March Meeting

Saturday, March 3, 10:00 am
Eagan High School

Join us for a Quilter’s Day Out on Saturday morning as you take in the “Traditional Threads” exhibit, Eagan High School’s 17th Annual Women’s History Month Quilt Show. This year we are highlighting the quilts of Celine Perkins, a Minnesota quilt designer and creator of Perkins Dry Goods pattern company. www.perkinsdrygoods.com.

Approximately 70 quilts will be on display, including the special exhibit “Fit to Be Framed,” which will include the artistic work of the Mahtomedi Evening Star Quilters. If you missed their quilted renditions of photographs taken on their quilt tour of France, here is your second chance.

At 11:00, Celine Perkins will lecture on “Quilting Across Generations” as she shares selections from her quilt collection that have inspired her traditional patterns.

Following the lecture there will be additional time to view the quilts and visit our vendors. Three quilt shops: Fabric Town, Fourth and Main, and Twin Cities Quilting, will be on hand with great samples, new quilting ideas and fun kits and fabrics to tempt us to start something new.

To complete the day, Celine is offering a half-day class from 1:00-4:00 to learn the construction techniques for her quilts in the “Plain and Fancy” pattern. You may choose any of the sizes offered, from table topper to queen. An invitation will be sent by e-mail, and registration information is available on the MQ website www.mnquilt.org. There will be an invitation sent by e-mail Fee is $25.00 for members, $30.00 for non-members; patterns are available at local quilt shops or online at Perkins Dry Goods, www.perkinsdrygoods.com.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday. Refreshments will be served, and please bring a guest. See map page 19.

April Meetings

Thursday April 12, Saturday April 14
Program: Real Men Quilt!

Our program will feature three quilters who have made their mark in the quilting world. Discover how they approach the art of quilting, combine colors and fabrics, and create new designs that are sure to encourage us to see quilting in a new light.

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Nationally known faculty, judged quilts, non-judged quilts, quilt raffle, small quilt auction, special exhibits, door prizes, classes, children’s quilts, vendors, fat quarter stroll and much, much more!

Plain and Fancy Table Topper
**Upcoming 2012 Events**

**March 3** - Saturday Only - Minnesota Quilters Meeting at Eagan High School. Quilt Exhibit & Lecture by Celine Perkins.

**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 office for details.

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From your President

I sometimes think that February is just the ideal month in which to celebrate Valentine’s Day, don’t you? I love the color red and it always brightens my spirits in what I think of as a cold and gloomy time of year. Somehow, a little spark of love and romance in deep winter seems just right.

February’s program also warmed my heart. I really enjoyed the presentation of signature quilts and I’m also grateful for the work done by the Minnesota Quilt Project team. I have deep appreciation for their efforts to document our Minnesota quilts and provide a careful history about quilters here and elsewhere. If you have time to help them with data entry, please contact the office.

In March we will meet in Eagan. Please remember that the meeting is on Saturday only. Check for details in our cover article.

We are just a few months away from the annual show in Rochester, MN. Registrations are rolling in for classes, so if you haven’t signed up yet, please give it some thought. And if you are attending, please check with the office if you want assistance with hotel reservations. We always reserve a block of rooms and encourage you to make your reservation as soon as you can.

Thanks as always for your support.

Wynn

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.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST

The Minnesota Quilter’s Board of Directors wishes to extend an invitation to all of our volunteers to attend a thank you breakfast. If you have volunteered at the show, at a meeting, a special event or any Minnesota Quilters project, please join us.

Without volunteers Minnesota Quilters would not exist.

The breakfast will be held on April 14th prior to the monthly member meeting at 8:30 AM at the St Lawrence social hall.

There will be an on-line invitation sent in March. If you do not have e-mail, please call the MQ office by April 9th to let us know if you can join us. We would like to have an estimate of how many will be attending so that we can provide enough food. If you have questions, please call the office.

Hope to see you! MQ Board of Directors
** 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.

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2012 Show Committee

Show Chair - Sue Rutford
Bus Tours - Deb Werle
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Door Prizes - Your Name Could Go Here!!
Faculty - Carla Kilkeley & Mary Kay Wyckoff-Harcus
Fat Quarter Stroll - Jeanne LaMoore & Louise Somers
Information Desk - Kathie Simon Frank & Loretta Stone
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Merchandise - Mary Pozzini & Jill Schultz
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Vendors - Cathy Goset & Nancy Hall
Volunteers - Jan Walstrom & Your Name Could Go Here!!
Website - Pat Curtner
MQ President - Wynn Martin
MQ Staff - Doris Hareland & Debra Svedberg & Linda Wines
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. To request a registration book please contact us at 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, 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.

For questions about open show committee spots, Linda Wines, Show Director, at 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.

Small Quilt Auction

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.

We offer table runners, table mats, wall hangings, purses, wearable art, dolls, bowls, and pillows. All donations for the silent auction are welcome. To each item, please attach your name, address, telephone number, and title of work 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 at the end of May, all donors will be eligible for a wonderful big prize which will be announced in the MQ Newsletter.

Bring your donated quilted items to a Thursday or Saturday MQ meeting or mail to:

Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
1203 5th Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030
FatQuarter 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!

Minnesota Quilters 2012

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Sally Schneider
Lucy Senstad
Barbara Shapel
Pat Speth
Darlene Zimmerman

*2012 Minnesota Quilter of the Year

Mary Pozzini and Jill Schultz selling show merchandise.

We would like to hear from you! Please send your answers to: editor@mnquilt.org

What are your favorite things to do at the Minnesota Quilt Show?

Do you follow favorite quilting websites and blogs? We’d like to start a list of great sites.

Have you read a good book about quilting?
February MQ Meeting Highlights   Laura Nagel

Gail Bakkom and Kelly Willis, members of the Minnesota Quilt Project, presented an informative look at Signature and Friendship quilts from the 1800s to the present. Their slides and data were well documented, with examples from museums, private collections, and our own MQ collection.

They categorized the quilts into four categories: Album quilts, Repeated Block patterns, Community quilts, and Fundraising quilts. Each had their own distinct characteristics and purpose. Probably more than any other style, signature quilts were a direct reflection of the quilter’s life, community, thoughts and beliefs.

While most of the antique quilts we discover are not signed, the very nature of a signature or friendship quilt usually gives us some clues about the person or people who made them.
Block of the Month - April 2012

KITE

Fabric: Light blue fabric (looks like sky) and four bright colors for the kite and tail.

Cutting Directions:

From the sky color, cut: 2 rectangles 3 ½” x 6 ½”, and 6 squares 1 ½” x 1 ½”

From each of the four brights, cut: 1 7 ½” x 7 ½” square (or if making only one block, cut a right triangle with 5” legs from each fabric).

From any three of the brights, cut: 3 1 ½” x 1 ½” squares

Make the kite tail: A tiny 9-patch using 3 of the bright 1 ½” squares and 6 blue 1 ½” squares. Place the bright squares so they form a diagonal from upper left to lower right (see finished block). Set aside.

Make the kite: The kite is made from a two-step process resulting in two half-square triangle blocks, using all four of the bright 7 ½” squares. (This will result in four separate kite portions!)

Step 1: Place two of the bright squares right sides together; draw a line on the diagonal on one of them. Stitch ¼” on each side of the diagonal line. Cut on the line, open and press the seam to one side. You’ve got two half-square triangle blocks in two colors. Repeat with the remaining 7 ½” squares (the two remaining colors), but press the seam in the opposite direction. (If making only one block, sew two of the bright triangles together on their 5” sides, then sew the other two colors together.)

Step 2: Take one half-square triangle block of each colorway, and line up their diagonal seams (seam allowances should be opposite, so the blocks fit together snugly). You might want to pin the blocks together. Draw a diagonal line perpendicular to the seam. Stitch ¼” on each side of the line. Cut apart on the line. You will end up with four “kite bodies.” (If making only one block, line up the center seams and sew the two sections together.)

Step 3: Trim this to make the kite 6 ½” x 6 ½” square. Make sure to take an even amount off each side (line up your 45 degree angle on the seam in both directions).

Assemble the kite and tail:

Sew one 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle to the right side of the kite. Press seam to the blue. Sew the other 3 ½” x 6 ½” rectangle to the little nine-patch. Press seam to the blue. Sew sky/tail section to the bottom of the kite/sky section as shown.

Now go to your favorite grassy hillside on a windy day to launch your kite! If you imagine a very windy day, the kites on your finished quilt might be flying in all directions, swooping and dipping. Or they can all fly in the same direction. If you win these blocks, your kites will be all different colors, brightening the sky.

See Block of the Month Basics on page 10.

Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) or Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com).
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.

It’s fun for the winner of the blocks to see who made them.

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.

The February winner of 10 "Write Heart" blocks was Mary Pozzini! She plans to make a signature quilt for her 11-year-old granddaughter.

**February Show and Tell**
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 will begin 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.
Minnesota Quilter’s mission statement says that we are to “nurture the future of our time-honored traditional craft.” I can think of no better way to accomplish this than to teach our younger generation how to create a crib size quilt. Our organization supplies the fabric, batting and supplies needed to do the work. I just need enthusiastic people to work with groups of our youth and their moms.

This is how it all works.

I create packets of partially cut “kits”. The organization, such as Girl Scouts, arranges for a site for the program. The organization arranges registration. We arrange for sewing machines, usually from Associated Sewing, St Paul. I show up with my volunteers. We work with the youth and teach them how to create a quilt. When the quilt is completed it is donated to a shelter, hospital, police, etc.

This is a great project to do with a friend; it is a fun and fulfilling day!

Fat Quarter Drawing

The fat quarters for April will be rain showers and clouds. There will be no fat quarter drawing for March.

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. 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!

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
**Bulletin Board**

**Mar 3** Minnesota Quilters Meeting at Eagan High School Quilt Exhibit & Lecture by Celine Perkins. No Thursday meeting.

**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.

**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.

**June 14-16** Minnesota Quilters Annual Quilt Show and Conference, Mayo Civic Center Rochester, Minnesota.

**October 11-14** Minnesota Quilters Fall Retreat, Cloquet Forestry Center.

**October 13 & 14** Stars of the North Annual Quilt Show, Siren High School, Siren, Wisconsin.

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 FB page:
www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters

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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 if you would like to give it a try.
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January 13 – February 18, 2012  Several of our members had their works displayed at the annual Textile Center members exhibit, entitled A Common Thread.  Please join us in congratulating these people for having their work exhibited.  The MQ members are Mary Ellen Calderwood, Jennifer Conrad, Tina Hughes, Rosemary Kessler, Renay Leone, Cyndi Kaye Meier, Ann Poulson, Kathie Simon Frank and Susan Stein.  If I missed anyone, please let me know.  Char Wenger
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By now we have received our registration books and they have been distributed to quilt shops around the state. The book has a wealth of information about the show, far more than we can print in this newsletter or tell you about during our meetings. Check your book for classes, exhibits, lectures, entry forms, competition rules, faculty information, and all things related to the 2012 show.

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