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

Back to School

Is it September already? Where did the summer go? That means it is time for our back-to-school demos at the Minnesota Quilters meetings, and we have some great demonstrations lined up for 2013.

If you are new to MQ, in September we rotate around the room in small groups so everyone gets to learn some new techniques, skills, or see some new tools that will help us grow as quilters. This year’s demonstrations include the following:

Travis from Country Caboose Quilts in Wahkon, Minnesota will be on hand to demonstrate the new Bloc Loc tools.

Cindy Thury Smith will demonstrate how to make “Anita’s Unbiased Squares”.

Mary Pozzini will tell us all about the Heartstrings Project, show us how to make a block, and even give us something to use to make our first one.

Rita Culshaw will show us how to add photos to our quilt labels.

Kate Eelkema will demonstrate how easy it is to make a proper sleeve for the back of your quilt. (The last two will help you get your entries ready for next year’s MQ show in St. Cloud.)

There will also be the usual show and tell and door prizes, so don’t miss going back to school with Minnesota Quilters in September!

August Studio Tours ~ A Great Success ~ Thank You, Thank You!

The first Minnesota Quilters Studio Tour was a big success, but it could not have happened without the generosity of the eight quilters who were willing to open their studios for us to see, left to right: Kate Eelkema (organizer), Argene Whalen, Gail Hanson, Nancy Birger, Bonnie Ellis, Martha Eaves, Melissa Nellis and Kathie Simon Frank. Nancy Wick’s studio was also on the tour. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!!

Thank you, also, to all the volunteers who assisted at each of the studios: Katie Niessen, Susan Manning, Patty Von Arx, Peggy Wright, Laura Nagel, Johanna Toole, Diana Aysta, Carolyn Minor, June Kolodzieski, Arly Fuhr, Rebecca Baxter, Barbara Smith, Rose Allen and Mary-Jeanine Whelan. You were also an integral part of the success of this event.

To all of you who purchased tickets to tour the studios and support future MQ educational programs - thank you, too. We would like to have the second annual studio tour next August, so if you have any suggestions to make that tour even better, please send them to ed@mnquilt.org. (photos on page 11)
**Upcoming Events**

September 5 & 7, Back to School with MQ!

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

Oct 10 - 13, Fall Getaway

Oct. 17-19, Quilting in the City- Information on page 6, registration form on page 19.

November 7 & 9, Kimonos and Asian Fabrics presented by Carolyn Golberg

December 7, Holiday Brunch, information on page 11.

January 2 & 4, 2014 Quilt Show Preview

**MQ Board of Directors meetings:** Sept. 24, 6 pm, Sat. Sept. 28-Board Turnover Meeting, 9:30

Please notify Laura Nagel, president@mnquilt.org if you wish to attend.

**Deadline for October Newsletter:** Tuesday, September 10, 2013

**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 Minnesota Quilters. 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:


**Employees:**

- **Show Director**
  Linda Wines
  showdirector@mnquilt.org

- **Bookkeeper**
  bookkeeper@mnquilt.org

- **Administrative Assistant**
  Debra Svedberg
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**MN Quilt Project Co-Chairs**

- Pat Cox and Karen Kopitzke
  mqp@mnquilt.org

**MQ 2014 Quilt Show Coordinators**

- Lou Roos and Laura Nagel
  MQ2014@mnquilt.org

**Editor**

- Mary Manns
  editor@mnquilt.org
President’s Letter

Laura Nagel  president@mnquilt.org

They say “time flies when you’re having fun,” and I would have to agree with them. My past year as President of Minnesota Quilters has flown by in a flurry of exciting programs, an outstanding quilt show and conference, increased membership and some hard work on the part of the Board of Directors, to whom I owe a great deal of thanks for their support and continued efforts on behalf of our organization.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your President, representing the organization as a whole, welcoming new members and getting to know current members even better. I would like to say thank you to everyone who stepped up to volunteer this year to fill MQ’s needs. Sometimes it was a one-time activity, others filled vacant committee positions, and several were nominated to become Board members. MQ thrives on your contributions of time and talent.

I am looking forward to continuing my commitment to Minnesota Quilters as I assume my new duties as Past President. In addition, I will be Co-Coordinator with Lou Roos on our 2014 Quilt Show in St. Cloud.

I have found there is a true joy in serving an organization that is as passionate about the world of quilting as I am. There is great satisfaction in problem-solving the business matters that come before the Board, initiating improvements that will benefit our membership, and most importantly, connecting and becoming friends with so many like-minded people in the pursuit of our quilting aspirations.

It is now my pleasure to welcome our newly elected Directors to the Board of Minnesota Quilters:

President Elect    Mary Pozzini
Secretary        Jill Schultz
Education Co-Director    Sharon Peterson
Membership Co-Director    Anne McCandless
Communications Co-Director    Pat Curtner
Operations Co-Director    Kathleen Winters
Changes to the Board include:
Co-Presidents    Patty Von Arx and Kathie Simon Frank

I would like to thank Wynn Martin, Past President, for chairing the nominating committee, Jill Schultz, Martha Eaves, and Loretta Stone for serving on the committee, and Martha Eaves and Loretta Stone for counting the ballots. A special thanks to Gail Hanson for orchestrating such a seamless voting process at the August meetings.

Thank you all for a wonderful and productive year.  Laura Nagel

PS: If you were thinking about making a President’s block, I chose a 6” or 12” schoolhouse block in red and white. Right now I have received one, which will make a lovely mug rug in time for the April meeting where Kate Eelkema has planned that the past-presidents will have their quilts finished.

For the past few years Minnesota Quilters has participated in the statewide Give to the Max Day.

That day is fast approaching so please mark your calendars and consider making a tax deductible donation to MQ on November 14, 2013 by going to Minnesota Quilters home page (www.mnquilt.org) and clicking on the Donate Now button.
August Meeting Highlights

Kate Eelkema    ed@mnquilt.org

The Social Hall at St. Lawrence Church was packed with MQ members and guests (100 on Thursday and over 140 on Saturday!) who wanted to hear all about quilting studios.

First, Kathie Simon Frank talked about her decision to rent space outside of her home for her quilting studio. She finds that she is more productive when she is working in a place away from the distractions of her house. Interestingly, she said that she did not use the separate studio much when she was a weaver, but now that she is a quilter she takes herself more seriously as an artist, and does spend more time in her studio.

Martha Eaves, on the other hand, decided she did not want a studio away from home, but there wasn’t really any room available IN her home, so she turned her mostly unused garage into her quilting studio. She shared a very entertaining power point presentation about the transformation of the garage into her studio. Especially entertaining - and enlightening - was the tale of her experiences with the zoning office.

Special meeting guests were Brooke and Brian from IKEA, who gave a presentation about using various IKEA products for storage and organization in our sewing studios. They will, in the near future, be creating a crafting room at the store. They were excited about coming to meet us and find out what our crafting organization needs are. Meeting guests were excited to get the IKEA blue bag and the brand new IKEA catalog handed out by Brooke and Brian. We also learned that there is someone at IKEA named Bob who will give free design advice if we ask. Watch out Bob - here come the quilters!

The meeting also featured announcements and some wonderful show and tell. On Saturday Sally Lajon won the fat quarter drawing. Dianne Connor and Markey Dwyer won the block of the month drawing.

The Studio fun didn’t end at noon on Saturday, though. From 1:00 to 5:00 pm quilters were able to tour eight quilting studios in our first MQ Studio Tour fund-raiser. From the comments that studio owners and board members heard, quilters really appreciated the wide variety of quilting spaces they were able to see. They left with many ideas for their own studios, and they are already looking forward to the second annual studio tour next August!

If you would like to have your quilting studio featured on a future tour, please contact ed@mnquilt.org

If you are still calling yours a sewing room, it is time to take yourself more seriously as an artist and start calling it your quilting studio!

Highlights From July 2013 MQ Board Meeting

Treasurer reported that as of the end of June, 2013, our balance sheet shows total liabilities and equity of over $250,000.

Show Director reported that the preliminary figures of income from the June show are quite promising.

Past President reported that the election of officers will take place at the August 1 & 3 member meetings. Absentee ballots can be requested from the office.

Membership Directors reported that we have 764 members (including business members). In calendar year 2012, we had 116 new members join and as of June, 2013, we have had 105 new members.

Education Directors reported on the plans for the August studio tour and another in-house fall retreat is being planned for either September or October. Members were polled at the July member meetings and will also be polled at the August member meetings as to their preference.

Communications Co-Director, Kathy Brevig, met with Curt Pederson, the Creative Activities Superintendent at the State Fair to discuss several issues, including the issue of putting names on all of the entries. Mr. Pederson indicated that this would be very difficult. He indicated that a couple of 3M people volunteered to take on the task of how to get the labeling accomplished and they gave up. MQ would also like to get more recognition for the special awards that we provide at the State Fair and Mr. Pederson suggested that we provide a flyer/letter that would be inserted into the bag that each quilt is placed in when they are returned to the owners.

The Board discussed and voted to pay the Textile Center library fees for one year and to enter into negotiations with the Textile Center.

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

Respectfully submitted, Char Wenger, Secretary
August Show and Tell (Quilt makers listed on page 11)
Suggestions Sought for 2014 Quilter of the Year

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

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

If you would like to submit a name for consideration, please send it email by September 10, 2013 to preselect@mnquilt.org or by US mail by September 15, 2013 to:

c/o Co-Presidents Elect, Minnesota Quilters Inc.
1203 Fifth Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030

We look forward to your suggestions.

Quilting in the City - Fall Retreat

The in-town retreat in March was so much fun that attendees asked for another one in the fall, so our Quilting in the City Fall Retreat will be held at our regular meeting location Thursday through Saturday, October 17-19, 9 am to 9:00 pm on Thursday and Friday, and 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday.

For those of you who didn’t attend the retreat in March, this is a day retreat. We each set up our personal sewing station to work on our own projects for three days without all the distractions that hamper us when we work at home. There are cutting and pressing stations set up around the room and a snack area.

We leave our stations set up when we go home or to the hotel of our choice to spend the night, and return the next day to sew some more.

We did have a soup bar on Thursday last year, and most of the spring attendees wanted to have more joint meals for the fall retreat, but you are also welcome to take a break to try some of the many restaurants in the Dinkytown area.

There will be snacks and door prizes, and there may be shop discounts and massages again, planning is still in the works.

Please use the registration form on page 18 in this newsletter to sign up. This retreat is limited to 30, so sign up early.

The cost for QIC-F (Quilting in the City - Fall) for MQ members is $35 for any two days, or $45 if you sign up for all three days. The cost for non-members is $45 for any two days or $55 if you sign up for all three days. You may not sign up for just one day, and each person registering must fill out her own form.

If you want to sign up to help with meals or activities, or if you have any questions, please contact ed@mnquilt.org.

Fat Quarter Drawing

Congratulations to Sally Lajon, lucky winner of 20 autumn leaf fat quarters at the August meeting. The theme in September is Halloween prints. In October we’ll be thinking Christmas so the theme will be Christmas prints.

Fat quarter drawing rules: 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 5 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
MQ Sponsors Awards at the Minnesota State Fair

Here is an explanation of the awards:

MQ will award a Rosette and a $100 cash prize to the winner of the Sweepstakes award in the "Minnesota County Sweepstakes Contest" and also to the Sweepstakes winner from all other quilt categories.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Volunteer Corner

Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you. We especially appreciate both Hannah Kaytonah and Martha Eaves for volunteering to be our Co-Historians. Thank you so much!

All volunteers need to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. We had 342 volunteer hours recorded for the third quarter of our fiscal year. Keep up the good work!

If any of you are interested in the following position or have questions about it please send us an email or talk to us at the meetings.

If you would like to volunteer for any position that is not listed, please let us know. We could have some openings at the end of this year - October 1.

Current available 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.

Starting October 1-- our new year -- we will need the following positions: Fat Quarter Coordinators and a Quilting for Others Coordinator.

Nancy Hall and Cathy Goset, Volunteer Coordinators
Block of the Month – October 2013 – Layers of Leaves
Kathie Simon Frank and Jeanne LaMoore, botm@mnquilt.org

Fabric
Choose one fabric that reads as black and five that can read as “leaf” colors from light to dark. They may be shades of green, gold, orange, red, and/or brown. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting
It might be easiest to start by cutting a lot of 2” strips! You can also use up some of your scraps with this.
- Black (A): (6) 2” x 2” squares
- Lightest (B): (2) 2” x 2” squares
- Light (C): (2) 2” x 3 ½” rectangles
- Medium (D): (2) 2” x 5” rectangles
- Dark (E): (2) 2” x 6 ½” rectangles
- Darkest (F): (2) 2” x 8” rectangles

Assembly
It may work best to lay out your block(s) before combining pieces. You can do some strip piecing, especially if you’re making more than one block. Jeanne sewed all the A pieces to the vertical B-F pieces first, then combined them.

Be careful with your seams (scant ¼”) and pressing so that you don’t distort the fabric.

Final block should be 9 ½” square.

All our beautiful Layers of Leaves will look great together!

BOM basics
Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.
If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) for the winner (a border or other finishing touches).
If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the Saturday drawing.

Block of the Month
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
1203 Fifth St. SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

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

BOM Winners
July winners were Shirley Jones and Pat Curtner.
August winners were Markey Dwyer and Dianne Conner.
Bulletin Board

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

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

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

Oct. 2-5, AQS Show in Des Moines, IA, http://aqsshows.com/AQSDesMoines

Oct. 2-5, Des Moines Area Quilt Show, “Our Quilting Legacy,” in conjunction with AQS Show, Iowa Events Center, 730 3rd St. Des Moines, IA. 500+ quilts, raffle quilt, silent auction of little quilts, table runners and purses. Community service quilts for preemies, quilts from multi-generations of one family. www.DMAQG.org

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


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

Oct. 18 & 19, Mahtomedi/White Bear Lake area Evening Star Quilters present their Quilt Show and Crafters Garage Sale, 10-6 Friday, 10-4 Saturday. Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi. Quilts of all sizes, vendors, boutique, small quilt auction, door prizes, an awesome garage sale, raffle quilt and refreshments. Admission $4. The raffle quilt this year is Garden Party, featuring hand embroidered blocks made by members of the Evening Star Quilters and quilted by Janet Hansen. Tickets available from members and at the show for $1 each. Evening Star Quilters meet the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm at the District Education Center. For more information please contact Denise at deniostrom@gmail.com.

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

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**Picking Up The Pieces**

Laura Nagel, [president@mnquilt.org](mailto:president@mnquilt.org) © 2013

Sometimes, quilting is just what the doctor ordered. How I would love to have someone write me a prescription for a weekend quilt retreat, or advise me to take two new quilt magazines with the beverage of my choice and lie down for an hour. While I haven't discovered a quilt clinic that would satisfy my insurance plan (or fabric allowance), I have heard quilters frequently refer to their quilting as therapy. I've even remarked that an hour in a quilt shop is still cheaper than an hour on a counselor’s couch!

What is it about quilting that brings such relief to our hectic lives? I think we all have a need for a creative outlet, and those of us who find fabric contains restorative powers, have gravitated toward the fiber arts – quilting being one of them. Just last week, one of our guests had traveled over an hour to attend the Saturday morning meeting. She mentioned her six children and commented that her quilting kept her sane. Maybe it’s that dose of time we allow ourselves to put everything else on the back burner and just focus on something beautiful to look at and touch that will last longer than this week’s groceries.

Another member brought amazing show and tell – hand pieced and hand quilted quilts that she had been working on while she recuperated from a very debilitating illness. Unable to even operate her sewing machine because of the medication she was taking, she discovered the restorative value of handwork and is stitching her way to a healthful recovery.

Even I have relied on quilting to get me through some of life’s rough patches. When my father was diagnosed with cancer, I headed to my stash of leftovers and resurrected the nautical table runners I had made for his 50th birthday party, cut into the fabric and recreated a wall hanging to remember all the times we had spent together on his boats. After the loss of my mother, I’ve begun a house quilt that will be backed with some blueprint fabric that we purchased together many years ago. Each house block will remind me of all the open houses we inspected and how many she sold while in the real estate profession.

There are so many times when a potent dose of quilting is the non-medical cure a person requires to complete the healing process. Whether it is quilts in the Ronald McDonald house, pillowcases for Konker Cancer, or Quilts of Valor for our returning military, each one brings just the right amount of care, concern and compassion to its recipient. Quilting is the one universal treatment that doesn’t need FDA approval; it only needs your time, your talent, and your thoughtfulness. Start one today, and we’ll all feel better in the morning.

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**Minnesota Quilt Project Book Review**

Laura Nagel © 2013

**Quilts Around the World: the story of quilting from Alabama to Zimbabwe**

by Spike Gillespie

New to the MQP collection is this glorious coffee table book that explores the diversity and common threads of quilting traditions and styles throughout the world. Many of the contributors are accomplished quilters and quilt researchers including Laurel Horton, Hollis Chatelain, Margaret Rolf, and Myrah Brown Green. Documentation is arranged by continent and accompanied by over 300 color photographs. It is truly a study in textile art appreciation. Not a book to read from cover to cover, but one to visit often and savor each country's contribution to the eclectic world of quilting from historically significant museum pieces, to recent award winning quilts. Pattern, style, and purpose are documented, and the final chapter includes twenty patterns for quilt projects inspired by examples in the book. If you are interested in quilt history, or how culture influences quilt styles, or just want to explore an international quilt show from the comfort of your favorite chair, you will want to check out this book.
Minnesota Quilters Holiday Brunch - December 7, 2013

The MQ brunch will be again be held at St. Thomas University in St. Paul on Saturday, December 7 at 10 am. More information and a registration form will be in the next newsletter. Be sure to mark that date on your calendar, and remember that there will be no Thursday evening meeting in December.

For the last several years members of Minnesota Quilters have been helping make Christmas a little more enjoyable for kids at St Joseph’s Home for Children. We can only do this with support from our membership and their families, so we are asking you to start creating beautiful Christmas Stockings, collecting stocking stuffers or donating money specifically for this cause. At the Holiday Brunch we will have your beautiful creations displayed and attendees will be able to vote for their favorite. If you have the stocking pattern from a previous year, it has not changed. If you need the pattern its on our website at: http://www.mnquilt.org/documents/HolidayStockingPattern.pdf It prints on five 8.5 x 11” letter size paper; one page is instructions, the other 4 pages are the pattern with marks where they should all be taped together to form one large pattern. There will be a few copies at the September meetings for the computer-less.

There will also be the Christmas block exchange using holiday fabrics and either a white or a cream/tan background fabric.

This year’s special holiday challenge should be one that everyone will want to do. It is called the “Holiday Stash Challenge”, because you are encouraged to use fabrics already in your stash to create a holiday wall hanging, table topper, wearable, or tote-able. You may use new fabrics, but try to use at least some that you already own (which will give you room for more new fabric). That’s it - no packet to buy, no entry fee, no form to fill out, and no other rules other than it must fit into one of the four categories listed above. There will be prizes for the Viewer’s Choice Stocking and Holiday Stash Challenge winners. Be sure to put some kind of label on the back of your challenge entry so we can make sure the prize goes to the correct entrant!

Misplaced Quilt Found

The misplaced non-judged quilt was found. Thank you all very much for looking.

August Show and Tell Quilters

(Photos on page 5)
1. Gail Cmiel
2. April Lauer (April’s husband found this quilt in the dump and brought it home.)
3. Cheryl Forsythe
4. Ellen Carter
5. Debbie Bowles
6. Ellen Carter
7. Linda Pribyl
8. Darci Alexis
9. Rose Allen
10. Linda Pribyl
11. Peg Lindberg
12. Jean Cline
13. Cheri Hand
14. Carol Fisher
15. Randi Helling
16. Gail Hanson
17. Rose Keller
18. Rose Keller
19. Elise Frederick

Sharon Peterson in front of one of her string quilts. Sharon takes care of our Facebook page and posts beautiful pictures of quilts every day that are seen by hundreds of quilters.
Studio Tour Photos

Original work by Kathie Simon Frank

Martha Eaves and friends in studio

Nancy Birger’s quilt on her longarm

Bonnie Ellis’ koi pond

Martha Eaves’ African inspired quilt

Nancy Birger’s design wall

Kathie Simon Frank in her studio

Bonnie Ellis looking out Nancy Birger’s studio window

Bonnie Ellis’ bonsai garden

Martha’s old garage
Business Member Focus ~ Nolting/Hinterberg Designs/Qbot (J & M Designs)

Mary Anne and Jerry Hansen (J & M Designs) are dealers for Nolting and Hinterberg Designs longarm machines and Qbot automated quilting systems; they have been in business for nine years. They were Gold Level Sponsors for the 2013 Minnesota Quilter show and have been business members since the category was established by the Minnesota Quilters Board.

Mary Anne says they decided to become dealers after she purchased a Nolting longarm and loved it so much she wanted everyone to know how easy they are to own and use. All of the equipment is manufactured and serviced in the United States. Nolting owns Hinterberg Designs; all of the equipment for the two companies is or will be manufactured and maintained in Iowa. Nolting says that the technical support for its machines is done by people who actually build them.

The Qbot systems are manufactured in Chicago. These automated systems move the machine across the quilt; the software designs must be from edge to edge of the quilt.

How might these machines help a quilter achieve superb results? At the last Minnesota Quilters show in Duluth I found myself in awe of the quilts produced by Marilyn Badger. How does she do that micro stippling and make those perfect circles and diagonal designs? Part of the answer is that Badger uses tools and accessories for her longarm machine that have been developed by her husband's engineering company, Hartley Manufacturing. The good news is that many of these accessories are available for the Nolting longarms sold by J & M Designs, including the Micro Drive Handles and Hartley Fence. The Micro Drive handles are mounted very close to the needle and are used for applications like micro stippling. The Hartley Fence is an attachment for quilting perfect diagonal lines and circles. The Nolting commercial tables are drilled and tapped so that the Hartley Fence can be quickly attached.

Nolting also makes an optional stitch regulator for its longarms. There is a wide range of other accessories also available to help perfect your quilting. The prices are quite affordable for package systems that include a machine, 12’ table, bobbin winder, needles, bobbins, laser, cable chain, 4 pony clamps and 5 patterns

Mary Anne also does longarm quilting (pantograph only); offers embroidery services and sells threads and bobbins. Jerry and Mary Anne attend a large number of quilt shows each year with the Minnesota Quilters Show and Madison Quilt Expo being the largest ones. Other business comes to them from referrals. They do not run a website at this time. You can reach them by email at hansenjmdesigns@aol.com or by telephone at 651-455-1923.

A huge THANK YOU to our recent contributors!

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**Minnesota Quilters' Grant Program**

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

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

To apply, please complete the grant form (see below or download it at [http://www.mnquilt.org/grants.html](http://www.mnquilt.org/grants.html)) and mail it to:

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

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

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

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

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

All requests are subject to availability

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

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

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

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

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Guild/group name__________________________________________________________

Location (town or city or county)________________________________________________________________________

Number of members in group: __________________________

Contact person Name: ____________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________

Phone: _________________________ Email:_________________________________________

Dollar amount requested:_____________________

Purpose of grant - Please be as detailed as possible:

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Search Begins for Quilt Show Scholarship Candidates
Deadline: November 1, 2013.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Scholarship applications should be mailed to:
Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Scholarship Committee
1203 Fifth Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030.

Or e-mail your application form, essay, and photographs (.jpg or .tiff files) to preselect@mnquilt.org. Please contact Kathie Simon Frank or Patty Von Arx, Co-presidents Elect, at preselect@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.
You don’t have to feel like this!

If you still have an MQ Show Committee apron (red), an MQ Volunteer apron (white), or an MQ Board apron (blue), or a 2013 show committee book you can prevent guilt by returning it to MQ, no questions asked and we’ll still love you.

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### Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Membership Form

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Dues are not refundable.

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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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Quilting in the City - Fall Retreat Registration Form

Dates: October 17 - 19, 2013 (Thursday - Saturday)
Times: Thursday and Friday - 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
       Saturday - 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Location: St. Lawrence Catholic Church/Newman Center
          1203 Fifth St SE
          Minneapolis MN 55414-2030

Name:___________________________________________________________________
Street Address:____________________________________________________________
City:_________________________________ State:_______ Zip:____________________
Email:___________________________________________________________________

Phone Numbers:
   1st Choice _____________________  (circle one)  Home  Work  Cell
   2nd Choice _____________________  (circle one) Home   Work  Cell

I plan to come the following 2 or 3 days (circle all that apply):
   Thursday October 17       Friday October 18       Saturday October 19

MQ Members:
   ______ I am enclosing a check for $45 for all three days.
   ______ I am enclosing a check for $35 for the 2 days I have circled.

Non Members:
   ______ I am enclosing a check for $55 for all 3 days.
   ______ I am enclosing a check for $45 for the 2 days I have circled.
(Make check out to Minnesota Quilters, and put QIC-F retreat on the memo line.)

If paying by credit card:
Charge $ _________ to my credit card.   Type of credit card: ________________
Name on card:______________________________ 3 digit code on back: ___________
Card number: ______________________________________  Expiration: _____________

Make a copy of this form for you to keep and then mail the original to:
   Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
   1203 5th St SE
   Minneapolis MN 55414-2030

You may also bring this form and your check to a September or October MQ Meeting and give it to one of the
   Education Directors.
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Look inside for these fun events coming up:

September 5 & 7

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