to $256,000 for the previous year. The reduction of $9000 is a combination of the net operating loss and a reduction of deferred revenues which are payments received in fiscal year 2010 for events in fiscal year 2011.

Contrary to the financial update reported at the June 2010 annual meeting, Minnesota Quilters is in far better financial shape than anticipated. Expenses were over estimated, revenue was under estimated, leading to an alarming projected loss. As the show was still in process data had not been updated. We are upgrading the financial software to improve reporting.

So it is my pleasure to report that, overall, the financial statements show a commendable financial performance during this past year of economic uncertainty. Minnesota Quilters is committed to providing the best show at the most affordable rates by controlling costs and relying on our most valuable assets; the volunteers, members and donors.

The full audit is available on-line at http://www.mnquilt.org/board.htm. If you have any questions on the audit or any of the topics addressed in this article you may contact me at treasurer@mnquilt.org. I will answer directly and/or in this article if you think the subject would be of interest to the members.

Now I’m off to get this wedding quilt to the post office. It will be there in time for their first Christmas!

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Weston, Treasurer

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MQ Office Hours

The standard office hours for Minnesota Quilters are 9:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday-Friday. If you are planning to come into the office and expect it to be open, please call ahead to confirm we will be here.

Linda Wines, Interim Office Manager, quilter@mnquilt.org

Linda Lysdahl, Show Coordinator, showcoordina-tor@mnquilt.org 612.436.0449
MQP Corner: Red/Green Quilts

By Gail Bakkom

Having just celebrated Christmas with its traditional red/green color scheme, MQP thought you might find the following quiz about red/green quilts appropriate to the season. Come to the MQ Saturday lecture on February 5 to get answers to these questions--and to see some wonderful examples of these quilts.

Why is red/green a popular color combination?

When was red/green interior decoration popular?

What culture championed the red/green color scheme?

When was the red/green quilt most popular?

Why was it popular at that time?

What was the most popular technique used in a red/green quilt?

Were red/green quilts popular in one area of the country as opposed to all areas?

Open Board Positions – Term 2011 - 2013

Are you curious as to how MQ is run or would you like to have some say in the decisions that are made? If so, then please consider running for a Board position.

Here are the Board positions that need to be filled:

President-Elect – 1-year term (three-year commitment). The President-Elect assists the President and oversees the Scholarship and Grant programs. The President-Elect is a member of the Finance Committee.

Secretary – 2-year term. The Secretary takes the minutes at the Board meetings.

Education Director – 2-year term. The Education Director organizes monthly meetings and arranges for lectures/workshops. Oversees the Holiday Brunch and Fall Getaway. Write newsletter articles to keep membership informed of upcoming programs.

Communications Director – 2-year term. The Communications Director oversees the newsletter, Outreach, website and other means of communication and technology.

Operations Director – 2-year term. The Operations Director oversees insurance, MQ equipment, volunteers and building/office management. The Operations Director is also a member of the Finance Committee.

Membership Director - The Membership Director oversees all aspects of our membership, including planning activities to recruit new members and working with the Membership Coordinators at the monthly meetings.

These nominees will be voted on at the June Annual Meeting to begin their terms on October 1, 2011.

If you are interested in any of these Board positions, I will be happy to send you a copy of the job description. Please contact Char Wenger, Past President at 763-757-7888 or pastpres@mnquilt.org.

Addition to the Board

At our January meetings we are asking our membership to vote to add a person to the Board as Co-Communications Director. This person will help with all activities associated with this position, but the main focus of this person will be Cvent and computer issues. The Board is nominating Karen Kopitski who is already our go-to person for these. Jean Carr is presently the Communications Director with her term ending September 30, 2011. The new Co-Director’s term will go until September 30, 2012. The Co-Directors will share one vote on the Board.

If you would like to nominate someone, with their okay, please send your nomination to president@mnquilt.org by January 4th.
December Holiday Brunch Highlights
Despite the snow, 106 Minnesota Quilters and guests enjoyed the Holiday Brunch at the Binz Refectory on the St. Thomas campus. We enjoyed a delicious brunch, viewed an array of decorated stockings, made needle cases from a kit provided at each place setting, and wrote holiday messages to service men and women who will not be home for the holidays. Mary Pozzini, Doris Kramer and Linda Taylor distributed door prizes.

Upcoming 2011 Events by Laura Nagel
In February Minnesota Quilt Project members will present two programs: a retrospective on Helen Kelley’s quilts, and Red and Green antique quilts.

In March the evening meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Eagan High School. Page Johnson will lecture about machine quilting designs and techniques and bring beautiful examples of her work. In addition, the annual Women’s History Quilt Exhibit will be on display in the Library, along with vendors and refreshments. March 5th Saturday meeting will be at the Textile Center. Page will repeat her presentation for our morning group. Again, guests are welcome with no charge – so please bring one!

March is MQ Membership Month and all members are encouraged to bring a non-member quilting friend to the meeting. There will be two drawings of a quilt shop gift certificate and a one-year MQ membership for members who bring a guest, and non-member guests. Take advantage of this opportunity to introduce someone new to our organization – there will be no guest fees at this meeting.

April will find us celebrating yet another MQ birthday with several of our members bringing a “Quilter’s Dozen” of their favorite quilts to share. As always there will be delicious birthday cake and punch – so don’t miss the celebration.

MQ is your organization and we want to schedule speakers, events and topics that you want to see and hear. We are also considering “taking it on the road,” which means moving our meeting space to some different locations, especially as the light rail project on University Avenue gets started. Let me know if your guild would like to host an out-of-metro MQ monthly meeting. Feel free to contact me at ed@mnquilt.org.

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Faye Bodenheimer shows a holiday-themed quilt.

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‡ Blocks to ‘4th & Main Fabrics’, Downtown, Winery & Shops
**Donations - October 2010**
Anonymous  
Sandie D. Beltran  
Karen Howell  
Land O’ Lakes (in recognition of Char Wenger’s volunteer work for MQ)  
Audrey Mead  
Diann Pierce  
Diana Smith  
Char Wenger

**Donations - November 2010**
Sandie D. Beltran  
Jane Fieber

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### October New & Renewed Members
- Arlene Albrecht  
- JoAnn Belling  
- Kathy Berger  
- Roberta Boll  
- Doris Bringgold  
- Carole Charbonneau  
- Pat Chrenka  
- Cathy Christianson  
- Sharon Coulter  
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- Kate Eelkema  
- Sandra Weston  
- Janice Schmidt  
- Yvonne Curran  
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- Wanda Shelton  
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- Vienna Volante  
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- Loris Goth  
- Elaine Magnan  
- Patty Van Arx  
- Sharon Brick  
- Nancy Huggins  
- Charlotte Wenger  
- Jean Carr  
- Susan Marcia  
- Anne McCandless  
- One anonymous donor

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### Give to the Max Day a Success for MQ

On November 16th, the second annual Give the Max Day was held through the website giveMN.org. Statewide, more than 115,000 donors gave $34 million to thousands of non-profits.

For MQ, we had 22 donors who gave a total of $1,410.00. We would like to say **Thank You!** to this group of people. They are:

- Mary Manns  
- Wendy Martin  
- Kate Eelkema  
- Sandra Weston  
- Janice Schmidt  
- Yvonne Curran  
- Karen O’Brien  
- Wanda Shelton  
- Linda Wines  
- Vienna Volante  
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*Your donation is greatly appreciated.*
Looking for some mid winter fun?

**Friends by the Hearth Shop Hop**

Friday, February 4th - Saturday, February 19th, 2011

Participating Shops

- Calla Lily Quilt Shop & Gift / Blaine
- Cottage Quilts and Fabrics / Elk River
- Noble Quilter, The / Elk River
- Silver Lane Quilting / Forest Lake
- Timeless Treasures / McGregor
- Quilted Treasures / Rogers
- Fabric, Fashions & More / Rush City
- Seams Like Home Quilt Shop / Sturgeon Lake
- Country Caboose Quilts / Wahkon

Participating stores are each giving away a $100 shopping spree!

To qualify we want to see your shop hop show-n-tell. Bring in your completed projects made from this year’s state shop hop feature fabrics by Holly Taylor for Moda Fabrics. We’ll let you qualify at each shop you visit.

Watch store newsletters for complete details.

MQ Event Cancellation Policy

In the event that MQ needs to cancel a meeting, event, or class due to weather or other unforeseen problems, please check the following: MQ website, WCCO website, or call the MQ office and listen to an updated message 612-436-0449. When school is cancelled for Minneapolis public schools, events will not happen at the Textile Center.

2011 Show Apparel Revealed

The wait is almost over. Clothing items to celebrate the Minnesota Quilters 2011 show will be revealed at both meetings in January. This year’s apparel offers something for every taste and every season. Looking for something to layer to keep you comfortable in all seasons? You are going to like this year’s pebble fleece vest. It comes in dark khaki and styling that provides a smart casual look. The vest is simply embroidered with “Minnesota Quilters.” The vest will be available in sizes XS through 3XL for $30.00.

As an alternative to the many polo shirts in your closet we will be offering one with a ¾ length sleeve. This royal blue polo is 100% cotton, has a 4 button placket and looks great alone or under a jacket or sweater. The vest will be embroidered in dark blue with “Minnesota Quilters.” The Polo will be available in sizes S through 3XL for $25.00.

Is luxury tee shirt an oxymoron? We think not. Check out this year’s tee and see if you agree. It comes in a beautiful dusty aqua and is made of a silk wash cotton. A gentle scoop neck makes this a versatile fashion tee. The tee will be available in sizes S through 4XL for $20.00.

But wait there’s more! We want to make your selection process a little easier by offering a $5 discount if you buy any two items and a $10 discount if you purchase all three.

We look forward to seeing you at the January meetings. Some sizes may be limited so you will want to shop early.

HOW TO ORDER

Those who wish to order without a trip to the Textile Center can send a request by mail or e-mail with the following information:

Name: ____________________________
Address: ____________________________
City: ___________ State: ____ Zip: _____
Phone: ___________________________

Please send your request to merchandise11@mnquilt.org and we will call to arrange for payment. Or mail your request with check or money order to Minnesota Quilters, Attn: Merchandise Committee, 3000 University Ave. SE., Ste 120, Minneapolis, MN 55414.
Registration for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 33rd Annual Quilt Show and Conference

Current Members of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. will be able to register beginning January 16, 2011. You should have received your Registration book by January 1, 2011.

The Show Website has been completely redesigned to make it easier to locate the information you need and to connect you to the registration form. We are using the same online registration format as 2010.

One change for this year is a refund schedule that will be adhered to. However, we know that life does happen so you will now have the opportunity to purchase registration insurance. If you purchase this insurance ($20 when you register), you will receive a 100% refund for classes, lectures, and special events as long as you cancel before June 1, 2011. This insurance will not cover the registration fee, the insurance itself, box lunches, or merchandise.

Members can register online in real time any time beginning January 16, 2011, through May 15, 2011. When you add a class to your registration form you’ll know right away if the class is available. Class sessions, lectures, events, and merchandise will calculate automatically as you add items, and you will be able to see the total before you pay.

You can make changes to your registration yourself any time before March 31, 2011. After that, you will need to send your changes in writing to registration at MQ2011@gmail.com.

You will be able to register for others. You will be able to purchase as many tickets as you like for lectures and special events. So, if you want to bring guests, just buy them a ticket.

The check-out process is easy and secure. Once you complete your order and payment information, you simply click the Finish button and you will receive a confirmation email almost immediately.

Registration packets will not be sent out. Simply bring your confirmation email to the registration area at the show, at your leisure, to pick up your materials. You may go directly to classes—no need to stop at registration first.

If you don’t have access to the internet, don’t worry, you can still register by sending your completed form and payment into the MQ office. Just be sure to select a 2nd choice in case your first choice is filled. Mail-in registrations must be received by May 1, 2011.

Challenge Quilt Packets

It’s not too soon to begin your challenge quilt for the June 2011 quilt show. Pick up your challenge packet available in three colorways – or get one of each! You can purchase your challenge pack at any of the meetings. Or stop by the MQ Office during normal office hours.

Thank you to our generous quilters who donated 104 stockings, a dozen grocery bags of stocking stuffers, 100 school planners, and treats for the children at the St. Joseph’s home. A $25.00 gift certificate to Bear Patch Quilting was awarded to Deborah Werle for Viewer’s Choice, and Debbie Reese received a $25.00 gift certificate to JoAnn’s for the drawing. Wynn Martin won the End of the Year Volunteer Drawing and went home with a complete line of Moda fat quarters and a ruler rack.
2011 RAFFLE QUILT: “Shakespeare In The Park”

40 enthusiastic MQ members attended the first 2011 Raffle Quilt Committee planning meeting in March 2010 to begin collectively making the next raffle quilt. They selected Judy Martin’s design “Shakespeare in the Park,” and chose restful blues, greens and creams from their stashes to make this dramatic queen-size quilt (100” square). The blocks include Virginia Reel, Star-Within-A-Star, and smaller eight-pointed stars around the quilt’s perimeter. Jan Schmidt, an accomplished long-arm quilter from Coon Rapids, custom quilted it.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. uses the proceeds from the raffle quilt to support its mission to celebrate the art of quilting. Raffle tickets are $1 each and are available from the MQ office, at MQ meetings and will be available during the Annual Quilt Show and Conference. Please pay for your raffle tickets with cash or checks; we are unable to accept credit card payment for them.

To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ Office at 3000 University Avenue SE, #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or by phone 612.436.0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. You may also order Raffle Tickets as a part of your pre-registration.

MQ members will be able to check out the quilt to take to your guild or show to sell tickets. Please contact Cathie Goset raffle11@mnquilt.org to let her know when you want it. The person that returns the most ticket stubs with payment by June 1, 2011 will be awarded a $100.00 gift certificate from a quilt shop of his/her choice. We are tracking ticket sales for this opportunity for you.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 4 pm at the St. Paul River Center. You need not be present to win. Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success. Good luck!
Paper or Electronic?

Last summer a decision was made to discontinue mailing the MQ Monthly Newsletter. This decision was made partially for economic reasons but, more importantly, for communication purposes. The MQ Board has decided our members should choose how to receive their newsletter. Enclosed in this months issue is a postcard asking for your preference. Please return the card to the office with your choice.

Photos: Electronically, we can use as many photos as we like and have them in living color. Space available on a limited basis in the printed newsletter.

Size/Space Limitations:
Electronically, we have no limitations to how many pages we can have.

Timeliness:
Electronically, we can inform members quickly and easily when new information comes up. Information for a printed newsletter must be ready for the printer about three weeks in advance of the mailing. Information about something occurring in January must be to the editor by December 1 and preferably by November 1 if it is something that might require fitting into our members’ schedules. This means that if a wonderful opportunity for January arises in early December, we have no way to share this with the membership.

Cost:
Of course, electronic newsletters cost almost nothing—especially if the Editor is a Volunteer! Each mailed newsletter costs roughly up to $1.19 per person to send.

No Electronic Access:
We currently have 80 members for whom we do not have an email address on file and about half of them do have email—we just don’t have the information.

Questions regarding this matter should be directed to Jean Carr and/or Karen Kopitzke at comm@mnquilt.org

Outstanding Volunteer of the Year

We are looking for nominations for our Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. This is a special recognition of a member who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism at Minnesota Quilters not only this past year, but in their time as a member. This award is presented at the April meeting. Send nominations to any Board member or to quilter@mnquilt.org.

Quilter’s Shop Hop Tip
“Have you emptied your bin?”
“No yet, have you?”
This was the opening conversation that caught my attention. Turns out these two clever quilters each put a big plastic tub/bin in their trunk when they go on shop hops. They each put all their shop hop purchases in their own bin. When they arrive home, there is no sorting out the shopping bags; each has only their own bin to unload! Debbie Evans & Julie Frost of the Northern Material Girls Quilt Guild.

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Sauk Centre, MN
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Contact Annette at: 320-248-0560
**Block of the Month – February 2011**

Kathie Simon Frank ([kathie@umn.edu](mailto:kathie@umn.edu)) & Jeanne LaMoore ([jlamoore@gmail.com](mailto:jlamoore@gmail.com))

Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will sew up as 12” blocks (12 ½” unfinished). We suggest that you make an extra block in your favorite colors to keep. At the end of the year, you’ll have enough blocks for your own sampler quilt.

**I Love Burnham Square**


**Fabrics:** Choose one white-on-white pattern or solid, one medium-to-dark purple solid or print, and an accent color that works with your center. *Your center will be heart-themed (print fabric or fussy cut or appliqué or pieced – your choice).* Please use pre-washed cotton

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**Cutting:** For each block, cut pieces as follows:

(2) white squares and (2) purple squares 3 7/8” then cut once on **diagonal to make (4) triangles of EACH color**

(8) white and (4) purple rectangles 1 ½” x 6 ½” [or strip-piece C+D+C by cutting 1 ½” x WOF (width of fabric) and then cutting into 6 ½” segments]

(4) purple 2” squares

(2) accent 2 3/8” squares, cut once on diagonal to make (4) triangles

(1) purple 4 1/4” square, cut on both diagonals to make (4) triangles

If using a heart print, cut (1) 3½” square

**Assembly:**

It is very important to measure and cut the component parts to the correct size before proceeding to the next step. The components are:

A+B to make 4 corner pieces of half-square triangles, trimmed to 3 1/2” square

C+D+C make 4 rectangles 3 1/2” x 6 1/2”

G+F+F make 4 flying geese units. Trim to 2”x 3 1/2” rectangles. Join the F’s to the G properly, so you’ll have a seam allowance left at the point of the flying geese.

Now join A/B to CDC to A/B (make 2)

Join E to short ends of FGF to E (make 2). Make sure to place points correctly to make star points.

Join FGF to H to FGF (this is row 3, the center square with side points)

Join row 2 to center square unit and row 4 to the other side of center square unit.

Join a CDC unit to each side of the center square unit.

Now add row 5 and you’re done! If you’ve sewn your seams at a scant 1/4” and trimmed at each stage, you’ll be rewarded by how well everything fits together!

**Quick Tip:** The block has a lot of pieces, but it goes together easily if you attend to the details. It’s going to make a smashing quilt!!!!!
Minnesota Quilters 2012 Raffle Quilt Project Starts Jan 2011

Jackie Northrop and Judy Bowers have agreed to coordinate the development of the 2012 Raffle Quilt. A pattern has been selected, designer permission obtained, and MQ Board approval has been received!

Now our fun begins! We would like to involve everyone who wants to help in any way. The plan includes asking for donation of fabric, plan work days, sewing (at home and in group setting), recruit a quilter, make and apply binding, and plan raffle to earn money for designated projects.

For those who like to donate fabric, we need fat quarters of quilt shop quality fabric. We need floral fabric with creamy backgrounds that read teal, burgundy, or grey blue. We also need many fat quarters of creamy tone on tone fabric for the background.

For those who would prefer to help with a cash donation, we need to purchase incidental items to construct the quilt, then later printing costs and related expenses to conduct the raffle. Any surplus cash will be added to the money collected during the raffle.

Initially we plan to gather after the Saturday MQ meetings January, February, March, and April. We will gather in the large meeting space as soon as the meeting is over. Starting in January we will be hands on. Jackie and Judy will bring everything that has been donated by that time. As a group we decide how we want to move forward. It is likely much of the initial sewing will be done individually at home. As a group we will decide meeting times, locations, deadlines, etc. The overall goal is to show the completed quilt at the 2011 show.

Please contact Jackie Northrop or Judy Bowers at 612-436-0449 (please leave message) or rafflequilt2012@mnquilt.org with your ideas, donations, and availability to help with this project.

Quilt Index Entry Day

As many of you know, MQP has our documentation information on the Michigan State University Quilt Index (www.quiltindex.org). However, we have file drawers full of paper documentation that needs to be entered—and we keep on documenting. We seem to get one document into the index and document two more quilts at the same time! The documentation is wonderful but the backlog is intimidating.

We have decided to have a Quilt Index Entry Day on Saturday, February 19, 2011, from 9:00 to 3:00. The plan is to have everyone who is interested bring their laptop to the MQ office where we have internet access. We will have a short training session for the newbies and then each of us will grab a pile of forms and start entering! We hope to make a significant dent in the piles.

ANYONE who would like to help is welcome—all you need is a laptop and an interest in quilts. We do need to know who is coming so we can get access to the entry side of the Quilt Index for you. If you are interested, please contact Karen Kopitzke at MQP@mnquilt.org or call the MQ office at 651-436-0449.

We think this will be a fun time for everyone involved. You won’t have to stay for the entire time unless, of course, you’re having so much fun you don’t want to leave—as much as you can give us will be appreciated.

Pictured is one of the quilts documented at a recent MQ meeting.
Fat Quarter Drawing

January’s theme will be **homespun fabrics**. 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 drawing for that month (one entry for each fat quarter, up to a maximum of 3). Attach your name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring fat quarters to meetings or mail them to the MQ office, 3000 University Avenue SE #120, Mpls, MN 55414. Fat quarters should arrive before the Saturday meeting. Label the envelope “FQ Drawing.” We draw one name at the start of the Saturday meetings. You need not be present to win. Questions or theme suggestions, please contact Cathie Cartwright (lincolnc123@sbcglobal.net), Adrianne Lemberg (adrianne_l@hotmail.com) and/or Lorna Wainwright (imgrama@mindspring.com). Join the fun, we would love to draw your name!

MQ Fundraiser

Do you like HoneyBaked Ham? Do your friends and family like HoneyBaked Ham? The HoneyBaked Ham Company has a very painless way for MQ to raise funds. Here is how the program works: The HoneyBaked Ham Company will send us a flyer to use that will have MQ’s name on it. When you shop at their stores and make any purchases from approximately one week prior to Thanksgiving all the way until December 31, present the flyer and MQ will receive 20 percent of your purchase! We will have flyers at the November and December member meetings, at the MQ office and on our website. Watch your e-mail for more information. You will be able to print the flyers off of the e-mail and the MQ website. You can print as many as you need. You can also call the MQ office and we will be happy to mail them out to you. There is no limit to how many times you can shop and use the flyers. We ask that you pass them out to friends and family, your quilt guilds and at work. Please show your support for MQ by using this flyer if you shop at The HoneyBaked Ham Company during the holidays and thank them for their support of Minnesota non-profit organizations.

The HoneyBaked Ham Company has three locations in Minnesota:

12965 Ridgedale Drive
Minnetonka MN 55305
(952) 540-1048

2401 Fairview Avenue North
Roseville, MN 55113
(651) 631-8211

14150 Nicollet Avenue South
Cobblestone Court
Burnsville, MN 55337
(952) 435-8000

Highlights of The Textile Center Fiber Fair

Submitted by Kathryn Ross, MQ Historian

Members of the Minnesota Quilters were present for the Textile Center’s Fiber Fair on November 18th. Pictured in front of the MQ 2011 Raffle Quilt are Char Wenger and Diana Smith.
Bulletin Board

Brainerd Area Fiber Artists to Present Exhibit

“Creating Art is a process of discovery and not knowing ahead of time exactly what you are doing.” Nancy Crow. This quotation describes the coming exhibit, “Conversations With Cloth” to be presented by six Brainerd area fiber artists, Carolyn Abbott, Carolina Warner, Kathy Bardolph, Kathy Carney, Karla Overland and Joanne Wotczak. The artists may first have a design idea or not, but they all start with a piece of cloth, do something to it, put it on the design wall, look at it, and “listen” to what it is telling them. The cloth may tell them that it is a good choice to use as a background piece or that it is the perfect piece for the thatched roof of a hut. The cloth may be altered through many steps and combined with other pieces of cloth, but after each step it is put on the wall to be observed and “listened” to until the piece is completed. The artists use many different techniques, adding color with dyes, paints, inks, photo transfers and laminating papers to the cloth, removing colors with discharge agents, cutting fabrics and adding them to others with stitching or fusing, adding beads, and quilting. The artists received a grant from the Five Wings Arts Council to present the exhibit. This activity is funded, in part, by the Minnesota arts and cultural heritage fund as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the vote of the people of Minnesota on November 4, 2008.

The exhibit at the Q Gallery of the Franklin Arts Center is free and open to the public on Tuesdays thru Fridays from noon to 4PM, January 11 thru February 11, and 10AM to 2 PM, January 8, and February 12. Carolyn Abbott will present a demonstration of different silk screening techniques at 1PM, January 8, at the Franklin Art Center 1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd, MN.

Contemporary Art Quilts
A Minnesota History Center Exhibit

Now through January 22, 2011
James J. Hill House
240 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55102
Call 651-297-2555 for hours and tour information.
http://www.mnhs.org/places/sites/jjhh/gallery.htm

View quilts by nationally recognized Minnesota quilters in the gallery of the historic James J Hill mansion which was completed in 1891. Quilt artists include Nancy Eha who constructed an opulently beaded quilt in the Victorian crazy quilt style especially for this exhibit. Her quilt, My Life is My Muse: Minnesota, features obsessively beaded imagery on nine 14-inch blocks each featuring an aspect of her life in Minnesota. Additional quilts in the exhibit were made by: Helen Kelley, Jan Myers-Newbury, Cecile Lewis, Erica Spitzer Rasmussen, Clare Degerness, Wendy Richardson, Nancy Gipple, Carol Wagner, Susan Stein, Judith Murray-Toppings, Claudia Clark Myers, and Samuel Myers. $2 admission or $8 for tour and gallery

You can see detail photos of some of the crazy quilt blocks on Nancy’s website:
http://www.beadcreative.com/inprogress%202010.htm

Crazy Quilt 1883-1893
Silk, cotton, wool and linen, pieced and embroidered with silk and cotton threads. Crazy quilts emerged after 1850 and were composed of small, irregular-shaped pieces of assorted fragments of fabric. The seams were then embroidered using a variety of stitches. They acquired the name “crazy quilts” because of the strong colors and busy, confusing nature of their designs, typical of Victorian taste.
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
33rd Annual Quilt Show & Conference Hotel List
June 16 – 18, 2011 (Classes start June 15)  Saint Paul, MN

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. has blocked hotel rooms with special room rates for the 2011 Annual Quilt Show & Conference participants. Please mention “Minnesota Quilters” when making your reservation to receive the special room rates. Rooms are blocked during the week of the show. Make your reservations early! Remaining rooms will be released on May 10, 2011.

Holiday Inn St. Paul Downtown
175 West 7th Street
Saint Paul, MN  55102
(651) 225 - 1515
http://www.holiday-inn.com/stpaulmn
$134.00 Single or double
$144.00 Triple
$154.00 Quad
Parking additional per day per vehicle
Rooms blocked from Tues – Sat
The Holiday Inn St Paul Downtown is the closest hotel to RiverCentre located across the street from the main entrance.

Crowne Plaza St. Paul Riverfront
11 East Kellogg Boulevard
Saint Paul, MN  55101
(651) 292 - 1900
www.ichotelsgroup.com
$139.00
Garage parking additional per day
Rooms blocked Tues - Sat
The place to meet! Located 4 blocks from River Centre

The St. Paul Hotel
350 Market Street
Saint Paul, MN  55102
Phone: (651) 292-9292
www.stpaulhotel.com
$169.00
651-292-9292
Parking additional per 24-hour period
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The Saint Paul Hotel combines turn-of-the-century beauty with modern grace & convenience. Overlooking Rice Park just a few blocks from RiverCentre.

Holiday Inn St. Paul East
2201 Burns Ave
Saint Paul, MN  55119
(651) 731 - 2220
1 - 800 – HOLIDAY
www.holiday-inn.com/msp-i94east
$119.00
Discounted rate excludes breakfast.

Embassy Suites
175 10th Street East
Saint Paul, MN  55101
(651) 224 - 5400
www.embassysuiteshotels.com
$139.00  Single or double
Rate based on availability during the week of the show
Limited guest parking additional per day
10 blocks from River Centre

Best Western Kelly Inn St. Paul
161 St. Anthony Avenue
Saint Paul, MN  55103
(651) 227 - 8711
www.bestwesternstpaul.com
$109.00
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