August Meetings ~ August 1, 7:00 pm and August 3, 10:00 am

Studio Spaces and Organization ~ Kathie Simon Frank, Martha Eaves and IKEA

Saturday Quilt Studio Tour 1:00 ~ 5:00

Don’t miss the August MQ meetings! Kathie Simon Frank will talk about moving her quilting room to an artist’s studio location. Martha Eaves will show us a power point presentation about the transformation of her garage into a quilting studio.

AND designers from IKEA will be coming to both meetings to give us ideas about how to use IKEA products in our quilting and crafting studios. There may even be some door prizes from IKEA, so don’t miss your chance to be part of this great partnership!

After the meeting on Saturday, eat a quick lunch and then visit the eight studios on our first-ever Quilt Studio Tour fund raiser. See how other MQ members organize their quilting spaces. You must buy a ticket to see exactly which studios you will be touring. One will have bed turnings of many beautiful quilts, two have long arm machines, one is in a garage, two are in a large building with several other artists’ studios, one is near Harbor Freight Tools, and one has a yard you must see, with a barn quilt, fruit trees, numerous bonsai, and even a koi pond.

Since this is the first time we are trying this kind of fund-raiser, we aren’t sure how long it will take to visit all eight studios. We hope you will be able to get to all of them between 1:00 and 5:00 pm, but don’t stay too long at each one. We already have a group of quilters in a suburb talking about hosting the studio tours in their area next year. After this tour we will see if we need to make any adjustments in the numbers for future tours.

Tickets contain more information about each studio, plus a map to follow. They may be purchased at both meetings, or at the studios, if there are any left. At the meetings tickets will be $20 for members and $25 for non-members. At the studios tickets will be $25 for everyone. Limited change will be available at the meetings, so a check or the exact amount of cash will be appreciated. If you purchase tickets at the studios, you must write a $25 check to MQ, or have exactly $25 cash. Volunteers at the doors will not make change.

After talking with us at our meetings, meeting with a small focus group, and visiting our studios on Saturday, the IKEA design team will be creating a Crafting Room which will be on display at the store.

September Meetings ~ Back to School With Minnesota Quilters

September 5, 7:00 pm and September 7, 10:00 am

Back to School with MQ has traditionally been a very popular meeting. After announcements and Show and Tell we divide into six groups and travel round robin style around the room to each station.

If you know something you would like to present to the group, or if you want to suggest something you’d like to learn, please send those ideas to ed@mnquilt.org.
Upcoming Events

August 1 & 3, Quilting Studio Space. Martha Eaves will tell us about the transformation of her garage into a quilting studio, and we will hear from Kathie Simon Frank about the decision to move her studio outside of her home to an artist's loft space. Designers from IKEA will show us creative ways to use IKEA products in our crafting spaces.

August 3, Studio Tours. Advance ticket sales for the studio tours are $20 for MQ members and $25 for non-members. Tickets purchased at any of the studio doors will be $25 for anyone.

September 5 & 7, Back to School with MQ! If you know something you would like to present to the group, or if you want to suggest something you’d like to learn, please send those ideas to ed@mnquilt.org.

October 3 & 5, An introduction to Shibori, the Japanese tradition of resist dyeing fabric, presented by Sandra Brick.

Oct 10 - 13, Fall Getaway - Information and form on page 19

MQ Past Presidents: We Want to See Your Quilts!

In April this year we had a fantastic presentation by some of the founders and early leaders of the Minnesota Quilters Guild. Next April we would like to hear from our more recent leaders.

We are asking the previous 10 presidents to bring your FINISHED president’s quilt, as well as four other quilts that are representative of your quilting history and/or style. If a few of you haven’t finished your president’s quilt, you have almost a year to get it done, so we hope to have a grand show next April!

In case you can’t remember when you served, here is the list:
President’s Letter

Minnesota Quilters extends condolences to Laura Nagel on the death of her mother. While she’s tending to her family affairs, Laura invited us to step in, like understudies in a play, to write the President’s Column…good training, we think, for our upcoming real-life roles as co-presidents in 2013-14.

After an unexpected turn of events at the annual meeting in Duluth, when the election of officers was postponed because of concern from members about the preparation of the slate of officers, your Board is addressing the problems in three significant ways.

1) The nominating committee prepared a corrected slate that they presented at both July meetings.

2) The Board appointed a committee at its July meeting to study the organization’s nomination and election processes and procedures within the structure of MQ’s By-Laws and Robert’s Rules of Order. MQ members who volunteered at the July meetings to serve on the committee include 5 members (one from St. Cloud) and two Board representatives. If you’re interested in participating, please see the article in this newsletter for further details.

3) Finally, we’ll hold an election at the August meeting to select officers for 2013-14. Be prepared to stand in line when you arrive to pick up a ballot. If you have to miss the August meetings, you may request an absentee ballot now from the MQ office (see the article on page 5 about the election in this newsletter describing how to get an absentee ballot). Absentee ballots must be brought in, or mailed to the MQ office to be received by Saturday August 3rd.

Since the show, we’ve had a rearrangement of faces in the office spurred by the resignation of our bookkeeper. Linda Wines, MQ Show Director, agreed to temporarily take over some of the bookkeeping duties, and Kathy Faust, treasurer, is helping Linda for a few extra hours each week. Office hours are Tuesday through Friday, 10 am to 4:30 pm.

We look forward to working with you this coming year. Committees are planning exciting and illuminating programs, an autumn “staycation” as well as the Fall Getaway, and a grand show in St. Cloud in 2014. Stay tuned for more!

Meanwhile, let’s not forget we’re quilters! Though it’s hot, keep on piecing, appliquéing, and quilting. We hope you’re already planning your challenge piece and quilts for next June’s non-judged and judged quilt exhibits at the show. Have a great rest of the summer!

Postponed Election of Board Members at August Meetings

The postponed election of board members will be held at the August meetings. Please bring your MQ membership card to obtain your ballot. More information on page 5.
Highlights From June 2013 MQ Board Meeting

Treasurer Kathy Faust reported that the Financial Audit for fiscal year 2011-2012 has been finalized. Treasurer also reported that as of May 31, 2013 (October 2012 through May 2013), we had a net profit of $142,014.41. Keep in mind that this is a pre-show number and many bills still needed to be paid. Our balance sheet shows total liabilities and equity at $327,463.79.

Operations Directors reported that there will be change of leadership at St. Lawrence. A different order of priests has been chosen to head up the church.

Operations Directors are also working on an addendum to our Lease that would allow three days per month usage of the social hall and three days per month usage of the classroom plus if the days are not used, they can roll over to another month.

Education Directors reported on the plans for the August studio tour and also reported that the Fall Getaway plans are going well.

Communications Directors recommended that MQ continue to use CVENT for our membership and registration for the next two years. The Board has requested that the Communications Directors research other membership/registration programs that may be available and report back to the Board at a later date.

The President reported that bookkeeper, Doris Hareland resigned as of June 25. The board has offered Linda Wines an additional 5 hours per week to take on some of the bookkeeping responsibilities on an interim basis and also offered Debra Svedberg an additional 5 hours per week during the same interim period to provide additional administrative assistance.

As requested at the Annual Meeting, there will be a committee formed to review the MQ bylaws regarding our election procedures. The goal of the committee will be to find out if there is a problem and to review our procedures for elections and nominations. Board members Gail Hanson and Kathie Simon Frank volunteered to be on the Committee. Members at large are being sought to fill out the committee.

The full MQ Board minutes are always available online or call the office if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Respectfully submitted, Char Wenger, Secretary

Bylaw, Nominations Review Committee

As recommended at the Annual Meeting, a committee has been formed to review MQ processes for nominations and elections. At this point the members are Cathy Goset, Mary Clough, Martha Eaves, Kathie Simon Frank, Virginia Gleason, Gail Hanson, Carol Jacobson, Anne McCandless and Melissa Nellis. Others interested in serving may contact Kathie at preselect@mnquilt.org.

Members who are unable to be a part of the committee may provide valuable feedback by looking at our current MQ bylaws and nominating committee job description. Go to the MQ website at www.mnquilt.org, then About Us, Board of Directors, scroll to the bottom, "click here" for Board Manual and then Bylaws and Articles of Incorporation under Organizational Documents and Nominating Committee under Off Board Job Descriptions. Send any feedback to reviewcommittee@mnquilt.org. Thank you.
The following members have been nominated as candidates to serve on the MQ board. The election will take place at the August membership meetings, Aug 1, Thursday evening and Aug 3, Saturday morning. If you wish to vote in the election but are unable to attend the August meeting, please contact the MQ office immediately to receive an absentee ballot, 612-436-0449 or quilter@mnquilt.org. Absentee ballots must be returned to the office by noon Saturday, August 3rd.

**President Elect**

Mary Pozzini

Mary joined MQ in 2008 and has been an active volunteer for the past 4 years. She has served as Operations Co-Director for 3 years, has been active on the show committee and provides frequent support to Quilting for Others. Mary is a retired RN, lives in Stillwater and has been making quilts for 30 years. She would like to see MQ grow in membership and encourage young people to find joy in learning to quilt. Mary also has a long arm quilting business with a friend and she will sometimes buy fabric just because she likes it.

**Secretary**

Jill Schultz

Jill Schultz is delighted that Minnesota Quilters, Inc. exists for "all of us quilting folks." She would be honored to serve as secretary on the Board of Directors. She has worked as a legal secretary for almost 20 years and has skills in editing, writing and proofing documents, as well as the ability to stay organized. She is always busy with quilting, knitting, reading, watching baseball and being with her grandchildren but she also finds that she misses being a volunteer at MQ.

**Education Co-Director**

Sharon Peterson

Sharon Peterson has been quilting for 10 years and likes quilting because she finds it to be both creative and a stress reliever. She's interested in the Education role because she loves to teach, and throughout her adult life she's been involved in some role as a teacher. She reports having found great joy in teaching kids how to sew and garden. Aside from quilting, she also enjoys gardening, cooking and reading.

**Membership Co-Director:**

Katie Niessen

Katie Niessen has been quilting for many years. She attended the first Minnesota Quilt Show and then began with the basics, learning to quilt with templates and stitching by hand. She cut the material for her first quilt with a scissors and used a pencil and yardstick to measure everything. She volunteered to join the board because she thought membership was an activity where she could contribute and she's happy to give back to MQ in this way.

Anne McCandless

Anne has been a member at MQ since 2002. She began sewing in about fourth grade, but quilting became her passion when she retired in 2001. She would like to see MQ broaden its membership to include a younger and more diverse group. Anne has worked with other non-profits and she’s been on several committees for the annual show. She believes that experience will help her to be effective as a board member.

**Communications Co-Director**

Pat Curtner

Pat Curtner has generously offered to continue as Co-Director of Communications with Kathy Brevig. Pat began sewing at an early age but did not start quilting until much later. It was through a quilting group at work that she first attended a quilt retreat and then attended her first Minnesota Quilters meeting. She's been a member since 2003 and attended her first show in Rochester in 2004. She’s been co-chair of various show committees since 2006 and has thoroughly enjoyed her time with other MQ volunteers. In her real life, she has been programming computers for over 30 years and she currently works for the State of Minnesota.

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Operations Co-Director
Catherine Goset

Running for the Board seems to the next logical step for Catherine’s involvement with MQ. She has been involved with the show committee for the last five years and just successfully finished co-chairing the faculty committee for the 2013 show. Operations is a perfect fit as she has previously been a business manager for a church. One of the major responsibilities of this board position is dealing with the building manager of St. Lawrence in leasing and use of the facilities. Catherine has also been responsible for maintaining budgets and human resource matters and reporting to boards. She welcomes the chance to participate with MQ at the board level to foster the mission of MQ.

Kathleen Winters

Kathleen joined MQ about 10 years ago. She’s been quilting since 1985, and sewing since she was 7. Kathleen would like to serve on the board again as she felt the experience was very rewarding. She took a few years off to regroup and is now ready to meet the challenges and be involved again. Previously, she served as 2007 Bus Tour Chair, 2008 Show co-chair, 2009 Special Events co-chair, 2010 challenge co-chair, 2008 - 2009 MQ Operations Co-director, president of SMQ in 2005, also secretary, treasurer and fundraising chair. She has also been secretary and treasurer for the Women of the West (WOW) quilt group.

Business Member Focus Column ~ The Noble Quilter Quilt Shop
Rebecca Finch

The Noble Quilter shop, owned by Angie Roberts and operated by her and ten other employees, has been in business since 2009. Roberts is a wife and mother of three who spent seven years as a technical writer and also worked for Target and other quilt shops in the area before becoming a shop owner. She did extensive research and investigated multiple sites before settling on the Elk River location. The shop name is suggestive of the atmosphere that Angie tries to establish in the store and at events like the recent Minnesota Quilt show. She was warm, friendly and offered knowledgeable advice to those stopping by her booth.

Angie has accomplished a great deal since opening the business in its beautiful facility in Elk River, Minnesota. She says, “Being chosen as a ‘Top Ten’ shop by Quilt Sampler magazine (current issue) has been an amazing achievement and I have sincerely enjoyed meeting the different customers who have come from different states to visit.” Her quilt named “Perfect Palette” appears on page 26 of this issue of the magazine.

Roberts has also made a significant contribution to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. as a Gold Level sponsor and business member in 2013 and as a vendor at the show. Noble Quilter also sponsored a bus to this year’s show.

Roberts operates a website and a brick and mortar store. Currently she offers primarily fabric kits off the website, and has 3,000 bolts of fabric and a full line of notions, books and patterns in the store. She plans to expand the website offerings in the next six months. You can sign up for the shop newsletter or any of the classes on her website. Classes that have been offered this year include Needleturn Applique, Rotary Cutting Revolution (Arrowhead Block), Beginning Paper Piecing, Homestyle Quilts and Dance of the Dragonflies. Noble Quilter also organized a retreat in June. The shop participates in the One Million Pillowcase Challenge and the Quilts of Valor program. Her newsletter is produced every three months to promote the clubs, classes and sew-ins that are being organized. Classes are developed in brainstorming sessions with the teachers.

You can visit the shop on the web at www.thenoblequilter.com or by going to the shop at 19570 Holt Street, NW, Elk River, MN 55330 (telephone 763-633-4669 • email thenoblequilter@izoom.net).
July Highlights

Diane Ellison, member of Minnesota Quilters and honored quilter at the Elly Sienkiewicz Appliqué Academy in Williamsburg, Virginia spoke at our July meetings. Diane and her husband Leo live in Duluth for the summer and Arizona for the winter. Diane told us she grew up learning how to patch everything on a treadle machine. When she got a little older she got a Singer, took lessons and sewed all her own clothes. Diane said she always loved hand work and appliqué type work.

Diane feels it is important to give something meaningful to each of her 7 children, 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. It took her 18 years to complete Tree of Life quilts for each of them, a visual symbol so they will remember their heritage. Diane also displayed some of her quilts that have been featured in national quilting magazines.

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Do you know of other quilt shows? Email all info to editor@mnquilt.org

Aug. 16-18, Upper Midwest Woodcarvers and Quilt Expo, Blue Earth Area High School 1125 Highway 169 N., Blue Earth MN. More info on their facebook page or email: Ellingsen@bevcomm.net

Sept. 6 & 7, Prairie Star Quilters Biennial Quilt Show, "Piece By Piece", Fri., 9-6, Sat. 9 –3. Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 South State Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. Featured Quilters, sisters, Pat Witty and Dar Parks. Further information contact Jan Wolfgram (507-238-5473) jcwolfgram@aol.com.

Sept. 6-8, Quilt Expo, Madison, Wisconsin. Suzanne Meyers Otto will be teaching. http://wiquiltexpo.com/

Oct, 3-4, Northwoods Quilt Guild Show, Thurs. 9-5, Fri. 9-4. $3. Quilts, vendors, bed turning, door prizes, raffle.


Oct. 12-13, Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild Show, “Joy of Quilting,” Webster High School, 7564 W. Alder St., Webster, WI 10-4, $4 admission. Vendors, raffle quilts, silent auction, demos, special exhibit, appraisals, café. For more info contact mixedsampler@gmail.com

Oct. 18 & 19, Evening Star Quilters Of Mahtomedi present their Quilt Show and Crafter Garage Sale. Fri. 10-6, Sat. 10-4. Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Ave, Mahtomedi MN

Oct. 18 & 19, The Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society of White Bear Lake presents "Stitches in Time 2013" Quilt Show, First Presbyterian Church, 4821 Bloom Ave in Downtown White bear lake. Fri. 9-6 pm, Sat. 9-4. $5 admission. Raffle Quilt tickets are $1. This new location offers access to White Bear Lake shops and restaurants, as well as more room for quilt display, garage sale, boutique and demonstrations. Light refreshments available. For more information contact Joan Gerten at 651-490-3157 or joangerten@earthlink.net.
July Show and Tell (Quiltmakers are listed on page 9)
Duluth Show News ~ More Winners

Challenge Quilt - 1st Birds, Basket and Vines Charles J. Madson
Challenge Quilt - 2nd It's All About the Birds Rhende Hagemeister
Challenge Dolls/Accessories - 1st Birds of a Feather Pin Together Rick Peterson
Challenge Dolls/Accessories - 2nd Beaded Mini Tote Pat Curtner
Challenge - Viewer’s Choice Birds, Basket and Vines Charles J. Madson

A Big Thank you from Lou and Yvonne, 2013 Show Coordinators

Lou and I would like to say a big Thank You to all of our show committee members. Without all of their help this show would not have happened. A lot of their work was behind the scenes to ensure that everything at the show ran smoothly. We would also like to thank all the committee members who participated in the after show wrap-up meeting. It was great to talk about all the successes and then to work on new ideas for next year’s show.

We would also like to say Thank You to all the volunteers who helped at the show. Every minute of help was appreciated and needed, from classroom helpers to white glovers, from show set-up to show take-down and everything in between. To put on a show this big, many, many volunteers are needed. Lastly, we would like to say thank you to our office staff- Debra and Doris and to our Show Director, Linda. Without all of their support this would have been a much tougher show to have put on. Please, if you helped at all with the show, give yourself a pat on the back- you earned it.

Yvonne

Small Quilt Auction

Thank you to all the wonderfully generous members who made and donated items to this years Small Quilt Auction. After hanging everything we stood back and looked with wonder and amazement at a all the color and different items. Eighty different quilters made and contributed about 180 items, including jackets, wall hangings, purses, wallets, mittens, hot pads, bags, pins, table runners, chatelaines, to name a few. The complete list will be on the website. Final figures are not in yet, but the SQA brought in about $4,000.

Without our dedicated talented members, the Small Quilt Auction could not happen. THANK YOU!

Jean Carr

July Show & Tell Quiltmakers

1. Ilene Brunette 11. Kathy Nelson
2. Roberta Boll 12. Glenda Fulkerson
5. Pam Plocek 15. Pam Streed
7. Roberta Boll 17. Suzanne Fisher
9. Gail Hanson 19. Adrianne Lemberg

Misplaced non-judged quilt

The Non-Judged subcommittee is missing one quilt and the search for it continues. If you showed a non-judged quilt at the show, or picked up quilts at the show, and you have not even looked at your bags yet, could you please look to see if you have it? It was in white pillowcase and has the name Helen Lanis on the bag. The quilt is 48 x 72 and has black background with 26 arrowhead blocks on point.

Call Martha Eaves, 651-261-6505 immediately-no questions-we just want it back!
Volunteers Wanted for Minnesota State Fair Quilt Competition

Summer heat has arrived and soon it will be time for the Minnesota State Fair, which means we will need some volunteers to help during the quilt entry take-in hours. Since not all of the people who staff the desks for entries into the Minnesota State Fair Creative Activities competitions know much about quilting, quilt entries are often entered into the wrong categories. This causes delays in the judging process and can negatively impact a quilt’s ability to receive an award. For the past few years MQ has provided volunteers who do know something about quilts and quilt categories to help during quilt take-in hours at the Creative Activities building. Please contact Kate Eelkema at keelkema@comcast.net if you are willing to work shifts of two or more hours any of these days.

- Sunday, August 11: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
- Tuesday, August 13: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Monday, August 12: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Wednesday, August 14: 9:00 am to Noon

MQ Sponsors Awards at the Minnesota State Fair

Here is an explanation of the awards:

MQ will award a Rosette and a $100 cash prize to the winner of the Sweepstakes award (Best of Show).

MQ will award a Rosette and $50 cash prize to the winners in the following categories: Best Machine Quilting, Best Use of Color, Best Hand-appliquéd Quilt and Best Quilted Clothing.

MQ also awards a new or continuing membership to winners in the categories for First Pieced Quilt or First Appliquéd Quilt (this means first ever made, not first ever entered in the State Fair).

In addition, MQ offers $20 to each first place winner in several categories and has matched the State Fair premiums for second and third place in these categories.

You do not have to win at the County level in order to enter your quilts in the State Fair. There is a specific category for county fair winners, but it is only one category of many. The only requirement for entering quilts is that you are a Minnesota resident.

Pre-registration for the Creative Activities started May 1 (online registration closes 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6). You do not have to pre-register for the Creative Activities, but it speeds up the intake process.

MQ also sponsors a $100 award in the Fine Arts category for fiber art. The Fine Arts exhibit is a juried exhibit, entries were due July 1, 2013.

Check out www.mnstatefair.org and click on Competitions to see more information and all the rules regarding these two competitions. You can also call the Competition Office at 651-288-4417 and request a Rules and Premiums booklet to be mailed to you.

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. We especially appreciate both Hannah Kaytonah and Martha Eaves for volunteering to be our Co-Historians. Thank you so much! All volunteers need to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. We had 342 volunteer hours recorded for the third quarter of our fiscal year. Keep up the good work! If any of you are interested in the following position or have questions about it please send us an email volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to us at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer for any position that is not listed, please let us know. We could have some openings at the end of this year - October 1.

Current available position: Greeters

We need one or two at each meeting to greet visitors and new members to make them feel welcome. See Gail Hanson at the Membership desk.
Suggestions Sought for 2014 Quilter of the Year

Each year, the MQ Board of Directors chooses a Quilter of the Year who is invited to have a presence and exhibit quilts at the annual show and conference. The Board now seeks suggestions from the membership for the 2014 Quilter of the Year.

The Quilter of the Year must have lived and worked in Minnesota within the past five years, have a significant body of work, be known nationally, and be dedicated to the promotion of quilting.

If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please send it by September 10, 2013 via e-mail to: preselect@mnquilt.org or by US mail to: c/o Co-Presidents Elect, Minnesota Quilters 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030 by September 15, 2013.

We look forward to your suggestions.

Fall Retreat Options

For those MQ members unable to attend the Fall Getaway October 10-13, we may be able to offer another in-town day retreat in Sept. or Oct., much like the Cabin Fever retreat that was offered in March. Possible dates are Sept. 12-14 or Oct. 17-19. We will take a poll at the August meetings to determine your preference.

Fat Quarter Drawing

Arlene Albrecht was the lucky winner of 20 green fat quarters in July. Looking forward to making fall quilts, we’ll be collecting fall leaf fabric fat quarters at the August meetings. The theme in September will be Halloween prints.

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 at fatquarter@mnquilt.org Carolyn Minor

Presidents’ Blocks

It is an MQ tradition for our members to each make a block for our out-going president to show appreciation for all the many hours and endless work they do to keep our guild running smoothly.

Laura’s President’s block is any School House block in red, either 6” or 12” finished size.

And in case you kept putting off past President Wynn’s blocks, she would like any red and white block, also in a 6” or 12” finished size. You can give them their blocks directly, or mail them to the MQ office.

QUILTS OF VALOR

The Mission of the Quilts of Valor is to cover all combat service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing Quilts of Valor. More than 87,000 quilts have been awarded.

If anyone has a quilt of valor top that is quilted and you have no place to drop it off, it can be brought to the August MQ meetings. If you would like to quilt a quilt top ready to be quilted, please call Helen Lucken at 651-437-6194. Helen can also answer other questions.

More information about Quilts of Valor can be found on the Quilts of Valor website, www.qov.org.
**Block of the Month ~ September 2013 ~ Apple for the Teacher**

Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore, botm@mnquilt.org

**Fabric:** Choose one fabric that reads as red (or bright green for a Granny Smith apple), one brown, one green, one off-white, and one bright yellow or orange (think school pencils). You may also select from your scraps. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:**
- Yellow/orange: (2) 2” x 9 ½” rectangles (A)
- Green leaves: (2) 1 ½” x 3 ½” rectangles (B)
- Brown stem: (1) 1” x 3 ½” rectangle (C)
- Red apple: (1) 6 ½” x 6 ½” square (D)
- Off-white: (4) 3 ½” x 1 ½” rectangles (E) *
  
* or (1) 6 ½” x 3 ½” rectangle if you plan to appliqué leaves & stem!*
- (4) 2” x 2” squares (F)
- (2) 1 ½” squares (G)

**Assembly:**
Put an F piece right sides together on one of D’s corners. Sew corner to corner. Cut excess fabric ¼” from the seam. Do the other three corners. (See images). Fold off-white corners open. Press toward “apple.” Square to 6 ½”.
Sew G to B in a similar manner, creating the “leaf” pieces. (Or use appliqué to shape the stem and leaves onto the larger E piece.)
Sew E+B+E, keeping the orientation of the pieces as shown in the picture. Square these to 3 ½”, trimming on the green end.
Sew the EBE pieces to each side of the stem (C), keeping the orientation correct.
Attach the stem section to “top” of the apple section, matching centers of the two pieces.
Sew the A pieces on both sides of the block. Square to 9 ½”.

**Appreciate your teachers at our September “Schoolhouse meeting” program!**

**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. 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.
The Riverbend Quilters Guild in Jackson, MN, was organized in 1985 to promote the love of quilts, preserve the art of quilts and quilting, and to contribute friendship, knowledge, and encouragement to others.

Join us for meetings to show and share projects. We have a short business meeting and enjoy an informative program or project and refreshments.

We meet on the third Monday of the month, except December, at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church located at 600 Fifth Street, in Jackson.

Since we are a smaller guild, 20-25 members, we have not been able to have big name speakers -- we try to tap into the talents of our own members! There is a lot of talent! We worked through ‘Lessons from Mama’ by Atkinson Designs during 2011. Members volunteered to complete a section and present it to the group. It was fun to see how this sampler looked in the various color ways participants used. Our members are of varying skill levels but we all learned something at every presentation and enjoyed the process of learning different methods.

The Jackson Fire & Emergency Services have just moved into their new, state of the art Fire Hall and EMS Headquarters. This beautiful building contains 4 bedrooms available for fire or ambulance crew members to use when necessary. Our guild chose to make quilts for these rooms as a service to the community in 2012. We chose timeless, graphic patterns and colors that are gender friendly. The quilts were machine quilted by a guild member and are washable. We presented them to the Fire Chief and the Ambulance director. The Fire/EMS department is almost entirely volunteer. We appreciate their time and talents to keep our community safe.

We tried a ‘Pizza Box Challenge’ in 2012! Everyone enjoyed this and we hope to do it again. The participant chose what they wanted the other members to do for them and we each took a turn. We exchanged boxes once a month and the box owner could not peek until the end. Such creative ideas! Some put a background fabric in and chose a block for us to do. Some were scraps, some were planned, some were funny and some challenging. Lots of ooo's and ahhh's at that reveal!

We have a display at the Jackson County Fair and publish a challenge to anyone wishing to participate. We have challenged ourselves to complete our Pizza box Challenges to display at the Fair this year.

Our group has a lot of fun and we are there to assist each other on projects. We have very talented members and welcome anyone who has an interest in learning or appreciate quilting!
**Minnesota Quilters' Grant Program**

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. provides educational and service project grants as well as donations to promote interest and education in quilting.

We will be accepting grant applications each year between July 1 and September 16. The respondent's application will need to be post-marked no later than September 16. During the month of October our Grant Review committee will review the applications and then make a recommendation to the Board, listing the recommended grants and the amount recommended to be provided to each grantee individual or organization. The board will review the grant recommendations at the November board meeting and then dispense funds no later than December 31 of that year.

To apply, please complete the grant form (see below) and mail it to:

President-Elect, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Direct any questions to the above address or to: preselect@mnquilt.org.

**Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Grant Request Form**

Funds are for the use of quilters in Minnesota. Grants will be considered for the support of quilting education and quilt-related community projects in Minnesota.

All requests are subject to review by the MQ Board of Directors.

All requests are subject to availability of funds.

Grant applications will be accepted annually July 1st through September 16th.

Review will take place at the November Board meeting with funds being dispensed by December 31st.

Receipts or invoices for expenses and proof of completion (such as photos of class/event or quilts) are requested.

Photographs submitted may be published in the MQ newsletter; submission of request assumes consent for publication.

**Guild/group name____________________________________________________________**

**Location (town or city or county)________________________________________________**

**Number of members in group: __________________________**

**Contact person**

**Name: __________________________________________________________________**

**Address:_____________________________________________________________________**

**Phones: ______________________________ Email:_______________________________**

**Dollar amount requested:____________________**

**Purpose of grant - Please be as detailed as possible:**

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Thank You MN Quilters!

When I won the 2013 Charter Members Scholarship for Beginning Quilters, I don't think I was aware what that actually entailed until I walked into the Duluth Show on Thursday morning. What a sight! I had no idea it would be as huge as it was! I found the registration table, gawked at the sheer size of everything for a minute, then caught my breath and found my way to my first class.

I took a needle turn appliqué class on Thursday afternoon. Now I know first hand how much work goes into those quilts. I made a tiny piece and it took a few hours. And my stitches are too big and uneven and the base piece shifted a little so it bunches, but hey, I finished. I imagine I will have many more hours of practicing to perfect these things.

After my class I ran to find my quilt that I had entered in the Challenge exhibit before the show floor closed. It was so fun to see my work displayed! I learned a lot by entering a quilt, mostly that I need to work much harder on my challenge piece next year. The beauty and creativity people had with the challenge was amazing.

On Friday morning I explored the vendor floor, bought too much fabric and trim, tried on amazing vintage jewelry and found some great WWII era red, white and blue buttons that will be perfect for a dress I am making. I also attended the trunk show from Karen McTavish and was blown away. Her work was inspiring and now I'm starting to think that I'm not a piecer and am more of a quilter. The magic that can happen in the quilting is amazing. I also am glad that I had the foresight to sign up for her workshop in the afternoon called "How Do I Quilt That?" Everyone in the class brought two quilt tops, and as we spread them out on the table Karen would give suggestions on how to quilt them. I learned SO MUCH about the history of quilting and how to work with different designs. It doesn't hurt that Karen is hilarious, too. It made the class really fun. I've already started to save for a long-arm machine.

After all that on Friday there was still the banquet to attend. Great food and even better company. Thank you for having me as your guest, MN Quilters. I loved every minute of it.

On Saturday morning I really took time to go back and see all of the entries for a third time. The time and energy that is put into these show pieces really struck me that morning. I had no idea there would be that many entries. I was impressed by the range of styles, too. The art quilts were my favorite, especially the trees in the back of the second room. Each tree was cut into four pieces and was traded amongst 4 quilters to make one new tree. The way those trees came together was so beautiful. The fact that we are all different quilters with different styles that can make a piece come together and look amazing with all those styles was so encouraging to me.

I am so thankful to have been a part of the MN Quilters this year and will always remember my first Minnesota Quilt show. Thank you!
Search Begins for Quilt Show Scholarship Candidates

Deadline: November 1, 2013.

Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters' 2014 Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth, Minnesota? If so, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship for beginning quilters.

The mission of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is to further the preservation of quilting, to educate, and to document the art and craft of quilting in Minnesota. We believe that one way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in a great quilt show and conference by offering a scholarship. We offer this scholarship in honor of our Charter Members who, years ago, saw the importance of celebrating and promoting quilting.

The scholarship recipient will receive the following awards:

1) Priority registration
2) Registration fee (multi-day pass, show bag and pin)
3) Registration and tuition for two 3-hour classes or one 6-hour class
4) Registration and tuition for three lectures
5) Banquet and Award Ceremony ticket
6) Single hotel room for two nights
7) One year membership to Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

To be considered for this scholarship you must have been making quilts for less than two years and started fewer than 3 large quilts or 4 wall hangings.

To apply for the scholarship, please:

1) Complete scholarship entry form (on web site home page).
2) Write a 300-500 word essay. Tell us what quilting means to you and what you would like to learn during the quilt show and conference. Include your name and address on the essay.
3) If you've made any quilts, include photos of two of your quilts and/or wall hangings with a short description of each. The quilts do not need to be finished. Write your name and address on each photograph.

Please NOTE: All scholarship applications are reviewed and selection is based on the applicant's essay, not on the quality of the applicant's quilts.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Scholarship Committee, 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Or e-mail your application form, essay, and photographs (.jpg or .tiff files) to preselect@mnquilt.org. Please contact Kathie Simon Frank or Patty Von Arx, Co-presidents Elect, at preselect@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.
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Sponsors are critical partners with Minnesota Quilters, enabling us to provide judged quilts prize money and special show features. **Diamond** sponsors contribute $1,500, **Gold** sponsors contribute $1,000 and **Silver** sponsors contribute $500 to help make the Minnesota Quilters annual show a first class show. Watch this section of the newsletter for new sponsors coming on board. Please pass on your appreciation and please patronize them whenever possible. Thank you for supporting Minnesota Quilters!

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2014 Show Committee Start-Up Meeting

Lou Roos and Laura Nagel invite everyone who has volunteered to be on next year’s show committee in St. Cloud to attend a very short meeting either Thursday, August 1 at 6:30 pm or Saturday, August 3 at 9:30 am to receive your notebook for your position, sign volunteer agreements, update the roster info and get a schedule of upcoming 2014 Quilt Show meetings.

We’d love to see as many of you wonderful people at either time.

Lou & Laura
MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY
October 10-13, 2013
(Thursday noon – Sunday noon)
U of MN Forestry Center, Cloquet, MN

Fall Getaway Cost:  $230 MQ Members (Double Occupancy)
                     $260 non-members (Double Occupancy)

The fee is Non-Refundable unless we fill your spot.
All rooms: two twin beds with a private bathroom (shower – no tub) in the room.
Private room: At $30 per night will be $90 additional.
Limited handicap-accessible rooms are available upon request.

Fee includes:
3 Nights Lodging (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
Meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast)

Demonstrations
You may check-in after 12 noon on Thursday, October 10 (to use the sewing rooms only).
Lodge rooms will be available after 3:00 p.m.

To register:  Starting August 1st MQ Members have two choices  
1.) Use our online form in the invitation email (emailed to all MQ members after 10 am on August 1st) for instant registration and make the payment online with a credit card or by sending a check made out to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and mailed to MQ’s office. 
Non-members may register online August 8.  If a non-member wants to register on August 1 they must join MQ for $40 online by July 31 (so Debra at the office has time to have them in the system).  The new member will be able to sign up for the retreat at the reduced member rate of $230.
If you are registering others in addition to yourself you will need to register yourself first and then start registration over for each person.  Each person must have their own email address and if they are already an MQ Member it is important that you use the email address they use for their membership.  You can call Debra at the MQ office for assistance with this if necessary.  612-436-0449 Tues through Fri.
2.) Mail this completed form and a check payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. to:

MN Quilters – Fall Getaway
1203 5th St SE
Minneapolis, MN  55414-2030

***Mail-in Registration must be postmarked NO EARLIER THAN August 1, 2013***

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Confirmation of registration will be emailed and you will be able to access online the demo information, supply lists, retreat information, maps that you can print.

Questions?  Contact:  Charlette Pittman, 763-566-5318, and Sue Hilferty, 952-888-5890
Or email at: fallgetaway@mnquilt.org
Look inside for these fun events coming up:
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