December Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 1, 10:00 am

Binz Hall, University of St. Thomas

Can you believe it? It’s nearly the end of 2012 and that means the MQ Holiday Brunch is just around the corner. In December we will not have a Thursday meeting and will gather at Binz Hall, University of St. Thomas on Saturday Dec 1st. It will be a busy day with our holiday quilt block exchange, holiday ornament exchange, gathering stockings and stuffers for St Joseph’s Home for Children, eating delicious food and being part of a unique program.

Our program is the ‘Simply Charming Holiday Challenge’ and if you purchased a packet, YOU are a very important part of the program. The Challenge packs sold out and we’re expecting to see some spectacular finished projects. So if you haven’t started yet, pull that charm pack out, plan your project and send in your entry form.

Holiday Brunch Check List

Stockings for St Joseph’s Home for Children
Stocking Stuffers
Holiday Exchange Blocks
Holiday Exchange Ornaments
‘Simply Charming’ Challenge Quilts
A good appetite

You can find the invitation on our website. The calendar in the left column has the invitation.

January Meetings, January 3 and 5

Make plans now to attend the January MQ meetings for a preview of the 2013 Minnesota Quilters Annual Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth. You won’t want to miss it!

Keep an eye on the MQ website and our Facebook page for exciting show information, classes, lectures, quilt exhibits, special events, registration and hotel information.

www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters

President’s Letter

Laura Nagel president@mnquilt.org

I’ve just eaten the last of the leftover Halloween candy, have been sifting through my Pinterest boards looking for table arrangements for Thanksgiving, and realized that by the time you read this you’ll be going through your closet looking for your favorite holiday sweater or jacket to wear to the MQ Holiday Brunch. As usual, I have several projects I hope to see finished and wrapped before Santa begins his deliveries, but those aren’t the only items that may need a few stitches to hold them together.

When I look at the world through the lens of a quilter I see areas that are pretty threadbare for lack of water, food and shelter. There are the frenetic stitches of harried caretakers watching over loved ones. And scattered around are the leftover scraps of broken relationships.

But through that same lens one begins to imagine the beautiful patchwork that could evolve if we sought the ideal threads to mend the worn sections, or steadied the weary hands to achieve straighter stitches, or pieced together the injured feelings of family and friends.

If you were at the November meetings you witnessed the outreach of several quilting projects that meet the needs of young and old, men and women, and people around the world. It was amazing to consider all the lives that have been positively impacted by a few bits of colored cloth and several strands of thread. Quilting is what gives our life meaning and means so much to so many others. I am proud to celebrate the Gifts of this Season with you. Your generous spirit humbles me.

Piece a little peace, Laura

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In November as we count our many blessings, it is also a good time to think about giving of our time and talents to others; so it was the perfect month to hear presentations by several groups offering us many opportunities to use our interest in sewing and quilting to help others. Here is a recap of the presentations, plus contact information for each group:

Gail Baev told us all about **Project Linus**, a project begun in Denver to comfort children undergoing medical treatment. They welcome quilts and blankets of various sizes, for infants through teen patients. For more information, contact Barbara Wiese at 763-270-8805, or go to [www.projectlinus.org](http://www.projectlinus.org).

Lisa Foland and Rhonda Hammons shared information about **Quilts in Bloom**, an outdoor quilt and garden show held each year as a fundraiser for Home Again, an organization that shelters, feeds, clothes, and educates abandoned children in Uganda. The next Quilts in Bloom (theme: A Day at the Beach) will be June 8 in Hopkins. For more information call 612-804-9681, or try [www.facebook.com/quiltsinbloom](http://www.facebook.com/quiltsinbloom).

**Apple Valley Quilt Dreamers** is the result of a challenge issued by MQ back in 1992. A group of Apple Valley quilters got together that year to try to make 10 quilts in 10 months. Instead they made 100 quilts, and they decided to keep doing it every year. Carol Jacobson, Marian Draeger, and Pat Current shared some of the quilts they have made, which are donated to various local charities; and they even have an annual show to display all the charity quilts they create. They meet every third Saturday of the month. For more information contact Carol at 952-435-6674 or Gwen at 651-423-1979.

Gail Kieper and Marion Nichols explained that **Quilts for Kids** started at Glad Creations in 2002 in order to make quilts for children in palliative care at Children’s Hospitals of Minnesota. The group meets at the store one day a month to work on quilts together, and 2200 quilts have been donated locally in the past 10 years. Besides making quilts for Children’s Hospitals, comfort quilts have been given to the Veteran’s Home, Red Cross, and St. Joseph’s Home for Children, and little wall quilts have been made for people attending conferences to learn more about palliative care so they can encourage other groups to make comfort quilts. Contact Gail or Marion for more information, or call Glad Creations at 612-724-1079.

Gail Kieper and Page Johnson presented information about **Quilts of Valor**. The original goal of this group was to make quilts for wounded soldiers returning from Iraq. Now the goal is to make quilts for all returning soldiers. There are groups all over the country, but Minnesota has contributed more quilts to this organization than any other state! For more information about the Minnesota chapters of Quilts of Valor, contact Country Loft in Forest Lake at 651-464-6260.

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Jean Carr shared several charitable sewing projects MQ members have or can be doing. **Sewing for Others** began in 1999. Volunteers help Girl Scouts make quilts for local fundraising efforts. So far MQ has helped Girl Scouts make over 200 quilts, and Jean is anxious to find someone willing to chair this committee. Other projects Jean presented include: sewing pet beds and rice bag holders for animal shelters and making pillowcases for **ConKerr Cancer**. Making pillowcases and small zipped bags for The Dwelling Place and the Sojourner Program (both provide shelter for women in crisis). For more information about any of these projects, go to [www.conkerrcancer.org](http://www.conkerrcancer.org), or contact Jean Carr or the MQ office to get instructions for pillowcases or dog and cat beds.

Arlene Whalen also suggested that MQ members Google “Women Hanging By a Thread Quilt Auction” and “Prayer Quilts” to find more ways to help others in need.

The meetings were both informative and inspirational. The day between the meetings we had a “Sewing for Others” time scheduled at the church and every one had a fun day working on some of these wonderful projects. The next Sewing for Others day is Friday Jan 4th during the day and on Saturday Jan 5th after the meeting. Contact Jean for more information qfo@mnquilt.org.

### Block of the Month

Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore, [botm@mnquilt.org](mailto:botm@mnquilt.org)

Directions for our January Red Cross block ran in the November newsletter. Check there or on the MQ website for the cutting directions for this simple block and make a few! We encourage you to make blocks for the Holiday Brunch in lieu of BOM this month.

Jeanne LaMoore was the lucky winner of 15 Bear paw blocks in November!

### Fat Quarter Drawing

Carolyn Minor, [fatquarter@mnquilt.org](mailto:fatquarter@mnquilt.org)

There is no Fat Quarter Drawing for December. Enjoy the Holiday Brunch.

In January we’ll collect **“Winter Blues”….blue batiks**. It’ll be fun to see all the different batiks we will receive at our January Meetings. What beautiful quilts they can make! Join in the fun.

You can contribute up to three fat quarters 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). Please attach your complete name, address and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring your fat quarter(s) 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 your envelope “FQ Drawing.” We draw one name at the Saturday meeting. You need not be present to win.

We encourage your suggestion of themes. Please contact the Fat Quarter Drawing committee at [fatquarter@mnquilt.org](mailto:fatquarter@mnquilt.org).

Congratulations to Gail Hanson, the November winner of fruit and veggie fat quarters.
November Show and Tell

1. Carol Fisher
2. Gail Hanson
3. Carol Fisher
4. Roberta Boll
5. Nancy Birger
6. Carol Schwankl
7. Gail Hanson
8. Jan Schmidt
9. Jan Schmidt
10. Gail Hanson
November Show and Tell

1. Jean Carr
2. Virginia Mercil
3. Janet Malinowski
4. Jean White
5. Kay Harrell
6. Helen Neiland
7. Sue Weiby
8. Diana Callahan
9. Carrie D’Andrea
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SEWING FOR OTHERS  
Jean Carr, Quilting for Others Coordinator  
qfo@mnquilt.org

There was a group of 6 quilters who met Friday, November 2nd in the St. Lawrence Social Hall. We were there from 10 am to 3 pm. People brought sewing machines and the regular sewing stuff. MQ had donated fabric to use, cutting equipment and had irons ready to use. The lighting was good and we used some of the dogs beds to sit on. The chairs in that room have not gotten any softer.

We made bright pillow cases for sick kids for [www.conkerrcancer.org](http://www.conkerrcancer.org). Some dog beds were stuffed, 2 lap quilt tops were pieced and another taken home to be finished. The dog beds will go to the humane society and the quilt tops will be quilted and given to a local women’s shelter.

We also made a few heart string squares to be put together at a later date. We had a good time and the consensus was we all would like to do it again.

The next SEWING FOR OTHERS days are again on the Friday between the January monthly meetings, January 4, and after the Saturday meeting on January 5th.

Keep these times in mind. More information will be in the next newsletter. Thanks to Carol Fisher, Kathie Simon Frank, Charlette Pittman, Rita Culshaw, Mary Pozzini and Mary Ann Baraibar.

Super Storm Sandy - Where to Send Quilts

As soon as the devastation of Hurricane Sandy became clear, AQS was flooded with requests from quilters for a place to send quilts to help with the relief efforts. Thanks to AQS authors Linda Hahn and Linda Poole, we have established a connection with the Project Linus office in New Jersey. Hillary Roberts, who is president of Project Linus NJ, Inc., is prepared to receive and distribute quilts through the New Jersey National Guard and other outlets that will put the quilts in the hands of those who need them most. See the following websites for further information: [http://www.quiltviews.com/storm-relief-where-to-send quilts](http://www.quiltviews.com/storm-relief-where-to-send quilts)

Door Prizes  
Lynne Heuton, Door Prize Coordinator  
doorprizes2012@mnquilt.org

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 annual show and conference, at guild meetings, to volunteers, and at 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. When dropping off door prizes please label as Door Prizes and complete an in-kind donation form for your records and to allow us to thank and acknowledge you.

If you have any questions about door prizes please send an email!
New/Renewing Members – October 2012

Arlene Albrecht  Ann Fecht
Shirley Arendt  Glendia Fulkerson
Doris Bringgold  Suzanne Gandrud
Gayle Burton  Michele Gustafson
(St udentMemb)  June Hoffa
Cathy Christianson  Tina Hollerman
Sharon Coulter  June Kolodzieki
Dani Connors-Smith  Cindy Koski
Judith Edling  Gloria M Kugler
Kathryn Esser

Barbara E Larson  Mary Luczak
Janice MacGibbon  Shari McDonnellGuimont
Audrey Mead  Victoria L Miller
Karen Newman  Suzanne Myers Otto
Julie A Peterson

Contributions - October 2012

Wynn Martin  Cheryl Plourde

New/Renewing Business Memberships – October 2012

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It's that time of year when you need to ask yourself, "Have I been naughty or nice?"

Well, let's see...

Did I finish one UFO each month?  NO

Did I clean up after each project before starting a new one?  NO

Did I resist signing up for a BOM?  NO

Did a month go by that I didn't go to a quilt shop?  NO

(This doesn’t look like its going in my favor.)

What can I do to balance this account?

Well, I...

- Volunteer

- Met and talked with at least one new person at each MQ monthly meeting

- Went to the MQ Annual Quilt Show and Conference (and you know what that means!)

- Took at least one quilt class this year and learned something new (wool embellishment)

- Made a quilt and donated fabric to some service projects

- Shared my quilting know-how with others

I'm starting to feel a little more hopeful about my visit from Santa. Maybe he'll forget the lump of coal and consider a few fat quarters of reproduction fabrics, or a new Tucker ruler, what about an Oliso iron, or that SewEzi portable table? No wait, a Tutto rolling sewing case. Oh, what's that you say? I haven't been *that* nice. You're right. And what I'd really like wouldn't fit in my stocking anyway.

*Dear Santa,*

*Here’s my quilting wish list. Time to sew with my friends, a day to start a new project - guilt free, a weekend to make a scrap quilt from my stash, and baby quilt ideas for grandchild #5. I promise I’ll be better behaved next year and try not to create any more UFOs.*

*And just so you know, I still believe in your magic!  Laura*

I’ll let you know how it all works out. Until then, just believe in yourself and in the goodness of others, and I hope Santa isn't looking when you're sneaking more fabric into the house!
 BLOCK PARTY!!!  BLOW YOUR HORN!  Char Wenger, secretary@mnquilt.org

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 or mail a note to the office if you do not have e-mail.

Quilt Guild Information Wanted

As a service to quilters, MQ has a quilt guild listing on our website and in our office. This information is long overdue for an update. Many people use this list to send out information about upcoming quilt events and other people use this list to find a local guild to join. If you would like to have your information updated or included on this list, please send it to secretary@mnquilt.org or mail it to the MQ Office at 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. We would welcome information from bordering states, too. If your quilt guild is on our list and has disbanded, please let us know, so that we can remove your guild from our list.

The minimum amount of information we need is the name of your guild and a contact person with address and phone number and/or e-mail address. Ideally, we would like more detailed information such as when and where you meet, how many members you have, web address, e-mail address, etc, but it is up to you how much information you want listed.

Thank you in advance for helping us to gather this information.

As I have been getting updates for our Quilt Guild list, I have been soliciting short articles about these guilds to include in our newsletter. Following is one about the Deep Valley Quilters in Mankato. - Char Wenger

Deep Valley Quilters was founded by 5 women (Jan Green, Marcia Schuster, Dorothy Nienon, Marilyn Montgomery, Jean Cuddy) in September of 1983 in Mankato, Minnesota. The group had 40-60 members through the 80s and 90s and the guild minutes recount gatherings for potlucks, demonstrations, bus trips, classes, slide shows, and hand-quilting sessions. Now we’ve grown to over 100 members of all ages. Quilting as a hobby has just taken off! That could be from more working women with disposable income, but let’s not forget all the cool new tools and long arm quilting services that have replaced a lot of the drudgery of old-time quilting. During the last decade, Mankato alone has seen the rise of 3 quilt shops to support our habit – whoops, I mean hobby.

Deep Valley Quilters meets every month on the 2nd Thursday at 6:30pm at First Congregational United Church of Christ, 150 Stadium Street, Mankato, MN. However a couple times a year we meet on a Friday night so our guest can teach a class on Saturday - which we like to do a couple times a year. Besides trunk shows from our own very talented members, we also like to invite regional renowned quilters from authors and pattern designers to artisans and historians. This year, we have special member challenges that include row quilts, string quilt blocks for our community quilts, and our ever popular fat quarter challenge. In its 6th year, this challenge to use the provided fabric in a project according to specific, and ever changing, rules has generated some of the most original works of art worthy to hang in a gallery – which they do for a month in downtown Mankato.

We are also in a build up to our biennial quilt show. Our quilt show, Deep Valley Quiltfest 2013, is scheduled for April 20th and 21st and features 200 quilts and a dozen vendors. So come on down in April and visit our river town, our quilt shops, and meet our quilters!

For more information contact us at deepvalleyquilters@gmail.com.

Kathy Jacobson, Historian
Be part of the 35th Annual Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Show & Conference Committee!

Show Dates: June 13 - 15, 2013
Location: DECC, Duluth MN

Minnesota Quilters has members who have stepped up to make the 2013 show happen! They’ve volunteered to work on 2013 show committees where help was needed. We only have one opening remaining: Special Events! You could have the fun job of helping the Show Coordinators plan the Thursday and Friday evening special events. Some aspects of these two events are already planned, but this is your opportunity to help finalize those plans and help make them happy and enjoyable times for attendees.

Consider offering your talents and then persuade a quilting friend to work with you. Or, if you’re a guild who would like to contribute to the show, why not take one or both of these events on as a guild project!

Please contact me if you have any questions about this opportunity, or to step up and say “We’ll do that!”

Linda Wines, MQ Show Director, showdirector@mnquilt.org 612-910-7127

2013 RAFFLE QUILT “Guided Waters”

This is the perfect time of year to share your love of MQ with your family and friends by giving them a very special “stocking stuffer”…..MQ RAFFLE TICKETS!! IF you were one of over 30 MQ members that worked to create this beautiful quilt, IF you have a “secret sister” that you want to give a special gift, IF you secretly want to win this quilt for yourself, or IF you have a co-worker that keeps asking you to make them a quilt…..MQ RAFFLE TICKETS are only $1 each!

Raffle tickets are always available from the MQ office, at MQ meetings and will be available this month at the MQ Holiday Brunch! Please remember your checkbook or cash because we are unable to accept credit card payments for raffle tickets….it’s the state’s rules.

To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ office at 1203 Fifth Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or by phone 612-436-0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. “Guided Waters” is available to be checked out for your guild meeting or local quilt show. Please contact Yvonne Curran rafflequilt2013@mnquilt.org to schedule a date.

The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 4 p.m. at the DECC in Duluth. You need not be present to win.Consider giving “Guided Waters” raffle tickets for the holidays to all the important people in your life this year! We appreciate your support!
Sharing Your Quilts in the Non-Judged Exhibit… Martha Eaves, nonjudged2013@mnquilt.org

I love the fall in Minnesota. Not only do we have the natural change of the season, but it seems that all the flowers give one last push to be brighter in color than their neighbors, and the tree leaves remind us why orange is a great color! But today, it is grey and misty outside…another aspect of fall…warning us that winter is coming and that we need to create our own “color environment.” For me, that is done by making quilts.

I don’t really need a reason to make a quilt, but just in case you want one, why not plan one for entry into the Non-judged exhibit of the MN Quilters Annual Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth this coming summer? Our state show is always wonderful and the venue in Duluth is a particularly great one because all the quilts are under one roof, in one huge room. Your quilt will be seen by quilters from all over the country and Canada---and likely by quilters from other parts of the world. The Non-judged exhibit allows you to share those quilts you make for special people or just because you wanted to try a new pattern or finish a quilt that you started in a class but put away for a while to let the quilt percolate into your own style. And since Lake Superior is our “ocean,” all those Mariner’s Compass quilts we always admired would make a fitting challenge for this show. The deadline is still a long way off, but now is the time to start!! We will look forward to your entry.

Bulletin Board

November 3-February 3 "Quilts: Masterworks from the American Folk Art Museum" is on display now through February 3, 2013 at the Figge Art Museum in Davenport, IA. The exhibit of 27 quilts is on loan from the American Folk Art Museum in NY and highlights the history of quilts from the 19th and 20th centuries, including pieced, appliquéd, whole cloth and album types. Information: 1.563.326.7804, ext.2026;www.figgeartmuseum.org.

Lecture by Maxine Rosenthal. The museum will be open on Tuesday, February 12, for the lecture which will be presented at 1:00p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $6.00 (includes entry to the museum).
To purchase tickets, call Mary Burnes at 952-888-0421 Museum hours: Wed., Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs., 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Directions to the museum: 494 to Concord St; north on Concord St to Grand Ave. (stoplight by Burger King). Left on Grand Ave., up the hill and to the left on 3rd Ave. Museum is on the left, across the street from So. St. Paul City Hall.

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Block and Ornament Exchange  
Holiday Stockings for a Cause

The block and ornament exchanges are treasured activities at the MQ Holiday Brunch. Long-time participants have collected many blocks over the years, and the goal of many members are to collect 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. 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 Holiday 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
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If you are familiar with the area, simply use your favorite route to reach the corner of Cretin and Grand. Go west past the Anderson Parking Facility and watch for the entrance to the street level parking lot. Turn left into the lot and proceed to the Binz Refectory at the south end of the lot.

From the west: East on I-94, exit at Cretin Avenue. Go right (south) about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the east: Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the North: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E to Exit I-94 going west. Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the North (35W south of the 35E split): Take 35W south to Hwy 36 East. Follow Hwy 36 east to Snelling Ave and go South. Follow Snelling to I-94 and go West I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the south: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E north to the Randolph exit. Make a left on Randolph (crossing over 35E) and follow Randolph for approximately two miles to Cretin Avenue. Make a right on Cretin Avenue and go approximately 1.5 miles to Grand Avenue. Take a left at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

Business Memberships
Do you quilt for hire? Or make custom quilts for a profit? Appraise quilts for income?
Then you should become a business member!
The MQ Office frequently receives calls requesting contacts for making graduation quilts, baby quilts, t-shirt quilts or appraising quilts. Our policy is to only give these referrals to our business members, and we’d like to include you on our list.

These referrals would go to you directly!
The yearly MQ business membership is $65. That’s only $25 more than the individual membership fee you currently pay, plus you’ll get 2 free ads in the newsletter. The ads are a $50 value, so consider making this investment in your business by contacting Debra at quilter@mnquilt.org.
**Quilting for Others**

Jean Carr, qfo@mnquilt.org

Sewing for others was established out of a need for help in 1999. The University Children's Foundation was in need of help with their annual fundraiser at which they decided to have quilts as the focus of their fundraiser. The quilts were displayed at the Mall of America.

Volunteers were needed to hang and watch over the quilts and answer questions while they were on display. To help with this awesome project the Girl Scouts were approached. The girls wanted to learn more about quilting. Since all the quilts that were on display were going to the University Children's Hospital, it was decided that the girl’s quilts would also go to the hospital. The Girl Scouts, about 150 of them from Minneapolis and St Paul, made about 20 quilts and donated them to the hospital. The next year about 200 Girl Scouts made another 23 quilts, but this time they donated them to other organizations in need.

This worthwhile effort was spearheaded by MN Quilter Paulette Marini. In 2005, the Board of Directors made the Girl Scout Project a standing committee of the MN Quilters. Since the beginning over 300 quilts have been made by over 2000 Girls Scouts. This project helps them earn a badge, learn about quilting while giving to someone in need. The next opportunity for sewing with the Girl Scouts is this coming March in Eagan. Details will follow and hopefully we will see several volunteers from MQ come to help. It Paulette has now “retired” as the chair of this committee and we thank her for all the years of hard work and generosity. Thank you Paulette!

If anyone is interested in heading up The Girl Scout Project please let me know. Everything has been set up by Paulette and just needs someone to guide the way.

**Expanding out with the idea of sewing for others comes the next projects:**

Dog/Cat beds and rice bag covers for the animal shelters. By making these beds the animal that receives them gets to take them to their new forever home. It gives them comfort to have something that belongs to them. The rice bag covers are miniature pillowcases for rice bags that are heated up and used as heating pad covers when an animal comes out of surgery.

**Pillowcases for ConKerr Cancer**

Help make hospital stays as pleasant at possible for chronically ill children by joining ConKerr Cancer in their mission to brighten the lives of sick children in hospitals with homemade pillowcases. Making a pillowcase is easy, rewarding and it can have a positive impact on a child in need. Pillowcases made via any method, french seams, basic seams or serged are welcome. The only request is that they be bright and cheery. We have a wonderful local representative, Carolyn Kruse.

So you say you don’t have bright cheery children's fabrics? No problem. We have two other places that would be overjoyed to receive pillowcases and small zippered bags. The first is Sojourner Project, whose primary purpose is to increase the safety of victims of domestic violence and abuse through comprehensive services and community education. Sojourner provides emergency shelter for women and children, legal advocacy and support to empower those victimized by domestic violence to reclaim their safety and educational resources, to raise awareness and to promote violence prevention in our community.

The other is The Dwelling Place: Whose mission is to protect families and heal lives affected by domestic abuse by providing safe housing, Christ centered programs, training in life skills and community education.

The Dwelling Place is one of only 3 transitional shelters for battered women in the Twin Cites metro area. Women can stay 12 to 18 months to heal and gain the skills they need to live free from abuse. These women and children most times come to the shelters with nothing but the clothes on their backs. Having something personal that is theirs to keep really means a lot to them.
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Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters 2013 Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth, Minnesota? If so, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship for beginning quilters.

The mission of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is to further the preservation of quilting, to educate, and to document the art and craft of quilting in Minnesota. 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. We offer this scholarship in honor of our Charter Members who, years ago, saw the importance of celebrating and promoting quilting.

The scholarship recipient will receive the following awards:
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To be considered for this scholarship you must have:
1) been making quilts for 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. In the essay, explain what quilting means to you and what you would like to learn during the quilt show and conference. Print your name and address on the essay.
2) If you've made any quilts, include photos of two of your quilts and/or wall hangings, with a short description of each. The quilts do not need to be finished. Write your name and address on each photograph;
3) Completed scholarship entry form (found below).

All scholarship applications are reviewed and chosen based on the applicant’s essay, not on the quality of the applicant’s quilts.

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 Kathie Simon Frank or Patty Von Arx, Co-presidents Elect, at preselect@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.

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