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Upcoming Events

June 13-15, Minnesota Quilters Annual Show & Conference, Duluth MN. See pages 3-10 in this newsletter, the Registration Book, or www.mnquilt.org/mq2013 for all the latest updates and information.

July 11 & 13, Diane Ellison, Honored Quilter at the 2013 Elly Sienkiewicz Appliqué Academy, which meets every year in Williamsburg VA, will bring a trunk show and tell about her award and her personal quilting history.

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. There will be more information about possible storage options for our quilting and crafting spaces.

August 3, Studio Tours

September 5 & 7, Back to School with MQ

October 10 - 13, Fall Getaway, mark the dates, details coming later!

MQ Board of Directors meetings: June 25, July 23, Aug. 20 (note one week early), all at 6 pm.
Please notify Laura Nagel, president@mnquilt.org if you wish to attend.

Deadline for July newsletter: Tuesday Jun 18, 2013 (Please send 1 or 2 of your favorite pictures from the show, especially of people and quilts to editor@mnquilt.org to be put in the newsletter)

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:

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I hope this issue of Minnesota Quilters Newsletter finds you getting ready for the 2013 Show and Conference in Duluth. Pack some clothes that will see you through warmer temps and something that you can layer in case the wind changes and cools things off. At past shows we’ve either needed a fan or we sold out of our sweatshirts! If you are taking classes, double check your supply list to make sure you have everything the instructor has recommended. Then clean and oil your machine, change the needle, put a new blade in your rotary cutter, pack a cushion for your chair, and bring an auxiliary light if you have one. Rest up and be ready to enjoy the show and all of the events you signed up for. And please put the MQ Annual Meeting on your schedule so you can hear the annual report, financial outlook, and elect new members to the Board of Directors.

The Duluth show is the last in our four-venue contract. We have historically rotated from Duluth to St. Cloud, to St. Paul, to Rochester, and then back to Duluth to start the cycle all over again. Every four years we re-negotiate our contracts with these convention centers and take bids for the services each provides. As costs increase and the economy has just begun to slowly recover, our profit margin has been diminishing. Because we rely on the income from the show to cover our expenses for the rest of the year, including rent, insurance, salaries, etc. it is necessary to negotiate the best possible terms for the next four years.

To address the steadily rising costs of the rental at each venue, MQ issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to several alternative locations that had centers large enough to accommodate our show. There was a lot of competition for our show, and bids contained a wide range of costs and incentives. After much analysis to determine what parts of the show are the most profitable, which costs can be eliminated, and which venues offered the best contractual incentives, the Board voted to accept contracts with St. Cloud and Duluth because they met all of our requirements and had the best prices and incentives for the next four years. This RFP process will again be used to determine the show locations for 2018-2021.

Your attendance at our future shows is important to us. It is our goal to be as fiscally responsible as possible to maintain a vibrant and growing organization. Please contact a Board member if you have questions or would like to make suggestions. We need your participation and look forward to your input at the Annual Meeting.

Wednesday, June 12
7:30 am-7:30 pm  Registration Open
8:30 am-3:30 pm  Classes
6:00 pm-7:00 pm  Meet the Teachers
7:00 pm-9:00 pm  Sneak Preview of Exhibits & Merchant Mall

Thursday, June 13
7:30 am-5:00 pm  Registration Open
8:30 am-4:30 pm  General Admissions Open
8:30 am-4:30 pm  Classes and Lectures
9:00 am-5:00 pm  Exhibits & Merchant Mall
6:00-9:00

Friday, June 14
7:30 am-5:00 pm  Registration Open
8:30 am-4:30 pm  General Admissions Open
8:30 am-4:30 pm  Classes and Lectures
9:00 am-5:00 pm  Exhibits & Merchant Mall
Noon-1:00
5:30 pm-9:30 pm  Awards Banquet

Saturday, June 15
7:30 am-11:00 am  Registration Open
8:30 am-3:30 pm  General Admissions Open
8:30 am-4:00 pm  Classes and Lectures
9:00 am-4:00 pm  Exhibits & Merchant Mall
1:00 pm
4:00 pm
4:00 pm  Small Quilt Auction bidding closes
(items available for pick-up after 3:00 pm)
4:00 pm
4:00 pm  Cutting Table Raffle Drawing
4:00 pm
4:00 pm  Raffle Quilt drawing
4:00 pm  Show Closes
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Click on the picture for a link to check road conditions before heading to Duluth!
2013 MQ Raffle Quilt “Guided Waters”  
rafflequilt2013@mnquilt.org

It’s ALMOST HERE….the excitement of the upcoming MQ Show and Conference is overwhelming! The classes, the vendors and all those AMAZING QUILTS!!

As you enter the DECC in Duluth, there are a couple of stops you should make on your way in. The Merchandise Booth is loaded with a great selection this year, including “Guided Waters” note cards for $5/packet AND the “Guided Waters” quilt pattern for $10! **ALL** of the money raised from the sale of these items goes directly to MQ……100%! The “Guided Waters” Raffle Quilt will be on display and raffle tickets are a bargain at only $1/raffle ticket.

Please remember your checkbook or cash because we are unable to accept credit card payments for raffle tickets….it’s the state’s rules. 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, but we’d love to see the expression on your face when your name is called.

Please stop by the Raffle Quilt Table to pick up some raffle tickets, then over to the Merchandise Booth for note cards and patterns before you get distracted by all of the eye candy at the show! The winner of this year’s 2013 “Guided Waters” raffle quilt will be chosen in a few weeks!! Join in the fun and have your raffle tickets ready as we announce…..

“The winner of the 2013 “Guided Waters” Raffle Quilt is…..(you?)”

We’ll see you in Duluth…Terri & Yvonne

Small Quilt Auction  
Smallquiltauction2013@mnquilt.org

The Small Quilt Auction is still 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 Exhibit - Creativity in Full Bloom

We have 36 entries in the exhibit – wall quilts, garments, bags, a doll, etc. As in years past some projects feature the challenge fabrics only, and others showcase the tiniest amount of those fabrics. Find the challenge fabrics in each piece and vote for your favorite.

Thank you to all of the participants in this long-standing guild tradition. We hope to see your entries in next year’s challenge as well. Join the fun!

Wanda Shelton
**Last Minute Reminders from your Show Registration Committee…..**

registration2013@msnquilt.org

Bring your confirmation receipt to the Registration booth at the show to exchange for your registration packet containing your name badge, show pin, tote bag and any required tickets. Your name badge is required for admission to the Show floor and to attend events at the Show. You do not need tickets to attend your classes. Simply sign in with the class helper when you arrive.

If you would like to attend a class you have missed our pre-registration deadline of May 15th, but starting on June 12th you can just walk up to the Registration booth at the show and sign up. While we have several classes that are full there will be openings in a number of others. Availability is based on a first come first serve basis. Bring your required supplies so you are ready if there is an opening, or plan to purchase the needed supplies at the show. Be prepared to pay any supply kit fees to the teacher during class. Our On Site Registration will open on Wednesday, June 12th at 7:30am.

Jan Wolfgram and Audrey Weinand, Registration Co-Chairs

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**Volunteer at MQ Duluth...we need *YOU*!**

Volunteers2013@mnquilt.org

Our thanks to everyone who has submitted a Volunteer Form so far…your assistance is *very much* appreciated! However…we need MORE OF YOU to step up and help with this important state-wide member-run quilt show. Please donate a little of your time to make it another successful MQ year in Duluth.

Yes, it’s important to register for and participate in the pieces of the show that you pay for; BUT, it’s also very important to show your support to the organization that makes this show possible…by volunteering some of your time. By doing so, you help make this show a wonderful experience for everyone.

Remember…you could win one or more prizes in doing so! Please take a few minutes to complete the MQ Volunteer Form, letting us know how you can help. We look forward to hearing from *YOU*!

Thanks! Helen Smith Stone, Duluth and Virginia Gleason, St. Cloud, Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs

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**Quilt Donations -**

Minnesota Quilters would like to offer quilts for sale as a fundraiser at the annual show in Duluth in June. If you would like to donate a child-sized or larger quilt, new or gently used, contact Gail Hanson at membership@mnquilt.org. Such donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

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**Memorial Service -**

One of MQ’s founding mothers, Donella (Donna) Hiar passed away on April 25, 2013.

A memorial service will take place at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Minneapolis MN on August 10, 2013.

To express your condolences to her family please contact her son Floyd Hiar at 952-808-0881.
**Special Exhibits**

Be sure to check out the amazing variety of special exhibits at the MQ show this June in Duluth. There will be a display of Mariners Compass quilts from across the country, curated by Claudia Clark Myers; as well as quilts made by students in some Duluth schools. You will see postcard quilts from Finland and row quilts from the Block Swappers in South Central Minnesota. Experience a labyrinth of peace quilts. View wonderful challenge quilts from Twin Cities Quilting, Minnesota Contemporary Quilters, SAQA, and the Color Journey quilts - a group of 32 quilts stretching over 60 feet long that are visually connected by a continuous line of color that runs the spectrum of the color wheel. See photo for a sneak preview of a section of this traveling exhibit.

Kate Eelkema and Rose Allen

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**THANK YOU GIFTS FOR YOU**

deorprizes2013@mnquilt.org

We have said many times that door prizes are our way of saying “thank you.” We have received many wonderful donations and we are anxious to share them with you at the show in Duluth. We will be giving away over 400 door prizes over the course of the show.

Prizes will be drawn daily for our amazing volunteers; our way of saying thank you for donating your time. If you haven’t signed up to volunteer, please consider doing it. Volunteering is a great way to experience the show. At the end of the show there will be a grand prize drawing for volunteers. Who wouldn’t want to go home with a new Pfaff sewing machine! The more hours you volunteer the more chances you have to win.

Door prizes will also be awarded in each class, our way of saying thank you for registering. Classes allow you to meet and work with nationally known teachers. Don’t forget the ‘Meet the Teacher’ special event on Wednesday evening. We are already setting aside special door prizes, our way of saying thank you for attending.

Lectures are one of our favorite events at the show. They are an inexpensive introduction to a variety of teachers, techniques, and trunk shows. What a great value. Special door prizes will be awarded at each lecture, our way of saying thank you.

If you haven’t registered for the Awards Banquet we encourage you to do so. At the banquet you can sit back and relax after a hectic day at the show. You will see a slide show of all of the winning quilts from the comfort of your chair. Then settle back for a fun and witty presentation by Melody Crust. Here is an opportunity to enjoy good food, good friends, and maybe win a great door prize. We have some special grand prizes to share, our way of saying thank you for your support.

MQ members mark your calendar for the annual meeting at noon on Friday. Door prizes will be awarded, our way of saying thank you for taking time from you busy schedule to assist us as we celebrate the art of quilting.

We know it’s not about the door prizes but we are happy to share them with you, again, as our way of saying THANK YOU!

Lynne Heuton and Sue Thompson
Board of Directors - Candidates for the Next Program Year

Wynn Martin

Each year the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Board of Directors has a number of positions open for the program year starting Oct. 1, 2013. Our president, Laura Nagel, asked three MQ members to work with past president, Wynn Martin to identify candidates for the upcoming term. The voting procedure and nominated candidates are described below.

Voting:

All MQ members are encouraged to vote for the new slate of Board members. There are three opportunities to place your vote. Those who request a ballot in advance of the show will be barred from voting at the annual meeting.

- MQ members in good standing are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, Friday, June 14, 2013, during the Annual Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth.
- If you are at the show but unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you can request a ballot at the Board of Directors table at the Show prior to the meeting.

If you are unable to attend the show, you can request a ballot from the MQ office prior to June 5 and then return your ballot to the MQ office no later than June 17, 2013.

Proposed Slate of Candidates: Nominees will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting.

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 knows she 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. She would join Kate Eelkema as Co-Directors of Education.

Communications Co-Director: Pat Curtner (returning)

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 25 years and she currently works for the State of Minnesota.

Membership Co-Director: Katie Niessen (returning)

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.

Operations Co-Director: to be announced

Selection of an Operations Co-Director is still under discussion and will be announced soon. Thanks to everyone who stepped forward and indicated they were willing to serve. The board is hopeful that those who weren't selected for the slate will be open to serving at some point in the future.

Please contact Debra Svedberg in the MQ office if you need to receive an absentee ballot.
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The State Fair will be here before we know it and as every year we have booth time in the Creativities Building to show over a million people what we love to do and invite them to do it also.

Our booth days are Saturday August 24 and Sunday August 25. Please contact Gail Kieper if you would like to volunteer for a slot of time to show others how to quilt and invite them to join our group.

Call Gail at 651-454-5147

Also see page 16 of newsletter for volunteering to take in quilts before the Fair.

Photo Courtesy of The Minnesota State Fair
May Highlights

After her narrow escape from the courtyard of the church across the street, Nancy Wick arrived Thursday evening to share all sorts of ideas and tips for organizing the creative spaces in our homes and studios. With 120 MQ members and guests present, Nancy talked about creating work zones within our spaces for different tasks, and stressed the need to develop a plan for maintaining order once we have it. We saw many storage ideas for fabric, thread, and notions. We left thinking about heading to Harbor Freight Tools to look for some great bargains for ourselves. We are very glad Nancy eventually found her way to the right location!

Saturday morning there were 100 people present to hear Nancy present “It’s Not a Quilt Until It’s Quilted”. As a certified thread expert, Nancy had a great deal of information to share about which thread to use when and where, and she suggested making our own thread and tension sampler. When choosing which batting and quilting designs to use for a particular quilt, she suggested we consider the desired use and the recipient. Then she talked about many, many options for marking the designs on our quilts.

In the afternoon Nancy taught “Making Your Mark”. Class participants were able to try out all the quilt marking tools and methods she discussed in the morning as we made our own quilt marking sampler kit for future reference. It was great to be able to try so many different tools without having to buy all of them. We each left with ideas to use and a small quilt marked to practice our new skills.

The photo on the right shows the blocks that will be featured in Nancy Wick’s new book, which will be released in October 2013, The Quilt Block Book.

Both meetings had some wonderful Show and Tells. Rebecca Finch, our business chairperson, volunteered to handle PR, and members were told to check out the good job Sharon Peterson is doing on the MQ Facebook page.

Linda Taylor won the $25 gift certificate to a shop of her choice for donating to the Small Quilt Auction. Kate Eelkema won the volunteer door prize Thursday evening and Wynn Martin won it Saturday morning. The fat quarter drawing was won by Carolyn Minor and Carolyn also won the Scrap Stacks Block of the Month for May!

Wynn Martin, chairperson of the nominating committee, called for nominations from the floor for the open seats on the board.

If you weren’t at the meeting but want to volunteer yourself or someone else, contact Wynn at wynnerquilts@gmail.com. It takes many people to keep this organization running smoothly, please consider taking your turn to serve on the board.

August Studio Tours

Several MQ members have volunteered to let us tour their quilting studios for our August Fundraiser Saturday afternoon, August 3.

More details will be in the next newsletter, but start making plans now to gather a group of friends to go out for lunch after the Saturday morning MQ meeting, and then continue on to tour the quilting studios of generous MQ members.

Tickets will be sold at both August meetings, along with a map of all the studios on the tour. If you have ever gone on one of the home tours in the Twin Cities, you know how much fun it can be to see how people choose to arrange their living spaces. This MQ Studio Tour will give you a chance to see how others have arranged their creative spaces, and help build MQ’s education fund.

We would also still welcome a photo of some aspect of your quilting studio that you would like to share with the group. Send jpeg photo files and a short explanation to ed@mnquilt.org if you would like to be included in our pre-tour program that morning.
May Show and Tell (list of quilt makers is on next page)
Fat Quarter Drawing

Spring sports was the theme for May! Lots of fun fabrics were contributed. We’ve had many winners over the months and sometimes a committee chair wins! So I say “thank you” for the fun fabrics I took home.

There will be no fat quarter drawing in June. Enjoy the Quilt Show in Duluth and buy some fun fabric!

For July we are thinking "green"….green grass, green veggies, green earth and "green batiks."

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

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. All volunteers need to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. We had 299 volunteer hours recorded for the first half of our fiscal year. Keep up the good work! 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:

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.

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.
• 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.

Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator

May Show and Tell Quilts


We are sorry we cannot print photos of all Show and Tell quilts. There are space limitations and sometimes we are not able to get a good photo of your quilt. Please let the editor know if there are mistakes in identifying quilt makers.
Have you observed any UFO sightings in your quilting zone lately? Be honest, just because you have neatly stored them away in plastic totes, or shelved them in the closet, or worse yet, they are still in the tote that you took to class, doesn't mean you don't have any. What it does mean is that you have organized them so neatly that it doesn't even occur to you to take them out and finish them.

Now I'm as guilty as anyone when it comes to accumulating UFOs. And over the years I have come up with a few plans to tackle this problem. First I tried writing down all of the projects so I could prioritize them as to which should be first, and which could 'ferment' a little longer. Unfortunately the list was long and overwhelming and soon abandoned.

Next, I thought I would sort them by season. Then as each time of year rolled around, those would be the quilts I'd be concentrating on. But somehow it always seemed more exciting to celebrate a holiday or special occasion with a new pattern and new fabrics. Which ultimately led to a few more UFOs.

Thinking back to my child psychology class, I thought maybe a system of rewards and punishments might do the trick. If I finished a UFO, I could reward myself with a new project. I really tried and it actually worked once or twice, but didn't seem to make a dent in the stack.

I was beginning to think I was losing the battle, but had one more idea. What if I put them in order from what was the closest to being finished to what was barely started? This way I could experience some instant success, as some only needed labels, or photos for my album. Next came the quilts that were patiently waiting for binding, followed by a few smaller pieces that actually needed quilting. Piece by piece, the plastic storage cases emptied, and I was feeling pretty proud of my accomplishments.

This is not to say I have conquered all of my UFOs, nor should you assume that I won't create any more in the future. I have to believe that UFOs are just an inherent aspect of the quilting process. Quilt historian and collector Gerald Roy said UFOs are nothing new. There are numerous antique quilt tops and blocks that were never finished. Why? He thinks the quilter just ran out of time, finished other quilts, or just lost interest in that particular one. Whatever the reason, we are not alone in starting more than we can finish in one lifetime.

I have heard about people who start one project and work on it until it is finished before they start another one. And what's more, when they are done they give away the leftovers and the pattern and move on. Now I really thought that was some type of urban myth until I actually met such a quilter - but my friends and I all voted and decided not to let her join our group.

Back to School in September

At the September MQ meetings we often offer several short presentations about quilting skills, techniques and new tools. Are there any topics or tools or ideas you would like to see included this September? If so, please send those suggestions to ed@mnquilt.org so we can try to add them to our Back to School program.
BOM (Block of the Month) July 2013
Fireworks Parade

Fabric: patriotic print for center; white and either red or blue for corners.

Cutting Directions:
A - Cut patriotic print: (1) 7 ¾” x 7 ¾” square
B - Cut red or blue: (1) 6 ¼” x 6 1/4” square, then cut this square on each diagonal to make (4) triangles.
C - Cut white: (1) 6 ¼” x 6 1/4” square, then cut this square on each diagonal to make (4) triangles.
(see photo at right)

Sewing Directions:
Sew the white triangles to the colored triangles (either blue or red) to form the corner
Pieces with the white fabric on the right (see finished block). Press seams toward the colored triangles. Please keep the orientations of white and colored blocks the same as in the pictures and diagram!
   - Find the midpoint of one side of the patriotic print square and match it with the seam of one of the color/white corner pieces (right sides together) and sew it on. The triangular piece will stick out beyond the square by about ¼” on each side.
   - Sew the second triangular piece onto the opposite side of the patriotic print square, then press both seams toward the center of the center square.
   - Repeat 2 and 3 above for the third and fourth corner pieces. Press seams to center.
   - Trim your square to 10 ½” inches (10” finished).

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) is not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up.
We will call to notify winners.
Questions? Contact Kathie Simon Frank or Jeanne La-Moore at botm@mnquilt.org

Congratulations! Carolyn Minor won 22 Stash Stack blocks from the May drawing!
Minnesota Quilt Project

Shirley Krantz – a Charter Member of MQ

May Day was a special day for three members of Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP), because we had the privilege of documenting a dozen of Shirley Krantz’s many wonderful quilts. Sandy Johnson, Karen Kopitzke and Kathy Brevig interviewed Shirley at Gruber’s Quilt Shop in Waite Park. We also took photographs, and recorded information about her quilts which will be preserved in the MQ documentation files, and sent to the Michigan State University Quilt Index.

Shirley is one of the original members of Minnesota Quilters, and really wanted to be there with the other Charter Members for the April MQ meeting, but was in Florida. She remembers being thrilled to discover a few women interested in quilting who were meeting at a YWCA. That group of women organized to become the official Minnesota Quilters. When Shirley moved out to Princeton she didn’t let distance stop her from being an active member. Shirley is well known and admired by many quilters. She first worked at the Country Peddler; then she owned Country Treasures Quilt Shop in Princeton for almost a decade. When she sold Country Treasures she discovered she missed the interaction and camaraderie of working in a quilt shop, so she started teaching and working at Gruber’s in Waite Park.

Miniatures are Shirley’s specialty, but over the years she has pretty much done it all in quilting, including having her own patterns. If you go to Gruber’s you will be able to see samples of her work, and her patterns. The picture with this article shows Shirley in front of her block sampler quilt.

Members of MQP get to meet amazing people and document their quilts and their stories. You, too, can be part of this important, but fun endeavor. We meet before the regular Saturday Minnesota Quilters, Inc. meetings, in classroom A of St. Lawrence Church, on the second level with the MQ office.

Please stop by the MQP booth at the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Show and Conference in Duluth from June 13-15, and during the Sneak Preview on June 12, 7 - 9 pm. You will see an assortment of old kit quilts displayed, have a chance to by old books and patterns at very low prices, and also have the rare opportunity of buying antique quilts. We would love to see you! For more information on MQP, go to the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. website, www.mnquilt.org and click on MN Quilt Project.

Volunteers Wanted for Minnesota State Fair Quilt Competition

I know - we have barely even had any spring weather yet, but summer will come, and all too 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. Start thinking about this now, and after summer arrives and the MQ Show in Duluth is history, 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
Monday, August 12: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Tuesday, August 13: 10:00 am to 7:00 pm
Wednesday, August 14: 9:00 am to Noon
**Bulletin Board**

**June 8** - Quilts in Bloom 6th Annual Outdoor Quilt Show. 9 - 3, 310 Herman Terrace, Hopkins MN. This is a charity event supporting homeless children through Africa’s Home Again project. $10 admission charge, under 12 years, free.

**June 22** - Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild presents New Ulm Quiltistry. Quilt Walk and Carriage Rides, 3-D Quilt Presentation, Bed Turning, Historical Exhibit, Kid's Quilt Class, Workshops and Demos. 10 am to 5 pm.

**July 20-24**, School of the Arts at Rhinelander, Wisconsin. MQ member Suzanne Meyers Otto will be teaching. [http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/lsa/soa/index.html](http://continuingstudies.wisc.edu/lsa/soa/index.html)

**Sept. 6 & 7** - Prairie Star Quilters Biennial Quilt Show, "Piece By Piece", Friday, Sept. 6th (9 - 6) & Saturday, Sept. 7th (9 - 3). Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 South State Street, Fairmont, MN 56031. Featured Quilters are sisters, Pat Witty and Dar Parks. Further information contact Jan Wolfgram (507-239-5473) jcwolfgram@aol.com.

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


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

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**Focus on Minnesota Quilters Business Members**

**Nancy Birger**

Nancy Birger has been a member of Minnesota Quilters for seven years, and a business member since the category was established by the organization two years ago.

She began quilting in 1979 in Edina. When her family moved to southern Nevada in 1998, her husband offered to buy her a new Bernina sewing machine; she asked for an APQS Longarm instead.

That began her career as a Longarm quilter. She has had several machines and upgraded to the Millennium Longarm, which is the top of the line machine produced by APQS.

Nancy participates regularly in the Show and Tell segments of the MQ meetings, so MQ members often see her creativity and quality of the work she does.

The company name, Little Mother Quilting Company, comes from two influences: a 1950’s toy sewing machine named “The Little Mother”, and a nickname that her family used for her because she is short and they had two children.

As the business became established, the name stuck.

When they moved to Roseville in 2006 the big machine and all the other equipment and fabric moved too.

Nancy’s current studio at 1664 Millwood Avenue in Roseville was designed by her son-in-law and features wonderful natural lighting and storage/workspace areas.

Nancy offers her customers a free consultation session during which she collects their ideas and does some design sketching. She employs custom designs for all of her work; she does no computerized quilting.

“I enjoy the unique look of each quilt. Like snowflakes, no two end up alike,” Nancy says.

Nancy normally relies on Superior Threads for her thread products. Prices for quilting are based on the complexity of the design and the size of the quilt. Cost estimates are gladly provided ahead of time. Completion time depends on the backlog and season. The turnaround time can vary between one and eight weeks.

Nancy’s website. [www.littlemotherquilting.com](http://www.littlemotherquilting.com), includes instructions for quilt construction and finishing as well as batting and thread selection recommendations.
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### Contributions-April 2013

- Buff Jones
- Cheryl Plourde
- Judith S Ragir

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**please join us:**

**2nd ANNUAL SUMMER SWAP MEET**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 22 - 9AM-4PM**

**THE SEWING STUDIO - 106 SO. FOURTH STREET**

Browse through a selection of some of your fellow quilters’ stashes! Vendors will be selling everything from **remnants, unfinished projects** and **yardage**, to **finished quilts and antique quilt tops**.

And don’t forget to stop by Fourth & Main to see what is available at our **sample sale**. As always, bags, quilts, accessories and more are priced to sell!

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Call, write or e-mail your volunteer registration information to:
MQ Show Volunteers
1203 5th Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414
612-436-0449
e-mail volunteers2013@mnquilt.org or find the form online at www.mnquilt.org/mq2013.

Name ____________________________________________
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Please check Volunteer Opportunities where you can help us.

____ White Glove - We have one hour shifts available starting at half hour intervals.
____Ticket Taker _______ Door Guard _______ Registration _______ Small Quilt Auction _______ Information Booth
____MQ Merchandise _______ Raffle Quilt _______ Volunteer Table _______ Bag Check
____Set-Up MONDAY _______ Set-Up TUESDAY _______ Set Up WEDNESDAY _______ As Needed
____ Friday Night Event Set-Up _______ Take-Down SATURDAY
____ Classroom Helper – MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE CLASS or _______ Class Room Ass’t (not enrolled in class)
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Please list the times you are available to volunteer.

Monday June 10th ______________________________
Tuesday June 11th ______________________________
Wednesday June 12th __________________________
Thursday June 13th _____________________________
Friday June 14th _______________________________
Saturday June 15th ______________________________
Saturday Take Down (4:00pm start) __________________________

Many thanks to all the hard-working 2013 Show Committee members. As the largest volunteer show in the nation, we can’t say thank-you enough to those who give so much time and talent to this event. If you’d like to lend a hand before, during, or after the show, please send in the completed form above.
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