May Meetings

Thursday, May 3, 7:00 pm

Saturday, May 5, 10:00 am

Every Barn Tells a Story

It’s spring, and many of you may be thinking about a drive in the country. Well, the country may look a little different if you are traveling in the Midwest because many communities are following the trend to decorate their barns with quilt block designs. From Pennsylvania to Nebraska, you are bound to encounter a quilt-friendly barn.

Ann Zemke from Blaine and Diane Entrikin from Corcoran did just that and will be sharing their stories about these American barns, their owners, and the giant quilt blocks that are painted on the sides of the barns which are creating ‘quilt trails’ across the country. They will also bring their trunk show that includes the quilts from their newest book Every Barn Tells a Story. From two full size sampler quilts to smaller wall hangings you will see these blocks transformed into quilted treasures. Don’t miss their exciting adventure in May. For a sneak preview, visit their website at www.everybarn tellsastory.com/ and www.crocuslanequilts.com/.

April Meeting Highlights on page 8.

Congratulations to Doris Kraemer!
MQ’s 2012 Outstanding Volunteer

My first quilt (1960s) was embroidered blocks, I used 6 strands because I didn't know you should use 3 strands. I volunteered to help Martha Eaves with the Day Director's job, not knowing that it meant you had to be on stage after your year helping with coffee. (That is the way it was done then.) Martha did most of the talking. We had a 9 patch exchange every month. I used to be very bashful, now I'm more outgoing, thanks to MQ. I have some bad back issues, so if you hear me groan, it's my back. I have been on many Quilt Show Committees. I usually try to do a challenge. (continued on page 2)

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:

May 3 and 5 – Every Barn Tells a Story
June 14 to 16 Minnesota Quilters’ 34th Annual Quilt Show and Conference

The MQ Board Needs You!

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.

Outstanding Volunteer (con’t from page 1)

I like batik fabric, cool colors, and large florals. My Bernina is missing me, watercolor painting has kept me busy.

Thank you to all who put in a good word for me to win this award, there are so many deserving volunteers.

My husband jokes that our house is going to sink with all the craft books I own, and that we could open a fabric store. That would mean it would have to come out of all the hiding places!

Please give MQ your e-mail address to get the newsletter via e-mail, currently the postage is 68 cents, plus the cost of paper, ink, staples and labels. Please consider this, you could pick up a copy at the meeting.

I usually bring a treat to each meeting! Doris
Hi Everyone!

As the month begins, I’m wondering why I haven’t attached the binding yet to a quilt I completed in January. And will I complete that other quilt in time for a SuperSibs event that my company is sponsoring next month? So as always, it’s busy but somehow, it all gets done.

Here at Minnesota Quilters, I’m thrilled to announce that Doris Kraemer is this year’s Outstanding Volunteer. And that’s an understatement. I don’t know exactly when she joined MQ but I know she’s been an active volunteer for more than a decade. She was co-director with Martha Eaves for the Saturday morning program in 2000-2001; and also worked with Martha as a silent auction chair for many shows over the past decade. She also did the MQ Christmas tree project decorations for MANY years until she was the only one left doing it. At the Holiday brunch she also created the take-home project, plus she is helping with newsletter assembly every month. Every show, every event, it seems she’s always helping. Therefore, I join the board in thanking Doris for her years of service and friendship here at MQ.

I was asked recently to recap a few of the grants that Minnesota Quilters has provided in the past few months. Our budget for grants is fairly small but we do a lot, including:

- Funding support/grants to 4 public TV stations around the state
- A recent grant to Discovery Center of Chisholm to support quilting education
- Periodic grants to guilds or individuals who create quilts for charitable causes
- Grants to support the Christmas stocking project
- Grants to Quilts of Valor, usually for batting purchases

I mention this because our grant-making budget is always dependent on having funds available to support these initiatives. We secure funding from classes at the show, membership payments, merchandise revenues and booth fees, for example. Our Grant fund is typically a small portion of our annual budget but a substantial part of our non-show program budget. We’re proud of our ability to support quilting education and provide small amounts to various charitable efforts but it always depends on your contributions. Your support by attending classes, becoming a member, etc. is critical to our future success and our survival as an organization. So thanks for supporting MQ and providing these grant-making funds.

Thanks as always for your support,
Wynn

Documentation Input Day

As many of you know, we have had difficulty with internet access in our efforts to get the MQP documentation backlog reduced. We have finally found a way to manage it!

We will be using the computer lab at the Eagan High School library. There are 43 stations! No need to bring your laptop unless you prefer to do that. There is a setup for group training for those who have not done this before. AND we can order in pizza for lunch! Doesn’t get much better than that.

If you are interested in helping with this, our first date is May 12, 2012. It is helpful to know how many people will be able to join us so please either call the office to put yourself on the list or send an email to Karen Kopitzke (kakopitze@q.com).
**Minnesota Quilters 2012 Show ~ Rochester ~ June 14-16**

**2012 Show Committee**
- **Show Chair** - Sue Rutford
- **Bus Tours** - Deb Werle
- **Challenge** - Gail Hanson & Paulette Marini
- **Door Prizes** - Lynne Heuton
- **Faculty** - Carla Kilkelly & Mary Kay Wyckoff-Harcus
- **Fat Quarter Stroll** - Jeanne LaMoore & Louise Somers
- **Information Desk** - Kathie Simon Frank & Loretta Stone
- **Judged Quilts** - Kathy Hagen & Carol Graves
- **Merchandise** - Mary Pozzini & Jill Schultz
- **Non-Judged/Children’s Exhibit** - Martha Eaves & Dianne Conner
- **Photography** - Kim Petroske
- **Printing & Publishing** - Karen Knoll & Kathy Brevig
- **Raffle Quilt Makers** - Judy Bowers & Jackie Northrop
- **Raffle Ticket Managers** - Vicci Mattsfield & Karen O’Brien
- **Registration at Show** - Virginia Gleason
- **Secretary** - Patty Von Arx
- **Signage** - Virginia Gleason & Jan Wolfgram
- **Small Quilt Auction** - Doris Kraemer & Kay Harrell
- **Special Events** - Your Name Could Go Here!!
- **Special Exhibits** - Suzanne Fisher & Patty Von Arx
- **Vendors** - Cathy Goset & Nancy Hall
- **Volunteers** - Jan Walstrom & Janet Malinowski
- **Website** - Pat Curtner
- **MQ President** - Wynn Martin
- **MQ Staff** - Doris Hareland & Debra Svedberg & Linda Wines

**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.

**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

**2012 Challenge**
- Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 30, 2012
Registration for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 34th 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, or box lunches.

Online registration is in real time so you will know immediately whether or not you are registered for the class. Class sessions, lectures, and events, will calculate automatically as you add items, and you will be able to see the total before you pay.

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 class choice in case your first class 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!

For questions about volunteering at the 2012 quilt show, contact us at volunteers2012@mnquilt.org

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 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. Contact showdirector@mnquilt.org or mq2012@mnquilt.org to find out more or to volunteer for this fun committee.
2012 Show News/Reminders

There are still lots of classes open at our 2012 Show in Rochester! Reward yourself! Make a new friend! Use your stash! Find a reason to add to your stash! Learn a new technique that will change your quilting life!

There are still rooms available at the special MQ discount rate at the Kahler Grand Hotel (the site of our Friday night banquet), the Kahler Inn & Suites, and the Rochester Marriott. The DoubleTree Hilton and the Hilton Garden Inn in Rochester have filled our discounted room block, but you may still get a room there or at many other Rochester hotels.

Our Thursday night event is the play ‘Quilters’. We are providing bus transportation from and to the Mayo Civic Center for this event so you don’t have to drive (but if you do, there is a large parking lot at the theatre). Our Friday Banquet Speaker is Jennifer Keltner, Executive Editor of American Patchwork & Quilting. It promises to be a fun and interesting evening – do join us for one or both of these events.

The deadline for the Challenge, Children’s and Non-Judged quilt exhibit entry form is April 30. It’s not a quilt show without your quilts, so we encourage you to participate! The Non-Judged form is available in the Registration Book or on our website at http://www.cvent.com/events/mq-2012-quilt-show-and-conference

We’re looking for a couple volunteers to help with set-up at the Friday Banquet, so if you are interested in volunteering, we’d welcome you. As always, there are many ways you can help by volunteering.

Contact volunteers2012@mnquilt.org to volunteer.

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.

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? To each item please attach your name, address, telephone number, and a title with a safety pin.

Each month 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 $300 drawing, which can be divided into $100 certificates to quilt shops of the winner’s choice. To be eligible, submit your small quilt auction donation before June 1, 2012.

To date we have 88 SQA items. Gloria Kugler from Colorado was the April winner, she sent several applique pieces.

Bring your donated quilted items to the Thursday or Saturday May meeting, or mail them to: Minnesota Quilters, 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030.

Thanks for contributing, and bidding at the show!
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.

Fat Quarter Stroll!

Top Ten Reasons to do the 2012 Fat Quarter Stroll in Rochester:
10. The adventure of seeing new places.
9. The childlike joy of going on a treasure hunt!
8. The possibility of winning a basket of loot.
7. Get outside for a breath of fresh air.
5. Get a cool new free pattern!
4. Stretch your legs and get some exercise.
3. Drink rum punch like a pirate (just checking to see if you're reading!)
2. Get a foot massage at the end of the FQS (really!)
1. Go home with ten gorgeous new fat quarters!
“Real Men Quilt”

A totally delightful program was presented by Nathan Carter, from Glad Creations, and Doug Leko, of Antler Quilt Designs at our MQ Birthday celebration. MAQS curator Judy Schwender says, “Any quilt reveals the sensibilities of its maker, and men bring perspectives to quilting that are unique to the medium.” A very appropriate statement that applied to the beautiful and colorful and dynamically engineered quilts we saw on Thursday and Saturday.

Nathan is a finisher and his quilts reflected a variety of styles, from a memory quilt made from his mother’s blouses, to Kaffe Fassett fabrics and personal interpretations of traditional designs. As an employee of Glad Creations Quilt Shop, he has made shop samples of table runners, bags, and mystery quilts. On his own he has enjoyed working with a 2-color pallet of DeGama blues, 30s bright fabrics, and Jo Morton’s reproductions. His color combinations were marvelously rich, it would be hard to choose a favorite.

This year he will also begin teaching classes at Glad’s using Marti Michell’s templates. For more information about Nate and his quilts, and some great recipes, check out his blog at Nate’s Notions www.natesnotions.blogspot.com

Doug continued the parade of quilts with examples from his original designs. Although only 18, Doug has accomplished a lot in the world of quilting. He took his first class when he was 8, worked in his mother’s quilt shop, tested patterns for other professional designers, and then started his own pattern company, Antler Quilt Designs. He attends Quilt Market each year to introduce his new patterns, and is becoming proficient with his long arm machine - all that while attending high school and post-secondary classes in business management. His collection of quilts echoes his ambitious nature. Using EQ7, he plays with patterns, color combinations and techniques, always keeping quilters in mind when developing his easy to follow instructions. It was inspiring to see his patterns executed in a variety of fabric styles, as well as some patterns that “with just a twist of the block” you could get several different designs. Doug also demoed some great tools for flying geese and squaring up blocks, and had copies of his new book Simply Adventurous as well as his patterns available for purchase after the meeting. You can visit him at Gruber’s Quilt Shop or check out his work at www.antlerquiltdesign.com/

Thank you, gentlemen, it was inspiring to see your work and hear your stories. Don’t be strangers, MQ welcomes you into the fold.
Fabric: blue for star background; white for star and stripes; red for stripes

Cutting Directions:
Cut white: (1) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" square
(1) 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangle
(2) 2" x 2" squares
(3) 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangles
Cut red: (2) 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles
(3) 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangles
Cut blue: (2) 2" x 2" squares
(4) 1 1/2" x 1 1/2" squares

Make the flag:
Make four half-square triangles by putting the 2" blue and white squares right sides together. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the white 2" squares. Sew a scant 1/4" on either side of the line, then cut on the line. Measure and trim each blue & white square to 1 1/2" x 1 1/2".

Assemble the star with the blue 1 1/2" squares in each corner, the white 1 1/2" square in the center, and the half-square triangles, as shown, for the star-points. Press seams to one side as you assemble the star block, making sure seams in adjacent rows are opposite so they fit together nicely and smoothly. Trim finished star block to 3 1/2" square. Set aside.

Sew together, alternating red and white, the 1 1/2" x 6 1/2" red and white rectangles, alternating color. The reds should be on the outside. Press seams toward the red, making sure they are opposite to the seams on the star, so they fit together nice and snug and smooth when stitched. The top of the flag is done and should measure 9 1/2" x 3 1/2".

Now sew the remaining 1 1/2" x 9 1/2" rectangles of red and white together, ending up with red on one side and white on the other. This piece will be 6 1/2" x 9 1/2". Press seams as you go, trying to press seams toward the red. Sew this piece to the stars and stripes you've already assembled. Press seam allowance toward the striped bottom. Measure and trim to 9 1/2" if necessary.

The April kites were won by Mariana Campbell and Pam Scott.

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+).
**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 if you do not have e-mail.

**Gail Hansen** - Gail recently had several of her quilts hanging at the Taraccino Coffee Shop, 224 E Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis MN.

**Annemarie Yohnk** has been a member of Minnesota Quilters for about 25 years. She has had several of her quilt designs published lately. American Patchwork & Quilting publication All Small Wall Hangings, Table Runners, Baby Quilts & Other Little Treasures (2012, page 48) Quilt name: A Classic Pairing. This quilt was designed for Windham fabrics using a fabric line entitled Alexandria.

Annemarie had one of her doll quilt patterns published in American Patchwork & Quilting August 2011, issue #111, page 79. The pattern is available free online at [www.allpeoplequilt.com/projects-ideas/table-toppers-runners/carolina-lily-tabletop-quilt_1.html](http://www.allpeoplequilt.com/projects-ideas/table-toppers-runners/carolina-lily-tabletop-quilt_1.html). The name of the quilt online is Carolina Lily and in the magazine was called Sweet Carolina. She has also had designs published in Quiltmania in France, Fons & Porter’s Love of Quilting and Patchwork tsushin from Japan.

Members **Katherine Simon Frank** and **Melissa Nellis** will be having their fiber art displayed at the Textile Center Joan Mondale Gallery (3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis MN) from April 20 – May 25, 2012 as part of the Twelve Strands – Textile Center Mentor/Protégé Program Exhibition. The Mentor/Protégé Program is an 18 month partnership pairing experienced fiber artists with emerging artists. There will be an opening reception on Friday, April 20, 2012 from 7 – 9 p.m.

Congratulations to all of you!
Char Wenger, MQ Secretary

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**Documentation and Appraisals at the Show**

Appraisals at the show will be held **only** on **Friday, June 15, 2012**, at the MQP booth. If you would like to have your quilt appraised, please complete the form below and **mail it before May 24, 2012**. You will be contacted by phone to finalize your appointment.

The cost for an appraisal is $35 and goes to MQP for educational purposes.

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Name: ________________________________

Address:  ________________________________

City: ______________ State: _______ Zip: _______ Phone: ______________

Number of quilts to be appraised:

**Deadline to mail is May 24, 2012.**

**Mail to:** Pat Cox, 6601 Normandale Rd., Edina, MN 55435
Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you. Be sure to record your hours on the white slips at the meetings. A special thank you to Mary Wiebusch for taking the Co-Membership Coordinator Evening position. 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 us 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.

**2013 SHOW COMMITTEES**

We have started signing up to be on the 2013 show committee in Duluth. The sign up posters will be at the meetings. Contact Show Director Linda Wines 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. Time commitment is variable depending on the role you wish to take on. Contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

**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 many 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 neighboring border states, too. If your quilt guild is on our list and has disbanded, please let us know that too, 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. 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 gather this information.

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**President’s Quilt Block**

*MQ has a tradition of presenting your President with “Thank You” blocks for their 3 year term of service.*

*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 May will be flowers. 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. Please email us with questions or theme suggestions.

Join the fun. We would love to draw your name!

Don’t Forget to Bring your 2013 Raffle Quilt Blocks to the MAY Meetings!

The quilt, “Guided Waters,” is underway!! We started with a cutting party after the April 2012 Meeting that resulted in “carry out kits” for anyone interested in assembling a block for the 2013 MQ Raffle Quilt.

For everyone that helped cut the quilt pieces and assemble the “carry out kits”…..we truly appreciate your help! Thank you!!

For each member that took a “carry out kit” and volunteered to assemble a block, we want to remind you that your block is due at either the Thursday night or Saturday morning meeting in May. If you’re unable to attend one of those meetings, you can mail or drop your block off (inside the original plastic bag with the block picture/location) at the MQ office at 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

With the 2012 MQ Quilt Show next month, we’re all going to be VERY BUSY enjoying the show and taking classes…..but before we start packing and planning for this year’s show……It’s very important that we have blocks returned at the May 3rd or 5th meeting so that we can meet our deadlines and complete the 2013 quilt on time.

We’re really excited to see all of the blocks as they come together to transform, “Guided Waters,” from a colored sketch into the actual vibrant quilt!

If you have questions, please contact us at: rafflequilt2013@mnquilt.org
**Bulletin Board**

**May 12** Documentation Input Day. Our own Minnesota Quilter Project will be meeting at Eagan High School. See more details on page 3.

**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).

**May 21** Minnesota Contemporary Quilters featuring Bonnie Langenfeld’s “Realistic Fabric Art,” Textile Center, 6:30 pm. Admission for non-members is $5.00 and can be applied toward membership.

**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).

**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.

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](http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters)

**For Sale:**

Pat Cox has decided to downsize her collection of antique quilts. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these, contact Pat at: 952-922-8083.

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**Minnesota Quilt Project**

After our presentation on signatures quilts at the February meeting, I became aware of a fascinating story of another Civil War signature quilt recently discovered and returned to its original home. The young girls of Belfast, Maine, created a flag quilt in June, 1864, as a source of inspiration to and appreciation for the men engaged in the Civil War. Each of the 34 stars on the quilt named a battle that included soldiers from Belfast. The Belfast Historical Society has information about that quilt from a memoir written in 1917 by Augusta Quimby, one of the young girls involved. She described it in detail, including where the signatures were placed and that puns appeared as well as scripture inspiration. The quilt was sent to the Armory Square Hospital in Washington, DC, and a letter describing it being carried bed to bed through the 10 pavilions that made up the facility was sent to Belfast and is in the Historical Society.

At the end of the Civil War as the hospital was disbanded, the quilt came into the possession of the Bliss family. Dr. Bliss had been the organizer of the hospital and worked there throughout the war. His daughter, Eugenia Bliss Milburn became the owner of the quilt and it traveled with her family, as her husband became a Special Indian Agent for the Dakota and Montana Territories. Eventually Eugenie’s last son, George Milburn (1894) inherited the quilt. When he died in 1980 in Billings and the estate was sorted, the quilt (damaged) was placed in a group of items to be burned. A neighbor, Matt Ricole, rescued it. Stored by that family in a closet for 30 years, Mary Ricole discovered it and decided that since it had no connection to her family it might be of more interest to the Belfast Historical Society. In January 2011, she contacted them and asked if they would like it returned and it is now in Belfast, Maine, providing important information about the young women who made it, the participation of Belfast men in the Civil War, and spirit of the times and town. Fortunately the name of the town was inscribed on the quilt or it may never have been returned and all that history lost.

Gail Bakkom
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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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This is a great experience for all who are a part of creating our wonderful annual quilt show and conference. It’s a great way to work together to make each show be consistent in some things but unique in others. We welcome creativity and fun. Almost all committees work best with two people co-chairing them to share the ideas and responsibilities – so urge a friend to join the committee with you, or make a new friend by signing up with someone you don’t know.

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- Show Chair  
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- Bus Tours  
- 2014 Challenge  
- Door Prizes  
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- Photos & Power Point  
- Raffle Quilt Ticket Managers  
- Registration  
- Small Quilt Auction  
- Special Events  
- Special Exhibits  
- Vendors  
- Volunteers

If you have any questions about these committees or want to help Make the 2013 Show Happen, please contact me!

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If you took home blocks to sew for the 2013 Raffle Quilt “Guided Waters”, don’t forget to bring them to the May Meeting!

MAY MEETINGS

MAY 3, 2012
7:00 pm

MAY 5, 2012
10:00 am

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