March Meeting Notes
Wednesday, March 2, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 5, 10:00* a.m.

March Programs
NOTE DAY/DATe!
The March evening meeting will be WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 2nd
At Eagan High School
4185 Braddock Trail
Eagan MN 55123

Join us for the 16th Annual
Women’s History Quilt Exhibit featuring the work of Minnesota’s own Page Johnson, award winning long-arm quilter.
Our program will include the “Quilted Dreams” exhibit displaying over 70 quilts, three vendors, and a lecture by Page with slides detailing examples of her work as well as tips on machine quilting techniques. Doors open at 6:00 for viewing the exhibit and shopping with the vendors. Four Seasons Quilts, Twin Cities Quilting & Quilter’s Haven will be vendors. MQ Show merchandise and Raffle Quilt tickets will also be available. The lecture “Quilting Makes the Quilt” begins at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served.

We encourage each member to bring a friend to this event as MQ celebrates Membership Month. You and your guest will be entered into a drawing to receive a free year’s membership to Minnesota Quilters. There are no guest fees at this meeting, so now is the time to introduce someone you know to the wonderful world of quilting.

March Saturday Meeting
10:00-12:00 at the Textile Center
Page Johnson will also present her program for the regular Saturday morning meeting at the Textile Center at 10:00 a.m.

Quilted Dreams is Eagan High School’s 16th annual quilt exhibit honoring Women’s History Month. Hours: M-F 9-3 from March 1 - 18, 2011, in the EHS Library at 4185 Braddock Trail, Eagan. CLOSED weekends and March 11 for Teachers’ Workshop. Admission is free.
For more information call Laura Nagel at 651-683-6933 or visit our website at http://www.eagan.k12.mn.us/librarynew/quilts/index.html
For more information about our guest speaker, go to http://www.thequiltingpage.com

February Highlights
Thank you to Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) and Gail Bakkom for presenting two informative and entertaining programs. On Thursday evening we enjoyed a retrospective look at Helen Kelley’s quilts and were able to see the various ideas and styles that influenced her work. Helen Kelley was a Founding member of MQ, our first president, and our first Minnesota Quilter of the Year. She wrote the “Loose Threads” column for Quilters’ Newsletter Magazine for over two decades, authored quilt books, and was most deservedly inducted into the Quilter’s Hall of Fame in 2008. The quilt world lost Helen later that year. Many of our members had personal stories to share about Helen’s friendly [Con’t on page 6]
Notes from the President

A few weeks ago, while in New York City, I went to the Whitney Museum of American Art. While there, I attended a show by Charles LeDray called WORKWORKWORKWORKWORKWORK. Part of his show focused on 3 display cases full of hundreds of miniature vases. In case 1 all the vases were all white. Each one was a different shape with different etchings, but all were white. In case 2 all the vases were black. Again, each was a different shape with different etchings, but all the same color. In both cases, the exhibit was interesting, but not striking. In case 3, however, the vases were all different colors. Individually, when you looked at individual vases next to each other, they didn’t quite go together, but as a whole, that display case was so much more interesting. This display really showed how one color can unify every piece in a quilt, but a pop or lots of color can really give a quilt interest.

Happy quilting, Yvonne

Susan MacLennan showed her stunning Lori Smith-designed sampler medallion at the Saturday, Feb. 5 program.

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,

So far this year cash coming in has covered checks going out. That’s a good thing.
As you can see from other articles in this issue, a lot of behind the scenes work for the annual quilt show is going on. All expenditures are approved and reviewed for payment by two or more individuals for appropriateness. In some cases competing bids are required. In all cases care is taken to spend money wisely.

Last month I discussed some of the smaller events that provide operating revenue. Another source of funds are charitable donations. As a 501(c)(3) organization donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law in individual’s circumstances. Our goal for the 2010/2011 fiscal year is $10,000. As of January 31, 2011, four months into the year, Minnesota Quilter’s has received $3438. This is 34% of the budget at 33% of the year.

As this area, along with grants, needs a focused, coordinated effort, the board has created a Fundraising Committee. The current members are the Past President (Char Wenger), President Elect (Wynn Martin) and Treasurer (Sandra Weston). The committee’s role will be to coordinate efforts and review grant opportunities. We are seeking at least two additional non-board individuals to join this committee to help further this function. Please contact any of the individuals listed if you are interested or know of someone who you would like to recommend.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Weston, Treasurer
treasurer@mnquilt.org

Open Board Positions -- 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. Oversee the Holiday Brunch and Fall Getaway. Write newsletter articles to keep membership informed of upcoming programs.

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

Co-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.

Co-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.

MQ Office Hours
Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Visitors should call first to ensure staff is present.
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.

January, 2011 Donations to MQ

Patty Andrus
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Cheri Hand
Cheryl Plourde
Carol Schwankl
Jean White
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Historian’s Corner

Everyone’s A Winner!
Have you won anything lately? A door prize? A fat quarter drawing? A “booby prize?”
Show us what you’ve done with your luck?
Show us what you’ve made.
Send photos to krcsj@comcast.net and we will print your photograph in an upcoming MQ Newsletter.

January New & Renewed Members

Terri Aiken
Patty Andrus
Shannon Atwill
Gail Bakkom
Theresa Bennett
Lynn Blumthal
Bonnie Bosma
Barbara Broberg
Nancy J. Broshat
Susan Diederichs
Jettie Ditmarson
Sandra Dockstader
Kate Eelkema
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Catherine Goset
Eileen Gottwald
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Mari Sue Howes
Nancy Jackson
Bonita Johnson
Sandra R. Johnson
Mary Beth Larson-Quam
Sheryl Lundquist
Carol Mayala
Lisa Menick
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Marlyce Payne
Ann Poulsom
Kahryn Reisinger
Kim Renna
Twila Richter
Lillian Rodeck
Geri Running
Deborah Sandhoff
Judith Schellinger
Pat Schneider
Mary Schumacher
Carol Schwankl
Carolyn Sidebottom
Carolyn Silflow
Christina Sobel
Judith Stone
Marlys Taflin
Linda Taylor
Mary VanDerschaegen
Nancy Wacker
Jean White
Mary Wiebusch
Kathleen Wiesner
Janice Wilke
Kelly Willis
Sharlene Wimpfheimer

Patty Andrus
Sandie Beltran
Cheri Hand
Cheryl Plourde
Carol Schwankl
Jean White
Honeybaked Ham Company
New Check-In Procedures For Meetings

Did you ever notice the check-in table at the monthly meeting? More important, did you ever walk by and not bother to sign in? More than a few members are skipping this step, so here’s a quick reminder for why it’s important to let us know you’re at the meeting.

- When you sign in, it gives us a historic record of attendance. That helps the education director plan and schedule programs.
- We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit and we are required to report the number of individuals who benefit from each meeting or event we host. When you sign in, it provides evidence that we are fulfilling our commitment to promote quilting and provide education.
- As a member, you are eligible for the monthly drawing for door prizes. It’s always worthwhile to try out for a free prize but if you don’t want to be in the drawing just pass the ticket stub on to a friend at the meeting.
- We also check the records for confirmation that your membership is up to date. This is a great way to find out about any membership changes or pick up your new membership card. (We’ll send the renewal card in the mail but we often hold the card for pick-up at the first meeting following your renewal. It helps us save on postage.)
- Finally, we believe that everyone who attends the meeting is getting a great value. As a member, you pay for the right to attend every meeting. We also ask non-members to pay a small fee when they attend and we’re concerned that this step isn’t happening routinely.

We know it’s frustrating to get caught in a long line, so please remember to bring your membership card. Simply show your card, pick up your door prize ticket and you’re all set. If you forget your member card, please stop at the table, and check-in. After check-in, obtain a ticket and proceed to the meeting room doorway and turn in your ticket like you were in a movie theatre. You will be given half your ticket back. Remember, that ticket is the validation that you’re entitled to be there (and you just might win a prize). Thanks for your help.

Wynn Martin

Membership Corner

Getting To Know You,
Getting To Know All About You...

As Membership Director I would like to feature some of the new members in the newsletter with a few details about you and your interest in quilting. I’m hoping that this will help build fellowship between our new members and our long-time members. If you have recently joined MQ, you may respond to some of the following questions in an email to me at membership@mnquilt.org.

- What city do you live in?
- Describe your family.
- How did you get started quilting?
- What is your favorite kind of quilting?
- Do you belong to a small quilt group?
- Have you attended an MQ show?
- Are there any open volunteer positions that might interest you?

Carol Fisher, Membership Director

Minnesota Quilters 2012 Raffle Quilt Project

Jackie Northrop and Judy Bowers want to thank everyone who has helped with this project in any way. The February work day was highly successful. The top is nearly completed. Several insightful design suggestions as well as many hours of construction were contributed on that day. The plan is to get it to the machine quilter in March. We have an offer to complete the binding. We are planning to be able to show it at the June 2011 MN Quilters 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.

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February Highlights Con’t

attitude and willingness to help other quilters share her passion. For more information about Helen Kelley and her quilts, visit her website at http://www.helenkelley-patchworks.com.

On Saturday, we learned about the Red and Green Phenomenon of the 1800s quilt style. Gail Bakkom offered a well-researched PowerPoint about the history of textiles and fashion that dictated the Red & Green color scheme. There were many historical quilt examples to illustrate the evolution of this trend. Following the program, Gail answered questions and commented on each of the antique Red and Green quilts that were brought for Show & Tell.

If you are interested in quilt history, remember that MQP meets monthly at 8:30 am prior to the Saturday membership meeting at the Overflow Coffee Shop across the street from the Textile Center.

Laura Nagel, Education Director

The Seven Sisters quilt pictured above right belongs to Pat Cox, probably c 1875 or later.

The Friendship quilt is from Vermont, c 1855; the signatures and locations are still legible.

The Rose Wreath above left was found divided in half for twin beds, and has been restored to its original size; at right is a quilt descended in David Shattuck’s family. Both of these quilts are typical of the period.
MQP Corner: Quilt Books

Minnesota Quilt Project has made it a goal to use funds raised to purchase new quilt history books for the Minnesota Quilters library. Four books were just added to the library and are ready to be checked out. Quilts in a Material World: Selections from the Winterthur Collection by Linda Eaton, Classic Quilts from the American Museum in Britain by Kate Hebert, two copies of the 2010 Uncovering Volume 31 of the Research Papers of the American Quilt Study Group and American Quilts: The Democratic Art, 1780-2007 by Robert Shaw.

I would like to recommend them all but especially the book by Robert Shaw. Shaw is a former curator at the Shelburn Museum and has brought together in this book quilts from private and museum collections from across America. His interesting and perceptive text describing quilt history, American history, quilt techniques and quilt style influences from America’s beginnings through the industrial area and even stretching up to 2007 is enjoyable reading. Shaw writes in the introduction, “Quilts have absorbed and expressed an astonishingly wide range of influences, ideas, intentions and emotions over the four centuries in which they have been made in this country.” This book pulls all of this information together as well as showcasing some beautiful quilts. I hope you will enjoy learning about the past through this book or are possibly inspired by a quilt you see in the photographs.

Stop by the library and check out a book today!

A show & tell quilt from Sat. Feb. 3.

Save The Date
The Minnesota Quilter’s Fall Getaway will be Oct. 13-16, 2011, at the U of M Forestry Center in Cloquet, MN. Details and deadlines for registration will be announced later.
Take another look at a few of the members of the 2011 MQ Show Faculty teaching classes June 15 - June 18 at St. Paul RiverCentre. Go to www.mnquilt.org/mq2011 for registration details for all classes.

**Diane Fitzgerald** is a star in the world of beading, with the “Excellence in Bead Artistry Award” from Bead and Button Magazine to prove it. Diane is teaching two full day classes. On Thursday you can learn how to make the beautiful Gingko Leaf Shape with Brick Stitch, shown here. On Friday make “Geometric Shapes with Peyote Stitch.” [www.dianefitzgerald.com](http://www.dianefitzgerald.com)

**Peggy Martin** will show you how to utilize her “Quick Strip Paper Piecing” method. Peggy won the coveted Professional Quilter’s Teacher of the Year award for 2010. You can find out why by taking one or more of her four full day classes. “Wishing Star” is on Wednesday, “Palm Leaf” is Thursday, “Snowflake,” pictured, is Friday, and “Millennium Star” is her Saturday Class. Paper piecing results in such sharp, detailed blocks. Any tips or methods that make it easier to master are well worth learning. [www.peggymartinquilts.com](http://www.peggymartinquilts.com)

**Jill Schumacher** has taught machine quilting classes internationally with great success. Pictures simply don’t do justice to machine quilting, but you can see her work on her website, [www.quiltmakertothequeen.com](http://www.quiltmakertothequeen.com). Jill is teaching four full day classes: “Introduction to Machine Quilting” on Wednesday; “Feathered Mini Whole Cloth Quilt” on Thursday; “Trapunto By Machine” is Friday. Saturday you may choose from three patterns: a Christmas Tree Skirt, a Round Table Topper, or a Table Runner and Place Mats.

**Kay Nickols** has perfected the technique of making complicated looking quilts out of just one fabric, and will share her expertise in four classes. You will make a wall hanging in Thursday morning’s “Wonderful One Fabric Quilts,” and a queen size quilt top in Friday’s full day class of the same name. Kay is also an expert at piecing curves without pins. Those techniques are featured in Saturday morning and afternoon classes. An example of her work is shown at left. For more about Kay visit [www.kaynickols.com](http://www.kaynickols.com).

**Billie Lauder** is a well-known popular teacher who makes a variety of different techniques easy for her students to understand and do well. “Quick Hand Tricks” Thursday morning will show you how to be a better hand piecer as you make a doll-size quilt. Thursday afternoon’s class is “Quilting in the Big Stitch Style,” a fun technique that enhances many patterns. Friday’s full day class, “Diamonds Can Be a Quilter’s Best Friend,” includes both 60 and 45 degree diamonds. Learn how to incorporate them into tumbling blocks, stars and log cabins. Saturday afternoon learn how satisfying it is to make string quilts out of scraps. [http://easymade.com](http://easymade.com)

**Suzanne Marshall**’s quilt, *Toujour Nouveau*, was named one of the 20th Century’s 100 Best American Quilts. Learn take-away applique techniques from this talented woman on Thursday in “17th Century Daffodil.” Suzanne will show you “Hand Quilting without a Frame or Hoop,” on Friday, and another applique class on Saturday: Rhapsody in Bloom, a block shown here done in the “Art Nouveau” style. [www.suzannequilts.com](http://www.suzannequilts.com)

**Susan Stein** has written several books, but *Fabric Art Workshop: Exploring Techniques for Fabric Artists and Quilters*, and *The Complete Photo Guide to Textile Art* really made an impact in the art quilting world. Sign up for her two-day class, “Fabric Art Adventures,” starting Wednesday, and find out why this Minnesota Quilter is so respected as you learn how to use many different techniques and materials.
Minnesota Quilters 2011 Show News

2011 Show Apparel A Big Hit
2011 merchandise sales are off to a great start. We are hearing positive comments about the comfy warm vest, the pretty tee, and the unique ¾ length sleeve polo. If you haven’t picked up your apparel there are only a few more opportunities to take advantage of the special pre-show pricing discount.

If you purchase any two items you will receive $5.00 off and if you purchase three items you will receive $10.00 off.

Look for us at a March meeting. Remember, this is a great way to support and promote Minnesota Quilters.

Lynn Heuton & Wynn Martin

2011 Show Special Events Needs Your Volunteer Help!
We are in need of volunteers to help with cutting fabric for our Thursday night, June 16th, Home of the Brave project.

We will be cutting fabric after the Member meeting on March 5 at the Textile Center. We need people to iron fabric and cut the fabrics for the blocks. Instructions will be provided.

The Show Committee will be having a meeting immediately following the Member meeting, but if you are not on the Committee, we can get you started ironing and/or cutting.

Please support the 2011 MQ Show by volunteering some of your time for this project. We would appreciate even a half hour of your time.

Supplies to bring: Rotary cutter, mat and rulers (12 ½” square, 6 x 24 and 6” or 6 ½” square).

Thank you, Char Wenger & Trish Timms,
Special Events Co-Chairs

Easy Ways to Help the 2011 MQ Show Committee
By Kathy Brevig, 2011 MQ Show Co-Chair

There are several easy and enjoyable ways you can help the 2011 MQ Show Committee.

What could be easier and more fun than visiting your local quilt shop?! Once you are there, see if there are Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 33rd Annual Quilt Show and Conference Registration Booklets available. If not, call the MQ office, 612-436-0449 to tell them more Registration Booklets are needed at that shop.

Talk to your friends about the Show. Urge them to sign up for a class or two if they haven’t already done so. There are two reasons to sign up now rather than later. You don’t want to be told “Sorry, the class is full,” or “Sorry, the class was cancelled due to low enrollment.” Tell people classes are a great way to try something new. Never tried wool applique or bead embellishments? Nervous about paper piecing? Curious about making a doll? Wondering about those Paint Stiks? Learn something new from instructors who are experts and love to teach.

Show off the raffle quilt! The 2011 raffle quilt is beautiful! Just think how many raffle tickets you could sell if you show the raffle quilt at your local guild meeting, or take it to your favorite shop to display for a day while you sit there and sell tickets.

You just need to reserve it with Cathie Goset by emailing raffle11@mnquilt.org. Remember that if you sell the most tickets, you will get a $100 gift certificate to the quilt shop of your choice.

Summarizing ways you can help us: Shop, talk, show a beautiful quilt – definitely easy and enjoyable!

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Stand up and be recognized for your beautiful quilts!
We are reaching out to all who have quilts that have been completed after January 2009 to enter them into the non-judged quilt exhibit at the 33rd Annual Minnesota Quilters Quilt Show and Conference at the St. Paul RiverCentre in St. Paul, MN June 16-18, 2011.
The non-judged quilts are displayed in their own gallery area and are eligible for the Viewer’s Choice Awards valued at $250. The awards are given for both a large and a small quilt. You may submit up to two entries in the non-judged exhibit, entry deadline is April 30, 2011. Entry is free for MQ members, and $10 for nonmembers.
To enter your quilt send a completed non-judged entry for EACH quilt that you wish to enter plus a photo of the quilt, entry fee (if required) and a stamped, self-addressed return envelope to:
Jane Shattuck
1526 Sheldon St.
St. Paul, MN  55108

More information and entry forms may be found under the 2011 Show site link on the Minnesota Quilters website www.mnquilt.org

Remember it’s not a quilt show without your quilts!

Volunteer to Help at the 2011 Show!
The MQ show in St. Paul is just a few short months away and preparations have been going on for months already!
As you probably know, MQ can boast the largest all-volunteer show in North America. And the most important part of that is, of course, the VOLUNTEERS! Without many people volunteering to do all the things that need to be done each year, there would simply be no show. Imagine a world without an MQ show!
So as you decide what classes and events you want to participate in at the show this year, we hope you will also consider setting aside some time to volunteer for some of the fun jobs that help make the MQ Show such a success!
What fun jobs? Well, you could be a White Glove person and get to see the quilts up close. Or, you could be a classroom helper and get to know a fabulous teacher. You could help sell raffle tickets or help in the set up or take down of the quilts in the show and get to work with other great MQ people. There are many, many opportunities to help and learn just how the show comes together. If you haven’t volunteered before, you’re missing some of the best parts of the show!
If you’ve already volunteered, 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 volunteers.
Laurie Larson & Peggy Stockwell, 2011 Show Volunteer Committee
**Door Prizes Needed**  
*by Mary Pozzini and Linda Taylor, Door Prize co-chairs*

MQ is seeking quilt-related donations (books, patterns, notions, fabrics, and tools) to be given at the June show and conference, special events, and MQ meetings. Donations should be new or near new and be something you would like to receive. Bring your donations to Thursday or Saturday MQ monthly meetings between now and May 2011, or mail them to:

Mary Pozzini  
305 Darrell Ct.  
Stillwater, MN 55082

Donations should be clearly labeled with your name, address, dollar value of the item and a label stating “MQ Door Prize”. We will make sure to acknowledge each donation when it is received. Contributions are tax deductible. If you have questions, please email us at doorprize11@mnquilt.org

*Thanks so much, Mary & Linda*

**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!

Pictured below is “Shakespeare In The Park,” the 2011 MQ Raffle Quilt
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. A special thank you to Arlene Albrecht for becoming a Membership co-Coordinator Days. She will take tickets at the door. 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 Coordinators Evening
These are very important positions as they make the meetings run smoothly.

2012 & 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 or Cheryl to see what is available.

Meet And Greet At Textile Center Events
We would like to have the MQ office open any time there is a Textile Center event. We will be making a list of volunteers that would be willing to help out at such events as gallery openings, the garage sale, etc. It would most likely involve evenings and weekends. Karen O’Brien, the Textile Center Liaison would be the person asking for volunteers as we find out about Textile Center events. If you enjoy meeting and greeting people, this position might be just perfect for you. Please contact Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator, to be put on this list. volunteer@mnquilt.org

Office Helpers
We are also making a list of volunteers that would like to help Linda in the office with mass mailings, answering the phone, etc. on an as needed basis. If you would like to be on this list please contact Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator. volunteer@mnquilt.org

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.

Quilting for Others
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
- 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! If you are interested in volunteering to teach young girls to sew, please contact Paulette Marini at cpmarini@msn.com.

2011 Outstanding Volunteer
We are looking for nominations for our Outstanding Volunteer. 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.
Block of the Month – April 2011
Kathie Simon Frank (kathie@umn.edu) & Jeanne LaMoore (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).

* Correction & apologies! Last month’s block should have had 2 dark green pieces of 2 ½” x 6 ½” instead of what was written.

Traditional Tulip

Fabrics: Choose white for background; green tone-on-tone for leaves; and a dark, a medium, and a light of one color for flower – solids or small prints (please use flower colors – pink, orange, red, purple, etc.). Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows:
A = (3) 4½” x 4½” squares of white
B = (3) 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” squares of white for half-square triangles or cut diagonally once*
C = (1) 4½” x 2½” rectangle of white
D = (1) 2 ½” x 2 ½” square of white
E = (1) 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” square of green for half-square triangles or cut diagonally once*
F = (1) 4½” x 4½” square of dark tulip color
G = (1) 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” square of dark tulip color (will make two half-square triangles, so you’ll have an extra one. Or cut diagonally once and use one triangle with one white triangle to make one half-square triangle).*
H = (1) 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” square of medium tulip color for half-square triangle, or cut diagonally once (see comment above)*
I = (1) 2½” x 2½” square of light tulip color

Assembly: Follow the diagram & connect rows!

Additional directions:
To make half-square triangles: use one white 4 7/8” square and one colored 4 7/8” square. Draw one line diagonally on the wrong side of the white square. Place green square and white square right sides together (RST). Do the same with the other 4 7/8” squares (one white, one a color). Sew 1/4” on either side of the drawn line. Cut on the line. Open each piece and you’ll have a square that’s one half color and one half white. Trim to 4 1/2” square.

* These directions will result in two squares for your leaves and four squares with the two tulip-colored fabrics. You need one dark and one medium. You can use the other half-square triangle blocks for additional tulip blocks or for another project. Or contribute them, and/or matching scraps, with your block for the winner of the BOM drawing!

*** Suggestion: Consider contributing some of your cutting scraps along with the block for the winner to finish the top, add a border, etc.
**Bulletin Board**

**March 19, 2011 Apple Valley Quilt Dreamers 18th Annual “Bag Lady” Quilt Show on Saturday, March 19, 2011 Noon – 4pm at the Galaxie Library in Apple Valley (14955 Galaxie Av. Apple Valley, MN. Please join us on National Quilting Day for a small quilt auction, special project quilts and member’s quilt exhibit. Admission is FREE. Questions, please call Gwen at 651-423-1979.**

**April 1 & 2, 2011 Northfield Quilters Show.** Friday April 1st 10:00am to 5:30pm, Saturday April 2nd, 9:00am to 5:00pm. Bethel Lutheran Church, 1321 North Avenue, Northfield MN. Lots of beautiful quilts with Sandy Dockstader as our featured quilter. A special display of Soldier’s Angels quilts by Sharon Wakefield. Bed turning demonstration by Rosie Werner. Raffle Quilt, Vendors, Small Quilt Auction, Mercantile. Admission $3.00

**April 16 – 17, 2011 Mankato, MN National Guard Armory, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Deep Valley Quilters Expo 2011 “Dreamsicle” Saturday, April 16, 2011, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. & Sunday, April 17, 2011 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

**October 8 & 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

**Fat Quarter Drawing**

Mary Pozzini won the cool batiks Fat Quarter drawing. Congratulations to Mary! March’s drawing will be for Civil War fabrics. We hope you will check your stash and participate in the fun. So you can plan ahead to be in future drawings, here are the upcoming themes: April-pastel florals, May-blue & white, July - Christmas in July, August-warm batiks (golds, browns, oranges, reds), Sept. – Kaffe Fassett 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), or Lorna Wainwright (ingrama@mindspring.com).

*Join the fun, we would love to draw your name!*

**Quilting In Minnesota**

These are “The Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society” of White Bear Lake, holding quilts that they made for the young patients and Gillette Hospital.

During 2010, “The Ladies” donated over 100 quilts to Gillette. The effort is one of the ongoing out-reach projects for the guild. “The Ladies” have about 50 members and meet weekly.

*Let us know what charitable project your local quilt group has been working on. Send news plus photo to editor@mnquilt.org.*
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.

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Saint Paul, MN 55101
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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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