Minnesota Quilters welcomes everyone ‘Back to School’ with a variety of demonstrations of tools, techniques, and tricks to improve your quilting.

Among the offerings will be Crazy Quilting, with beautiful examples of how you can embellish your quilt projects, or actually begin a real crazy quilt. Deborah Werle will demonstrate her decorative stitches as well as offer tips on how to get started and organize your work.

Are you in a quandary over which specialty ruler really works and serves a purpose or is just another gimmick? Visit the Tucker Trimmer table and learn how each tool can not only take the guesswork out of your measurements but also add to the precision and ease of your pieced blocks.

If you missed the Quilt Sticks booth at the 2012 Show, here’s another chance to see the accurate cutting that can be achieved when using these templates to cut your fabric strips in a variety of sizes. No more measuring or miss-cuts with these non-sliding templates.

Just when you think you are done, there is still binding to add to your quilted project. Many members have asked for a repeat of how to join the ends of their binding with an accurate seam, without tucking one end into the other. This demonstration will show you how to accurately figure out that last detail so you, too, can achieve a ‘bump less’ binding.

Looking for a great gift idea, then a stop at Kathy Brevig’s station will provide you with the directions and tips for making a beautiful Fabric Leaf Bowl. You will be surprised at how easy it is to accomplish and how lovely it looks when done. You’ll want to make more than one.

Patty Von Arx, a prolific and skilled purse and tote bag maker, has the easiest Holiday Gift Bag you could ever imagine. Using two fat-quarters, a piece of non-fusible interfacing and a button, you, too, can make the cutest bag with your favorite holiday fabrics.

Following announcements and show & tell, we will divide into 6 groups and travel round robin style around the room. Everyone will receive a passport to be stamped at each station. Completed passports will be turned in at the end of the meeting and a grand prize will be presented to the winning passport. Come and meet our talented members and go home with some new ideas and skills.

October Meetings October 4 & 6
It’s Not a Quilt Until It’s Quilted
Nancy Wood will guide us through the steps of machine quilting to help you overcome your fears of quilting your own projects, or take your machine quilting to the next level.

Please Wear Your Nametag!
Upcoming MQ 2012 Events:

September 6 & 8 - Quilters' Schoolhouse
Spent too much time at the cabin or in the garden? Then it’s time to get back to class and learn some new techniques. There will be six learning/demo stations you won’t want to miss.

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October 11-14 – Minnesota Quilters Fall Retreat
Cloquet Forestry Center

November 1 & 3 - A Community of Quilters
There is no greater satisfaction than quilting for those who need it most. Representatives from several local quilt guilds as well as our own Jean Carr, who is in charge of MQ’s Quilting for Others, will explain their quilting projects and offer you some opportunities to get involved. Please bring canned goods to this meeting.

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From your President

President’s Letter

September Newsletter

Hi everyone!

 Somehow it feels as if the past year has gone by in the blink of the eye. Here we are, it’s time for “Back to School” and my term as president is coming to a close. The transition meeting for our new board will take place soon and Laura Nagel will step into her new role as our incoming president for 2012-2013. I think I must have the same feelings of every past president, being both sad to step down and looking forward to having more time to quilt. It’s been a great year for me and I thank all of you for the support and good will you bring to the organization each day.

In last month’s note, I mentioned the election process for our new board and the need to re-write our By-Laws to allow for a co-president-elect. A group of Board members met and created a new draft of the By-Laws that will be presented to the Board. Changing the By-Laws is not a casual decision and this change is important enough to take it to the membership for a vote. This will take time to schedule but in the interim, we can suspend the ruling regarding the restriction to have just one president-elect. This will make it possible for Patty Von Arx and Kathie Simon Frank to join the board at the turnover meeting while we go through this process.

Our plan at present will follow this timetable:

- Review the new draft (August Board Meeting)
- If accepted, we will then ask our legal resource to review (September Board Meeting)
- If needed, we could potentially ask an outside expert to provide advice (October?)
- Post or circulate the new By-Laws to the membership in November for review

We think that January is an ideal time to ask for a vote of the members because it is one of our best months for meeting attendance. I imagine this looks like a glacial pace to the casual reader but this is typical of the care and deliberation we try to take with important business decisions.

We will be publishing a more specific election process for next year but I’ll let Laura address that next month.

Thanks again and don’t forget to volunteer!

Wynn Martin

!!!MQ Membership Alert!!!

Let’s get to know one another!

Starting in October we are asking all members to wear a name tag, preferably their MQ membership card, but other name tags that are visible would be acceptable.

If you have forgotten or haven’t a name tag we will have temporary ones available for a quarter!

If you need a lanyard or a plastic name tag holder we will have some available at a nominal price.

Visitors will be identifiable by a red paper arm band or ribbon – make it a point to say HELLO!

New members will have a star on their membership card/badge - WELCOME THEM WARMLY!
August Meeting Highlights

American Jane wows Minnesota Quilters!

Sandy Klop entertained and inspired MQ members with her heart-warming story about how her quilting career evolved and charmed us with her bright and playful quilts. No one left without a smile on her face and a desire to make one of her quilt designs. Twice a year Sandy designs a whimsical line of fabric for Moda and then develops original patterns that will highlight the features of those fabrics.

She began making samples for quilt shops and worked with Diana McClun at Empty Spools, who told her, “If you can make it once, now you can teach it!” When Jan Patek came to teach, Sandy said, “I want to do what you do.” To which Jan replied, “Then you have to come live with me, you and all your California colors.”

Both women mentored Sandy, and she finally signed up for Quilt Market where she displayed several of her original quilts and patterns. When a group of ‘suits’ (the men who own the fabric companies) came by and asked where she got her bright fabrics, she told them they were from France, to which they said, “Would you like to design fabric for us?” And that’s how it all began.

Sandy is a ‘get-it-done’ quilter who pays attention to detail, but is not a perfectionist. When taking a class from a well-known miniature quilt artist, the teacher looked at Sandy’s work and commented that Sandy was off by a thread. Sandy said the teacher “couldn’t make me care.” She confessed that she is a ‘good-enough’ quilter, “I’ll rip it out once, but then it’s good enough!” What a delightful lady.

If you were out of town, and missed the meetings, check out her patterns and fabric lines on www.americanjane.com. There is also a two-part trunk show online at Diary of a Quilter www.diaryofaquilter.com you may enjoy. Look for Sandy’s current line of fabric “ABC,123” at your favorite quilt shop.

Pretzel Party Class, August 6
August Show and Tell
Block of the Month – October 2012  Autumn Maze

Fabric: Choose a bright orange, a fabric that reads as black, and either a bright green or a Halloween print. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting:
Orange:  (8) 2” x 2” squares - (D) - for geese  
(1) 4” x 4”square - (F)  
Halloween/green:  (1) 4 ½”x 4 ½” square - (I)  
(4) 2x2” squares - (A)  
(4) 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares - (B)  
Black:  (1) 4 ½”x4 ½” square - (H)  
(2) 4” x 4” squares - (G)  
(4) 2 ½” x 2 ½” squares - (C)  
(4) 2 x 3 ½ “ rectangles - (E) - for geese

Assembly:
Put B+C into half-square triangles (HST). Trim to 2” squares.
Make DED into flying geese. Trim to 2” x 3 ½” rectangles.
Sew H+I into HST. Trim to 4” squares. (You will have an extra HI to use for extra, or you can double everything else and make two blocks.)
Sew G+F as HST. Trim to 3 ½” x 3 ½” squares.
Sew HI+G into HST. Trim to 3 ½” x 3 ½” squares.
Sew BC+DED+BC for all four sides.
Sew The GF+HIG squares into the center portion. Trim to 6 ½” square.
Attach the A pieces to the top and bottom edges.
Sew the side pieces to the center.
Attach the top and bottom rows.

Half Square Triangle:  Put pieces right sides together (RST).  Draw a line diagonally on one square.  Stitch ¼” from each side of the line.  Cut apart on the line to make 2 squares.  Press open.

Flying Geese: Place a square RST on the rectangle. Sew from corner to corner on the square. Cut off the excess beyond ¼”. Press open and repeat on the other side.

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) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).  
For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).  
If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.  

Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth St. SE, Minneapolis, MN  55414  
To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+).  

Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.  

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

Winners!  The winner of 18 "Friendly Flag" blocks for July was Elise Frederick. The winner of 20 “Fish Finder” blocks in August was Karen Knoll.
Library Update

As promised, Lou Roos and Laura Nagel are following up on the Library Survey. Based on the survey results and comments from the membership, the Board has approved the recommendations from the Education Directors to pursue moving the Minnesota Quilters library resources to our current location at St. Lawrence Church. Convenient and secure space at the Newman Center has been established, and periodical subscriptions are being transferred or renewed to arrive at the Newman Center. Shelving needs are being determined and our goal is to begin circulating a limited number of materials at the October meetings. We are meeting with the Textile Center to pursue a ‘union catalog’ that would allow all quilters and textile enthusiasts to search either or both collections from either location.

In the meantime, we are evaluating the existing collection, weeding out books that are no longer current or of interest to our members, and transporting the materials to the Newman Center. Once our existing collection is ‘in-house’ we look forward to purchasing new titles for our organization. Be thinking of titles that you would like to recommend for our collection, or maybe you have some current titles that you would consider donating.

We believe you will enjoy and benefit from the convenience and accessibility of having our collection available at our membership meetings. Additional times for using the collection will be determined.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we move forward with this transition. We will continue to address the needs and concerns of our membership.

Volunteer Corner

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. Many thanks to those who are keeping their positions for another year. A special thank you to the following who have taken new positions for the coming year: Tina Hollerman – meeting hospitality co-ordinator, day; Arly Fuhr and Carolyn Minor – fat quarter co-coordinators. If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please send us an email volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to us at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer for a position that is not listed, please let us know. The new year begins on October 1. The following are available positions:

Current available positions:

Meeting co-coordinator, Day

This person runs the meeting with Loretta Stone and gives out door prizes.

Membership co-coordinator, Day

This person sits at the front desk with Jean Borret checking memberships and giving out door prize tickets.

Meeting hospitality co-coordinator, Evening

This person will work with Nancy Broshat to start coffee and set up treats.

Membership co-coordinator, Evening

This person will work with Mary Wiebusch at the front desk checking memberships and giving out door prize tickets.

Photographers

We need a photographer to take pictures at Saturday’s meeting for the newsletter.

Door Greeters

We need one or two at each meeting to greet people as they come in the door.

2013 SHOW COMMITTEE

We have started signing up to be on the 2013 show committee in Duluth. The sign up poster will be at the meetings. Contact Show Director Linda Wines to see what is available. See page 17 for more information.
The Story of my Unique Thrift Quilt
(names are replaced with initials) Mary Ellen Boynton

I am an avid thrift store shopper and have found many quilts. But this spring, I found an exquisite wall-sized quilt with 12 baskets with appliquéd flowers. It was $9.99 regular price, but it was a 25% off day, so I only paid $7.49 for it! There was a label on the back that said “Happy Mother’s Day for M.B. 2003 by R.B”.

I had to find out if this person gave away the quilt by mistake, even though I wanted to keep it. I first checked to see if they were Minnesota Quilters, they were not. Then, I got on the Internet and found an obituary for M.B. She had died just three weeks before I found the quilt! Boy, they really clean us out fast! In the obituary I found that R.B. was her daughter-in-law. So I now had the quilt maker’s husband’s name, too. I searched for both of them in the Minneapolis area. I did find some phone numbers for R. and R. B. in the Minneapolis area, but it was not her.

Some of my friends said you bought the quilt, it’s yours. Others said you have to find the owner. So I called the funeral home. I told my story to the gal who answered, luckily she was a quilter! She put me on hold and then came back with a daughter’s name and phone number.

I called M.B.’s daughter and she said that they had so much of her mother’s stuff that she had no interest in the quilt. The quilt maker was her brother’s wife and that they live in Honduras. She appreciated my call and said that her mother was ill a short time and that she passed very quickly. She was happy that I had taken the time to call her. I didn’t want to keep the funeral gal hanging, so I called the funeral home and let the gal know what I found out about the quilt.

After showing the quilt at different quilt guilds, I felt I still had to try and find the quilter. I got back on the Internet and searched for R. and R.B. in Honduras. Well, here’s what I found out. They don’t live in Honduras, they live in Costa Rica and they build homes for sale there. There was even a story about them in a Time magazine article. They sold everything in Minnesota and moved there to sell ocean front homes.

I then emailed their ocean home business and asked if she was the R.B. that had made the beautiful quilt. I heard right back from her--she was the one that had made the quilt! Although, she did wonder how I came to own it. I told her the story. She still is a quilter and sent me a picture of her latest, beautiful king-sized quilt with much appliqué, of course! She works on quilting during the rainy months, May through November. As I was emailing with her, her husband emailed me about homes for sale there.

I feel that the story has a great ending, with me having the wonderful quilt and the maker knowing that it is in good hands. I also have a friend in Costa Rica! Since I only have one brother and he’s 10 years older, I don’t know much about sibling dynamics. My friends figure that I’ve started a family feud. Ha!

MQ MERCHANDISE SALE
2012 SHOW BAGS $9.00
The show bags are very cute and make great gifts!
See us at the September meetings. We have shirts, project bags, pins, etc.
**Quilt Guild Information Wanted**

As a service to quilters, MQ has a quilt guild listing on our website. This information is long overdue for an update. Many people use this list to send out information about upcoming quilt events or 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.

Janice of the Heart of the Woods Quilt Guild in Ely, Minnesota contacted me because she found that several of the guilds listed on our website did not have current information. She was kind enough to send me a list of the returned mail that she received. If your guild is listed here, please send the updated information. These guilds will be removed from our list if updated information is not received. THANK YOU!

*To see the complete list go to [www.mnquilt.org](http://www.mnquilt.org), scroll down a bit and see “Local Guilds” in the right side column.*

(Isn’t all of Minnesota “local”?)

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**Degen Family Provides Generous Gift**

Minnesota Quilters recently received a very generous donation of fabric, patterns, magazines, books and other quilt-related items from the studio of Ann Degen. Ann was a founding member of Minnesota Quilters and a long time supporter of the art of quilting. In addition to being active in Minnesota Quilters, many of you may remember Ann as the owner of Quilter’s Closet in Eagan. She is currently living in the Alzheimer’s Care Unit of the Minnesota Veterans Home and is no longer able to pursue her passion for sewing and quilting.

In visiting with Ann’s family I was struck by how far we have come as an organization thanks to Ann and those early members. It is hard to imagine the magnitude of those changes. Perhaps over the next year we can reflect on these changes as we prepare for our 35th annual show and conference in Duluth. That’s a big step forward from those first shows at St. Thomas.

It was an honor to meet Ann’s husband, Bob Degen and hear him share Ann's story as a quilter, quilt shop owner, teacher and more. In the coming year, we expect to use this gift to support door prizes, service projects, outreach classes, the library and other activities that extend our mission to celebrate quilting throughout our community.

We are so grateful to Ann and Bob for their very generous gift and to Ann for her contributions to our quilt heritage and our organization.
BLOCK PARTY!!! BLOW YOUR HORN!  
Char Wenger, MQ Secretary

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.

JEANNIE SPEARS was awarded the $100 Minnesota Quilters Award at the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit for her wall hanging entitled: “Reflections: Charles Bridge, Prague”  
Congratulations, Jeannie!

Check out the Minnesota State Fair website for information on how to enter your fiber art in the 2013 Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Exhibit!

New/Renewing Memberships – July 2012

Diana Aysta  
Jane F Boyer  
Carol Dick  
Nancy Drake  
Mike Ellingsen  
Barb Garcia  
Joyce Harder  
Laurel Haycock  
Nicole Herold  
Claire Jalbert  
Shirley Jones  
Ann R Manly  
Cheri Merritt  
Marlene Nelson  
Joann Nordin  
Kathleen Ockuly  
Helen M Olson  
Vicki Quirk  
Susan Stickney  
Dorothy Stish  
Karen Stuhlfeier  
Susan J Thompson  
Bonnie Weinandt  
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Contributions – June 2012

Wynn Martin

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re·treat  /riˈtrēt/  While the dictionary provides several definitions for this word, the ones that struck me as a quilter were: 1) withdrawing from what is disagreeable, 2) a period of several days of withdrawal from society to devote time to an exclusive occupation, 3) a quiet or secluded place in which one can rest and relax, and 4) to treat yourself again.

Now who doesn’t want to go on a retreat? Whether it is an organized commercial event or guild event, or just a weekend away with friends, a quilt retreat is something we can all appreciate. First, it is a time to withdraw from some of life’s more disagreeable chores, like cooking, cleaning, laundry, and interruptions from phones, work and people who don’t understand that we really do need our time to quilt if we are going to be ‘pleasant to others’ on a regular basis.

So if you can’t get the peace/piece and quiet time you need at home, then an escape plan is definitely called for. I find that 2-3 days is what I need, anything less doesn’t seem worth the packing and hauling required to prepare for the venture. Check out the quilt retreats offered by your favorite quilt shop, get together with members of your guild, or organize one of your own and invite your quilting buddies. Sometimes a resort or camp is booked, other times it might be a friend’s cabin or summer home, and some shops offer a ‘stay-at-home’ retreat where you can set up in their classroom for the weekend, but travel home for your overnight stay. Whatever setting appeals to you, make sure the facilities are comfortable for the amount of quilters attending, enough beds, bathrooms, tables, comfortable chairs, good lighting, and good food.

While I agree that a retreat usually takes place in a tranquil if not secluded setting, I have to admit that once quilters arrive it is anything but quiet. The sounds of laughter, the humming of machines, the occasional (or frequent) opening of the cooler or fridge as you retrieve your favorite beverage, and the continual parade to the treat counter for chips, candy, or chocolate. Somehow, within minutes, the room never looks the same. I have often taken ‘before’ and ‘after’ pictures of my small group on retreat and most people can’t believe all the paraphernalia we cart along. It’s really embarrassing to admit that a large vehicle can only hold 2-3 quilters when they are packing their necessities for a two-three day sewing spree. On the positive side, my husband once remarked, “At least I know she’s not going off having an affair when she’s packing up the ironing board.”

Finally, a retreat is a chance to re-treat yourself to a time and space to get those creative juices flowing, network with people who have the same interests and provide the support and encouragement you may need to try something new or to continue working on a challenging pattern, and to work without distraction for as long a stretch of time as you desire. If you are serious about your craft and value the time and resources you invest in your quilting, you really do deserve to re-treat yourself. Why? As L’Oreal would say, “Because you’re worth it.”
2012 SQA Winning Bids

Baby Quilt Pastels, Eleanor Eggan $26
Feather Your Vest, Lori Allison $100
"Quilts" Wall Hanging, Anne Hollenbach/Faye Bodenhamer $35
30's Flowers Wall Hanging, Charlotte Wenger $35
Quilts Wall Hanging, Doris Hareland $17
Pinwheel Table Topper Brown, Glendia Fulkerson $12
Sunbonnet Sue, Jackie Urman $5
Miniature Reproduction, Patti Von Arx $12
Octagon Star Table Topper, Doris Hareland $20
Table Topper (tan, green, red, black), Doris Hareland $21
Cedar Canyon Sampler, Shelly G. Stokes $30
Folded Boxes, Carol Mayala $30
Large Green Turtle Pincushion, Arlene Albrecht $25
Small Blue Turtle Pincushion, Arlene Albrecht $30
Floral Kimono, Shirley Arendt $30
Kimono & Symbols (Navy), Shirley Arendt $20
Crane & Embroidered Circle, Shirley Arendt $25
Through the Window Geishas, Barbara Gabel $30
Through the Window Blues, Barbara Gabel $15
Celtic Dance (brown piping), Jeannie Spears $31
Fall Table Topper (blue/brown), Carolyn Minor $7
Western Sunset, Arloine Fuhr $31
Hillside Hideaway, Carol Mayala $35
Large Red Turtle Pincushion, Arlene Albrecht $25
Small Yellow Turtle Pincushion, Arlene Albrecht $16
Minnesota Cabin, Mary Manns/Nancy Birger $85
Diamond In the Rough Primary Colors, Shelly G. Stokes $25
House Wall Hanging, Leah Doherty $5
MN Fabric Wall Hanging, Mary Kay Wyckoff-Harris $21
Place Mats (2), Carol Fisher $15
Cathedral window pin cushion, Katherine Genelin $7
Small zippered bag 1, Debbie Evans $12
Small zippered bag 2, Debbie Evans $14
Large Santa Bag, Ruth Herbst $15
Joy Wall Hanging, Kay Harrell $15
Animal Wall Hanging, Pat Curtner $30
Tranquility Wall Hanging, Karen Kopitzke $25
Floral 9-Patch, Carol Mayala $22
Pink & Brown Table Runner, Doris Hareland $17

Button Box Doris Kraemer, $15
Large English Paper Pieced Pincushion, Gayle Keiper $35
Civil War Jo Morton Mini, Mary Ann Petron $5
Cuddling Cats, Jackie Urman $17
Octagon Table Topper Navy, Doris Hareland $16
Friends Wall Hanging, Jan Walstrom $35
Large Tote Orange, Glendia Fulkerson $35
Crazy Quilt, Carol Fisher $7
Stars Table Runner, Doris Hareland $20
Brown & Aqua Purse, Cheri Hand $20
"Chocolate" Purse, Janet Harvey $45
Brown/Rust Table Runner, Karen Kopitzke $5
Three Star Table Runner, Joan Lucht $17
"Carmel" Purse, Janet Harvey $30
Brown & Green Yoyo Purse, Doris Hareland $15
Fall Tote, Pat Curtner $20
Batik Table Runner, Lori Allison $61
Blessed are the Piecemakers, Char Wenger $20
Large Project Bag, Yvonne Curran $41
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Blue Embellished Purse, Cheri Hand $25
Yellow/Blue Table Runner, Sharon Odahl $35
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Miniature Lemoyn Star, Ellen Carter $80
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If you have any questions about door prizes please contact us at: doorprizes2012@mnquilt.org

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**Fat Quarter Drawing**

Carolyn Minor [cminor@winternet.com](mailto:cminor@winternet.com), Arly Fuhr [edfuhr@live.com](mailto:edfuhr@live.com)

The Fat Quarter drawing for October will be “Santa Prints.” We’re getting a start on Christmas. 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 meetings. You need not be present to win. We encourage your suggestion of themes. Please contact the new 2012-2013 Fat Quarter Drawing committee.

Everyone likes new fabric. You could be a winner! But you can’t win if you don’t participate!! Ruth Herbst won the scenic prints for July and Karla Albrecht won the stripes for August.
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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.

To thank you for your volunteer show committee participation you will receive:

- 2013 Show registration fee waived
- Priority registration for the 2013 show
- At-cost ticket for the Friday event
- Volunteer show pin
- 1 year free MQ membership renewal
- Priority registration for the 2014 show

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If you have any questions about these committees, or want to help Make the 2013 Show Happen, please contact me! Linda Wines, MQ Show Director, showdirector@mnquilt.org, 612-910-7127

President’s Quilt Blocks!

Please show your appreciation to our Presidents for their hard work by making them a presidents block!

Wynn Martin, President 2011 - 2012, would like any red and white block.

Yvonne Curran, President 2010 - 2011, would like any 6”, 9” or 12” Christmas block.

Rice County Piecemakers Present
“Fall Splendor” Quilt Show
September 21 & 22
At the Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior
Church and Guild House
191 NW 6th St ~ Faribault MN
Quilt raffle, bazaar, small quilt auction, vendors, demos, door prizes, lunch stand, bed turning on Friday only at 10:30, 2:00 & 4:00
Admission $3.00
Log Cabin, Double Wedding Ring, Grandmother's Flower Garden ... these quilt block names are not only familiar but also quite descriptive of the finished block. It's easy to take the naming of blocks like these for granted. But looking through books of block designs or quilt collections and viewing quilt shows, one sees hundreds of blocks, the names of which aren't so easy to understand. How were these hundreds of quilt blocks named? A bit of searching (on the internet, of course) uncovered some interesting ideas.

Early American quilting seems to have been done on Sundays when the people turned from the duties of home and family toward worship and socializing. Women gathered to sew the quilts necessary to keep their families warm. It seems logical that the names of blocks they created on these afternoons thoughtfully reflect the religious focus of the day: Jacob's Ladder, Job's Tears, Star and Cross, for example.

As Americans struggled for independence, political ideas came to be reflected, as in Whig Rose or Democrat Rose. This has continued throughout history, as quilters have expressed their political opinions in, perhaps, the only way available to them: in their quilting. Though this was an early outlet for women, today's art quilts often convey the stand on an issue of importance to both female and male designers.

Carpenter's Wheel, Churn Dash, The Anvil, and the like came from well-known trades and the occupations. And, of course, many quilt block names came from the imagination of the quilter taking in the beauty of the garden and the natural world, such as Lancaster Rose and Woodland Path.

As we look at and document old quilts and new ones, it is fascinating to think about the historic and social influences that are reflected in these beautiful fabric blocks.

The Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) offers me (a relatively new quilter) a great opportunity to expand my knowledge of quilting beyond what my own projects have taught me (i.e., lots of technique) to the history and social impact of quilts and quilting. MQP is a standing committee of Minnesota Quilters and meets before the regular Saturday meetings at the Newman Center. If you are interested in learning more about the history of quilts and the stories they tell and in helping us document Minnesota, send an e-mail to mqp@mnquilt.org.

**Malted Chocolate Cookie Tart** (served by Kate Eelkema at the Pretzel Party class)

**Ingredients:**
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup chocolate malted milk powder
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon (scant) kosher salt
- 3/4 cup unsalted butter, cut into 1-inch pieces, room temperature
- 1-4 T water, vodka, or vanilla vodka (to help the tart shell come together)
- 1 cup bittersweet chocolate chips (do not exceed 61% cacao)
- 1/2-1 cup Whoppers, coarsely chopped and additional milk balls for decoration (I used 1 cup crushed and then more for the decorating.)

**Directions:**
Preheat oven to 325° F.

In a food processor, pulse the flour, malted milk powder, sugar, and coarse salt. Add the butter and pulse until sandy. Add 1 T of liquid of choice at a time until the tart dough starts to clump together. Gather into ball. Press evenly onto bottom of 9-inch-diameter tart pan with removable bottom. Place the tart pan on a cookie or pizza sheet so all the butter doesn’t drip onto the bottom of your oven during baking.

Bake crust until evenly golden brown, about 25 minutes. Remove from oven, and scatter chocolate chips over the cookie crust. Let chips stand 5 minutes to soften (they’ll look like they’re sinking into the crust at first, but it’ll work); after the 5 minutes, spread melted chocolate over hot crust leaving a little space around the edge to be the crust (see pictures above). Sprinkle crushed Whoppers over the tart; arrange the non-crushed ones as you wish.

Cool completely. Remove tart from pan; cut into wedges. Store in fridge. Enjoy!
**Bulletin Board**

**September 6-8**  Quilt Expo, Madison, WI  [www.wiquiltexpo.com](http://www.wiquiltexpo.com)

**September 8-9**  Laura Ingalls Wilder - 145 years!  1867 - 2012 Quilt Show 'n' Sew, Pepin, WI

Sat. 9 - 6;  Sun. 11 - 5, Travel back in time to the early American pioneer days of author Laura Ingalls Wilder.  Quilt Show, “Quilts in the Ingalls Cabin”, as well as storytelling, prizes, and sewing.

Go seven miles north of Pepin, WI on County Road CC to the Cabin.  Approximately 16 quilters, speakers, and workers make the show happen for visitors across the United States.

Downtown Pepin has horse-drawn wagon, pioneer games, spelling bees, old time fiddle contest, Pepin Laura Contest, candlelight craft demonstrations, live music for the crafts, campfire.  On Sunday, enjoy the Pancake breakfast, worship service, the Medicine Show, Grand Parade, and more.  Quilts at the cabin continue throughout the Laura Ingalls Wilder Days.  Contact:  Jean O'Brien Elefson,  715-424-6240,  [elefson@pressenter.com](mailto:elefson@pressenter.com), Member of Minnesota Quilters.


**September 20-23**  Quilters’ Guild of North Dakota 33rd Annual Indian Summer Quilt Show and Conference.  See [www.ndquilts.com](http://www.ndquilts.com) for more information.

**September 21-22**  Rice County Piecemakers “Fall Splendor” Quilt Show.  Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior Church and Guild House, 191 NW 6th Street, Faribault, MN.  Admission $3.00.  Lunch stand, quilt raffle, bazaar, small quilt auction, vendors, demonstrations, door prizes, bed turning on Friday only 10:30, 2 & 4.

**September 28-29**  Chaska Area Quilt Club, "Fall Splendor of Quilts", Friday, 10-7, Saturday 9-5, Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Drive, Chaska, MN.  Admission $6.00.  Featured quilter and speaker is Sue Spargo.  Raffle quilt inspired by Sue Spargo Designs.  Hundreds of quilts on display, many vendors, small quilt auction, and bed turning.  For more information go to:  [www.caqc.net](http://www.caqc.net).

**October 3-6**  Des Moines Area Quilt Guild “Welcome to the World of Quilting”.  In conjunction with the AQS Quilt Expo-Des Moines.  Iowa Events Center, Hy-Vee Hall, 730 3rd St, Des Moines IA.  [www.dmaqg.org](http://www.dmaqg.org)

**October 3-7**  American Quilt Study Group Seminar.  Lincoln, NE  [www.americanquiltstudygroup.org](http://www.americanquiltstudygroup.org).

**October 4-6**  Minnesota Charms Quilt Show, Black Bear Casino, Carlton, MN.

**October 5-7**  Taylors Falls Historical Society’s Annual History through Quilts and Self-Guided Tour of the Historic Folsom House.  Friday and Saturday 9-4, Sunday 1-4.  Tour Entrance: $5.00  Also Quilt Expert Bev Proulx presenting “Quilts - Beyond the Beauty” on Saturday October 6 at 2 pm at the Taylors Falls Community Center.  Presentation Entrance: $5.00.  For more info call Sandra Berg at 651-465-0443.

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

**October 13-14**  Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild “Stars of the North” Quilt Show, Siren WI.  (Note location change) Webster High School, 24022 4th Ave. N.  Vendors, raffle quilt, silent auction, demos, bed turning, and quilt appraisals.  Admission $4.00, 12 and under free.

**October 19-20**  River Valley Quilters “Quilted Treasures” Quilt Show at a new location.  Lake Middle School, 3133 Pioneer Drive, Woodbury MN (From 494 Exit on Lake Rd go east 3 miles to Pioneer Dr).  Friday 9 - 6 and Saturday 9 - 3.  $ 5.00 Admission.  Ten vendors, more space, raffle quilt, raffle baskets, guild challenge, special exhibits, quilts for sale, refreshments.  For additional information go to  [www.rivervalleyquilters.com](http://www.rivervalleyquilters.com).
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SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

SEPT. 6 – 7:00 pm
SEPT. 8 – 10:00 am

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