Minnesota Quilters

April Meetings
Thursday, April 4, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 6, 10:00 am

Happy Birthday Minnesota Quilters!
To celebrate our 35th Birthday we will travel back in time as we listen to a group of charter members share their memories of the early years.

Jeanne Spears, Pat Cox, Bonnie Ellis and Dorothy Stish will bring a few of their quilts to show their early and more recent works.

What was here before MQ? What were the first shows like? Who were the famous teachers 35 years ago? When did we start making raffle quilts, and what did the first ones look like? When did MQ start choosing a Quilter of the Year?

Has there always been a newsletter? How has quilting changed in the past 35 years? How has it remained the same? Hear the answers to these questions and more as celebrate our birthday.

And there will be cake!

From the MQ History Box

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Upcoming Events

April 4 & 6, Celebrate the 35th birthday of Minnesota Quilters by traveling back in time to the early days of the organization. A panel of women who were instrumental in organizing the guild will present their collective memories of those early years at meetings. AND there will be birthday cake!

May 2, “Studio Organization”  Are you ready to get more organized about your sewing and quilting in 2013? Then don’t miss this presentation by Nancy Wick, which will be chock full of tips, tricks, and inspirational ideas for taking your sewing space from cluttered to organized.

May 4, “It’s Not a Quilt Until It’s Quilted”  On Saturday morning Nancy Wick will give a presentation on thread and batting selection, marking your quilt tops, and preparing the quilt layers for the machine quilting process. Learn tips to help you overcome your fear of machine quilting and/or take your quilting to the next level.

May 4, “Making Your Mark”  with Nancy Wick, 1:00 to 4:00 pm, $35.00  
Grab a quick lunch after the meeting and then stay to learn about all the marking tools that are available today, and which ones to use when. This will be a hands-on opportunity to audition different tools to find the ones that you like best. There is a kit fee of $15 which will be paid to Nancy Wick during the class so you will be able to go home with samples using a variety of different marking tools for future reference. Registration for this class is on page 19 and on the website.

June 13-15, Minnesota Quilters Annual Show, Duluth, MN.  
See pages 3-9, the MQ website and the show registration book for information, important show dates, volunteer opportunities, lodging information, challenge fabric, sponsors, etc. See the show registration book and the MQ website for all information.

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MQ Board of Directors meetings: April 16 - Finance meeting 5 pm, Board meeting at 6:30 pm; May 28 and June 26 - 6 pm.  
Please notify Laura Nagel, president@mnquilt.org if you wish to attend.

Deadline for May newsletter: Monday, April 8, 2013

Deadline for June newsletter: Monday, May 6, 2013
“You say it's your birthday
It's my birthday too—yeah
We're gonna have a good time
I'm glad it's your birthday
Happy birthday to you, MQ!”

We should sing, shout, and celebrate our organization’s 35th birthday and thank those founding MQ mothers who had a vision of sharing their love of quilting with an ever-increasing community of similarly minded people. Our organization, its skill and impact have grown exponentially over the years.

Last month we celebrated our membership and welcomed new members at the March gathering at Eagan High School. We also awarded two memberships to Terry Cook and Patty Von Arx, who gave her free year to her mother, Sandra VonArx. Their names were drawn from the entries in the “Guest” jar and the “Members Who Brought a Guest” jar. Congratulations! We look forward to greeting you at future meetings.

As we approach the annual Show and make last minute decisions on classes and lectures, we should think about what we might wish for before we blow out the candles at our April meeting. I will be wishing that “each one teach one”.

We all love what we do, and what better way of paying it forward than teaching someone else how to use a needle, select fabric, suggest a notion, or help finish a quilt. Even if you just encourage someone to keep trying, or compliment a completed project, you will have helped him or her become a more confident and accomplished quilter. This person might be no further away than the next room—a daughter, daughter-in-law, grandchild, or next-door neighbor. Remember how excited you were when you first started quilting? Wouldn’t that be a wonderful gift to give to someone else?

Happy Birthday Minnesota Quilters!

MQP Meeting and Documentation April 6th

MQP will meet at 8:30 am in Classroom A before the regular Saturday MQ meeting. Quilt documentation will be done just before the MQ meeting, and during the break. Bring a favorite quilt to document for posterity.

2013 Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates

Past President Wynn Martin and her committee, Loretta Stone, Martha Eaves, and Jill Schultz, will be on the prowl, and on the phone and email, requesting that YOU consider a position on next year’s MQ Board. Several positions will be available, most for a two year term. That way you have a chance to learn the duties of the position before you take a lead position. Plus, it's always nicer to have someone share the duties. We will be seeking nominations for the following positions: President Elect, Secretary, Membership, Education, Communications, and Operations. A description of each position is available on the MQ website. Please consider sharing your time and talents with your organization. We look forward to your acceptance.

Enter Your Quilt! Win Money!

The Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 35th Annual Show is only 2 months away now! I know there are so many beautiful quilts out there. We see them every month at meetings. Please enter them into our show to be seen in Duluth in June! There is lots of prize money ready to be won and taken home.

Just one additional note for people living in the area around Duluth... Entries can be taken to Hannah Johnson Quilt Shop on Superior Street as a drop-off prior to the show. This would be in lieu of mailing the entry to The Cities. The quilt shop hours are Monday-Saturday 10:00-5:30. Please indicate on your entry form that you are going to use the drop-off. We will pick up those quilts on Monday of show week at 10:00 am. Please consider and enter! Remember that entry forms are due April 19th!

Thank you,
Cheryl Plourde and Carol Schwankl, 2013 Judged Category Co-chairs
Minnesota Quilters 2013 Show ~ Duluth ~ June 13-15

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Important Show Dates

Registration:
Members Only: Started January 16, 2013
General: Began February 1, 2013
Deadline: May 1, 2013 (mail-in) or May 15, 2013 (online)

Non-Judged/Children’s Exhibit: Entry Form Submission Deadline:
May 1, 2013

Judged Exhibit: Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 19, 2013
Challenge Quilts: Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 30, 2013
2013 MQ Raffle Quilt “Guided Waters”

Spring has finally arrived with its bright colors, warm sunshine and a few April showers! The ice is off the lakes, the daffodils and pansies are the first flowers of the season and the birds are all returning home!

Have you seen this year’s MQ raffle quilt? It has all of the colors of Spring-aqua for the water, yellow for the sunshine, green for the trees and orange for the marigolds that you need to plant! It’s time to fill all of those Easter Baskets for those closest to you. Why not pick up a packet of “Guided Waters” note cards and a few raffle tickets? A handwritten note with a surprise raffle ticket is the perfect surprise in anyone’s Easter Basket!

MQ RAFFLE TICKETS are only $1 each and the Guided Waters Note cards are $5 per package. Raffle tickets and note cards are always available from the MQ office and at the upcoming March MQ meeting. Please remember your checkbook or cash because we are unable to accept credit card payments for raffle tickets….it’s the state’s rule.

To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ office at 1203 Fifth Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, or by phone 612.436.0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. “Guided Waters” is available to be checked out for your guild meeting or local quilt show. Please contact Yvonne Curran rafflequilt2013@mnquilt.org to schedule a date.

The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 4 pm at the DECC in Duluth. You need not be present to win.

Celebrate Spring by sending a few “Guided Waters” raffle tickets and a beautiful “Guided Waters” note card to someone you know who could use a pick me up this month. We appreciate your support!

Terri Krysan and Yvonne Curran

The Ultimate Door Prize!

doorprizes2013@mnquilt.org

Door prizes are an American phenomenon. The earliest reference is found in an 1884 New York Times article: “The door-prize of a watch every night has greatly interested the younger members of the congregation.”

Can’t you just picture it? Maybe this was an incentive to get young people in the pews? Door prizes really took off in the 1950s with the explosion of consumer goods, and continue to be used today as incentives to get people “in the door”.

We know you don’t need an incentive to attend MQ events. Today our door prizes are a way of thanking you for your attendance, your participation and you willingness to volunteer.

Did you know that Minnesota Quilters award over 600 door prizes annually? The majority of these are made available through donations from supporting members and businesses. With your generous donations we are able to continue to thank event participants and volunteers. Door prizes can be dropped off at monthly meetings or at the MQ office. Make sure you fill out the in-kind donation form so we can thank you properly and provide a receipt for tax purposes.

We appreciate questions or comments at doorprizes2013@mnquilt.org

Lynne Heuton and Sue Thompson
**It’s time to register for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 35th Annual Quilt Show and Conference**

Spread the word, registration is now open to the public for the MQ show in June. It is very important to register early in order to get the classes you want. Some classes are beginning to fill up. We also don’t want to cancel classes due to low registration.

We know 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, 2013. This insurance will not cover the registration fee, the insurance itself, box lunches or merchandise.

Online registration [www.mnquilt.org/mq2013](http://www.mnquilt.org/mq2013) 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 any time before March 31, 2013. After that you will need to email your changes in writing to registration2013@mnquilt.org or mail them to the MQ office. 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, 2013. If you have chosen this method a confirmation will be mailed back to you.

Audrey Weinand and Jan Wolfgram – 2013 Registration Co-Chairs

**Now Is The Time!**

Faculty2013@mnquilt.org

Registration for classes has been open for a while now and I know that many of you are thinking of taking a class or two but haven't committed yet. Please consider doing it now. Early in April we will need to cancel classes that do not have enough students enrolled. I hate to do that to any of the teachers as they have been so willing to help us make this show a success.

We are continually monitoring classes, adding those requested by you. Check out the new EQ classes put on the schedule because you asked. As many of you already know the show is a major fund raiser for MQ so we need many more registrants for classes. You will learn lots, have fun, make new friends and create marvelous new works of art. We look forward to seeing everyone in Duluth.

Cathy Goset and Nancy Hall, Faculty Co-Chairs

**Volunteer at MQ Duluth!**

Volunteers2013@mnquilt.org

There is something very special about being involved in the presentation of a quilt show…playing a role in its development, donating some time to its success, meeting new people, making new quilting friends, the list goes on and on. And, imagine this…in addition to all those feel-good things, you could win one or more prizes in doing so, YOU are a very important part of Minnesota Quilters; please take just a few minutes to complete the MQ Volunteer Form, let us know how you would like to help at the MQ Duluth Show. Just two short hours of service gets you a Volunteer Pin and your name into daily prize drawings. Plus, your name will be entered into the drawing for a sewing machine! We look forward to hearing from you.

Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs: Helen Smith Stone, Duluth, Virginia Gleason, St. Cloud

If you haven’t received your membership badge, or you know someone who isn’t receiving their newsletter, please email or call Debra at the MQ office and she will correct it. Happy Quilting!
quilter@mnquilt.org 612-436-0449
Small Quilt Auction

The Small Quilt Auction is seeking small quilted items for the auction at the Duluth Show. Each item donated gets an entry for a chance to win a $25 gift certificate to the quilt shop of your choice.
Janet Malinowski and Jean Carr, SQA Committee

Challenge Fabric 2013

The entry forms for the Challenge Quilts are due in the MQ office by April 30th. Don't miss the entry deadline as it is your opportunity to see your challenge item on display at the MQ show, and you could win a prize! Someone will – why not you?

The challenge rules state that the finished items may be delivered to any MQ meeting before the show or dropped off by June 3rd at the MQ office, or at one of the quilt shops collecting non-judged quilts. We needed to write rules for the challenge packets more than a year ago – before other deadlines were established.

The deadline for delivery of non-judged quilts has been set and published in the registration book, and we are adjusting to that time frame as well. Non-judged quilts are to be dropped off at the participating shops between June 3rd and June 8th, and that will also be the time frame to drop off Challenge quilts as well.

If you have questions, please contact us at challenge2013@mnquilt.org.

Haven't purchased a challenge packet yet? There's still time to buy, submit the registration form and create a prize-winning quilt or garment or other quilt-y item. Let’s see your creativity flower and bloom!
Wanda Shelton & Judy Lewis

EQ7 Classes Added

Due to several requests, three EQ7 classes have been added. Kari Schell, from the Twin Cities, will be teaching the following:

Thursday (full day) EQ7- Introduction
By the end of this class you will be comfortable working with the basics of EQ7 and be able to explore additional features on your own. A good refresher class but with special emphasis on beginners.

Friday (full day) EQ7- Drafting Blocks
This class will focus on how to “read a block” and then come up with the most efficient way to draft it with EQ7.

Saturday (am half day) EQ7- Settings and Borders
Take your quilt designs to a new level by working with the various setting options in EQ7 and how to design borders that “fit” your quilt.

If you have already registered you can go back in and make changes and additions to your class choices.
Sponsor Recognition

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March Highlights

It is always a treat to view the wonderful quilt display in the Eagan High School Library, and this year was no exception. There was even sun shining in the upper windows as we viewed the quilts and voted for Viewer’s Choice during the opening reception.

Vendors that offered fabrics, patterns, and kits were Allison Designs, Pam Dinndorf, and Twin Cities Quilting.

At 11:00 we heard Pam Dinndorf present her “Adventures in Color” in the school auditorium, a talk well illustrated by a large collection of her very colorful, striking quilts.

Pam has a book coming out soon, and she has designed some fabrics for Frond fabrics, so look for both at area quilt shops in the near future.

We didn’t have our usual show and tell, block exchange, or door prizes, but free MQ memberships were given to one guest and one MQ member who brought a guest. Lois Kelley of Kelwood Retreat House had signed up for the Cabin Fever Retreat. When she realized she would not be able to attend, she offered her space in the retreat as a door prize at the March meeting. Interested quilters put their names in a jar, and the lucky winner was Lynne Heuton. Thank you, Lois, for your generous gift!
A Few of the Many Wonderful Quilts we Saw at the March Meeting

1. Pam Dinndorf
2. Pam Dinndorf
3. Kathy Shier
4. Pam Dinndorf
5. Pam Dinndorf
6. Susan Erickson
7. Annemarie Yohnk
8. Pam Dinndorf
9. Kathy Shier
10. Anne Tiller
11. Jennie Brandt

We apologize if any are mislabeled. Please let us know if they are.
Sewing for Others  
Jean Carr, qfo@mnquilt.org

Mark your calendar and join us after the April Saturday MQ meeting. We will continue to sew heart string quilts and maybe some pillowcases. Bring your sewing machine and lunch (or go out).
If you have any questions contact Jean at qfo@mnquilt.org

Volunteer Corner  
Nancy Hall, volunteer@mnquilt.org

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, especially Barbara Jackson for volunteering to be the Co-Meeting Coordinator, Day, with Loretta Stone. All volunteers need to record their 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 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.

Current available positions:

Historian
If you like scrapbooking this might be the job for you. It is an off-board position under the direction of the Education Directors.

Principal Functions:
- Keep scrapbook of each year of MQ history.

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

Public Relations - Please see the volunteer job description on page 18.

Preserve articles and pictures of MQ members (or keep reference information) in magazines, newspapers, etc. for future reference.

- Keep a complete image collection of each annual quilt show. Such collection, provided by show committee, cataloged with quilt and quilter's name.

Fat Quarter Drawing  
fatquarter@mnquilt.org

The Theme for April is “Stars.” Check your stash or local quilt shop for any fabric with stars. We should get quite a variety. This is a great way to build your stash for those special quilt projects.

In May we'll be gathering “spring sports” fat quarters.

Fat quarter drawing rules: You can contribute up to three fat quarters of quilt-shop quality 100% cotton fabric in the theme of the month and we’ll enter your name in the drawing for that month (one entry for each fat quarter, up to a maximum of 3). Please attach your complete name, address and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring your fat quarter(s) to meetings or mail them to Minnesota Quilters, 1203 5th St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030. Fat quarters should arrive before the Saturday meeting. Label your envelope “FQ Drawing.” We draw one name at the Saturday meeting. You need not be present to win.

We encourage your suggestion of themes. Please contact the Fat Quarter Drawing committee.

Carolyn Minor

Local Quilt Studios Tour in August

MQ is planning a tour of some local quilting studios for a special program in August. If you have a unique quilting studio and would like to share it with the MQ the afternoon of Sunday, August 4, please contact the education directors at ed@mnquilt.org.
It’s April and if you are anything like me, you are more than ready for spring. So where would the best place be for a quilter to enjoy Spring Break? Everyone says Washington, DC is beautiful this time of year, with the cherry blossoms in full bloom for the annual Festival. Should you venture to our national capital, be sure to schedule a visit to the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Museum.

They have an extensive collection (nearly 350) of 18th and 19th century quilts, from counterpanes to Baltimore Albums. Since most of these quilts were donated by DAR members, the quilt maker’s name, as well as other provenance is usually known about each piece. There are always several on rotational display throughout the year in the period rooms.

If you prefer quilts from an even earlier era, head over to England, stopping at Stratford-upon-Avon to celebrate Shakespeare’s 449th birthday. While he never actually worked a quilt into any of his plays, quilted items were not unfamiliar to the culture of his day. The Crusader’s mail was padded with quilted garments, quilted linens adorned Renaissance bedchambers, and the monasteries treasured their quilted robes. But your real destination is actually a few hours away in York, where the new Quilt Museum and Gallery is located www.quiltmuseum.org.uk/collections/ Their collection includes over 700 quilts from around the British Isles representing every style from the famous 1718 Silk Patchwork Coverlet to contemporary art quilts. I know you won’t want to leave without a souvenir, so be sure to visit the Museum Shop before you head home www.quiltmuseumshop.org.uk/, and fabric can be found just around the corner at Gillies Fabrics.

But given the options I’d have to say heading south to Paducah, Kentucky, Quilt City, USA, would be my first choice. If you haven’t been there yet (known as a Paducah virgin), you really have to put this on your bucket list. No matter how long you have been quilting, it will take your breath away. My friends and I usually head there on a three-year rotation, mainly because it takes us that long to recover financially from the last trip and put a little (or a lot) aside for the next one! The exhibits are out of this world and the vendors will surely lead you astray.

One can usually take in all the sights and events in a 3-day weekend. We often drive straight through, taking 12 hours with relief drivers, 2 bags of homemade Chex Mix and a cooler of Diet Coke. Each day is like a marathon of walking, talking, viewing, and shopping. In addition to the Convention Center, you won’t want to miss the National Quilt Museum www.quiltmuseum.org/, the world’s largest and most prestigious museum devoted to quilts and fiber art. Throughout the year the three galleries offer rotating exhibits of historical, award-winning, or contemporary quilts.

Just past the museum is downtown Paducah, where several antique shops line Main Street. Most of the merchants decorate their windows with quilts in the hope of winning the annual contest for Best Window Display. A little further out of town is the Rotary Building with a special exhibit of antique quilts selected by Gerald Roy and Bobbie Aug, plus more vendors. And if that’s not enough, the Kentucky Oaks Mall hosts vendors and quilt displays, too.

Are you worn out yet? I hope not. We still haven’t eaten anything. Make reservations at Jeremiah’s on Saturday night and you’ll not only enjoy great food, but you’ll also get to see the local teenagers dressed in their formal best, as this is usually Prom weekend. One year we were even serenaded by the high school boys’ choir while we dined. Following dessert, make sure your designated driver can follow a map so you can enjoy the Paducah Dogwood Trail on your way home. The trees are bursting with fragrant flowers as seen with dramatic landscape lighting, teasing us Northerners with the warm breezes headed our way, especially since Minnesota is usually still under 6” of snow.

So if you can’t start booking a flight or packing your bags, at least put down the mop and window cleaner, pick up your mouse and click on one of these tempting links to enjoy a ‘virtual Spring Break’ as you tour one or all of these fabulous sites.
Block of the Month ~ May 2013 ~ Scrap Stacks
Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore, botm@mnquilters.org

Block is 9” finished.

Many of us are about to begin Spring cleaning. Most years, I don't go through all my fabric, but this year I am, and oh! the scraps I'm finding! Best of all, I'm in the mood to use them up. Please join me in reducing accumulated stash and we'll make some mighty fine, very simple quilts in May!

Fabric:

Select 7 different fabrics from one color family. I've chosen browns/rusts/and red-browns. At our April meeting we'll show you several different stacks in different colors.

Choose four fabrics for A B C and D

CUT: one A: 5" x 2 3/4"; one B: 5" x 2 3/4"; one C: 5" x 2 3/4"; one D: 5" x 2 3/4"

Choose three different fabrics for E F and G

CUT: one E: 5" x 3 1/2"; one F: 5" x 3 1/2"; and one G: 5" x 3 1/2"

For guidance, see sewing diagrams.

Sew A B C and D together in a stack. Sew E F and G together in another stack.

Press seams in one direction on both pieces. Sew the ABCD stack side by side to the EFG stack. Press center seam to one side. Square up the block to 9 ½”.

Voila! That's all there is to it. You're finished with one block! Choose another color family and repeat the exercise. This block took less than 15 minutes to sew together. There are no corners to match. Make several in different colors and enter the May drawing.

Hint: To make a stunning simple lap-quilt, sew 9″ stacks together until you've got 72″ worth (8 blocks). Make another 72″ stack and sew the two together with 7 1/2″ sashing. Make another until you've got a quilt top. Before you know it, you'll have an ample lap-quilt top 57“x 72”, AND room in your sewing room to buy some new fabrics.

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).

If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office: Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Please allow adequate time for the blocks to arrive before the Saturday drawing.

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 be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
New/Renewing Members– February 2013

Rose Allen
Bridget Bentz
Nancy Broshat
Sandra Carlson
Sue M Carroll
Marjorie Danielski
Ruth DeVore
Kathy Dobovsky
Kathy Evenson
Gloria Fauerbach
Victoria Findlay Wolfe
Arloine Fuhr
Katherine M Genelin
Jill Hansen
Ruth N Herbst
Michelle M Hill
Margaret Holzinger

New/Renewing Business Memberships February 2013

Chickadee Hollow Designs
J.J. Stitches/Julie Hendricksen
Red Pine Quilt Shop/Julie Hendricksen
The Quilting Page/Page Johnson

Contributions - February 2013

Ellen Carter
Katherine M Genelin
Margaret Holzinger
Doris Mielke
Peggy Stockwell

Our Business Members  Find more information on our website

A Little Piece of Mind
Quilt Shop
464 Park Avenue
New Richmond WI 54017

Apple Valley Quilting Service
14663 Embry Path
Apple Valley MN 55124

Apricot Moon Designs
6901 W 84th St, Apt 240
Bloomington MN 55438

At the Heart of Quilting
1621 E Gale Drive
Beloit WI 53511

Chickadee Hollow Designs
24980 5th St NW
New London MN 56273

Country Loft Quilt & Design
15161 Feller St NE
Forest Lake MN 55025

Crafty Corner Quilt and Sewing Shoppe
1820 Oxford St
Worthington MN 56187

Crescent Moon Retreats, LLC
316 S 2nd St
La Crescent MN 55947

ELNA USA
10 Industrial Ave
Mawah NJ 07440

Finely Finished by Linda
155 Andover Blvd NW
Andover MN 55304

Jubilee Quilting Services
470 Suzanne Ave
Shoreview MN 55126

Kelwood Retreat House
23560 Liliehei Ave
Hamilton MN 55031

Lake Miltona Vacation Rental and Retreat
15249 Spring Lake Rd NW
Miltona MN 56354

Linden Hill
608 Highland Ave
Little Falls MN 56345

Little Mother Quilting Company
1664 Millwood Ave
Roseville MN 55113

Machine Quilting
556 W Annapolis
Mendota Heights MN 55118

Madeline Island School of the Arts
978 Middle Road PO Box 536
La Pointe WI 54850

Marie’s Memory Quilts
4201 W 102nd St
Bloomington MN 55436

Mill End Textiles
6900 Shady Oak Rd
Eden Prairie MN 55344

Millie P’s Quilt Shop
219 E Mail St
Anoka MN 55303

Notling Longarm Hinterberg Design Qbot
Intelliquilter
8189 Cloman Ave E
Inver Grove Heights MN 55076

Quilt Sticks
8321 Dupont Ave S
Bloomington MN 55420

Quilted In Clay
22924 450th Ave NW
Alvarado MN 56710

Scandia Quilt Studio
14160 238th St N
Scandia MN 55073

Seams to Me
17 East State
Algona IA 50511

Spirit Lake Retreat
9445 Abigail Ct
Inver Grove Heights MN 55077

The Irish Chain
8141 Courthouse Blvd Ct
Inver Grove Heights MN 55077

The Landmark Inn
631 3rd Ave NE
Staple MN 55647

The Quilting Page
9719 S Robert Trail
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**Bulletin Board**

April 12-13- Maple Grove Quilters Present Quilting with the Stars Quilt Show, Friday 10-7, Saturday 9-4, Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN

April 13-14- Quilt show: by Northfield Quilters titled “Stars in the Garden” Saturday-9-5, Sunday-9-4, Northfield Senior Center, 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, Mn. 55057. Admission $3.00. Chances on raffle $1.00. The show of quilts will include a raffle quilt and raffle for a basket of fat quarters, silent auction, appraiser Jean Carlton, bed turning, hand quilting demo, vendors, quilts for sale, mercantile store, garage sale sans garage and more. Expect a number of hand quilted pieces.

April 22- Minnesota Contemporary Quilters, Susan Antell presents the program “Illuminating Procion Dyes: Study of the Dye’s Behavior.” 6:30 p.m., Textile Center.

May 4- Friends and Quilts 2013 Show sponsored by Pieceful Hearts Quilt Club, Wright County Heritage Center, 2001 Hwy. 25, Buffalo, MN, 10-3. Wright County Heritage Center Quilt Display by Club Members, Display of antique quilts, Quilt Challenge Exhibit by club members, boutique Items, local quilt shop vendors and Special Cross Stitch Quilt Display by Marilyn Bujalski (in the Dec./Jan. Holiday Issue of Quilter Magazine) Raffle quilt tickets may also be purchased at the Wright County Heritage Center for $1 each or Cathie 763-263-7255.


**From the History Box**

Headline from the Minneapolis Star, Variety Section, October 19, 1977. The article featured Bryce and Donna Hamilton who bought, sold and collected quilts approximately 1500 quilts. At that time they lived in Minneapolis and had a display of about 100 quilts November 19-26 at Butler Square. The article was in the MQ History Box in the storage unit. MQ needs a historian to organize all this special old information.
The first in-town quilt retreat sponsored by MQ was a big success. The fall retreat has always filled so quickly that this year MQ decided to offer a spring retreat, and to have it at our regular meeting site to keep the cost as low as possible. The 28 participants who gathered March 7-9 at St. Lawrence Church enjoyed the three days of sewing, fellowship, shopping, and eating so much that they are already planning when to have the next one!

A soup buffet provided both meals on Thursday. On Friday and Saturday some quilters brought food so they could keep right on quilting, and others opted to take short walks to have some delicious meals at nearby Dinkytown restaurants. There were plenty of snacks, of course, and also plenty of door prizes given out each day.

Each quilter had a whole table for her workspace, plus there were several cutting, pressing, and basting areas set up around the room. The lighting was great and we had plenty of electrical power for all of our machines and irons.

The retreat began with introductions and the sharing of favorite quilting tools or notions.

Then the log cabin block was demonstrated, and each quilter received a 1.5” wide Quilt Stick and some red fabric for the center square so she could make her own log cabin blocks. After seeing how the Creative Grids Log Cabin Trim Tool could speed up the construction of the log cabin block, several quilters used their retreat discount card at Glad Creations to purchase the tool. There were also discount cards for for Crafty Planet and Twin Cities Quilting, so when quilters needed a break from their projects, shopping excursions were arranged. Quilters were also able to order more Quilt Sticks at a special price, and these were hand delivered Saturday morning. Thank you to all three shops and to Quilt Sticks for offering these special deals!

After two days of leaning over our machines and projects, many quilters scheduled time on Saturday for a chair massage given by Sarah Gannett, a local quilter and massage therapist. If you are in need of a massage, or want a good gift idea for a quilting ‘sister’, call Sarah at 612.481.4820. Her office is at 3732 42nd Avenue South in Minneapolis (near the Riverview Theater).

Some quilters spent most of the time constructing blocks and assembling quilt tops. A few were able to baste their quilts and get them quilted. Some sewed on bindings. Some made tote bags or iron caddies. ALL spent time making new quilting friends and/or deepening their existing quilting friendships, and all want to see more in-town retreats in the future.
Public Relations Volunteer Position

Do you have some experience in Public Relations, either from your volunteer work, or from your career? The Communications Directors of Minnesota Quilters would love to talk to you. We need a volunteer to help us promote our wonderful organization. Please read the description for the Public Relations off-board position, and contact the Communications Directors, Pat Curtner and Kathy Brevig, at comm@mnquilt.org if you are interested. We want to hear from you!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Minnesota Quilters Off-Board Position (Revised February, 2013)

Term: 1 year as appointed by Board of Directors; reports to Communications Directors.

Prerequisite: Must be an active member of Minnesota Quilters, Inc., with computer skills and email access, with some experience in public relations.

Inventory: MQ bylaws and operating procedures, membership flyers, telephone/computer.

PRINCIPAL FUNCTIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
> Coordinate activities with and report to the Communications Directors.
> Work with Membership Directors to promote MQ.
> Attend MQ monthly membership meeting(s) when possible.
> Send notices of monthly meetings to fabric and quilt shops and other sister organizations (i.e. Textile Center).
> Assist in keeping the MQ Quilt Shop listings and resource list updated.
> Prepare and have available packets of information about MQ available for members to take to local meetings.
> Put notices of meetings in newspapers when program is of interest to general public, at direction of the board.
> Encourage and collect public relations ideas from the general membership.
> Prepare and submit year-end position report to the Communications Directors

Block Party!!! Blow Your Horn!

Char Wenger, secretary@mnquilt.org

Each year, "The Elly Sienkiewicz Applique Academy" meets in February at historic Williamsburg, VA. Elly is widely known as one of the premier quilters who is responsible for the revival of the creation of Baltimore Album-type quilts. The Academy features experts in the field of applique who are teachers or guest artists and who teach classes to the approximately 200 quilters in attendance, some from as far away as New Zealand.

This year, Diane Ellison of Duluth, MN and Green Valley, AZ (yes, a snowbird), was chosen by Elly to be the "honored quilter" at TESAA. Diane brought several of her quilts to display while she addressed the attendees about her evolution as a quilter. This was held during the "Our Mother's Hats" tea. The photograph shows Diane and her husband Leo in front of one of her quilts.

She began with her earliest hand sewing before she learned to use her mother's treadle machine, then to crocheting and embroidery, to making 6 hangings for herself and her children from a quilt top hand-pieced by her great grandmother. She progressed through piecing 18 "Tree of Life" quilts for her children and grandchildren to paper piecing two quilts for Claudia Clark Meyer's book, "Passion for Piecing," to machine applique as one of the components of pieced quilts. She has 18 hand-applique blocks in various stages of completion and has branched out into designing her own "tree of life" quilt, reflecting her Swedish heritage.
Making Your Mark - Workshop with Nancy Wick

Date: May 4, 2013 (Saturday)
Time: 1-4pm
Location: St. Lawrence Catholic Church/Newman Center
1203 Fifth Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030

Name: _______________________________________________________________

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Note: There is a $15.00 kit fee which is to be paid to Nancy Wick the day of the class. 
Please do not send it to the MQ office with this form.
Make a copy of this form for you to keep, and then mail the original to:
    Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
    1203 Fifth Street SE
    Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030
Look inside for all these fun events coming up:

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April 4 & 6, 2013
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