Minnesota Quilters

May Meetings

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 pm
Saturday, May 4, 10:00 am

Nancy Wick will be our featured speaker this month. Nancy is the owner of Textile Treasures, her longarm quilting business. To quote her homepage, she has been passionate about quilting for more than 15 years.

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

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Nancy’s website: imapiecemaker.com

Outstanding Volunteer

Karen Kopitzke was honored at the April meetings as Outstanding Volunteer, 2013. Karen has been active in almost all aspects of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. for many years: Minnesota Quilt Project, show committees, board member, computer guru, active cheer leader! Our thanks to her for her many contributions. Karen was presented with an orchid, a plaque and a gift certificate to her favorite quilt shop.

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**May 4**, MQP (Minnesota Quilt Project) will meet at 8:30 am in Classroom A on the same floor as the MQ office. Please join us to learn more about documenting and preserving our quilting heritage. Quilt documentation will be done just before the MQ meeting and during the break. Bring a favorite quilt to document for posterity.

**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.

**Oct 10 - 13** Fall Getaway - details coming later

**MQ Board of Directors meetings**: May 28 and June 25 - 6 pm. Please notify Laura Nagel, president@mnquilt.org if you wish to attend.

**Deadline for June newsletter: Monday, May 6, 2013**

**Printed Member Directories**: Some members have indicated an interest in obtaining a printed membership directory. We are considering making some copies available upon request at a small fee. If you are interested in such a directory please indicate your interest to membership@mnquilt.org or call the MQ office, 612-436-0449.

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What a joy it was to be enlightened and entertained by four of MQ’s prominent founding mothers. Jeannie Spears, Pat Cox, Bonnie Ellis, and Dorothy Stish regaled us with their journey into the quilting world of the 70s and their desire to establish a statewide guild in Minnesota. Their quilting adventures took them cross country from California to Washington DC, and from Toronto to Texas in search of other women who were as excited as they were about quilts and quilting. At each show they asked many questions as they formulated the idea to have a show of their own.

Within a year, they had combined all the great elements of the shows and exhibits they attended, and incorporated them all into the 1979 “Winter Fantasy” Quilt Show in conjunction with the St. Paul Winter Carnival. Pat had engaged an impressive roster of national celebrities in the quilt world at the time, and generously offered to pay them if the show made any money. And such was the beginning of the Minnesota Quilters Annual Show and Conference.

As we approach our 35th annual Quilt Show, we can’t begin to thank these wonderful women and their cohorts for establishing such an incredible tradition for us to follow. And follow we have. With each year we have grown from an exhibit space, to college campuses, to four major convention centers. Our attendance has increased from several hundred to nearly 10,000 visitors each year. And still we can boast that we are the largest volunteer run quilt show in the country!

We owe our charter members not just thanks and praise for establishing Minnesota Quilters, but for pursuing their passion with needle and fabric. And in so doing, not only continued the tradition of quilting but also revived it until it is now valued for its historical significance and recognized as an art form in today’s community of fiber enthusiasts.

It will be an honor to carry on your vision this year as volunteers hang quilts, display merchandise, direct vendors to their booths, sell raffle tickets, give directions to exhibits, answer viewers’ questions, take classes, and marvel at the fantastic color combinations and quilting patterns. But best of all will be the community of quilters that we have to share this with. No longer do we need to fret, as Jeannie Spears recalled, that we would find that perfect piece of fabric and not have anyone to tell about it.

Quilter of the Year 2014
quilter@mnquilt.org


We are looking for nominations for the 2014 award. If you have nominations, please send the name and any information you have on the nominee to the MQ office. Nominations should be submitted by August 1, 2013.

2013 Nominating Committee Seeks Candidates
pastpres@mnquilt.org

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

2014!!

We want to give you the experience of being a part of the 2014 Show Committee! The show will be June 12-14 at the expanded (it’s HUGE!) River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud. Let us know of your interest and we’ll find a committee spot that’s right for your talents! Help make the 2014 Show happen! showdirector@mnquilt.org or 612-910-7127.
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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”

As a wee one, I LOVED making May Baskets…..paper cones with pretty ribbon filled with popcorn and candy and a little surprise …..to hang on our neighbors’ doors. The only time of year when ringing their doorbell and running to a special hiding spot was allowed. It was great fun to watch them find their May Basket and look around for the giver.

Why not make a May basket this year for a favorite neighbor or a special friend? You could include an MQ Raffle Ticket as the little surprise! MQ RAFFLE TICKETS are only $1 each and a set of Guided Waters Note cards is $5 per package! Admit it, this could be a fun adventure for you and the receiver!

Raffle tickets and note cards are always available from the MQ office and at the upcoming May 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 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.

And as our May Day special surprise for you…..Guided Waters patterns are bagged and ready for purchase. If you would like to make this year’s raffle quilt in colors that you love, the pattern is now available! Happy May Day! We appreciate your support! Terri & Yvonne

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 have until **May 15** to go back in and make changes and additions to your class choices.

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EQ7 Classes Added

"Guided Waters" quilt pattern and raffle information.

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You’ve been debating with yourself about signing up for a class or two at the 2013 Duluth Show or weren’t sure if you would be able to get there. Now is the time to make your plans. Our talented teachers are eager to share tips and techniques with you. You know you will learn something new and make new friends just by participating in a class. Sign up now! Enrolling in a class will help you and Minnesota Quilters have an exceptional show experience. We’re looking forward to seeing you and learning with you.

Just a reminder that class supply lists can be downloaded at www.mnquilt.org/mq2013.

Cathy Goset and Nancy Hall, Faculty Co-Chairs

Enter Your Quilt!

The Minnesota Quilters 35th Annual Show is only a month and a half away! I know there are so many beautiful quilts out there. We see them every month at meetings. Choose one of your quilts to enter in the Non-judged Quilt Exhibit - the entry form submission deadline is May 1st. Please enter!

Check the show link for more information: http://www.cvent.com/events/2013-mq-quilt-show-and-conference/custom-18-1aba2dd0e6bc49a2bc0e74da5a37f2c3.aspx

Kay Harrell and Martha Eaves, 2013 Nonjudged Co-chairs

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, bring it to one of the May MQ meetings or contact Gail Hanson at membership@mnquilt.org

Such donations are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.
**Special Exhibits** Specialexhibits2013@mnquilt.org

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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**STILL TIME TO MAKE A DONATION** doorprizes2013@mnquilt.org

There is still time to make a donation to the Door Prize Committee before the 2013 Minnesota Quilt Show in Duluth. We will be collecting donations right up to the last minute. You can bring your new and like-new quilt related items to the monthly meeting. When dropping items off make sure to label them: “Door Prizes – 2013 Show” and fill out an in-kind donation form. Donations can also be dropped off at the MQ office.

Your donations are a great way to be involved with the show and insure a wonderful show experience for so many. We thank you for your donations and your support. If there are questions feel free to contact the Door Prize Committee.

Lynne Heuton and Sue Thompson

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**MQP (Minnesota Quilt Project) Road Trip** Sandy Johnson

We were invited to do a program and presentation of quilts at the Rochester Chapter of DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution). Our journey began at 7:30AM on Thursday, April 4. Karen Kopitzke, Miki Peine and I met at Pat Cox’s home to load nine huge bags of quilts. These bags held fifty-two full sized quilts that Pat chose from her personal collection to show as part of her lecture, “A Trip Through Quilt History.” We headed off to Rochester and arrived at the History Center of Olmsted County ahead of schedule. This gave us plenty of time to take a self-guided tour of the museum and exhibits while enjoying the scenery of this wonderful town. The lecture went well with lots of interest in the quilts and history of quilting. We were also invited to join the local DAR members for a delightful lunch. This was an excellent opportunity to share quilts, conversation and meet new and interesting people.

If you would like to learn more about the Minnesota Quilt Project, come to a meeting at St. Lawrence Church when we meet at 8:30 am before the regular Saturday Minnesota Quilters meeting. We meet in Classroom A, which is on the same floor as the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. office. We would love to have you join us. If you have questions, or would like to have a quilt documented, contact us at mqp@mnquilt.org.
Sgt. Joe Friday: All we want are the facts, ma'am.
Challenge Committee: Yes, sir!
Sgt. Joe Friday: Do you have registration forms?
Challenge Committee: Yes, sir!
Sgt. Joe Friday: When are they due?
Challenge Committee: April 30th.
Sgt. Joe Friday: Where do we send them?
Challenge Committee: 2013 Challenge, MQ Office, 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414
Sgt. Joe Friday: That's clear enough.
Challenge Committee: Thank you, sir.
Sgt. Joe Friday: Photos required?
Challenge Committee: No, sir.
Sgt. Joe Friday: That's smart. We're not done yet.
Challenge Committee: There's still time.
Sgt. Joe Friday: We're not done with the interview yet.
Challenge Committee: Sorry, sir.
Sgt. Joe Friday: Are there quilts submitted already?
Challenge Committee: Yes, sir, and there will be more.
Sgt. Joe Friday: You sound pretty sure of yourself, ma'am.
Challenge Committee: Yes, sir.
Sgt. Joe Friday: The due date for quilts is?
Challenge Committee: Quilters can bring their entries to either of the May meetings. Or bring them to the MQ office or any of the Non-Judged shop drop-off locations from June 1st to the 8th. Or bring them to the DECC by noon June 11th.
Sgt. Joe Friday: Just the facts, ma'am. We don't need a thesis here.
Challenge Committee: Yes, sir.
Sgt. Joe Friday: Anything else you want to tell us, ma'am?
Challenge Committee: Come to the show.
Sgt. Joe Friday: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.
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April Highlights

Minnesota quilters celebrated its 35th birthday party in April, and what a party it was! Over 90 members and guests attended each of the meetings to hear (from right to left in the picture) Jeannie Spears, Pat Cox, Bonnie Ellis, and Dorothy Stish regale us with wonderful tales of the early years of the organization.

Our sides hurt from laughing as they shared amusing memories of the early fabrics and tools, the local classes available, the interesting road trips they took crisscrossing the country to attend other shows, the decision to host a Minnesota show in conjunction with the St. Paul Winter Carnival and ask some national teachers to come and teach, and “get paid if the show made any profits”. Can you imagine teachers accepting that offer now?

We learned that the idea for the show came first, and then the guild was formed when the small group of brave volunteers realized they should probably have an official organization to sponsor the show. The show was eventually moved to June (less snow on the ground) and it has developed into the largest volunteer run show in the country.

The organization has also grown from a few local quilters getting together for show and tell to a large statewide organization of quilters who meet monthly for speakers, programs, retreats, community service, and show and tell. What has changed: the size of the group, the location of our meetings, the quality and quantity of fabrics available, the tools and machines we use to construct our works of art, the machines used to print the newsletters, books, and magazines we collect and read, how businesswomen are perceived by the community, and the methods of communication available between members. What has stayed the same: the love of fabric, food, show and tell, learning new skills, traveling, creating art, and the desire to gather with other like-minded, passionate people to share our discoveries in the world of quilting.

We have such a reputation for passion that a video team from UCare that creates videos of passionate Minnesotans came to record our birthday party on Saturday!

After the historical presentation the Volunteer of the Year was introduced. Thank you Karen Kopitzke for all you have done and continue to do for MQ! The meeting continued with birthday cake, door prizes, and show and tell. A fun time was had by all!
April Show and Tell (list of quilt makers is on next page)
Hello to all of our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to everyone 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 hundreds of 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 at 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.

Thank you so much to Rebecca Finch, who has volunteered for the Public Relations position, and to Sharon Peterson, who has agreed to be an administrator for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Facebook pages.

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 picture of quilts and quilters’ names.

Nancy Hall and Cathy Goset, Volunteer Committee

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**Fat Quarter Drawing**

The “stars” came out at the April Meeting. The jar was filled with 27 “stars” fat quarters … enough to have 2 winners. Katherine Genelin and Nancy Birger were the winners! Congratulations!

After a LONG winter, let’s think Spring!! For May our Fat Quarter theme is “Spring Sports.” It may be a challenge to find these fabrics. Have some fun … check your stash or your favorite quilt shops. Let’s see how many different “Spring Sports” fabrics we can collect.

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

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

Carolyn Minor

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**Local Quilt Studios Tour in August**

MQ is planning a tour of some local quilting studios for a special program in August. If you have a unique quilting studio and would like to share it with MQ members on the afternoon of Saturday, August 3, please contact the education directors at ed@mnquilt.org. If you don't want your studio on tour, but you'd like to share one special feature of your studio with the guild at the August meetings, please send a jpeg image of that to ed@mnquilt.org.

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**April 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.
If I buy one more piece of fabric, will someone please have me committed! How many times have you said this to yourself, or out loud to your partners in crime? And as each New Year Day rolls around, I faithfully resolve to use what I have and not buy impulsively as I get into the car with my friends and head to Year’s Day or Super Bowl sales. There is no hope for me (and probably not for you, either.)

After listening to Bonnie, Dorothy, Jeannie and Pat describe their stash at Thursday’s meeting, I realized that I haven’t downsized like Jeannie, I don’t have a room for each decade of fabric like Pat, but I can relate to Bonnie who said, “I’ve long since passed the ‘stash’ stage, I’m now into ‘archiving’.” Archiving! Now that I think about it, that’s exactly what this trained librarian has been doing all along.

Here’s how it came about. After a kitchen remodeling debacle, I ended up with two 36” x 72” pantry cabinets with roll out drawers. One pantry has a drawer for each color of regular fabric less than a yard. The other pantry has shelves of regular flat folds of one or more yards. But I can never throw anything away, so I have a freestanding unit of 9 small plastic drawers for scraps sorted by color. Now that’s a good start, wouldn’t you say?

Then I got hooked on Reproduction fabrics, so had to expand. Under my cutting table on one side I have six 38 qt. plastic bins, some with two colors, of fabric. On the other side there are six shelves of flat fold Reproduction yardage, arranged by color. And yes, there are four plastic baskets for the scraps, another basket for strips, and a sixth basket for small units, i.e. half-square triangles and flying geese. Vintage fabrics and wool are in the cabinets under the bookcases.

That should do it, but sadly, no. In the closet there are plastic sweater-size bins with specific-styled fabrics: batiks, Halloween, Christmas, Japanese, African, 30s, Amish, patriotic, and brights. Some styles even require more than one bin. I swear it multiplies at night when I turn off the lights!

So you see why I have to really work on some self-control here. And ladies, I really am trying, but then I saw Gail Hanson’s selvage quilt, so now have two institutional-sized salad dressing jars overflowing with selvages. And just the other day I came across Bonnie Hunter’s suggestions for pre-cutting your fabrics into 1.5”, 2”, 2.5” strips and 5” charm squares, which got me to thinking…

After all, it’s really about having fun, isn’t it? And while I’m sorting and cutting and organizing, I’m having a great time playing with my fabric. Was I supposed to be doing something else with it?

Check Out the Updated Quilt Guild Information on the MQ Website!!

Hooray! Hooray! If you are looking for a local guild to join, check out the improved listing of quilt guilds on the MQ website! We have added not only contact information for each guild, but information about where and when they meet for most of them. There are many active guilds all around the state.

This list, unfortunately, will be outdated quickly if the current contact people listed do not keep MQ updated of any changes. Many people use this list to send out information about upcoming quilt events and other people use this list to find a local guild to join. If you would like to have your information updated or included on this list, please send it to secretary@mnquilt.org or mail it to the MQ Office at 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. We would welcome information from neighboring states, too.

The minimum amount of information we need is the name of your guild and a contact person with address and phone number and/or e-mail address. Ideally, we would like more detailed information such as when and where you meet, how many members you have, dues, web address, e-mail address, etc., but it is up to you how much information you want listed.

Thank you to everyone who responded to our request for updated information.

http://www.mnquilt.org/guilds.html
Block is 9” finished.

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

Fabric:

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

Choose four fabrics for A B C and D

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

Choose three different fabrics for E F and G

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

For guidance, see sewing diagrams.

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

Press seams in one direction on both pieces. Sew the ABCD stack side by side to the EFG stack. Press center seam to one side. Square up the block to 9 1/2”.

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

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

BOM Basics:

Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.

Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.

If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).

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

To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+). Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners.

Elise Frederick won 14 "Shadow" blocks at the April meeting. Our May BOM is "Stash Stack" so clear out some of your excess fabric with this quick and easy block of the month!
Sewing for Others Updates

Dog and Cat Beds  So far this year over 100 dog and cat beds, toys, and rice bag covers have been delivered to the Humane Society. Usually I drop items off at the Woodbury location. When I walk through the door with the first load the person behind the desk says, “Oh we love when you come to drop off beds, it is so much fun to see what the quilters have made!” They love your thoughtfulness in remembering the animals.

I called the Humane Society to make sure they would be open after 4 on Saturday the 6th of April. When Jessica answered the phone I told her who I was and that I had around 50 dog beds to deliver. She was silent on the other end of the phone for a few seconds then she said how many? I responded again about 50 dog beds, she said you cannot drop off 50 dogs!! Well I then repeated again and said DOG BEDS not dogs. We had a good laugh. When we arrived the beds were counted and there were just a few more than I thought. The wonderful, generous members of this organization donated 86 beds for the dogs and cats! EIGHTY SIX, you read that right. THANK YOU, and thank you to Mary Pozzini for helping deliver them.

KonKerr Cancer  On March 2nd I turned over 102 children’s pillowcases to the regional coordinator. She was speechless at how fast the MN Quilters made beautiful cheerful pillowcases for children who are in the hospital. The organization has extended their outreach to more hospitals in MN so the need for more pillowcases is as high as ever.

Quilts for Women’s Shelters  10 completed quilts were delivered to the Tubman shelter in Maplewood, along with some pillowcases. We continue to make tops at our sewing gathering after some of the Saturday monthly meetings. Through the generosity of our members the tops are quilted and bound at no charge. FACT: Every bed in every woman’s shelter throughout the State of MN is full every night.

Sewing with the Girl Scouts  On March 9, 35 Girl Scouts along with 9 adults met at the Burnsville location of Bundles of Love to learn how to make a quilt. We had 9 sewing stations set up and dove right into construction of blocks. The girls took turns at sewing, pressing and cutting. At the end of the day 4 completed quilts were ready for tying by the BOL volunteers and 5 others were pretty close to done. They would be finished and brought back to the BOL site for tying and distribution. As you can see from the pictures, the girls had a great time and are looking forward to doing this again.

Charity Sewing Day 4/6/13

BZZZZZ BZZZZZ, that is the sound you would have heard coming from busy bees after the Saturday member meeting. Sixteen busy bees, to be exact, began pressing, cutting and sewing heartstring blocks. Then there were blocks being made into quilt tops. Thank you to the following volunteers: Shelley McShannon, Pat Curtner, Becca Brackett, Sharon Peterson, Carol Fisher, Pam Plocek, Sue Hilferty, Elise Fredrickson, Yvonne Curran, Peggy Stockwell, Virginia Mercil, Sue Sandager, Mary Pozzini, Rebecca Finch, and Jean Carr. Some volunteers took squares home to work on and completed tops to be quilted. Monday, April 8th, 7 more completed quilts were delivered to a shelter for battered women.

Thank you also to the members who bring in pillowcases for KonKerr Cancer. Hopefully in the future we will have pillowcase kits made up so members can take some ready to sew children’s pillowcases.

Your generosity touches lives of humans, canines and felines. THANK YOU!

Jean Carr, Quilting for Others
**Bulletin Board**

**April 20 & 21** - Deep Valley Quilters Quilt Fest 2013, at the Mankato National Guard Armory, 100 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Mankato MN. 10-5 Sat., 10-4 Sun. $5 admission.

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

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

**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.

**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, sisters, Pat Witty and Dar Parks. Further information contact Jan Wolfgram (507-238-5473)


**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**

Rebecca Finch, Business Membership

This is a new column in the newsletter that will feature a different business member each month.

**Introducing Quilt Sticks—Very Useful Strip Templates from a Minnesota Company**

After the last MQ meeting I stayed to work with the Sewing for Others group making strip quilts for a shelter. My assigned task was to cut strips no wider than three inches and the tools that some of us were using were labeled as “Quilt Sticks”. And I have to say, I was impressed. Using this humble looking tool (it has a cork backing and no measuring marks) I quickly cut through the pile of fabric that had been laid out on my table with none of the dreaded “V” shapes—just straight accurate strips. I had a much better experience than I usually have with my acrylic rulers.

These nifty tools come in stock widths from one to eight inches; the company will also cut custom templates on request. The templates are cut out on an industrial saw and are accurate to within 1/1000th of an inch. Cutting identical pieces repeatedly that come together accurately is a no brainer because you are repeatedly using the same size stick over and over and there is no slippage whatsoever.

The Quilt Sticks product was developed by Sharon and Jason Oliver as a result of an experience that they had when Sharon was about five months pregnant with twin girls and she was trying to cut out strips for a Lone Star quilt for her brother’s wedding. “I encountered problems when I attempted to lean over to cut the strips, as my belly got in the way. This prevented me from keeping my ruler accurately aligned for precise cutting. In a desperate attempt to finish the quilt before the twins were born I turned to my husband to assist me with cutting my quilt pieces. I was firm (as firm as a wife can be with her husband) that he cut all pieces precisely, as I had little room for error. My husband laid the standard acrylic ruler on the fabric, attempting to get the accurate size (measure twice, cut once). After making one cut, he stated, ‘this is insane, I’ll be right back.’ My husband came back with the first Quilt Stick template with the exact width that my quilt required.” Her husband cut the needed pieces in record time and the quilt was finished on schedule! Eventually Sharon and Jason decided to bring the product to market; they manufacture the Quilt Sticks in their own Minnesota workshop because of Jason’s woodworking expertise and to maintain tight quality control. Check out their website at [www.quiltsticks.com](http://www.quiltsticks.com); a full set of templates costs $52.00 and individual templates start at $8.00. You can also inquire about custom templates.
New/Renewing Members—March 2013

Julie Accola
Kara Albrecht
Mary Cyr Allton
Elle Alms
Mary Anderson
Lorrie Antiel
Cecelia Beecher
Rebecca Beilke
Kristen Bender
Jennifer Bernard
Margaret Birse
Becca Brackett
Janice A Brown
Gail J Carlson
Peggy Clements
Terry Cook

Susan Dyer
Jan Fenniman
Kathryn Foster
Lynn A Glesne
Marge Goodnuff
Joanne Goranson
Sandra Grazzini
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Karen Hall
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Trisha Millionig
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New/Renewing Business Memberships—March 2013

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Miki Peine

Extra MQ Member benefits!

Everyone knows that our local quilt shops are the life-blood of our hobby. They support us with the best quilting fabric, supplies and classes. And many of us are involved in many other textiles other than quilting, so we announce that your membership at MQ allows you to get a 10% off card at Jo-Ann. Go to www.joann.com/nonprofit and sign up or go to your local store and show your membership badge to get the card!

Keep the following dates open for the Fall Getaway....

October 10 Thu October 13, 2013
Location: Cloquet Forestry Center

Watch for more information in upcoming Newsletters.
Making Your Mark - Workshop with Nancy Wick

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

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

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