Have you ever wondered what a man would do if left alone with your machine, your stash, and your patterns? Well wonder no more. In April we will get a bird’s eye view of just how men work, buy fabric, choose colors, and adapt patterns to match their creative drive. Male quilters are nothing new to the world of textiles. They have been quilting in England for more than 200 years. Historically, quilts have been made by soldiers, boys and men convalescing from illness and injury, professional tailors and garment and costume designers. As traditional style quilts have made room for contemporary art quilts, male quilters have become more prominent. Several museums, including the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum (Colorado), the California Oil Museum and the Museum of the American Quilt Society have displayed entire exhibits of men’s quilts.

Be thinking of some questions that you would like answered; what did you do before quilting took over your life, does technology enter into your creative process, what most influences your work? Their show and tell will be proof that designing and making quilts is not solely a woman’s pursuit. This is one meeting you might want to bring your significant other, or a date.

Remember, what happens at MQ, stays at MQ.

If you can’t wait until the meeting to take a peek, log on to manquilters.ning.com to see the work of many talented men.

April meetings are on the second Thursday and Saturday, after Easter.

Coffee and treats will be served before each meeting to allow more time for socialization among our members. Coffee will be ready at 6:00 pm on Thursdays and 9:00 am on Saturdays. Please wear your nametags or membership cards so we can get to know one another.
**Upcoming MQ 2012 Events**

**April 12 and 14** - Real Men Quilt and April 14- Volunteer Recognition Breakfast!

**May 3 and 5**—Every Barn Tells a Story with Ann Zemke and Diane Entriken

**June 14-16**— Minnesota Quilters 34th Annual Quilt Show and Conference

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**The MQ Board Needs You!**

We have immediate openings for the following Board positions:

- President Elect
- Treasurer
- Operations Co-Director
- Membership Co-Director

Please check the MQ website for the job descriptions; or contact Debra at the MQ office for details.

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From your President

Hi Everyone,

The March meeting in Eagan was a delight as always. The variety and quality of quilts on display were just beautiful; it felt like the colors of spring on a cold and windy day. Thanks to Laura Nagel who has helped organize this show for 17 years. Thanks also to Laura and Lou Roos for scheduling the special lecture and class. It was great fun (even though I did feel lost at times in the many hallways at Eagan High School). I can’t wait for next year’s visit.

And of course we are all looking forward to our membership meeting in April. There are three special facts worth noting as you prepare for the meeting:

1. Please note the change of date. We are meeting on April 12 & 14 (not during Easter week).
2. There will be a breakfast for all of our volunteers on Saturday before the meeting begins.
3. We have 4 guest speakers – 2 guys who quilt – so bring a friend and enjoy the meeting.

And let me once again voice our urgent request for volunteers. We need them for the show and also for the MQ board. Please give some thought to supporting this wonderful organization with your hands and minds (as well as your hearts).

Thanks as always for your support.

Wynn M.

BLOCK PARTY!!! BLOW YOUR HORN!

This is a new feature in the MQ Newsletter. We would like to recognize MQ members who have had something special happen to them relating to quilting. We know that we have many talented members who enter shows, win awards and exhibit their work. If you have received an award; had one of your quilts juried into a show or been featured in a magazine, etc., please let us know about it so that all of our membership can celebrate with you! Send your information to me at secretary@mnquilt.org or call the office.

From St. Joseph’s Home for Children

Heartfelt Thanks for Stockings and Donation

“The impact of your gifts goes far beyond providing the basic necessities … it is a gift of hope that encourages these individuals to reach their full potential.” The children were thrilled with the stockings and stocking stuffers, and “the generous gift of $460.00 was used for toys for the children as you requested. We are grateful for your support.”

With appreciation and best wishes,

Tim Marx, Chief Executive Officer

St. Joseph’s Home for Children

Minnesota Quilters Web Site and Facebook Page

The MQ website has all things related to Minnesota Quilters including show news, upcoming events, contact information, links, and Member Management instructions. www.mnquilt.org Our Facebook page has announcements, comments and photos. www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters
**Important Dates**

General Registration:
Began February 1, 2012
Last day to register:
May 1, 2012 for mail in.
May 15, 2012 for online

Non-Judged/Children’s Exhibit:
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 30, 2012

Judged Exhibit
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 16, 2012

2012 Challenge
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 30, 2012

Door Prizes
We all love to be the lucky recipient of a door prize. A door prize says “Thank You for being here” or “Thank You for volunteering”. MQ gives these door prizes throughout the year: at the show, at the guild meetings, to volunteers, and other special events. Please consider donating a door prize. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which qualifies your donation as tax deductible.

Door Prizes can be delivered or sent to Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 5th St. SE, Minneapolis MN 55414-2030. Upon receipt we will acknowledge your donation, and you have the opportunity to let us announce you as the donor when it is awarded.

If you have any questions about door prizes, please contact us at: doorprizes2012@mnquilt.org.

Thank you for your consideration.
Registration for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 34rd Annual Quilt Show and Conference

Registration is now open to all, members and non-members. The most current information about the show can be found at [www.mnquilt.org](http://www.mnquilt.org). To request a registration book please contact us at [quilter@mnquilt.org](mailto:quilter@mnquilt.org) or 612-436-0449.

We know that life does happen so remember you have the opportunity to purchase registration insurance. If you purchase this insurance ($20) when you register, you will receive a 100% refund for classes, lectures, and special events as long as you cancel before June 1, 2012. This insurance will not cover the registration fee, the insurance itself, box lunches, or merchandise.

Online registration is in real time so you will know immediately whether or not you are registered for the class. Class sessions, lectures, events, and merchandise will calculate automatically as you add items, and you will be able to see the total before you pay. You can make changes to your registration yourself any time before March 31, 2012. After that, you will need to email your changes in writing to: [registration2012@mnquilt.org](mailto:registration2012@mnquilt.org), or mail them to the MQ office. We do not accept verbal changes simply because it is too easy to mishear the instructions. If it’s written, we know what to do.

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

The check-out process is easy and secure. Once you complete your order and payment information, you simply click the Finish button and then wait patiently. All those banking computers need to talk to each other and this can take several seconds. Once the gears on the screen have disappeared, you will know all has gone properly and you will receive a confirmation email almost immediately.

If you don’t have access to the internet, don’t worry, you can still register by sending your completed form and payment into the MQ office. Just be sure to select a 2nd choice in case your first choice is filled. Mail-in registrations must be received by May 1, 2012.

Call for Volunteers for the Show

It takes many volunteers and busy hands to put together and present our nationally known show! The 2012 Committee is hard at work. Please think about volunteering for the open spots on the committee or for shifts at the Show. Our committee will be offering you many opportunities in the coming months, before the Show, to sign up and help us present our fabulous Quilt Show. And remember, 2 hours of Volunteering at the Show gives you a chance to win a Sewing Machine. More 2 hour shifts, more chances! Thank you!

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 implementations 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. Volunteers: We need one more person to help schedule volunteers who offer to help us out at the show.

The 2013 Committee wheels are already turning! The 2013 Faculty, Raffle Quilt, and Challenge committee work is under way. Now is a perfect time for you to choose from lots of committee spots that make having our show in Duluth such a rewarding experience. We especially need a Show Chair – someone who likes putting all those great ideas of what a quilt show should be into practice. You don’t have to do this alone – you can have a co-chair to work with you and the Show Director does much of the behind-the-scenes detail work. For questions about volunteering at the 2012 quilt show, contact Jan Walstrom at [volunteers2012@mnquilt.org](mailto:volunteers2012@mnquilt.org).

For questions about open show committee spots contact Linda Wines, Show Director, at [showdirector@mnquilt.org](mailto:showdirector@mnquilt.org) or 612-910-7127.
2012 Raffle Quilt

MQ 2012 Raffle Quilt -- “Frosted Window Panes”
Designed by Brenda Riddle
Pieced by many Minnesota Quilters
Quilted by Carol Schwankl

The 2012 raffle quilt is a hand-appliquéd and machine pieced 84” x 84” quilt in creams, teals and reds made using a pattern from Acorn Quilt & Gift Company.

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 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030 or by phone 612-436-0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. You may also order raffle tickets as a part of your advance registration.

You can check out the raffle quilt to take to your guild or show to sell tickets. Please contact the raffle quilt committee to let them know when you want it. The email is rafflequilt2012@mnquilt.org.

Favorite Things at the Show

In the March issue we asked you what your favorite things are at the Show. Here are Laurel Nagel’s top ten:

- Shop the vendors to see their samples and newest products.
- Look at special exhibits to see collected or themed works.
- View judged and non-judged quilts.
- Take classes with a national teacher.
- Attend a lecture to relax and learn something new.
- Visit with friends.
- Volunteer to help the organization and the show run smoothly.
- Have a fun week-end away from home.
- Re-charge my creative juices.
**Fat Quarter Stroll!**

Have you been feeling BLUE?
Been GREEN with envy?
Ever been RED in the face with embarrassment?
In a BLACK mood?
Need a TAN?
Stepped in something BROWN?
Need an ORANGE to prevent scurvy?
In hiding from the royals wearing PURPLE and VIOLET?
Let the YELLOW sun shine through!
Hey Mateys! Join the rest of the crew on the Fat Quarter Stroll in Rochester!
For only $20 (pre-paid) you can go on a Treasure Hunt for ten colorful fat quarters, a pattern for all, and chances for baskets o' booty! Aargh!

**OUT-STATE MEMBERS - WE NEED YOU!**

Here is a fun volunteer opportunity for you! We are looking for out-state members who will be attending the 2012 Show in Rochester to accept and transport the Non-judged quilts from your local area.

These quilts will need to be delivered to Rochester no later than Tuesday, June 13 and picked up at the end of the show on Saturday afternoon for transport back to your area. This could be a team of people such as your local guild. Your nearby quilt shop could be used as a drop-off and pick-up point as long as you and/or your group would commit to getting the quilts to and from the show. You would be rewarded by getting volunteer hours toward a door-prize and would also get to know quilters in your area. If interested, please contact Dianne Conner, diannecon@gmail.com or Martha Eaves, eavesm@visi.com, Non-judged Quilt Co-Chairs for 2012.

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**Small Quilt Auction**

There’s still time to donate! At each annual show, Minnesota Quilters offers over one hundred quilted and quilt-related items in a silent auction. The proceeds are used to support the Minnesota Quilters education mission.

Do you have blocks that will likely not make it into a quilt? Why not make something for the small quilt auction with them? To each item, please attach your name, address, telephone number, and title with a safety pin.

Each month (Feb, March, April) one name will be drawn as the winner of a $25 gift card to a favorite quilt shop. Then in early June, all donors will be eligible for a $200.00 drawing, which can be divided into two $100.00 gift certificates to Quilt Shops of the winner’s choice. To be eligible, submit your small quilt auction donation before June 1, 2012.

Doris Hareland was the winner in February, and the March winner declined so there will be two drawings in April. Be sure to get your name in the drawing! Bring your donated quilted items to a Thursday or Saturday MQ meeting or mail to:

Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55441-2030

To date, we have received 51 items for the auction.

Thank you for contributing and bidding on items at the show!
March Highlights

Celine Perkins was welcomed by nearly 400 attendees at the Saturday membership meeting at Eagan High School. The day began with viewing the quilt exhibit in the library, combined with shopping at Fourth & Main, Fabric Town and Twin Cities Quilting. The kits and patterns and fat quarters were disappearing from the booths as members and guests enjoyed a continental breakfast. At 11:00 the group settled into the auditorium to hear Celine discuss her techniques for designing patterns for new quilts based on vintage quilts from her and her friends’ collections. She inspired many of us to look at patterns from the past in a new light. After the program, people returned to the exhibit for a second look at the beautiful quilts and to vote for their favorite – a hard decision to make. The French quilts made by the Evening Star Quilt group drew lots of attention, as did the Best of Show winner, Garden Serendipity, by Karen Puffett.

The drawing for a complimentary membership for a guest was won by Cheryl Alms!

A dozen quilters joined Celine after lunch for her class “Plain and Fancy”. The only thing they could find to complain about was “Where’s the chocolate?” I’ll put that on my list of supplies for next time.

Photos taken and posted on member Karen Ocansey’s blog. She said the venue was perfect, the balcony area perfect for hanging large quilts with light from skylights. The entire show was very inspiring.
Block of the Month  May 2012  Flower Basket

Fabric: Choose two different floral prints, a dark green, a brown, and a pale yellow or cream for the background. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows:
Floral one (A): (1) 5 3/8” x 5 3/8” (cut on diagonal to make two triangles for two blocks)
Pale yellow or cream (B): (2) 2 ¾” x 5” rectangles
Pale yellow or cream (C): (3) 3 ¼” x 3 ¼” (making half-square triangles with D, so you will have one extra piece)
Floral two (D): (3) 3 ¼ ” x 3 ¼” (making half-square triangles with C, so you will have one extra piece)
Brown (E): (1) 2 ¾” x 2 ¾”
Brown (F): (2) 3 1/8” x 3 1/8” (cut on diagonal to make two triangles per piece)
Dk green (G): (1) 5 3/8” x 5 3/8” (cut on diagonal to make two triangles for two blocks)

Assembly: Follow the diagram and pictures below. To assure having an accurate 9 ½” block, it is helpful to measure and trim components as you sew. When making the half-square triangles (C+D), trim squares to 2 ¾” before sewing to other pieces. The center square (A/F/E/F) should measure 5” square

BOM basics:
Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.
For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).
Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.
If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.
Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).
Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) or Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com).
**NEEDED: A Focus Group to Test Classroom A**

As part of Minnesota Quilters lease with St Lawrence Catholic Church, we have the use of classroom A for meetings, sewing days, classes, etc. several times each month. The classroom is located on the second floor of the church which is where the Minnesota Quilters office is located.

The MQ Board of Directors would like a group of 10 to 12 quilters to try out the classroom for a sewing day. We will have a hostess, irons, ironing boards and extension cords ready. We want to find out how best to use the classroom, what setup works and how many people can be accommodated.

To be in our Focus Group please: Find a group of friends who are willing to bring their sewing machines and projects.

We would like the classroom used in April or early May. Most any day Monday through Saturday will work. Start time can be 9AM or later and last into the evening.

Call or e-mail your information to the MQ office. We just need the name of the group and the name of a person in charge. We would like the person in charge to be a MQ member.

We will have a drawing for the group winner at the April 14th meeting.

**THIS IS A VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY      THANK YOU ALL**

If you have any questions please call the MQ office at 612-436-0449 or e-mail Mary Pozzini at ops@mnquilt.org

**Letter from St. John’s Cancer Care Center**

Good Morning,

I am a nurse in the St John’s Cancer Care Center in Maplewood, MN. In the past members from quilt groups have helped with some of our sewing projects. I am wondering if you have a mailing to your quilt groups, if you would give my name and phone number should any group be looking for a service project. Some of our needs are drain bags which are given to many breast cancer surgeries. These are a simple pocket they can wear around their waist, under their clothes, to hold a bulb drain. They are also given a bag to wear in the shower which is most helpful. We also have a hat pattern that can be passed to sewers in their homes. In the past, I had several women who, one would serge the seams, then pass the hats to another woman, who would sew a piece of elastic in each, and so on.

I would appreciate any help you can give me. The women in our cancer care are always amazed at the thoughtfulness and generosity of perfect strangers who donate their time and talent to make the cancer journey a bit more comfortable.

Thank you so much,

Nancy Welty RN

Cancer Care Nurse Navigator/Breast Health Navigator

St John's Cancer Care, 1575 Beam Ave., Maplewood, MN 55109

651-232-5799, fax 651-326-8738
Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you. Be sure to record your hours on the white slips at the meetings. If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please send me an email volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to me at the meetings.

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP CO-COORDINATOR EVENING**

This person will help Paula at the front table checking memberships and giving out door prize tickets at the evening meeting.

**2012 AND 2013 SHOW COMMITTEES**

We still need a couple 2012 committee volunteers and we’ve started signing up for the 2013 committee in Duluth. The sign up posters will be at the meetings.

Contact Show Director Linda Wines at showdirector@mnquilt.org to see what is available.

**Wanted: Fund-Raising Committee**

Are you good at networking? Planning events? Grant-writing? If you would enjoy any of these activities please volunteer to join the fund-raising committee which began meeting in January. Time commitment is variable depending on the role you wish to take on. Contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

**Wanted: Strategic Planning Member Liaison(s)**

The MQ Strategy team meets 8 times per year to plan MQ's future. This year the strategy team will explore: 1) fundraising, 2) volunteer recruitment, support and recognition, and 3) growing our membership. If you want to join a few members on these planning efforts, please contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

**Wanted: MQ Forum Liaison**

Minnesota Quilters wants to create a community of guilds called the MN Quilters Forum. This outreach effort is intended to encourage networking and help guilds work together to bring affordable quilting education (and celebrations) to local communities. We need one or two persons to act as liaison(s) for this important new effort. If you like networking and helping to set up regional classes, please contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

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**President’s Quilt Block**

MQ has a tradition of presenting your President with “Thank You” blocks for their year term.

Wynn would like any red and white block.

Past President Yvonne Curran would like any 6”, 9” or 12” Christmas block.
Fat Quarter Drawing

Arlene Albrecht (arleneevon@gmail.com) and Sally Lajon (justsal@wh-link.net).

The fat quarters for April will be rain showers and clouds. February fat quarters were won by Karen Ocansey, one of our new members. 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 complete 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.

Join the fun we would love to draw your name! Questions or theme suggestions? Contact Arlene or Sally.

WE NEED YOU to help with the 2013 Raffle Quilt!

The quilt, “Guided Waters,” has been approved by the MQ Board of Directors as the design for the 2013 MQ Raffle Quilt.

Following the April 2012 MQ meeting, April 14, we are hosting a fabric cutting party and we need your help!! Please sort thru your “fabric stash” for any Jewel Tone Batiks in Blues/Greens/Teals/Aquas….colors that remind you of “water.”

We’d ask that any fabrics you would like to donate to the project be pre-washed and ready to be cut during our cutting party in April.

In order to make sure that you get your fabric returned following our cutting party, please place a piece of 1” masking tape with your name printed in black marker on the selvage of each piece of fabric.

After we’ve cut all of the fabrics, we will be assembling “carry out” kits that will have:

- The fabric needed for 1 block.
- The paper pattern (for paper piecing) that will be color coded to help you identify which fabric is to be sewn in each location.

We have a LOT of FUN and a little work ahead of us….make plans to join in the fun and help with the 2013 MQ “Guided Waters” raffle quilt! If you have questions, please contact us at: rafflequilt2013@mnquilt.org
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- Anonymous
- Kathie Simon Frank
- Wynn Martin
- Sharon M Peterson

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**Mar 23 & 24** New Ulm Prairie Piecemakers Show, Hope and Healing Center, Karen McTavish speaker, over 200 quilts, vendors, prizes.

**Apr 12** Minnesota Quilters Meeting, 7 pm. “Real Men Quilt”.

**Apr 14** Minnesota Quilters Meeting, 10 am. “Real Men Quilt”.

**Apr 14** [Volunteer Recognition Breakfast](#), prior to Saturday member meeting at 8:30 am to 9:30 am.

**Now until Apr 14** [Minnesota Contemporary Quilters](#) “Twin Cities on the Bias” exhibit is up at Roseville City Hall. Free.

**Apr 20-21** Memorial Quilters Guild of Forest Lake – 2012 Quilt Show “Quilters Stars” Friday– 9 am to 6 pm, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. Faith Lutheran Church, 886 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake. $3.00 admission.

**Apr 23** [Minnesota Contemporary Quilters](#), Textile Center. Mini workshop to create fabric postcards. $5.00 charge for non-members.

**May 3 and 5** Minnesota Quilters Meetings.

**May 12** Minnesota Discovery Center presents the Going to Pieces Quilters 30 Year Celebration from 10 am to 4 pm. Quilting Demonstrations and lecture by Darlene Zimmerman. For more information go to [www.mndiscoverycenter.com](http://www.mndiscoverycenter.com).

**June 14-16** [Minnesota Quilters Annual Quilt Show and Conference](#), Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, Minnesota.

**Now until June 17** Minnesota Discovery Center presents “Going to Pieces: Quilting Traditions Continue” with 90 quilts and quilted objects from the Going to Pieces Quilt Guild of Virginia. For more information go to [www.mndiscoverycenter.com](http://www.mndiscoverycenter.com).

**July 5 and 7** Minnesota Quilters Meetings.

**August 2 and 4** Minnesota Quilters Meetings

**August 10-11** Heart of the Woods Quilt Show, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Hall, 231 E. Camp Street, Ely, MN 55731, 10 am to 5 pm.

**October 11-14** Minnesota Quilters Fall Retreat, Cloquet Forestry Center. [fallgetaway@mnquilt.org](mailto:fallgetaway@mnquilt.org)

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**Take Another Look at MQP**

Kathy Brevig

Do you really know what MQP is? Minnesota Quilt Project is a standing Minnesota Quilters, Inc. committee that reports to the Board of Directors just like the Show Committee. The efforts of MQP are just as important as the Show Committee, but in a quieter way. We need the Show Committee to organize and head up the volunteer efforts of one of the best quilt shows in the country. It brings in revenue to keep MQ going, and shares our quilting vision with the public.

We need Minnesota Quilt Project to preserve the history of quilts with a Minnesota connection. Your quilts, your neighbor’s grandmother’s quilts, any quilt made by or for a Minnesotan can be documented by MQP, and then entered into the online Quilt Index, a national database. Our quilts are worthy of being recorded for history, for future generations.

Do you need special training to be on the MQP committee? Since I recently joined MQP, I can vouch for the fact that you don’t! We are absolutely blessed to have long-standing members of MQP who have literally written the book on Minnesota quilt history, *Minnesota Quilts*, published in 2005. We have members who are nationally respected quilt historians. When I helped to hang the exhibit of some of Pat Cox’s collection last summer, Gail Bakkom showed me how to tell if a wool batting was used. I guarantee that if you join this committee you will learn fascinating facts about quilt construction. You will develop an eye for detail that will enrich your life.

If you can get to meetings, please join us at 8:30 am before the Saturday MQ meeting. We meet in the lobby of the Newman Center, a few steps down the sidewalk from the MQ meeting room.

If it is hard for you to get to meetings, but you know how to use a computer, you can be a valued member of MQP by volunteering to enter documentation into the Quilt Index from home. Karen Kopitzke has spent many hours putting together a set of instructions that even I could follow, and I was able to do the work from home. You can do it, too, and you are needed. There are hundreds of already documented quilts that are waiting to be entered into the Quilt Index. Please contact Karen at [mqp@mnquilt.org](mailto:mqp@mnquilt.org) if you would like to give it a try.

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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. You can also put any quilt related announcement on our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters](http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters)
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Do you follow any favorite websites and blogs? We’d like to start a list of great sites.
Are you a blogger?
We’d like to put a list of Member’s blogs on the website so we can see what others are creating.
You can either go into your MQ account to find the place to enter your blog address, or you can email it to Debra at the MQ office, quilter@mnquilt.org and she will add it to the list.
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Gail Hanson, one of our members, sent information about a new DVD produced by the Kentucky Quilt Project. Information can be found at: whyquiltsmatter.org.

**Quilts Hold Much More Than Warmth**

Quilts aren't just for snuggling (though they're good for that, too).

Politics, religion, family, and local history. These topics and more often are hidden among the bright colors and amazing patterns quilters have woven into their projects for generations. University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill history professor William R. Ferris even cites quilts as a metaphor for our shared "patchwork" experience as Americans.

Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics, is a new nine-episode DVD executive produced and hosted by Shelly Zegart, co-founder of the Kentucky Quilt Project (the first state quilting documentation project, established in 1981), and the Alliance for American Quilts. An expert at the forefront of quilt study for more than three decades, she curates exhibitions, presents lectures, and writes on all aspects of quilt history and aesthetics.

With an estimated 21.3 million quilt makers in the United States—and countless others around the world—there are a lot of stories with which to snuggle up.

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**MQ has Rubber Stamps for Foundation Piecing that you can borrow!** ~ quilter@mnquilt.org

Minnesota Quilters has a bin of rubber stamps for printing 3" x 3" foundation pieced patterns. There are 13 different stamp patterns, complete with ink pads, ink and instructions. Some of you saw the stamps and supplies at the September Schoolhouse. The stamps are perfect for printing on fabric, which means you wouldn't have to tear off the pattern after it has been stitched, as you do with a paper foundation. The stamps will be kept in the MQ office, and may be used in the office or checked out by Debra for you to use at home. Have a stamping party!

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**Book Review**

*The Goodbye Quilt* by Susan Wigg, c2011

Linda Davis is driving her daughter (Molly) out east to college, a mother/daughter road trip. Along the way, she’s putting the finishing touches on a quilt for Molly. Each piece of fabric used in the quilt has a personal meaning, a memory from their lives together. Throughout the trip Linda reminisces about their past experiences, how Molly was raised and the choices she made in her own life. Not a lot of action, just a general get-you-thinking type of story, with a bit of drama at the end.
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