Minnesota Quilters
February Meetings
Thursday, February 7, 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 9, 10:00 am

Quilts made from commercial kits have been called the step-sisters of the quilt world. Excluded from many shows, they demanded a great deal of skill in the making. Included in their history is the ever present desire of women to obtain income from their needlework. Come hear about these amazing beauties and see quilts made from kits in the collection of Rose Marie Werner, a Minnesota Quilters member who has been researching this significant piece of quilt history. Thursday's program (February 7) will feature quilts from the 1920s, 1930s, and 1940s. Saturday's program (February 9) will feature quilts from the 1950s through the 1990s. Come to both programs to get an overview of Kit Quilts of the 20th Century.

"In the ready-cut quilts offered for sale are seen the effects of this hurrying age in which we live."
The Romance of the Patchwork Quilt, 1935

MINNESOTA QUILTERS OF THE YEAR!

Nancy Raschka Reeves and Susan Dyer

Happy Valentine’s Day!

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Upcoming Events

February 7 & 9, Minnesota Quilters meeting: "Minnesota Quilt Project"
MQP has invited Rose Werner to show her collection of 20th century 'kit' quilts and relate their historical significance to the progression of our quilting legacy. mqp@mnquilt.org

March 2, 10:00-1:00, There will be no Thursday evening meeting in March. Instead please join us at Eagan High School on Saturday, March 2 for the Women's History Month exhibit and lecture featuring Pam Dinndorf. Pam lives in St. Cloud, Minnesota. She is the talented designer of Aardvark Quilts. View an array of fabulous quilts, see a special exhibit of the “Material Obsessions” challenge, and experience a colorful lecture and trunk show presented by Pam. See more information about Pam and her quilts at www.aardvarkquilts.com. Pam's lecture will be from 11:00-12:00, refreshments will be served before the lecture.

March 7-9, Cabin Fever Retreat (see page 17)

APRIL 4 & 6, Celebrate the 35th birthday of the 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, of course!

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.

The February Board of Directors meeting will be February 26, 2013, 6:00 pm in the classroom at St. Lawrence Church. Please contact the President, Laura Nagel, if you wish to address the Board. President@mnquilt.org

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The flu season may be in full swing in Minnesota, but it’s the Quilt Show Fever that gets my attention this month. The excitement at the January meeting was contagious. The new merchandise was a hit, as many of us left wearing red jackets (more are on order). The samples for our classes were enticing and the faculty presentation had us all circling our favorite choices in our registration books. Two of our local teachers were so effective with their class promotions that we added a wool dyeing class by Tracy Trevethan on Saturday, and a redwork lecture by Annemarie Yohnk on Thursday evening.

The show committee encouraged us to register early, finish our quilts for the judged and non-judged exhibits, make an item for the small quilt auction, buy & sell raffle tickets, sign up for the banquet, and volunteer in your desired area of the show. If you couldn’t make the meeting, complete information about the show is on our website, along with color pictures of the class samples, direct links to our faculty’s websites, and supply lists. If you have any questions, feel free to email the show committee or call the office.

It was my privilege to introduce our Quilters of the Year, Nancy Raschka-Reeves and Susan Dyer, owners of Glad Creations Quilt Shop. They have contributed so much to our quilting community through their shop, patterns, friendly service, and the classes that have introduced so many of us to this wonderful world of quilting. Not only have they been in business for 36 years, but they have also been faithful vendors at every MQ show. We look forward to seeing their personal collection of quilts at the show.

And if all of this isn’t enough, we met Darci Alexis, our scholarship winner. I encourage each of you to say ‘Hello’ when you see her at the next meeting or the show – she is the face of today’s new quilters – young, excited, and full of fresh ideas about the quilts she wants to make. While those of us who have been at this for a while may have already found our niche, we need to remember those who mentored us as beginners and pay it forward. Invite a young person to attend the show with you, sign up to assist with teaching the Girls Scouts to quilt in March, talk to visitors at the State Fair in August. Take your quilting along wherever you go, answer questions, and pass along your passion to the next generation.

Challenge Fabric 2013

Quilters, it’s not too late to purchase the fabric challenge packs and make a project to be exhibited at the 2013 show in Duluth. We have many packs for sale. With fewer members participating, the odds of winning a cash prize are greater for you! Join in – participate in this long-standing guild tradition and support Minnesota Quilters.

Fabric packs contain one-half yard of focus fabric and two fat quarters of coordinating fabrics. There is a choice of two colorways. Create a small quilt, wall hanging, garment, bag or other quilt-related item using a recognizable amount of each fabric. You may add other fabrics. Each fabric pack costs $15, and that fee includes your item’s entry into the show for the possibility of winning a prize.

Purchase fabric packs at the February meeting or from the office. For more information, please contact Wanda Shelton (651-485-6694) or Judy Lewis, both at challenge2013@mnquilt.org.

Thanks for quilting with us and good luck!

Help in the MQ Office

Do you have a few hours you could volunteer each month to assist Debra in the MQ Office? During the day of the Thursday night meeting each month an hour or two of your time would be greatly appreciated.

If you are interested please call or email Debra. 612-436-0449 quilter@mnquilt.org THANK YOU!
**Minnesota Quilters 2013 Show ~ Duluth ~ June 13-15**

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**Important Show Dates**

**Registration:**  
- Members Only: Started January 16, 2013  
- General: Begins 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”

Remember when you were in elementary/primary school and you gave a valentine to all of your friends? You would make the list, and start choosing which valentine went to each friend….saving the prettiest one for your best friend or that really cute boy? You may be a couple of years older now, but wouldn’t you love to find a valentine in your mailbox this year?

MQ has the perfect Valentine idea for all of your quilting pals, family and close friends…. 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 a great Valentine for all of your friends! They also make fun birthday and secret sister gifts too!

MQ RAFFLE TICKETS are only $1 each and the Guided Waters Note cards are $5/package! Raffle tickets and note cards are always available from the MQ office and at the upcoming February MQ meetings!

Please remember your checkbook or cash because we are unable to accept credit card payments for raffle tickets….it’s the state’s rules.

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 p.m. at the DECC in Duluth. You need not be present to win.

Consider sending a Valentine this year, with a few “Guided Waters” raffle tickets and a beautiful “Guided Waters” note card, to all of your quilting friends! We appreciate your support!

Terri Krysan and Yvonne Curran

Sharing Your Quilts in the Non-Judged Exhibit

The Non-judged exhibit allows you to share those quilts you make for special people or just because you wanted to try a new pattern or finish a quilt that you started. And since Lake Superior is our “ocean,” all those Mariner’s Compass quilts we always admired would make a fitting challenge for this show. We will look forward to your entry.

Martha Eaves, nonjudged2013@mnquilt.org

Small Quilt Auction 2013

Congratulations to Wanda Shelton, she was the January winner of a $25 gift card to her favorite quilt shop. How did she do that? Easy, she brought in a donation for the small quilt auction and had her name entered into the drawing.

This could be YOU! For every item you donate to the SQA you will get one entry into the drawing. We will draw a name out each month and that lucky person will receive a gift card to the quilt shop of your choice.

smallquiltauction2013@mnquilt.org
Registration for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 35th Annual Quilt Show and Conference

Registration for current members of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. started on January 16th. Non members will be able to register beginning February 1st. It is important to register early in order to get the classes you are most interested in. Class sizes are limited.

Online registration (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 yourself any time before March 31, 2013. After that you will need to email your changes in writing to reg2013@mnquilt.org or mail them to the MQ office. We are unable to accept verbal changes simply because it is too easy to mishear the instructions; if it is written we know what to do.

You will be able to purchase as many tickets as you like for lectures and special events. You will also have the ability to register for others. If you want to bring guests, just buy them a ticket.

The check-out process is easy and secure. Once you complete your order and payment information you simply click the Finish button and then wait patiently. It can take several seconds. Once the gears on the screen have disappeared you will know all has gone properly and you will receive a confirmation email almost immediately. Print this confirmation and bring it to the registration area at the show, at your leisure to pick up your materials. You may go directly to classes – no need to stop at registration first.

We know that life does happen so remember you have the opportunity to purchase registration insurance. If you purchase this insurance ($20) when you register, you will receive a 100% refund for classes, lectures and special events as long as you cancel before June 1, 2013. This insurance will not cover the registration fee, the insurance itself, box lunches or merchandise.

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

New Class Added
S14D Wool Dyeing
Tracy Trevethan
Saturday, June 15th from 8:30am to 4:30pm
Member $70, Non-Member $80, Material Fee $75

Learn to go from drab to dynamite by using acid dyes to create unique colors for your wool fabrics. Using 100% wool fabric, Tracy will show you how to use acid dyes to create beautiful colors on these protein-based fibers. You will be in complete control as you decide if you want vibrant or subtle. The chemistry is different from cotton dyeing but the steps are simple and lend themselves to lots of variations. As always, Tracy will provide multiple color recipes and will guide you through the entire process. See the photo and supply list on the show website.

New Lecture Added
TL17E Redwork - In The Beginning
Annemarie Yohnk
Thursday, June 13th at 5:15pm
Member $10, Non-Member $12

People of all ages have enjoyed Redwork as a pastime from the late 1800s to the late 1930s. Where did all the designs come from? You may be surprised. Join Annemarie for a fabulous trunk show of these embroidered pieces of art. You will leave with a new appreciation of Redwork and hints/tips on what to look for when collecting your own pieces.
Sponsor Recognition

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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Lodging Information for Duluth Show, June 13-15, 2013

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. has blocked hotel rooms with special room rates for the 35th Annual Quilt Show & Conference at the DECC in Duluth. It is important that you request the “Minnesota Quilters” room rate when you make your reservation.

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January MQ meetings are always exciting, as the membership gets to see and hear about all the classes and lectures that will be offered at this year’s Minnesota Quilt Show and Conference. This year 88 people came to see the ‘Show Reveal’ meeting on Thursday, and 98 attended the Saturday meeting.

The show faculty chairs gave an informative presentation about this year’s instructors and their classes, plus there were actual samples of most of the class projects for us to examine. Pictures are great, but as fabric artists we all appreciate being able to see the real-life textures and colors of the quilts we can learn to make in June. Everyone was able to follow along in a registration book to mark the classes we want to take. Too bad we can’t take two at the same time, because there are so many to choose from each day! There were a few new items added after the registration book went to print, so be sure to check the online class schedule to see all the available classes. Remember to register early so you can get the classes you want.

January is also the month that the Quilter of the Year is announced. This year we have a pair of Quilters of the Year: Nancy Raschka-Reeves and Susan Dyer. Great quilters run in their family, as their mother Gladys Raschka was Quilter of the Year in 1999. Nancy and Susan are the owners of Glad Creations Quilt Shop in Minneapolis. They are vendors at every MQ Show, and they design new mystery quilts every year that develop into patterns available at their shop and across the country. Congratulations, Nancy and Susan!

Kathie Simon Frank won the Volunteer door prize on Thursday, and Loretta Stone won it on Saturday. There were also two priority registration vouchers given away at each meeting, and Darcy Alexis was introduced at the Saturday meeting as the winner of the MQ Show Scholarship. Congratulations to all of you!
January Show and Tell (see listing of quilters on page 12)
**Picking Up the Pieces**

Laura Nagel, president@mnquilt.org ©2013

Leave it to Hallmark to have the Valentine cards out before I finished mailing my holiday cards. Which reminds me of a quote I saved from Jennifer Keltner, editor of American Patchwork and Quilting, “One of the best parts of quilting is being able to stitch a little piece of your heart into every project.” If your quilting projects have become a chore because of deadlines or a guilt trip brought on by peer pressure, it’s time to lighten up a little, or at least take on a smaller project that reflects your love of the craft and the feelings you have for the person who will ultimately receive your labor of love - because that’s what a quilt really is. I can’t think of any other project (other than raising children) that requires so much care and thoughtful decision at each stage of the process. And upon completion, it reflects who you are, what you value, and your frame of mind.

We all know someone who would be cheered by a quilted postcard, a small mug rug or table topper. Last month MQ members had two sew-in days to work on projects for others. Jean Carr and Mary Pozzini organized the tasks and the blocks for the Heart Strings quilts multiplied before their very eyes. Pillowcases were assembled, dog and cat beds were stuffed and delivered to the animal shelter. So whether it’s a gift for a friend or for someone you will never meet, think about making something you can really put your heart into.

Throughout history women have quilted for a specific purpose. Often times it was out of necessity, but other times it was to bring a bit of color and decoration into their homes, or to raise funds for their community. Frequently women’s needles became the voice of social change. Through the ages we have quilted out of joy and sorrow — from the expectant stitches in a baby’s quilt to the final pieces joined with grief in a mourning coverlet.

Quilting survives because it continues to be a visible expression of our caring for the needs of others. When we put our heart into our quilts we change lives: ailing children, homeless families, wounded soldiers, women struggling with cancer, and people whose memories have been lost to Alzheimer’s. All find comfort in our stitches.

This month, gladden someone’s heart by sharing a piece of your own.

**Wanted: Fundraising Committee**

MQ is looking for new ways we can raise money to help support our organization and its mission to further the preservation of quilting, to educate, and to document the art and craft of quilting in Minnesota.

If you have fundraising experience or are just interested in being part of this group please contact Kathie Simon Frank or Patty Von Arx at a monthly meeting or via email at preselect@mnquilt.org. If you are unable to be a part of this committee but have fundraising ideas you’d like to share, please contact us.

**“Love a Quilt(er), Support MN Quilters” in February – Pass it on!**

What an amazing organization is MQ! Since becoming treasurer months ago, I have only been more impressed at the growth in our programs and accomplishments. With a budget of over $400,000/year, MQ is a good-sized non-profit. It’s quite a tribute to the support of our members and the annual quilt show sponsors and participants that MQ has been so successful.

We continue to have a goal of bringing more people into the world of quilting, and strive to be sustainable in our membership and our finances.

Here’s how you can help! MQ is encouraging our “inner circle” members and conference friends to spread the word to the “next circle” to ask for financial support during the month of February. We will have information and materials at the February meetings, and will send out emails with talking points that explain MQ programs and how MN Quilters contribute to a better, warmer Minnesota. We ask you to forward the message to those who love your quilts, or who cherish the quilts passed down in their family.

Increasing our base of support can help keep the costs of membership and the conference classes and admission at affordable levels, and shows sponsors and grant agencies how MQ is valued outside of our own organization. Thanks for your creative support! Kathy Faust treasurer@mnquilt.org
**Sewing for Others**

Jean Carr, qfo@mnquilt.org

No more scraps needed right now, but how about becoming a Stripper! Quilting for Others needs 1 ½ to 3” strips to make more heartstring quilts.

You can also make the heartstring block at home and bring them to be sewn into a quilt top. Here is how:

Foundation is 10”. Start with a 2” wide red strip (needs to read red) down the diagonal middle, add strips of any 1 ½ to 3” size out to both corners. Trim to 9 ½” finished. Scrapy works the best.

We will have another sew day after the Saturday meeting in April. Projects will be putting blocks together and making more blocks, making pillowcases for the women’s shelters and also for KonKerr Cancer.

Items to bring: Sewing machine and general sewing notions, we have cutting boards, rotary cutters, irons etc.

Bring your lunch or we can order from Jimmy Johns and they will deliver it.

We have an over-abundance of scraps for dog and cat beds; we need cases for them. I dropped off a load of beds on my way home from the January Saturday meeting and the staff at the Humane Society said they love it when I come in, because the MN Quilters make great beds!!

Thank you to every member who has donated time, fabric, and completed items they are very much appreciated by the recipients, and Thank You to the ten people who stayed after the January Saturday meeting to Sew for Others!

**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:

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

**Show and Tell Quilters**

1. Kathie Simon Frank
2. 
3. Karen Kopitzke
4. Mary Wiebusch
5. Liela Horozdovsky
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7. Ruth Herbst
8. Janet Harvey
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11. Karen Olson
12. Nancy Birger
13. Randi Helling
14. Lois Voss
15. Mickie Peine
16. Peggy Stockwell
17. Terri Krysan
18.

Minnesota Quilters Grant Update:

Did you know that Minnesota Quilters supports various Public Television Stations throughout the state of Minnesota? Here is a listing of the stations and the quilting and fiber arts programs that they are currently airing.

If you live in the Duluth/ Superior area you can watch Fons and Porter’s Love of Quilting Saturdays at 11:00am on WDSE WRPT PBS 8 & 31.

If you live in the Austin area you can watch Fons and Porter’s Love of Quilting Wednesdays at 11:30am on KSMQ Public Television.

For those of you who live in Northern Minnesota or have DiSH or DIRECTV Lakeland Public Television offers the following programs:

**Thursday**

12:30pm Knitting Daily

**Friday**

12:30pm It’s Sew Easy

**Saturday**

10:00am Fons and Porter’s Love of Quilting

10:30am Sewing w/Nancy

11:00am Quilting Arts

**Sunday**

11:30am Sew it All

For those of you who live in Western Minnesota Pioneer Public Television offers the following programs:

**Friday**

1:30pm Fons and Porter’s Love of Quilting

**Saturday**

2:30pm Sewing w/Nancy

3:00pm Quilting Arts

3:30pm Knitting Daily
**Block of the Month ~ February 2013 ~ Love Twist**
Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore, botm@mnquilters.org

**Fabric:** Choose four fabrics that read as white, pale pink, medium or dark pink, and rosy red.
Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:**
Dark Pink (outer border)
- A – (2) 5” x 2”
- B – (4) 3 ½” x 2”
- C – (2) 2” x 2”

Red / Pale Pink
- D & G (1) 5”x 2”
- E & H (1) 3 ½” x 2”
- F & I (1) 2 ½” x 2 ½” (will cut on diagonal; makes 2)

White
- J – (2) 3 ½” x 2”
- K – (4) 2” x 2”
- L – (1) 2 ½” x 2 ½” (will cut on diagonal)

**Assembly:**
Start by making your half-square triangles. It might be easiest to cut an extra L piece, unless you are making two complete blocks, then double all the cutting except pieces F & I (already doubled). Sew pieces F+L & I+L to make your HSTs. Trim to 2” x 2” square.

Sew C+K, FL+K, and IL+K. You can chain-piece these and many other connections on this block.

Continue to sew pieces in each quadrant together, pressing seams to one side. Make sure you use a careful, scant quarter-inch seam.

Your finished block should be 9 ½” square.

You may want to lay the pieces out and just chain-piece in whatever order is logical to you, forming the four quadrants before sewing them all together.

**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.

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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.

*** Rose Keller won 17 "Red Cross" blocks in our January drawing.
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.

Diane Ellison, of Duluth, MN and Green Valley, AZ, has been selected to be the 2013 “Honored Quilter” at Elly Sienkiewicz' Appliqué Academy, held in Williamsburg, Virginia in February of each year. This is a gathering of about 250 or 300 appliqué enthusiasts, taking classes from experts in the appliqué aspect of quilting. Diane will share her quilting journey from piecing to applique with a trunk show and how she blends techniques with beautiful results. Her goal is to make an Album Quilt. Check out Elly’s website at www.ellysienkiewicz.com for more information about the Appliqué Academy.

Kathie Simon Frank, of Minneapolis, MN — her piece “Walk in the Woods” has been selected for the juried show “The Quilt: The Art of our Community” February 25 to April 1, 2013, in the Benedict F. and Dorothy J. Gorecki Gallery, College of St. Benedict,, St. Joseph Minnesota. There is a reception to meet the artists on Friday, March 22 from 5 – 8 p.m.

Janice Schmidt, of Coon Rapids, MN, is exhibiting some of her works as part of the “First Show II” at Banfill Locke Arts Center, January 4 – February 2. Banfill Locke Arts Center is located at 6666 East River Road, Fridley, MN (763-574-1850). The exhibit hours are Tuesday –Saturday 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The exhibitors are made up of the First Place Winners of the 2011 Members Show, juried by St. Paul artist, Mary Esch. This is the “first” show of the year, hence the name of the Show – First Show II.

Congratulations to Diane, Janice and Kathie!

Congratulations to the following MQ Members who will have their pieces showing in the Textile Center Galleries for the Members Exhibition entitled “A Common Thread”. The exhibition runs from January 18 – March 2, 2013 at 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414: Mary Ellen Calderwood, Katherine Simon Frank, Tina Hughes, Rosemary Kessler, Melissa Nellis, Wanda Shelton and Susan Stein.

Fat Quarter Drawing

February is the month of hearts, so let’s see how many different fabrics we can find containing hearts. It doesn’t have to be red and white; it can be any fabric with hearts. Look in your stash and see what you can find or find a fun fabric at your favorite quilt shop. Join in the fun of “winning fat quarters.”

Karen Knoll was the lucky winner of 13 beautiful blue batik fat quarters in January. Congratulations, Karen.

NOTE: We will not be doing a fat quarter drawing in March.

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
New/Renewing Members – December 2012

Linda Adamson  Julie Ekholm  Deanna L Juergens  Sandra Schlagel
Kathleen Archambeau  Diane Ellison  Trudy Johnson  Bobbie Shields
Sandra J Bartelma  Susan Erickson  Fiona Lawrence  Christina Sobel
Mary Ellen Calderwood  Susan M Feist  Wendy S Lazaar  Lisa Stene
Terry Chandler  Jane M Fieber  Elaine Magnan  Debra Svedberg
Kathryn S Cherrier  Michelle Full  Carol Mashuga  Patricia Tanner
Judith A Christianson  Pamela Geerdes  Sharon Melville  Liz Tarr
Paula Christopherson  Eileen Gottwalt  Sherri Moening  Debbie Tonkin
Kris Coffman  Vernida Grant  Vera Oestreicher  Linda Vanstone
Beverly Curtis  Rhende Hagermeister  Laurie K Olson  June Vogtance
Cecilia Dahl  Dorothy Hagen  Betsy Osborn  Colleen Vollmers
Janell Dahms  Nancy J Henderson  Denise L Ostrom  Beth Wagner
Barbara Despen  Julie Idzorek  Marlyce Payne  Ellie West
Kathy Duclos  Janet Jacobsen  Janice Ringer  Diane Zimmerman
Jennifer Dynan  Kate Jacobsen-Murray  Lillian Rodeck

New/Renewing Business Memberships – December 2012

Bernina of America/Sarah Armstrong (Gold Sponsor)
Expressions in Threads/Pam Hughes (Gold Sponsor)
Marie’s Memory Quilts/Marie Becker
Noble Quilter, The/Angie Roberts (Gold Sponsor)
Rainbows & Calico Things Quilt Shop/Barbara Wardenburg (Gold Sponsor)
Things Past & Present/Cheryl Orr (Silver Sponsor)

GiveMN – Give to the Max Day – November 2012

Kathleen A Brevig  Laura R Nagel
Sharon Brick  Karen L O’Brien
Debra Caners  Molly J O’Dea
Ellen Carter  Denise L Ostrom
Yvonne Curran  Michele Peine
Patricia A Curtner  Sharon M Peterson
Ruth DeVore  Mary E Pozzini
Martha A Eaves  Mary K Pozzini
Kathy Faust  Mary Rossi
Joan B Gale  Joyce R Ruppert
Loris Goth  Renee Stapleton
Kay Harrell  Gayle Solheim
Ann Helbling  Patty Von Arx
Gail A Kleper  Julie Wagner
Karen Knoll  Audrey Weinand
Elaine Magnan  Bonnie Weinandt
Anne McCandless  Charlotte Wenger
Roxanne I Meyers  Linda K Wines

Contributions - December 2012

Anonymous
Faye Bodenhamer
Gerri Crane
Martha A Eaves
Peggy A Ellefson
Jane M Fieber
Gail Hanson
Ruth N Herbst
Tina Hollerman
Terri M Krysan
Land O’ Lakes (on behalf of Charlotte Wenger’s volunteer hours)
Wynn Martin
Carol L Mayala
Carolyn R Minor
Michele Peine
Cheryl Plourde
Mary E Pozzini
Sue Sandager
Linda K Wines

A great big “Thank YOU!” to the anonymous person who gave me a one-year membership to Minnesota Quilters! Thank you!
~ Debra Svedberg, MQ Admin
Darci Alexis Wins Scholarship to Attend 2013 Show

Darci Alexis is the Board's choice for the 2013 Charter Members Scholarship for Beginning Quilters. She moved from New York City to Minneapolis recently to work in advertising as an art director. Most of her hobbies and her work are spent bent over a computer or sewing machine, so to balance her life, she takes the opportunity to actively practice yoga, and she loves to cook.

What got her started quilting about two years ago? The prospect of her niece's birth! She wanted to give this special baby something more meaningful than just a toy, and though the thought of making a quilt drifted through her mind, she dismissed it initially as too difficult. However, she paid a visit to a quilt shop in New York: City Quilter. They convinced her to take a beginning hand-piecing class, and she was hooked! She finished the quilt for her niece, all hand-pieced and hand-quilted! Now, in her words, her niece's "favorite pastime is spreading the quilt out (it has to be completely flat!) and finding the different animals in the fabric. She runs her fingers along the seams. Watching her play is the most rewarding part of making my first quilt. I hope that I can pass the skills along to her someday."

Then came her move back to the Twin Cities. But did that stop her? No!! She said she loves the break that quilting gives her from everyday life. Working as a graphic designer (on the computer for most of the day), she looks forward to evenings at home, working on something tactile! She soon found Glad Creations, not too far from her home, and signed up to take a machine piecing and quilting class from Annemarie Yohnk. She finished that quilt, and has begun her third already!

Darci wants to learn more about machine quilting, which she thinks is the most beautiful part of the quilt. She also looks forward to meeting more people in the quilting community and growing artistically as a quilter.

With the support of her newly awarded scholarship, Darci will attend the Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference in Duluth this coming June. She will learn some new skills in a full day class, attend several lectures, view the quilts on display, and be our guest at the banquet.

Congratulations, Darci Alexis. We look forward to getting to know you better when you attend monthly meetings and the show. We are excited about seeing the quilts you will make as you learn and develop as a quilter. We welcome you into our quilting community!
**Cabin Fever Retreat**

Are you ready to get away for hours of quilting fun at a bargain price? MQ is offering a three day retreat at St. Lawrence Church in Minneapolis (our meeting location).

Come and quilt anytime from 9:00 am to 10:00 pm on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, March 7-9, 2013. The cost for all three days of this Nearcation is only $45.00, or $30.00 for any two of those three days.

MQ members have enjoyed the fall retreat so much that we are offering a spring retreat at this special introductory price.

There are some special activities planned, there will be optional opportunities to do quilting for others, and of course there will be snacks and door prizes, but most of all this will be a chance for you to work on your own projects - and get them finished before the MQ Show entry deadline!

MQ will provide a delicious soup bar Thursday noon, but the rest of the meals are on your own. Bring your meals along or try some of the many great restaurants in the Dinkytown area.

Lodging is also on your own. Stay in the comfort of your own bed each night, or make arrangements to stay at a local hotel with a quilting friend.

If you find you need more fabric or supplies, you may take a break to go visit a local quilt shop, some of which will be offering special deals for retreat participants.

This retreat will be limited to 30, so register early. Current MQ members may fill out the registration form on page 18 and bring it to an MQ meeting, or mail it to the MQ office. Non-members may register beginning February 1. MQ members may not register non-members with their registration. Each person must fill out a separate registration form.

After we receive your registration, you will receive more details about the event, including all the special offers and activities we have planned.

If you have any questions about this event, please contact your education chairs.

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**Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Membership Form**

- **Member Information:**
  - Member name, or gift recipients' name (please print):
  - Address:
  - City: State: Zip:
  - Home and/or cell phone:
  - Email:

- **Membership Levels:** (all include free entry into general membership meetings)
  - **$40 Regular**  Access to all website features. Receive newsletter. Early registration for annual show. Textile Center Library privileges.

- **Payment Information:**
  - This membership is: New Renewing Gift (circle one)
  - I would like to make an additional donation of $ Check: Cash Visa Mastercard Discover (circle one)
  - Credit Card No:
  - Expire date: CVV2 3 digit code on back:
  - Name on credit card (please print):
  - Phone:
  - Signature:

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Please mail your completed form and payment to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 1203 5th St SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030. For questions call 612-436-0449.
Cabin Fever Retreat Registration Form

Dates: March 7 - 9, 2013 (Thursday - Saturday)
Times: 9:00 am to 10:00 pm each day
Location: St. Lawrence Catholic Church/Newman Center
1203 Fifth Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Street Address: __________________________________________________

City: ___________________________ State: _______ Zip: ______________

Email: __________________________________________________________________________

Phone Numbers:
First Choice ____________________ (circle one) Home Work Cell
Second Choice ____________________ (circle one) Home Work Cell

I plan to come the following days (circle all that apply):

    Thursday, March 7    Friday, March 8    Saturday, March 9

_____ I am enclosing a check for $45.00 for all three days.

_____ I am enclosing a check for $30.00 for the two days I have circled above.
    (Make check out to Minnesota Quilters, and put "spring retreat" on memo line.)

_____ Please charge __________ to my credit card.

    Type of Card ____________________ (Visa, Disc, MC)
    Name on Card ________________________
    Card Number _________________________
    Expiration Date ________ / ________
    Three Digit Security Code __________ (on back of card)

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

You may also bring this form and your check to a January or February MQ meeting and give it to Lou or Kate, the Education Chairs.
Board Announces Changes to Bylaws of Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

In June 2012, elections were held during the annual meeting at the Rochester show. As part of that process, there was a nomination for two individuals to serve as co-presidents elect. The nomination was accepted and the ballots indicated member agreement. However, when the Board met to review the election, there was concern expressed, not because of the candidacy or the candidates, but because 1) Minnesota Quilters has never had a co-presidency and the Bylaws did not address the possibility of having a co-presidency, and 2) Certain election protocols were not followed. Specifically, ballots were not available at the board table on Thursday so that members could place absentee votes.

On the first issue, it was agreed that a sub-committee would review the Bylaws, consider the issues discussed and present changes to the Board at the July meeting. After some discussion and review of both the Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order, the board agreed that we would suspend Article IV Section 2 of the June 2011 Bylaws for one fiscal year, to allow for 2 people to share the President-Elect’s position.

On the second issue, it was decided that the election would stand. It was also agreed that protocol for managing board elections would be reviewed and stricter guidelines for enforcing parliamentary procedures would be enforced in future years.

Several issues were raised and the answers or changes to the Bylaws are provided below.

1. Could the Bylaws be changed? If so, by what process. Yes, by following the guidelines set forth in the Bylaws, which include recommendation to announce changes to the general membership whenever the board agrees that the change is substantial.

2. Would the Co-Presidents serve a concurrent term? Yes.

3. Does the timing and process for elections need to be clarified? Yes, as is now spelled out in the Bylaws.

4. If there are Co-presidents, who will cast the deciding vote? The Co-presidents share just one vote and need to reach mutual agreement before they cast said vote.

5. What is the process for finalizing the slate of candidates and managing the election at the show? Article V, Section 1 provides details on the Nominating Committee and Process

6. What constitutes a quorum when making changes to the Bylaws? Article IV, Sections 5 & 6 provide definitions for Quorums for transacting board business and for revision of Bylaws, respectively. Article VI, Membership. Section 5 provides a definition for gathering a membership quorum.

7. What are the guidelines for revising the Bylaws and in what instances should announcements be made to the membership? Article VIII, Revisions and Amendments, Section 2, Amendments was clarified to state that “a 2/3 majority of Board positions is necessary to approve Amendments to the Bylaws as stated in Article IV, Section 6 (Quorum for Revision of Bylaws). The membership will be advised and may be polled before a vote of the Board is taken.” In this instance, it was decided that the wishes of the membership had been expressed at the June meeting and that allowing for a Co-presidency simply reflects the board acting in response to the vote at the June election. Therefore it was not necessary to poll the membership prior to the Board’s vote to accept the changes as presented. As a result, the revised Bylaws were presented to the Board in August 2012 and the Board voted to accept the changes at the September board meeting. A complete copy of the amended Bylaws are posted on the MQ website. Questions about the changes can be directed to Wynn Martin or any 2012 board member.

Respectfully submitted,

Wynn Martin, Past President, president@mnquilt.org
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