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View an array of fabulous quilts and experience a colorful lecture and trunk show presented by Pam. See more information about Pam and her quilts at www.aardvarkquilts.com.

Quilted Expressions is the 18th Annual Women's History Month Quilt Exhibit celebrating the contributions women have made through the use of their needles and fabrics. Each year we exhibit nearly 100 locally crafted quilts and quilt related textiles.

Opening reception and March MQ Membership Meeting will be at 10:00. The free lecture, "Adventures in Color," will be at 11:00 by Pam Dinndorf. Pam is this year's featured speaker, and many of her original works will also be on display.

Refreshments will be served and vendors will be on hand. Twin Cities Quilting and Lori Allison Quilt Designs will offer a tempting array of fabrics, kits, and patterns.

The Exhibit will run Mondays through Fridays, 9:00 am-3:00 pm, closed weekends. Arrangements for groups may be made by contacting Laura Nagel, 651.683.6933.

Additional information and directions are available at http://www.eagan.k12.mn.us/librarynew/quilts/index.html
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March 7-9, Cabin Fever Retreat (see page 17)

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

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

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Board of Directors meetings: Feb 26, March 26, April TBD, May 28, June 25. Always at 6 pm. Please notify Laura Nagel, President, if you wish to attend. president@mnquilt.org
**President’s Letter**

March has been designated as Membership Month. As we gather at Eagan High School on March 2, 2013, consider bringing a friend, neighbor, or relative. There are no admission charges for this event, and we want to spread the word about our organization and invite others to share in our craft, educational opportunities, outreach projects, and historical documentation, not to mention meeting great people. Remember, when you bring a guest this month, both of your names will be entered into a drawing to win a year’s membership. We look forward to meeting your guests.

As you know, MQ depends on its membership to sustain the organization, both with time and talent. We have all reaped the benefits of the incredible skills our volunteers bring to each of the positions they fill.

It is time once again to think about nominations for retiring board members. We will be seeking candidates for President-Elect (may be a shared position), Secretary, Communications Co-Director, Education Co-Director, Membership Co-Director and Operations Co-Director. Each position is a 2 year term (except President-Elect). The nominating committee will be chaired by Wynn Martin, two past Board members, and two members at large. You don’t have to wait for the nominating committee’s call, you can always contact the President or another Board member to have your name included on the ballot. Voting will take place at the Annual Meeting during the Show in Duluth or by absentee ballot. Job descriptions for each position are available on the MQ website.

While we are on the subject of nominations, I would like to encourage you to submit names for our 2014 Quilter of the Year. Along with the name and contact information we also request a short bio, a list of accomplishments, especially those that have influenced the quilt world nationally as well as locally, and why you recommend him/her for this recognition. Please send information to president@mnquilt.org.

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**Calling all Minnesota Quilters**

The Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 35 Annual Show is only 4 months away now! We have only received 4 entries for quilts to be judged thus far. I know there are so many beautiful quilts out there. We see them every month at meetings. Please enter them into our show to be seen in Duluth in June! There is lots of prize money ready to be won and taken home.

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

Thank you, Cheryl Plourde and Carol Schwankl, 2013 Judged Category Co-chairs

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**EQ7 Classes Added**

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

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

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

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

If you have already registered you can go back in and make changes and additions to your class choices.
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Important Show Dates

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

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

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

Whether your family tree has an IRISH branch or not, everyone claims a little bit of IRISH in March! Whether your favorite color is green, or you are a believer in the “Luck of the Irish,” this is the month to share your goodwill with those closest to you!

MQ has the perfect way to share a little “Luck of the Irish” with all of your quilting sisters, your 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 will make the recipient feel like they’re a WINNER!! And who knows…..that may be the winning ticket for this year’s “Guided Waters” raffle quilt!

MQ RAFFLE TICKETS are only $1 each and the Guided Waters Note cards are $5/package of 8 note cards! Raffle tickets and note cards are always available from the MQ office and at the upcoming March MQ meeting. Please remember your checkbook or cash because we are unable to accept credit card payments for raffle tickets….it’s the state’s rule.

To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ office at 1203 Fifth Street, SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, 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.

Share “The Luck” by sending a few “Guided Waters” raffle tickets and a beautiful “Guided Waters” note card, to those most deserving! And may the road rise to meet you, may the wind be always at your back and may the sun shine warm upon the face of our IRISH quilting friends……We appreciate your support!

Terri Krysan and Yvonne Curran

The MQ raffle quilt is currently traveling around the state, and even getting exposure on PBS!

ONE MORE NEW YEAR’S RESOLUTION

How are those 2013 resolutions going? Can we suggest one more? Don’t worry; this is an easy one. How about a resolution to sort through your sewing area and donate duplicate items or things that you know you will never use to the 2013 Minnesota Quilt Show door prize committee?

We all have kits, books, and tools that we thought we could not live without and now they just make us feel guilty. Get rid of the guilt. Make room for the many new things you received for Christmas. You will feel so good as you begin to sort and organize your sewing area. Also, with each donation you contribute to the success of the Show.

Bring these new or like-new items to the monthly meeting or drop them off at the MQ office. Please label “Door Prizes – 2013 Show”.

Thank you for considering this worthwhile purpose. Your contributions are so appreciated. If there are questions please contact us at doorprizes2013@mnquilt.org
Tick Tock……The Clock is Running

Spread the word; registration is now open to the public for the MQ show in June. Although June seems like a long way away, it will be here before you know it. It is very important to register early in order to get the classes you want. Some classes are beginning to fill up. We also don’t want to cancel classes due to low registration.

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 any time before March 31, 2013. After that you will need to email your changes in writing to registration2013@mnquilt.org or mail them to the MQ office. 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.

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

Now Is The Time! Faculty2013@mnquilt.org

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

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

Cathy Goset and Nancy Hall, Faculty Co-Chairs

Volunteer at MQ Duluth! Volunteers2013@mnquilt.org

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

Volunteer Committee Co-Chairs: Helen Smith Stone, Duluth, Virginia Gleason, St. Cloud
Are you a creative person? How do creative people come up with their ideas? Would you like to be more creative?

In one of his books, perhaps it was *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*, Robert Fulghum tells how first and second graders all report being able to sing and dance and draw. But as kids grow older and become adults, a smaller and smaller percentage of them report being able to sing and dance and draw. What happens? If you can do it at six, why can’t you do it at 36 or 56?

Do people forget how to sing and dance and draw? Or does an uninvited inner critic convince adults that their efforts aren’t good enough, or aren’t as good as someone else’s accomplishments? Does our fear of failure squelch our sense of creativity and cause us not to try?

I believe that a way to jump start creativity is to challenge oneself and follow through. Nothing worthwhile was ever accomplished without effort. A fabric challenge is a good way to exercise your mental quilting muscles and build new pathways for future designs.

The three fabric choices of this year’s challenge are the beginning of your project - you can add more fabrics. The theme, Creativity in Full Bloom, is a guide and inspiration for your ideas. The deadline is the impetus to create rather than procrastinate.

I believe that if you commit to a project and follow through, creativity is strengthened. You will like some of your efforts more than others, but you will like and will have learned from all of them more than if you never participate. So please take advantage of this opportunity to stretch your creative self, to try an idea that couldn’t possibly work, and to make a project for the Minnesota Quilters Challenge exhibit in June.

You may purchase a challenge pack from committee co-chairs Wanda Shelton or Judy Lewis at challenge2013@mnquilt.org or from Debra at the MQ office. Packets are $15 and include a half-yard and two fat quarters of fabric, challenge rules, and entry for your project to be exhibited and judged for prizes at the MQ show in Duluth. If you need more fabric, we will split packets and sell you the amount that you need.

And what is the payoff? Whether your entry is a winner or not, the payoff is satisfaction and a sense of accomplishment. When you view the exhibit and wonder how another quilter thought of her idea, you can be sure that other viewers are wondering how you came up with yours - and wishing they had thought of it and participated!
**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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Many thanks to Carol Fisher for helping me in the office before the Thursday meeting!
Anyone else want to come in to assist me with assorted tasks?  
Debra, MQ Admin.  quilter@mnquilt.org
February Highlights

If you weren’t among the 80 Thursday evening or the 100 Saturday morning MQ meeting attendees, you missed a chance to see an amazing collection of kit quilts!

Rose Werner has been researching and collecting quilts made from kits for the past 10 years, since she first saw and heard about them at the International Quilt Study Center in Lincoln, Nebraska. She showed us many beautiful examples of kit quilts from the first half of the 20th century Thursday evening, and then continued with kit quilts from the rest of the century at the Saturday meeting. It was very interesting to learn about the people and companies that designed and promoted quilt kits. If you missed either or both of her presentations, there is good news: MQ wants to have Rose speak and exhibit her quilts at the MQ show in St. Cloud in 2014.

Rose has about 200 quilts in her collection. When asked how she got all those quilts, her husband commented, “It wasn’t cheap!” Rose and all of us just laughed. They built an addition on their house to display and house the quilts. Rose showed hand made quilts made from kits designed by well known companies during those time periods. Most were appliquéd or embroidered, all done by hand.

Before Rose spoke, there was a request for someone to volunteer to be MQ Historian. Contact the Volunteer chairs if you are interested. Kathy Faust also asked the membership to ask our friends to donate to MQ, and offered a woven heart pattern to make to help with this effort. It was suggested that whenever we give a quilt to someone, we also tell them about MQ and perhaps get them thinking about donating to this wonderful non-profit to which we belong.

There were drawings for volunteer door prizes. The monthly winners were Carol Fisher and Jeanne LaMoore. The quarterly drawing was won by Charlette Pittman.

Here are photos of a few of the quilts Rose showed on Thursday evening.
February Show and Tell (see listing of quilters on page 12)
### Sewing for Others

Jean Carr, qfo@mnquilt.org

Mark your calendar and join us after the April Saturday MQ meeting. We will continue to sew heart string quilts and maybe some pillowcases. Bring your sewing machine and lunch (or go out).

If you have any questions call Jean Carr at 651-442-3009 or email at qfo@mnquilt.org

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### 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.

**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.

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### Fat Quarter Drawing

Carolyn Minor, fatquarter@mnquilt.org

The Fat Quarter drawing in February produced 12 beautiful “heart fabrics” won by Virginia Mercil. Congratulations!

Remember, we will not be doing a fat quarter drawing in March.

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

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.

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### February Show and Tell


**Special note:** Please write your name clearly and write clear descriptions of your quilts on the sign in sheets, rather than just “multi-colored” or “flowers”. Not all quilts shown for Show and Tell are pictured in the newsletter, sometimes we simply cannot get good photos of them all.
Picking Up the Pieces

Laura Nagel, president@mnquilt.org ©2013

I’m waiting to see if March will come in like a lion or tip toe in on some newly fallen snow. Either way it will be time to think about spring cleaning. Oh wait, no, that’s just what I tell my husband. After I make the ‘honey-do’ list for him, I will head down to my quilting room and browse through my state quilt documentation books and admire the collections of awesome quilts our forebears made. As we celebrate Women’s History Month and National Quilting Day on March 16th, I like to think about the legacy we have inherited. Sadly, so many of these quilts are documented with ‘quiltmaker unknown.’ Considering the dates attributed to many of these antique quilts, it’s safe to say that our work will outlast us, and hence we should make every effort to label our labors of love. Even a name, a date, and a location will give our future quilt historians a piece of our story.

Speaking of stories, I recently experienced the most serendipitous chain of events. Here’s how it all started. In the 1980s I was living in Colorado and working as a Children’s Librarian, so I was all about books and storytelling, and made an effort to drive the two hours to Denver to participate in the annual Storytelling Festival at CU Denver. There I listened to Jewell Wolk from Cutbank, Montana spin tales about a one-room schoolhouse. On the stage next to her was a full size quilt upon which she had meticulously appliquéd the landscape, characters, and details of each of these stories—right down to a 3-dimensional gopher that popped his head out of a hole in the ground! Needless to say I was spellbound.

The following year, my regional library system hired Jewell to travel the district libraries with another story quilt, this one representing the building of the railroad through Colorado. Listeners of every age sat spellbound as she told about the Chinese workers, the dangers of setting the dynamite, and the contests the men would invent to hurry the job along. What a joy to know and visit with this woman who knew so much history and was able to share it through her quilts.

After I moved to Minnesota, and could spend more time pursuing my quilting interests, I was sure that I would come across her name or her quilts at one of the national quilt shows or conferences, but our paths did not cross again. Then, in mid-January I received an email from a Jean Wakely, in Northfield, MN, inquiring about the Women’s History Quilt Exhibit I host at Eagan High School. She had heard about it from a friend and wanted to know if I already had a program for this year’s event. If not, she would like to share her mother’s story quilts with other Minnesota quilters. Her mother being none other than Jewell Wolk! (Please know that I had to stop reading the email and reach over for a Kleenex, this was too good to be true.)

Upon finishing the email I immediately responded. Told her I knew her mother, loved her quilts, and was so excited about re-establishing this connection. We exchanged a few more emails from which I sadly learned of Jewell’s passing in 2011 and gladly learned about the documentary project that is beginning on her quilts. Jean invited me to a lecture she was giving and I jumped at the chance to attend. However, when I went to put the date on my calendar, I realized it was the same day my husband had told me to be available to drive him to his colonoscopy appointment.

Well, I called him at work, and in the nicest voice I could muster, I sweetly asked him if he could change his appointment because something really important had come up. He wasn’t very receptive, and I had to admit that while he might not think what I needed to do was necessary, to me it was extremely vital. He eventually relented (I mean, who wouldn’t look for an excuse to delay that procedure), and I was able to meet Jean and gaze upon Jewell’s handwork once again.

As you may have already read in this Newsletter, our speaker for this year’s Eagan High School Exhibit is Pam Dinndorf. But not to worry, I have scheduled Jean and the quilts to be a Special Exhibit at the 2014 MQ Show in St. Cloud. “What!” you’re thinking, “I have to wait until 2014 to see her quilts?” At least, I was hoping you’d say that. For those of you who would like a peek now, please visit The Jewell Wolk Story Project at http://storyquiltproject.com/. There you will find a photo and biography of this incredible quilter, along with a gallery of her quilts, and a transcript of The Schoolhouse Quilt titled “The Purple Sandwich.”

As you enjoy your ‘virtual’ visit with this quilter, remember that each of your quilts tells a story, too, and many times it’s your story, your history, so don’t leave out any of the wonderful details that future generations will savor.
Block of the Month ~ April 2013 ~ Shadows
Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore, botm@mnquilters.org

Fabric:
A= Use an interesting tone on tone in a light or medium value (feature fabric)
B and C = Use a darker shade of the same color as A (shadow)
Use off-white or very pale tan for D, E, F (background)

Cutting Directions:
Cut (1) A 6 1/2" x 6 1/2" This is the feature fabric and should be an interesting or
textured-looking tone on tone of any color.

For pieces B and C, cut a strip 2" x 12". This fabric should be tone on tone, the
same color as A, but several shades darker.
Cut (1) B 2" x 5"
Cut (1) C 2" x 6 1/2"

For pieces D, E, and F, cut a 2" strip by about 24". This fabric is the background
and should be off-white or very light tan.
Cut 2 D 2" x 2"
Cut 1 E 2" x 8"
Cut 1 F 2" x 9 1/2"

Sewing Directions:
Sew D background to the right end of B (shadow).
Sew D background to the left end of C (shadow).
Attach B/D to one side of A. Press seam toward A.
Holding A with B/D on the right, add C/D to the bottom of A. Press seam toward
A. See photo.
Add background E to the top of A. Press seam toward A.
Add background F to left side of A. Press seam toward A.
All this pressing makes A stand out a bit visually.
Measure and trim to 9 1/2" square.

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 ade-
quate 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 ei-
ther be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.
### New/Renewing Members – January 2013

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### New/Renewing Business Memberships January 2013

- The Landmark Inn, Janet Kiley
- Millie P’s Quilt Shop/Becky Carlson
- Quilted Treasures of Rogers/Mary Wilberg
- Turnberry Lane Machine Quilting/Connie Albin

### Contributions - January 2013

- Anonymous
- Sandy Engwall
- Mary Hogan
- Mary Krieger
- Anne R Manly
- Wynn Martin
- Cheryl Plourde
- Sue Sandager
- Deborah Sandhoff
- Nan Sorenson
- Rita Subrt
- Linda K Taylor
- Jean W White
**Bulletin Board**

**February 6-March 1** - Dakota County Star Quilters 18th Annual Quilt Show—“Old Patterns…New Ideas”


Lecture by Maxine Rosenthal. The museum will be open on Tuesday, February 12, for the lecture which will be presented at 1:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets are $6.00 (includes entry to the museum).

To purchase tickets, call Mary Burnes at 952-888-0421

Museum hours: Wed., Fri., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Thurs., 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Sat., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Directions to the museum: 494 to Concord St; north on Concord St to Grand Ave. (stoplight by Burger King). Left on Grand Ave., up the hill and to the left on 3rd Ave. Museum is on the left, across the street from So. St. Paul City Hall.

**February 25** - Minnesota Contemporary Quilters, 6:30, Minnesota Textile Center, 3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis. Becka Rahn will discuss The Quick and Dirty Guide to Selling Your Work On Line.

**March 16** - Quilt Dreamers 20th Annual “Bag Lady” Quilt Show, Noon-4 at the Galaxie Library in Apple Valley (14955 Galaxie Av. Apple Valley, MN 55124). Please join us on National Quilting Day for this our 20th annual show. There will be a small quilt auction, and a display of quilts the group donates to kids, along with special project quilts and other quilts the members have made. Admission is FREE. If you would like to join our quilt group or have any questions, please call Gwen at 651-423-1979.

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

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

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

**MQ Newsletter Advertising Information:**

Deadline for the April 2013 newsletter is March 1, 2013.

Email the Editor at editor@mnquilt.org for more information.
Cabin Fever Retreat

Lou Roos and Kate Eelkema, ed@mnquilt.org

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 9:00 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 there is enough interest, we will even have a massage therapist come Saturday afternoon to loosen up those muscles that have gotten tight from leaning over our machines.

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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Cabin Fever Retreat Registration Form

Dates: March 7 - 9, 2013 (Thursday - Saturday)
Times: 9:00 am to 9:00 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.
Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Membership Form

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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
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