November Meetings November 3 and 5
– Laura Nagel and Lou Roos ed@mnquilt.org

Our theme for November is “Bountiful Blessings” and as we have been blessed with the warmth of quilts and the fellowship of other quilters, we are inviting you to share your blessings this month by bringing canned goods or a boxed food item that can be donated to the local food shelf. A bonus door prize ticket will be given to all who participate.

Our guest lecturer is Mary Lou Weidman from Spokane Valley, Washington. If you are familiar with Mary Lou’s work you know that she is a very talented artist and designs the most whimsical quilts that exemplify her belief that “every event in life is a quilt waiting to happen.” Mary Lou has authored five quilting books, owns a pattern company, designs fabric, represents Bernina and has taught classes in every state (except 2) plus eight countries! You won’t want to miss her eye-popping quilts or her entertaining presentations.

On Thursday evening she will lecture on “Quilted Memories and Celebrating YOUR Life.” This lecture will be accompanied by many of her original quilts. On Friday we will host an all day workshop to make a Christmas Wreath (sign up online), and on Saturday her lecture will be “Out of the Box” which is also the title of her latest book. For more about Mary Lou you may visit her website at www.marylouquiltdesigns.com

Christmas Brunch in December
– Laura Nagel and Lou Roos ed@mnquilt.org

As the calendar shows, we are nearing the end of another year. That means it’s nearly time for the Minnesota Quilters Holiday Brunch.

In December there is no Thursday meeting, and on Saturday December 3rd we will have the opportunity to gather at the University of St Thomas for a lovely relaxing morning, including a delicious brunch. Spend time with good friends, donate stockings, exchange quilt blocks, exchange holiday ornaments, see a special presentation, eat delicious food and enjoy! Brunch is at the St Thomas Binz Refectory on Saturday December 3rd, from 9:30 am to noon. The cost is $25 for MQ members and $30 for non-members. Full details about the events at the brunch are on page 10.

Sign up will soon be at www.mnquilt.org

Map to our new meeting location on page 7.
Do you think the parking spots could get a little closer to the entrance of our new meeting hall?

A huge THANK YOU to these Volunteers who moved MQ to the new location!
We couldn’t have done it without them!

Char Wenger  Karen Kopitzke  Linda Wines
Barb Rogne  Ann Fecht  Louise Somers
Pat Curtner  Carrie D’Andrea  Sharon Peterson
Mary Pozzini  Yvonne Curran  Lou Roos
Wynn Martin

When you see them, please thank them!
Thank you to our Business Members!
Find their information on our website under “Business Members.”

**Allison Quilt Designs**

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**Apricot Moon Designs**

**Beebolt**

**Crafty Corner Quilt and Sewing Shoppe**

**Freedom From Fibromyalgia**

**Heavenly Patchwork Quilt Shop**

**Kelwood Retreat House**

**Mill End Textiles**

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From your President

Hi Everyone!

October always feels like one of the busiest months and this past month was no exception. I had a GREAT time at the Fall Retreat in Cloquet, MN. The Forestry Center is such a wonderful gathering space and I was pleased to make progress on several works in progress. Nothing finished but still happy.

Of course, we opened the month with our first meetings in the new space. I’m still feeling the excitement of greeting everyone in the parking lot and then watching as old friends gathered and a few new members experienced MQ for the first time.

I have to admit that I try hard to be a “glass half full” (and then some) kind of person, and that inclination served me well as a few well-meaning members worried about the poor lighting at the front of the room, the need for a stage and those troublesome sounds from the basketball team upstairs. So yes, we have some work to do.

By Saturday we knew how to turn up the microphone. We asked the holders and folders to step back so the quilts would show under the lights. And we’ll keep working on the other worries that make our new home less than perfect.

Meanwhile, back at the Textile Center, the construction and road crews are moving in. Somehow, I can only feel relieved that we found St Lawrence when we did.

Looking forward, we have a great year planned. We’ll publish a full calendar of activities soon, including a few classes on Fridays. And please consider attending the Holiday Brunch in December. We’ll meet at The Binz at St. Thomas (as usual) and it promises to be a great event. Watch the website for more details! And we’ll see you in November at St Lawrence.

Keep stitching,

Wynn Martin

Contributions to MQ July – September 2011

- Sandie D Beltran
- Cheryl Plourde
- Gerri Crane
- Mary Hogan
- Wynn Martin
- Susan McIntyre
- Peggy Stockwell
- Debbie Ward Grasey
- Marge Goodnuff

Thank you to these gracious MQ Members!

Reminder!

When parking at an MQ Meeting the entire parking lot is ours to use.

Please park in any open spot regardless if there is a designating sign for another group.
Highlights of the October Meetings
~ Laura Nagel ed@mnquilt.org

Not only did we benefit from informative lectures at the October meetings, but we also got to enjoy our new meeting place.

What a pleasure to pull right into the parking lot and find a convenient place to park.

Our new ‘landlords’ have provided us with great signs to direct us to the entrance of the meeting room, and the parking lot is well-lit as we leave. We also have a fully equipped kitchen with a serving counter, so getting refreshments during break is no longer a hassle. On Thursday, Gwen Lundgren demonstrated how she uses EQ7 to design quilts, blocks and make fabric selections for her projects. It was amazing to see a quilt take shape right before our eyes with a few clicks of the mouse. The program even allows you to figure how much fabric you will need, as well as give directions for paper piecing, making templates, and rotary cutting.

Saturday’s program focused on selecting fabrics for mystery quilts and other quilts you might be dreaming about. Gwen had several hints for choosing just the right type of fabric when you don’t know what you will be making.

Her number one rule: Don’t use directional fabrics!

In a humorous way, Gwen encouraged us to ‘let go’ and have fun with the process. Members went away with an appreciation for her advice and know why she has been a favorite teacher for so many years. Who wouldn’t have a good time in one of her classes? Each program ended with a trunk show of her original designs and patterns were available. If you didn’t make it to the October meetings, don’t miss us in November. Details on page 1.
Our New Location – The Adventure

The Board of Directors began hearing about the light-rail going through on University and decided to try to find a new location with easier access and more parking. A few of our members offered advice: Please choose a location that’s close; please choose a location that’s in the inner ring of Minneapolis; maybe we could meet at a church; what about community centers?

The Board sent out “requests for proposals” through the Twin Cities area. Many locations proved to be much too expensive for us. Many of the locations would not allow us to bring in our own food but would require us to use their catering service. Many locations would make our coffee for us and charge us $30 per pot. These same locations only offered meeting space but no office space.

In October 2010, the Board decided to hire a broker to help in our search. We began considering options in St. Paul, St. Anthony, Blaine, Minnetonka, St. Louis Park and Minneapolis. One location did not have adequate protection in the meeting area in case of a fire; two locations did not want that many people using their bathroom facilities; one location was in a very unsafe neighborhood; one location had room for 50 people to sit in the pool area for our meeting.

It took almost a year, but our broker finally found the Newman Center. The Newman Center offered office space, meeting space, classroom space, parking and a very strong welcome! We felt our members would feel welcome, too at the Newman Center and it was something we could afford!

The Board toured the Newman Center more than once. We were excited but a little scared at the same time. The building is old. People play basketball above our meetings. The Board was present during the basketball games. We feel we can work around these issues. Other groups have their meetings next door to a bowling alley or a fitness center. We have basketball.

What do I love about our new location? It feels more intimate. We can actually hear others talking when questions are being asked. We aren’t spread out along a hallway but all together. The kitchen is awesome! The parking is wonderful! We have signage!

The very first time we visited the Newman Center location we weren’t exactly sold but the second time and the third time…it just gets better and better!

We hope you will like it as much as we do!

FOR MQ MEMBERS ONLY!

Textile Center 10% off Holiday Shopping Discount
just for MQ Members!

On Monday Nov 14 just show your MQ membership card when you make your purchases.
You can shop any time that day, but the LIBRARY will be open 9 am to 1 pm, and re-open from 5 pm until 7 pm.
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BLOCK OF THE MONTH News
from Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore

At the October meetings, Jeanne LaMoore won 18 Snail's Trail blocks in brights with a black background!

For December, we don't offer a Block of the Month. Instead, we urge you to participate in the Holiday Block Exchange (12" finished) and the Ornament Exchange that take place at the annual December Holiday Brunch. And perhaps you'll have time to make a Christmas stocking, too, for a child in a shelter! Find the Holiday Stocking pattern online at www.mnquilt.org, pick it up at the November meeting, or come by the office to pick it up yourself. See the information on page 14 about those exchanges and project. Block of the Month will begin again in January with a new series of blocks. Watch the December newsletter for a 9" Disappearing Nine-patch, for an easy start to 2012!!

If you want to participate in the November Block of the Month, please refer to the October 2011 newsletter for Tree Everlasting. It's simple to make and oh! so stately. We'll give you directions for a beautiful setting for the block, as well.
Our new meeting place is located at the St. Lawrence Church but we enter in the back, which is 6th Street, where there are 150 parking spots right by the door! If you are using the church address in your GPS use “1250 6th Street SE” to direct you to the parking lot entrance instead of the front of the church.

If you are on 35W North bound you get off on Exit 18 (University Ave. Exit) There will be 2 lanes turning right, be in the left lane of those two right turning lanes.

Take a right on to University (one way). And take the immediate next left at light 10th Ave SE.

Turn right at 6th street. (3rd intersection from University).

Continue past 12th Ave and turn right into the Parking Lot.

If you are on 35W South bound take exit 18 (4th St Exit) cross 4th St (one way going wrong way)

Take a left onto University (one way) and turn left at the second light 10th Ave SE.

Turn right at 6th street. (3rd intersection from University).

Continue past 12th Ave and turn right into Parking Lot. Park in ANY spot.
Minnesota Quilters, Inc. has blocked hotel rooms with special room rates. It is important that you request the “Minnesota Quilters” room rate when you make your reservation. If you receive a lower rate at any of these hotels, please inform the MQ Show Director at showdirector@mnquilt.org!

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Best Western Soldiers Field


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We’ve had wonderful response from enthusiastic members who stepped up to join the fun of serving on the 2012 show committee. But we still have a few committee opportunities for you to participate.

**Door Prizes:** This is a fun committee to be on. You send solicitations to potential door prize donors, get to be the first to see and touch the wonderful prizes as they come in, send acknowledgements to the donors, and get to determine which of the prizes are used for which events. Our office staff will assist you with the mailings.

**Registration:** This committee’s responsibilities have been drastically reduced with the use of online registrations. Your duties are now mainly needed just prior to or at the show itself, preparing name badges, ensuring the show bags for pre-registrants are stuffed with their contents, as well as selling open class, lecture, and available event tickets at the show.

**Special Events:** This committee will focus on the two special events: The Thursday evening event, and the Friday Awards Banquet. Many of the plans for these events are already in place, but there are some implementation tasks that we need you to help us with, so your work would be mainly the preparations that make these two events rewarding for all who attend them.

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Many activities are already underway for the 2013 show. We have some key positions that should be filled as soon as possible.

**Show Chair or Show Co-Chairs:** Those who have served in this position have all reflected on what a great experience it was. Yes, you are involved in planning and decision making for a whole year, but you also reap the rewards of helping to create a wonderful quilt show experience for 8,000-10,000 attendees who all love quilting. Your show director now works side-by-side with you the whole way and has assumed many of the less glamorous aspects! The sense of accomplishment you will experience is very rewarding.

**Raffle Quilt:** If you’ve ever wished our raffle quilt was different, then now’s your chance to help choose the design and get the quilt created. You can limit the participants to a few, open it up to any and all who wish to be a part of this, or anything in-between. A different committee will be responsible for selling the raffle tickets.

**Challenge:** You get to determine what fabrics and rules will inspire quilters to want to participate in this challenge. Selecting and obtaining the fabric, printing up the rules, accepting quilted entries, hanging the exhibit, overseeing the judging of the entries, and ensuring quilted items are returned to their owners are the highlights. Note: The fabric and rules need to be determined before the 2012 registration book is mailed, so you will do some activities NOW and then sit back and wait a year and a half for the rest of the activities.

To be a part of these shows or to get any additional information on any of these opportunities, please contact Linda Wines at showdirector@mnquilt.org or call her at 612.910.7127.
Block and Ornament Exchange
Holiday Stockings for a Cause

The block and ornament exchanges are treasured activities at the MQ holiday gathering. Long-time participants have gathered many blocks, and the goal of many is to gather enough blocks to make a special quilt, full of memories of MQ friends and happy holiday parties.

**BLOCK EXCHANGE.** To participate, bring a 12-1/2” (12” finished size) block in holiday colors/fabrics, or with a holiday theme. Use either a (1) white (or white on white), or (2) cream/tan fabric for the block background. This exchange is sort of a ‘mystery’ exchange because the blocks will be put into paper bags, the participant will receive a ticket for each block submitted (maximum of 3 per participant), and she/he will receive, in turn, one bagged block for each ticket.

A few guidelines for the blocks:
- Use good quality cottons and only submit a block that you would love to keep for yourself.
- Please submit blocks that are more complex than not, with multiple pieces.
- Measure pieces carefully, so the block ends up 12-1/2” square.

Appliqué blocks are welcome, but please know that you probably won’t receive an appliqué block in return. Bless your heart for spending appliqué-time on an exchange block!

**ORNAMENT EXCHANGE.** Bring a handmade quilted or quilt-related ornament to exchange. You can bring up to three ornaments to exchange. As with the block exchange, you will get a ticket for each ornament that you bring and ornaments will be placed in paper bags so the ornament you receive will be a surprise.

**STOCKINGS FOR A CAUSE.** The Brunch committee is organizing a service project and will be donating Christmas Stockings to children in need. Patterns and directions for the stockings are available on the MQ website and will be available at the November MQ meetings. We also need items to fill the stockings. Please purchase items suitable for infant through teen ages. If you are unable to shop for stocking stuffers, cash contributions will be accepted at the office or the November meetings and the Brunch. Everyone will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite stocking and the winner will receive a quilt shop gift certificate. You can only win if you participate!

**Questions:** ed@mnquilt.org

**New and Renewing Business Memberships:**

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Search begins for Quilt Show Scholarship Candidates

Scholarship application deadline is December 15, 2011.

Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters’ 2012 Quilt Show and Conference in Rochester, Minnesota? If so, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship for beginning quilters. Minnesota Quilters exists to celebrate and promote quilting.

This scholarship is offered in honor of our Charter Members because we believe that one way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in a great quilt show and conference by offering a scholarship.

Please note that the scholarship winner is chosen based on the submitted essay – we do not judge on the quality of the quilts made. The person chosen to receive the scholarship will receive the following awards: 1)Priority registration, 2) Registration fee (multi-day pass, show bag and pin), 3) Registration for 2 3-hour classes or 1 6-hour class, 4) Registration for three lectures, 5) Banquet and Award Ceremony ticket, 6) Single hotel room for two nights, 7) One year membership to Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

To be considered for this scholarship you must meet the following requirements: 1) quilted less than three years, and 2) started fewer than 3 large quilts or 4 wall hangings.

The scholarship application consists of the following: 1) An essay containing between 300-500 words. The essay should explain what quilting means to you and what you would like to learn during the quilt show and conference, 2) Photos of two of your quilts and/or wall hangings, with a description of each. The quilts do not need to be finished, 3) Completed scholarship entry form (found below), and 4) Your name and address included on the essay and pictures.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Scholarship Committee, 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. The application form may also be found online at the show website at www.mnquilt.org. Please contact Yvonne Curran, Past President, at pastpres@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.

Minnesota Quilters 2012 Scholarship Entry Form:

Name:________________________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________

City:_________________________________________ State:____________ Zip:______________________

Home Phone #:_________________________ Email:_____________________________________________

2012 CHARTER MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR BEGINNING QUILTERS!

Scholarship application deadline is December 15, 2011.
Moving is always so much fun! It’s when you discover just how huge some of your project backlog is. For MQP, it’s not unfinished quilts—it’s unfinished documentation entry. The information about the move coincided with our annual strategic planning meeting and forced us to take a long look at things.

What we found was something we knew but tried to ignore. The backlog of documentations that need to be entered into the Quilt Index just never seems to dwindle. We decided that we had to get these items entered before we documented any more collections.

The Documentation Entry days had really helped a lot so we decided to schedule some for the winter months. Several of you have been trained in Quilt Index entry and know it’s not difficult—it just takes some time. All you need to help us out is a laptop and a smile. We take care of training and chocolate.

The schedule has various days and times to make it easier to work into your schedule. The times are when someone from MQP will be available to train and answer questions. You may come and go as you need. Here’s the plan for the winter months—

Saturday, January 14, 2012, 9 am – 3 pm
Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 4 – 9 pm
Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9 am – 3 pm

And finally, many thanks to those who have helped in the past and are continuing to work away at these as their time permits.

Textile Center Liaison

Just because we are no longer in the building, it doesn’t mean we no longer have a relationship with the Textile Center. Minnesota Quilters is still connected. Our books are in the library there and our members are closely involved with the Textile Center’s ongoing plans for the building and the resolution of the parking issues.

What we did not have was a person to act as the MQ Liaison. This did not seem to be a critical issue when we had people in the building every day but now it has become extremely important because we want to keep those communication lines open.

We have had two wonderful people who stepped forward when they heard about this need. Kathy Simon Frank and Melissa Nellis have agreed to share the responsibility. I am sure they would be more than willing to discuss any issues or concerns you have relating to the Textile Center.
Welcome to our New and Renewing Members!

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Karrol Barbieri
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Jennifer Conrad
Peggy Ellefson
Cheryl Forsythe
Victoria Gibbons
Carol Graves
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Leah Yotter
Suzanne Zander

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Darlene Bushinski
Sharon Castle
Jewell Christiansen
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Gerri Crane
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Barb Endres
Jean Ernst
Suzanne Fisher
Leslie Fisher Nicholson
Cheryl Hazen
Mary Hogan
Tammy Hulsing
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Myrna Kuehl
MaryBelle Larson
Mickie Luke
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Joan Lucht
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Dorothy Stish
Paula Triebenback
Donna Winship
Margaret A Wright
Mary Kay Wyckoff-Harcus
Kathy Yano
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**Bulletin Board**


**Nov 3** Minnesota Quilters Evening Meeting 7 pm. Speaker is Mary Lou Weidman, “Quilted Memories and Celebrating Your Life”.

**Nov 4** Minnesota Quilters present Mary Lou Weidmans class “Christmas Wreath”. See www.mnquilt.org for details or to sign up.

**Nov 5** Minnesota Quilters Morning Meeting 10 am. Speaker is Mary Lou Weidman, “Out of the Box”.

**Nov 10 - 12** Wild West Shop Hop www.wildwestshophopminnesota.com

**Nov 12 & 13** Hudson, WI Quilt Show Patchwork Harvest Quilt Show Sat, Nov. 12, 10-5, and Sun. Nov. 13, 11-4. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Car michael Road, Hudson, WI. Quilt Raffle at 3 pm, Sunday. Adm. $5.

**Nov 14** MQ MEMBERS ONLY! Get 10% off at the Textile Center Gift Shop for showing your MQ Membership Badge! This day only, all day. The TC Library is also open that day from 9 - 1 and 5—7 pm.

**Dec 3** Minnesota Quilters Annual Holiday Brunch at St. Thomas. Sign up at www.mnquilt.org

**Jan 5 2012** Minnesota Quilters Evening Meeting, 7 pm. Show Preview

**Jan 7** Minnesota Quilters Day Meeting, 10 am. Shop Preview.

**Feb 2** Minnesota Quilters Evening Meeting, 7 pm. Signature and Friendship Quilts.

**Feb 4** Minnesota Quilters Day Meeting, 10 am. Signature and Friendship Quilts.

**Mar 3** Minnesota Quilters Meeting at Eagan High School Quilt Exhibit & Lecture by Celine Perkins.

**Apr** Minnesota Quilters Meetings “Real Men Quilt”

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**Fat Quarter Drawing**

The fat quarter drawing for November will be Christmas themed fabrics. (The December meeting is our Holiday Brunch. There will be no fat quarter drawing for December.) 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 Minnesota Quilters, 1203 5th St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030. 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: Arlene Albrecht (arleneevon@gmail.com) or Sally Lajon (justsal@wh-link.net).

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

If you are a member of another guild and have an event coming up you can have it listed here by sending the information to editor@mnquilt.org

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This batty-ful quilting design by Lone J. Minkkinen is available from the American Quilter’s Society weekly free e-Newsletter called On Point. If you don’t feel like getting one more newsletter in your email, I often put the free pattern link on the Bulletin Board page of the MQ website. www.mnquilt.org
Membership Survey Results
MQ has a membership of over 750 and thanks to the 117 individuals who responded to our membership survey in May of 2011. We learned a lot and want to thank everyone who was kind enough to fill out the form. Here are just a few of the facts we uncovered:

- Our average respondent member has been quilting for 18.5 years
- On average, our respondent members have belonged to MQ for 10.25 years
- On average, our respondent members are willing to drive 22 miles to attend our meetings and they attend 9.9 meetings per year.

If you want to describe yourself as a quilter, nearly 76% of the respondents say they are traditional quilters while 17% have done paper piecing and 16% are foundation piecers. Then again 6.8% of the 117 respondents like to make contemporary quilts and 7.7% describe themselves as long-arm quilters. Only 2.5% list appliqué as a preferred form of quilting and about 14% have mentioned some other aspect of quilting to describe what they like to do. Of course, this adds up to more than 100% because we often like to try more than one thing. We actually had one response from a member who belongs to 5 guilds, 3 respondents who belong to 4 guilds and 17 who belong to 3 guilds. So, when we find something we like to do, we also tend to find lots of friends at many guilds, who like to quilt, too.

We also like to shop. Our 117 respondents said that they shopped 1,133 times this past year. We also learned over the summer that three of our respondent members visited every single store during the August Shop Hop. And almost everyone (95%) reported attending the MQ Annual or another large show. Even better, 44% of them say that they have shown a quilt at least once and a few have shown up to 20 quilts over the years at the MQ show.
COME SEE OUR NEW LOCATION!

NEXT MEETINGS:

NOVEMBER 3rd at 7 PM
NOVEMBER 5th at 10 AM

OUR FEATURED SPEAKER IS

MARY LOU WEIDMAN!

See map on page 7!

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