July Meeting Notes

Thursday, July 7, 7:00* p.m.
Saturday, July 9, 10:00* a.m.

It’s sort of like Christmas, in the sense that Minnesota Quilters is receiving an unexpected ‘gift’ to experience the extraordinary collection of antique quilts from the lifetime collection of Patricia Cox, a preeminent Minnesota quilter and international teacher, lecturer, author, and historian. The importance of Pat Cox’s collection has been recognized by the International Quilt Study Center and Museum in Lincoln, Nebraska, which has requested dozens of Pat’s quilts to add to their permanent collection. Before these works of art leave our state, we have invited Pat to present a lecture about her quilts on Thursday, July 7, and host an exhibit of 40+ quilts on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 & 10. Don’t miss this once in a lifetime opportunity to view these valuable treasures. More information to follow as arrangements are completed. Check the MQ website and pick up one of the fliers at the 2011 Show.

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.

*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.

Minnesota Quilt Show & Conference

June 16-18, 2011

It’s Show Time!

As June arrives, there are only a few days until the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 33rd Annual Quilt Show & Conference will open at the Saint Paul RiverCentre. Now is the time to get ready to attend. Dust off your walking shoes, make a list of the new tools, fabrics and patterns you must find, and decide on the ‘must have’ features for your new sewing machine. You can attend classes and lectures, see a fabulous variety of incredible quilts and shop ‘til you drop all under one roof!

While pre-registration ended on May 15, 2011, as this is being written, there are still openings in some classes. Open classes, supply lists and kit fees for the classes are available on the show website, www.mnquilt.org/mq2011. If you want to take a class but could not pre-register, be prepared and make Registration your first stop when you arrive at the show.

We are also pleased to announce a change to one of our Saturday classes. On Saturday afternoon, String Quilts (S05P) taught by Billie Lauder will have Bernina machines provided. This change applies to this class only. Just think, you could see the show Saturday morning, go to class in the afternoon and never have to lift your sewing machine.

So remember, the fun starts on June 15 with classes, Meet the Teachers and Sneak Preview. June 16 – 18 classes continue, the Quilt Exhibits and Vendor Mall open at 9:00am, there are daily lectures and so much more. Make your plans to attend now.

We can’t wait to see you!

Kathy Brevig & Lou Roos, Show Co-Chairs
Hello Everyone,

Finally, the warm days are here. I hope everyone is enjoying the snow free days. Take time to get outside and enjoy the lush, green landscape and the beautiful flowers. Remember, inspiration for future quilts is everywhere. I am looking forward to seeing everyone at the show.

Happy Quilting,

Yvonne

**Annual Meeting, Friday June 17, 2011**

Dear MQ Members. Please join the MQ Board at Noon on June 17th, for the annual meeting. You will be voting on Board Members, Quilter of the Year for 2012, and adding Article IV, Section 12 to our by-laws stating: “Position on other committees. Board of Directors shall not serve on any other MQ committee except as appointed by the President or stipulated by their job description”. The Annual Report will be presented and handed out. All the Board Members will be present for questions. Please have your membership card with you to expedite your entry into the room. There will be many door prizes handed out including a sewing machine.

**Announcing Sue Rutford as one of the 2012 Show Co-Chairs**

Thank you to Sue Rutford for stepping forward to become one of the Show Chairs for our show in 2012. Sue has been Show Co-Chair before. She is looking for someone who would like to Co-Chair with her. If you are interested, please contact Wynn Martin, President Elect at preselect@mnquilt.org.

**Membership Cards**

Please contact Debra, the Office Assistant, at quilter@mnquilt.org if you have not gotten 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.
Board of Directors – Open Position Nominees

The Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors has a number of positions open for the fiscal year starting October 1, 2011. The following is a list of those positions, how long the terms run and those people that are currently nominated for these positions. If you are interested in putting your name on the ballot, please contact Char Wenger, Past President at pastpres@mnquilt.org or call the office and the Office Manager will put you in touch with me.

VOTING: All MQ members are encouraged to vote for the new Board members. We will vote at the Annual Meeting, Friday, June 17, 2011, during the quilt show in St. Paul, or you can vote at the Board of Directors table at the Show or you can request a ballot from the MQ Office. If you choose to vote in this manner, your ballot will need to be returned to the MQ Office by June 30, 2011.

President-Elect – 1 year term with 1 year as President and 1 year as Past President (three years total). Nominee – we do not have a nominee as of May 1; Secretary – 2-year term – Charlotte Wenger; Operations Co-Director – 2 year term – Nominee – Deb Spraggins; Membership Co-Director – 2 year term – Nominee – Jean Carr; Communications Co-Director – 2 year term – Nominee – Pat Curtner

Pat Curtner – Communications Co-Director
Pat began sewing when she was young, but did not start quilting until much later. In 2003, she met a wonderful group of quilters at work who invited her to attend her first quilt retreat and, shortly after, her first Minnesota Quilters meeting. She has been a member ever since. The first show she attended was in 2004 in Rochester. In addition to volunteering in Rochester, she took SIX classes! She has been co-chair of various show committees since 2006 (website and registration among them) and has thoroughly enjoyed herself. In her “real” life, she has been programming computers for over 25 years and she currently works for the State of Minnesota.

Jean Carr – Membership Co-Director
Jean started quilting at church and joined MQ in January, 2007. She was born and raised in New Jersey and moved to Minnesota in the fall of 1979. She is married with two grown children, her daughter is married and her son is getting married at the end of May. She has one grandchild, Nora. She enjoys appliqué, hand and machine, paper piecing and simple knitting projects. Jean is currently the Communications Co-Director, has volunteered for the Show Committee and has Co-Chaired the Fall Getaway. Jean’s goal as the Membership Co-Director is to increase our membership, but also to make current members feel welcome and appreciated. She wants to encourage participation in all of our MQ events. Jean enjoys meeting people and helping out where needed.

Deb Spraggins – Operations Co-Director
Deb’s first passion is quilting; her second passion is donating quilts to non-profit organizations. As a member of the MQ guild and the owner of her own business, Boutiques and More, her experience is high in organization skills and planning. Her previous employment varies from financial companies and computer software companies. Her former positions have been HR Director for three local companies where her job skills included tradeshows, hiring, supervision of personnel, employment budget review, payroll, benefits, insurance and serving as a building/safety committee member.

Charlotte Wenger – Secretary
Charlotte has been quilting since 1992 when she took a class at a Champlin quilt shop. She enjoys all aspects of quilting, selecting the fabrics, appliqué, hand and machine piecing and hand and machine quilting. Char has served on several MQ Show Committees, Co-chaired the Fall Getaway, has served on the Board of Directors as an Operations Director, President and is currently serving as the Past President. As an Administrative Legal Assistant working at Land O’Lakes, Inc. she is familiar with doing administrative secretarial work. She would be honored to serve as MQ’s next Secretary.
May Program Highlights

“The back is good fabric too.”

JoAnn Belling

At 4 years old, Joanne learned to embroider, at 8 to crochet, at 10 to knit, at 12 she made a dress – from feedsacks – a brown, orange and white plaid with a pleated skirt – that needed to be matched! In 1965 she decided to quilt and chose an 8 pointed star pattern. It was cut using cardboard templates, traced around with a magic marker onto polyester double knit – leaving enough for 5/8 inch seam allowances. Then she hand quilted it with double black embroidery thread and very thick polyester batting. And then made four of them – queen sized, to the floor. Joanne says, “It’s the hard jobs that make us.” She chuckled about her first quilting endeavor saying that the non-biodegradable quilt weighed at least 14 pounds and had the potential to put your toes to sleep!

If this sounds like a humorous journey into the world of quilting, you are right. All those who attended the Thursday and/or Saturday lectures were laughing out loud as JoAnn described her quilting philosophy and the “problems with her personality” illustrated by her quilting. In her double wedding ring quilt, she got bored with the quilting in each ring, so designed a different flower to quilt in each. While she admires gardeners, she admits she can put any kind of flowers on a bag or quilt – “I just can’t grow them!” Among her problems is this one: “I’ll try anything,” to which she showed many art quilts with a variety of techniques, designs and especially embellishments.

Among the “pearls” that JoAnn delivered was the one about how her vest was made, “It’s made with plastic,” she responded, “my Visa card.” When asked if she liked to quilt from the front or the back, she said, “Yes,” and went on to explain how she isolated the design on the front of the quilt so she can turn it over and quilt from the back without running into it. Finally, JoAnn admonished the group by suggesting that you put good fabric on the back – it saves you from having to buy muslin. All in all, a delightful presentation, one we won’t soon forget.

Also, many thanks to Justin and Kim from Country Caboose Quilting in Wahkon, MN for their tempting display of quilts, fabric, kits, books, patterns and notions as they vended Thursday and Saturday. Six lucky members received gift certificates for door prizes, and everyone took a coupon for their next shopping trip up North.
Show & Tell Highlights

Volunteers gave MQ members a sneak peak at the 2012 Raffle Quilt. (above)
Rose Allen of St. Paul showed a contemporary brown and black quilt.
Ruth Herbst showed off the bag, pillow and vest that she made from lavender fat quarters won at the fat quarter drawing.
Adrienne Lundberg showed a quilt made from decorator fabric. She said that the weave and the nap of the decorator fabrics made them look different from various angles.
Audrey Weinand showed a striking t-shirt quilt.

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Mqp Corner

Jean Loken was an active and long-time member of the Minnesota Quilt Project. After her death in July 2010, MQP documented her quilts and added them to the international quilt index (quiltindex.org). During documentation, Jean’s husband asked if any of us would like to complete some of Jean’s UFOs for donation to the Small Quilt Auction at the 2011 Show. They have been completed and you may bid on them in June.

Four Baskets was completed by Gail Bakkom using blocks in Jean’s stash—
Butterfly was hand quilted by Kelly Willis—
Governors Garden Gate was inspired by the Minnesota Governor’s gate, designed and pieced by Jean, and hand appliquéd by Karen Kopitzke.

Jean devotedly served as the Minnesota coordinator of the Home of the Brave Quilt Project. This project honors families of fallen Minnesota soldiers who served in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan with a hand-made Civil War reproduction quilt. On Thursday evening, June 16, 2011, join your quilting friends for an evening of sewing quilt blocks to create a quilt (or two!) for donation to this important service group. Fabric kits and a limited number of sewing machines will be provided, or you may bring your own machine to use. Tickets are $15 and can be purchased at the Registration booth at the show.

Afternoon With Pat Cox
By Lori Allison

Pat Cox’s Hawaiian Quilts

Pat Cox persuaded Marit Kucera, [www.m-artistic.com] from St. Paul, to produce a hand dyed fabric with a gradation of color that Pat could use for her Hawaiian quilt. Marit has been selling hand dyed fabric since the early 80’s and Pat made her first Hawaiian quilt in 1982. They were ahead of their time – now Ricky Timms and others have made a whole business out of hand dyed gradated fabrics for use in quilting. Many Japanese quilters and Japanese ladies in Pat’s Wednesday class like to make Hawaiian quilts also. There is a woman, Kathy Nocagema, who was born in Hawaii and lives in Japan, and who markets Hawaiian-style quilt patterns. Pat has produced many Hawaiian-style quilts with this particular hand-dye style and her excellent appliqué and hand quilting techniques that have appeared in shows around the country.

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We Want To See You At The Quilt Show!

Make sure to look for the Minnesota Quilter’s merchandise booth while you are at the St. Paul Show. We will be located on the exhibit floor at the bottom of the escalators next to The Quilter of the Year. You will find a wide selection of items to commemorate the 2011 show and remember all purchases help support the show.

Stop at the merchandise booth first to insure availability and size. To check out the items in advance visit the show web site, click on At The Show and find Merchandise. There are pictures, descriptions, and prices of all items except the bag and show pin (which remain a secret until the show). You will want to stop by the booth just to see this year’s bag and pins. They are beautiful. Check out the two new items that have just arrived. The first is a baby onesie with “Born To Quilt” printed across the front. It comes in two sizes, 12 and 18 months and four colors: pink, yellow, blue, and apple green. You have to see it; it is too cute to be believed. The other new item is a 100% cotton tee with a photo image of this year’s raffle quilt on the front. This is the perfect commemorative item.

Looking forward to seeing you in June.

Your 2011 Merchandise Committee, Lynne Heuton and Wynn Martin

Last Minute Questions about the Show?

Ever needed to know something about the show and no way to contact the office or the Show Committee? Did you know everything about the show you could want to know (and a few things you didn’t even know you could ask about) can be found on the MQ Show website at www.mnquilt.org/mq2011? The “Where Is It” tab is a sort of Table of Contents for the website. The first column for each item has the tab name. The second column is the topic name. Click on a specific tab and topics for that page appear across the top of the page. Click on a topic to go directly to the information. You can also find some answers to specific questions on the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) tab.

Change in Meeting Location

The meeting to discuss formation of the Minnesota Quilters Forum has been changed. Instead of meeting at Burger Moe’s in St. Paul, the group will meet in a classroom at the show. As previously announced, the meeting will be held at noon on Thursday June 16. Any guild with an interest in learning more about the Forum should plan to find a quick lunch, stop by the Board Table or at Show Registration to find out the classroom location and then join us in the classroom at noon. Questions or comments can be directed to Wynn Martin at preselect@mnquilt.org. Thanks and we look forward to seeing you at the show.

Submitting articles and photographs for Minnesota Quilter’s newsletters

The Minnesota Quilter’s newsletter is assembled using Adobe InDesign software. This software is specially designed to turn the pages into an Adobe Acrobat file that can be published on the website and read by members with ease. This software, while magnificent for creating newsletters, does not always “play well with other” softwares. Articles need to be submitted in a Word document using Times New Roman 12 pt font, single spacing and no formatting – no tabs, no extra spaces between paragraphs, no photos, natta, nothing. Pictures and images need to be sent separately as a jpg or any commonly used digital image formats.
Jean Loken Remembered and Honored at June Show
by Kathie Simon Frank

In 2010 Minnesota Quilters lost a good and generous friend, Jean Loken. Almost one year after her death, she will be remembered at a sew-in with desserts on Thursday evening, June 16th at the MQ show and conference in St. Paul. Participants will make quilt blocks for Home of the Brave quilts for families of fallen soldiers in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. And at the event, a unique quilt, made in honor and memory of Jean, will be displayed and given away as a thank-you to a donor.

To honor Jean, Donald Beld, founder of Home of the Brave Quilt Project, initiated making a quilt as a fund-raiser for the charity, Second Chance for Life, that gave support to Jean and her family and for which she volunteered after her heart transplant in 1995.

MQ members knew Jean as a prolific quilter. In her quilting life, she was the Minnesota Coordinator of the Home of the Brave Quilt Project, and a member of Dakota County Star Quilters and Dream Quilters (a group that creates and donates quilts for people in crisis). But few knew she was also active in Second Chance for Life, a local organization that gives support to heart and heart/lung transplant recipients and their families, and promotes organ donor awareness. In 1995, Jean was the first Minnesotan to receive a ventricular assist device (VAD) that kept her blood pumping until a new heart became available three months later for her heart transplant. Her new heart gave her a new lease on life for 15 years until the summer of 2010.

The quilt made in her honor is unique. It’s a “pot-holder” quilt*. Half the blocks are the traditional Home of the Brave Quilt “X” blocks, the other half vary in design. Thirty-five individuals from the United States and France contributed forty-nine 12” blocks. Each is signed on the back by the maker.

Pot-holder quilts are made from individual blocks that are batted, backed, and bound, then assembled and sewn together to make a larger quilt--a historical sew-as-you-go technique. Quilts of this kind may have originated in New England (perhaps Maine) near the middle of the nineteenth century. The United States Sanitary Commission, appointed by President Lincoln in 1861 and established to oversee and improve field and hospital conditions for soldiers in the Civil War, put out a call for quilts 8 feet long and 4 feet wide to fit hospital cots. In response, the Commission received over a quarter of a million quilts for the soldiers. Since pot-holder quilts are quick to make and can be made easily by a group of people, some of the Commission quilts were made using the sew-as-you-go technique. Of the few Commission quilts that still survive from this era, three are pot-holder quilts. This fund-raising quilt will be on display in the non-judged section of this year’s show. Stop by and see it.

If you wish to make a donation ($5 suggested) toward Second Chance for Life, you may write a check to Home of the Brave Quilt Project (or HOTBQP) and send it c/o Kathie Simon Frank to the MQ office, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Write “Jean Loken” on the memo line. Or go to the HOTBQP website at http://www.homeofthebravequilts.org and donate using Pay Pal. After the show, 100% of the donations made in Jean’s name will be sent to Second Chance for Life. To make a cash donation locally, contact Kathie Simon Frank at 612-379-4253, or see her at the MQ show in June. As a thank-you, one donor of a $5 suggested donation will be chosen to receive the quilt.

Minnesota Quilters 2011 Show News

Door Prizes
We want to thank all the individuals, shops and businesses that have generously donated door prizes. We encourage door prize recipients to mail the thank you card that is enclosed with each prize. If there is not a card, the prize was donated anonymously. Just a reminder, door prizes may be brought to the St Paul Show and dropped off at the volunteer table. Please label the donations so we can send a letter to you that can be used for tax purposes. Donations should be new or nearly new and quilting related. We hope to see you all at the June show. We will be busy delivering door prizes to all the classes, lectures and special events plus having a great time. Send questions to doorprize11@mnquilt.org.

Thank you so much!
Mary Pozzini and Linda Taylor, 2011 Door Prize Co-chairs

The Small Quilt Auction Needs You!!
By Martha Eaves

There are certain traditions that add to a group like MQ and contribute to the sense of who we are. The Small Quilt Auction fundraiser at our State show is an example of one of those traditions. No one has to contribute. You can contribute by bidding as well as by making a contribution. But we hope you will join in on the fun of this “home grown” aspect of our group. Doris and I have been the Small Quilt Auction volunteers before. Frankly, I think it is the most fun “volunteer” job of the show! Our first time around, we got a box in the mail quite early in the process from Colorado… That sort of surprised me because I was thinking the donors for our Small Quilt Auction would be mostly our local members and state guild members. The box was from Sylvia Korsmo, but had quilts in it from Gloria Kugler, Diann Pierce, and Karrol Baribari. This group of sisters/friends donate beautiful appliqué flower small quilts every year. I know because I bid high to get them!! I called Gloria earlier in the year to ask her what got them started in sending in the small quilts. Gloria told me she has been a member of MQ for 10-15 years even though she lives in Colorado. Diane lives in Coon Rapids, Sylvia in Colorado, and Karrol in California. Their donations started when they were visiting their mom, who was in a nursing home in Duluth, and they read about the State MQ show being held that year in Duluth. They ended up taking an appliqué class at that show and decided for future shows, they would donate small appliqué pieces. They now come to the show every year, and since they also have a brother who lives in MN, they use the MQ show as a base point for an annual family reunion! I didn’t get to open their box yet this year as it went directly to the Textile Center. I can hardly wait to see their inspiring work [and hopefully bid high enough to get a piece this year to add to my “collection”], as it is now my tradition to look for their work every year!

This brings me to you: We need your contributions to the small quilt auction. Not only do you get the pleasure of doing something for the group, but you might be the lucky winner of the monthly prize [a $25 gift certificate to your favorite quilt store] or better yet, you might win the wonderful GRAND PRIZE quilting table [with scissors in the drawer] that will be given away at the show. We accept small quilts, even tiny quilts like postcard quilts, purses, pincushions, and quilt related items that you think someone else might like to bid on. The money raised from the Small Quilt Auction is used for paying for TV programs on quilting throughout the state, and other educational activities that further the art of quilting. Bring your donations to the meetings or mail them directly to the Textile Center, attn. MQ Small Quilt Auction, 3000 University Ave. SE, Suite 120, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Send questions to doorprize11@mnquilt.org.

Thank you so much!
Mary Pozzini and Linda Taylor, 2011 Door Prize Co-chairs
Volunteer to Help at the 2011 Show!

The MQ Show in St. Paul is almost here and we’ve had many wonderful people sign up to volunteer at the show already, but we need many more to help us make this show a success! Please consider setting aside some time to volunteer for some of the fun jobs that help make the MQ Show such a success! If you haven’t volunteered before, you’re missing some of the best parts of the show! If you’ve volunteered in the past, we hope that you’ll join us again.

For volunteering even two hours, you will receive a lovely volunteer pin for your collection. You will also be eligible for daily door prizes and a drawing for a Pfaff sewing machine when you volunteer! The show needs your help! Signing up is easy on the MQ website. Just go to www.mnquilt.org and click on 2011 Show Site under Latest News. Then click on At The Show and Becoming Involved. Finally, please click on Volunteer Form under the Volunteering section. You can either email or print and send your form by regular mail.

Again, we want to thank you for your time and generosity. We are very grateful to all of our wonderful volunteers.

2011 Show Volunteer Committee
Top 10

Reasons to Attend the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 33rd Quilt Show in June
by Kathy Brevig and Lou Roos, 2011 MQ Show Chairs

10. To have a chance to be the top bidder on your favorite item in the Small Quilt Auction.

9. To see new quilting tools, notions and fabrics at the vendors -- that we absolutely must have!

8. To attend the interesting lectures which are also perfect places to sit down and rest your feet while you gather information, get ideas for future projects and maybe win a door prize.

7. To volunteer for a couple of hours and have a chance to win a door prize, or maybe a sewing machine!

6. To go to the wonderful Special Events and have more chances to win door prizes or a sewing machine!

5. To see your quilt or garment hanging with the other entries and think to yourself that it really does look good! And to do a happy dance if it has a ribbon on it!

4. To support the vendors, who work very hard to put up good looking displays with wonderful merchandise, and to say a resounding Thank You! to our sponsors.

3. To take a class or two from excellent teachers to broaden our quilting horizons.

2. To admire all of the amazing quilts and think how lucky we are to be part of such a creative, artistic community.

1. To enjoy the company of friends and make new friends as we wander through the displays of quilts and vendors, and attend the classes, lectures and Special Events. It’s fun!!

2011 RAFFLE QUILT:
“Shakespeare In The Park”

Designed by Judy Martin, adapted and pieced by MQ members, and quilted by Jan Schmidt. Now is the time to check out the 2011 raffle quilt. Take it to your small guild meeting or any other place you get permission to show it and sell tickets. Please contact Cathy Goset at raffle11@mnquilt.org to schedule the dates you will need it.

The raffle tickets sell for $1.00 each and the proceeds help support MQ’s mission to celebrate the art of quilting. To request tickets contact the MQ office by mail at 3000 University Ave SE, #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414, email at quilter@mnquilt.org or phone at 612-436-0449. The person who sells and turns in the largest number of ticket stubs and money by June 1 will be awarded a $100.00 gift certificate to the quilt shop of his/her choice.

The winner of the quilt will be drawn on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 4:00 PM at the Saint Paul River Centre. You need not be present to win.

Pictured below is “Shakespeare In The Park,” the 2011 MQ Raffle Quilt
Volunteer Corner

by Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator
(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. A special thank you to Cathie Goset for volunteering to be a co-Volunteer Coordinator for MQ. 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.

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 COMMITTEES
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.

Travel the Trail

NORTHERN ILLINOIS QUILT FEST The event spans across six counties in Northern Illinois and includes multiple anchor sites. July through September, 2011.

GALENA HIGHLIGHTS In keeping with the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, you’ll find many featured Civil War quilts on display throughout Galena. Also experience a quilt show, fashion show, shop hops, parlor and quilt tours, barn quilts, quilt gardens, local art, city-wide garage sale and more!

July 29-30 Darlene Zimmerman Quilting tool designer, textile historian and published author.
July 30-31 Quilt show
July 30 Fashion show of period clothing
Aug 8-10 Diane Gaudynsky Award-winning quilter and published author.
Sept 16-17 Debbie Bowles Published author with appearances on multiple TV shows.

NorthernIllinoisQuiltFest.com

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Block of the Month – July
Kathie Simon Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) and Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com)

Each person may enter up to three blocks each month. If 24+ are entered, the drawing will be split in two. If 36+ are entered, there will be three winners!
For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will be for 12” blocks (12 ½” unfinished). You may want to make an extra block in your favorite colors for a sampler.

Water Wheel

Fabric:
Dark – deep turquoise, tone-on-tone
Medium – pale turquoise, solid OR tone-on-tone
Light – cream, tone-on-tone

Cutting:
A: (1) 4 ½” dark square
B: (2) 5” dark squares to make half-square triangles
C: (1) 2 ½” x 10” dark strip (or 4 - 2 ½” squares)
D: (1) 2 ½” x 10” medium strip (or 4 - 2 ½” squares)
E: (2) 5” cream squares to make half-square triangles
F: (2) 2 ½” x 10” cream strips (or 8 - 2 ½” squares)

Directions:
1. Make four half-square triangles using two 5” dark squares (B) and two 5” cream squares (E). Press and trim to 4 ½” squares.
2. Sew C+F and D+F into 4 ½” x 10” strips. Cut into 2 ½” x 4 ½” rectangles for corners.
3. Attach CF to DF for corner blocks
4. Make rows as indicated by diagram.
5. Attach rows.
Minnesota Quilters Announcement

Minnesota Quilters, Inc., a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, was initially formed in 1978 with the intention to foster, promote and celebrate knowledge of and participation in all forms and aspects of quilt making. As part of that mission we provide an annual show and other quilting classes and activities.

Our name, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., implies a role that extends across the entire state. Historically we have done much to serve quilters by offering the annual show in many locations throughout the state, through funding for TV-broadcast quilting programs in out-state locations and by providing funding to other guilds for educational and charitable efforts. Even so, there has been some concern that MQ is primarily a local Twin Cities-based guild with a large annual show. We propose changes that are intended to help us become a more inclusive and truly state-wide organization. In attempting to have a state-wide focus, we are seeking to find out if other quilters and quilting-related organizations share our interest in creating a state-wide forum about quilting.

At this time we want to announce our interest in creating a new committee, which we propose will be known as the Minnesota Quilters Forum (MQF).

Our intention in creating the Minnesota Quilters Forum (MQF) is to create a subcommittee within Minnesota Quilters, Inc. which will actively provide broader outreach services to our members and establish strong relationships with other guilds. We are inviting other guilds to select delegates to attend an exploratory discussion at this year’s show in June. As participants in MQF, the delegates will set the agenda and schedule for providing educational and charitable resources to guilds and communities throughout the state.

The nature and scope of the Minnesota Quilters Forum will be determined by the Forum delegates in the coming year. If you are interested in learning more about the Minnesota Quilters Forum, we ask you to provide contact information in the space shown below. We promise to get back to you with more information in the coming weeks.

Any questions? Please contact us at preselect@MNquilt.org or attend the April meeting.

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Name ____________________________
Guild Name ________________________
Address __________________________
Phone ____________________________
Email ____________________________

If you are a quilting-related business and would like to learn more about the new MQ Forum, please use this form but indicate you are a business.

FOR SALE : PFAFF GRAND QUILTER WITH INSPIRA QUILTING FRAME
$1600.00 ($3000.00 new) CALL MARY AT 612-819-1723. Please call or email me if you have any questions - Gramshane@yahoo.com or 763-441-8361 or 612-819-1723

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**June 10-11, 2011** Sewing and Quilting Expo, held at UW - Platteville (WI). Workshops, vendors, banquet, fabric resale room, and more! Registration is now open. Website: [http://www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/sewing_expo/index.html](http://www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/sewing_expo/index.html)

**August 5, 2011** Braham, 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 information or e-mail icha@sonic.net.

**August 5 & 9, 2011.** Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild’s 23rd Annual Quilt Show: “Quilts of the Northwoods”. Located at the Siren High School, 24022 4th Avenue North, Siren WI 54872 from 10a to 4p both days. Admission is $4.00, kids under 12 are FREE. 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

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**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/](http://wiquiltexpo.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 GuildMember, 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

**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.

**Fat Quarter Drawing**

We had a total of 32 fat quarters submitted for the May drawing so we split them. The two winners for May were Molly Odea and Carolyn Silflow. Congratulations! We hope as you are shopping at the quilt show in June you will remember our Christmas in July theme and pick up a couple fat quarters up to participate in July’s fun.

So you can better plan to join in the upcoming month’s themes are : July: Christmas in July, August: warm batiks (golds, browns, oranges, reds). 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), or Lorna Wainwright (imgrama@mindspring.com). Join the fun, we would love to draw your name!

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THANK YOU….THANK YOU!!

I was so thrilled to have won a collection of May’s MQ Block of the Month: 3D Pinwheel. They are so incredibly cute and everyone did an amazing job piecing each block with bright and fun fabrics. As luck would have it, my girlfriend-Christine Vos-is expecting her 2nd child at the end of June. Since they have opted to keep the surprise and don’t know if they’re having a boy or girl….a brightly colored baby quilt is the perfect gift! So thank you to all that helped pull this baby quilt together so quickly.

Terri Krysan

Meet Carol Fisher, Minnesota Quilters Membership Director, who showed this appliqué quilt on Saturday, May 7.
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 RiverCentre

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
Rooms blocked from Wed, Thurs, Fri
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
The Best Western Kelly Inn is 7 blocks from RiverCentre. The only hotel in downtown Saint Paul with free parking.
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**Deadline for submissions is the 1st of the month for the following month.** Ads and articles may be sent to: MQ Editor, 3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

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

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