April Meetings

Happy Birthday, Minnesota Quilters!

Thursday, April 3, 7 pm
Saturday, April 5, 10 am
Volunteer Breakfast Saturday, April 5, 8:30 am

April marks the 36th anniversary of the founding of Minnesota Quilters. Last April we heard wonderful stories about the early years of our organization from some of the founding members. Imagine having the quilt show during the St. Paul Winter Carnival, and asking national teachers to come and teach, and get paid - if the show made a profit, or moving the meeting to a new location every month. The show has come a long way in 36 years, as has the organization.

This year we will hear from some of the more recent Minnesota Quilters' presidents about a few of the highlights of the years they were in office. We will also get to see a selection of their favorite quilts.

It is a Minnesota Quilters tradition to make blocks for each president as they leave office. If you made a president’s quilt block for any of the recent presidents, this is your chance to see those blocks made into a quilt.

And of course there will be cake. What is a birthday party without cake? Come and celebrate our birthday with cake and more great stories about our organization!

If you have volunteered for Minnesota Quilters during the past year, you are also invited to a complimentary volunteer breakfast before the Saturday, April 5th meeting. Look for an invitation emailed March 14, or call the office to say you will be coming.

Important Show Dates

Entry Form Submission Deadlines for Quilts:
- Apr 18, 2014 ~ Judged Exhibit
- April 19, 2014 ~ Non-Judged, Children’s/Teens’ Exhibit
- April 25, 2014 ~ 2014 Challenge

Advance Registration for Classes:
- May 1, 2014 (mail in)
- May 15, 2014 (online)

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**Upcoming Events**

April 3 & 5, MQ 36th Birthday Party  
Several past presidents will talk about the highlights of the years they were in office and show us a few of their favorite quilts. Past Presidents- are you working on your quilts? Come help us celebrate with birthday cake!

April 5, Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and Outstanding Volunteer Award  
8:30 am, at St. Lawrence Church.

May 1, Here Comes the Judge, a presentation by a certified quilt judge about what judges look for when judging quilt competitions and what it takes to make an award-winning quilt.

May 3, How to Prepare Your Quilt for a Longarm Quilter, a presentation by Sue Kleinschmidt from *At the Heart of Quilting*.

June 12 - 14, 36th Annual Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud

July 12, MQ Travels to LeDuc Mansion in Hastings

**MQ Board of Directors meetings:** Finance Meetings-April 15. May 20. Board Meetings-April 22, May 27. All meetings are at 6 pm. Please notify Kathie or Patty, president@mnquilt.org if you have an agenda item and/or wish to attend.

**Deadline for May Newsletter:** Tuesday, April 8, 2014

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**Message from our Co-Presidents**

Happy 36th Birthday to Minnesota Quilters!

We hope everyone will join us at our April 3rd and 5th meetings to welcome past presidents as they share their president’s quilts and other works. We’ll announce and introduce this year’s Outstanding Volunteer and we’ll honor our volunteers at a breakfast before the meeting on Saturday April 5th. Please join us for camaraderie and cake as we celebrate our 36th Birthday!

Even with the winter wind chilling us with negative temperatures, quilters from all over the state met on March 1st at Eagan High School to kick off Women’s History Month. Was everyone inspired by Pat Speth’s lecture like Kathie and I were? In one of Pat’s books, Kathie found the perfect border to add to one of her 52 Finishes in 52 Weeks! Did you add a charm square project to your to-do list? No surprise that I added one to my future projects list.

Last month Kathie started a Wish List in the Presidents’ Column and asked for someone to help us fix the stage we use at our meetings. Thanks to Mike Genelin for responding to his wife Kay’s invitation to reinforce the stage so we can feel safer and more confident when we stand on it.

This month at the board meeting, we discussed trying to have a quilt exhibit at the Textile Center. This brought up a new item for the Wish List: an Exhibit Coordinator. . . . so if you are an organized person who would like to develop this position for Minnesota Quilters, please contact us at president@mnquilt.org.

The auditors were also at the February board meeting, work on the annual report is beginning and will be reported at the annual meeting in June.

The board has also been discussing the recommendations of the committee formed to examine the Minnesota Quilters’ nominating committee process and elections. Come and see Kathie and Patty before the April and May membership meetings to informally discuss the changes we are working on. We think our proposed changes will make our nominations and elections processes more transparent. We value your input and look forward to talking with everyone.

Kathie Simon Frank & Patty Von Arx

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**February 2014 MQ Board Meetings Highlights**

The auditors (CliftonLarsonAllen) presented the results of the audit review at the board meeting and had positive comments about our organization.

Class registrations for the June show are up a bit from where they were last year at this time.

Contracts will be signed with the cities of Rochester, Duluth and St. Cloud for future quilt shows being held through 2021, pending confirmation of cancellation language.

The Board reviewed a quilt design for the 2015 show.

The number of books being checked out from The Textile Center is good.

Barbara Jackson has agreed to become our new Business Member Coordinator.

Rose Keller has agreed to work with us on Public Relations, with an emphasis on publicity.

The Board discussed a need for a membership meeting bad weather cancellation policy.

The next Board Meeting will be March 25, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in Classroom A.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Schultz, Secretary
March Meeting Highlights

As usual, hardy Minnesota quilters were not daunted by the single-digit temps; they flocked to Eagan High School to view the Women’s History Month quilt exhibit. Sixty-two quilts were on display ranging from traditional samplers to contemporary appliqué. Whatever their favorite quilt style, viewers were sure to find a favorite. The display cases with charming children’s animal aprons and an assortment of vintage children’s kitchenware elicited many comments from members who remembered these toys from their own childhood.

Pat Speth of Nickel Quilts was our lecturer and she inspired us with her easy but creative ways of cutting and piecing 5” squares into numerous block designs that result in amazing quilts. There were over 40 quilts in her trunk show, and no one left without being inspired to try some of her techniques. She used large examples of each block design to show us the elements in each block, and then used a viewer (a frame with a square hole) to help the audience find the block in each quilt. Her unique presentation allowed the audience to fully understand how she achieves her successful patterns.

Our vendors were busy before and after the lecture, and there were so many wonderful fabrics and patterns to tempt us. Annemarie Yohnk’s Quilts Remembered booth displayed her numerous small quilt samples and patterns, Faye Hoch from Twin Cities Quilting brought her bright and exciting fabrics, original patterns and kits, and Pat Speth was able to satisfy everyone’s need to get started on a Nickel Quilt with her books, patterns and fat-quarter stacks of her own line of fabrics.

So many of this year’s quilts have unique stories to tell, from one woman’s reuniting with a daughter, art quilts representing each woman’s life journey, the Story of Ruth story quilt, and a parade of classy chickens just to name a few. The show closes on March 20th, and if you didn’t have a chance to see it in person, the exhibit is available online at http://www.eagan.k12.mn.us/librarynew/quilts/index.html.

Thank you to the following quilters who so generously shared their quilts for this show: Margaret Beissel, Jennie Brandt, Deb Burk, Julie Cartier, Pat Current, Pat Curtner, Leesa Dentinger, Tracy Eller, Sharon Fiebiger, Suzanne Fisher, Barbara Fox, Mary Gruenke, Carol Hancuh, Gail Hanson, Randi Helling, Julie Idzorek, Carol Jacobson, Rose Keller, Gail Kieper, Dee Legvold, Pam Martensen, Ann McCandless, Miki Peine, Sharon Peterson, Pamela Plocek, Gladys Raschka, Marcia Rocheleau, Kathy Shier, Nanette Sutherland, Patty Von Arx, Lois Voss, Jewell Wolk, and Annemarie Yohnk.

Due to space limitations, not all quilts are shown. Thank you Carrie D’Andrea for taking all the photos.
Quilts at Eagan High School (cont.)
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, especially Barbara Jackson who has agreed to be the Business Membership Coordinator. Thank you Barbara. All volunteers need to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. Keep up the good work!

If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please send us an email volunteer@mnquilt.org, or talk to us at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer for any position that is not listed, please let us know.

Current available positions:
Public Relations Coordinator – This position reports to the Communications Directors, and works with them to promote MQ. It would help to have some public relations and computer experience. This person will prepare and have available packets of information about MQ for members to take to local guild meetings. They will put notices of meetings in newspapers when a program is of interest to general public, at the direction of the board. Rose Keller is interested and would like a co-coordinator to help her.

Exhibit Coordinator(s): MQ would like to expand its ability to exhibit member works (and publicize our organization) beyond what we do at our annual show. We would like to explore having small exhibits at such places as the Textile Center, government buildings, office complexes, etc. If you are interested please contact membership@mnquilt.org or call or email the MQ office.

MQ On the Road

Minnesota Quilters plans to travel in 2014 for two of our Saturday meetings. On July 12 we will meet at the Le Duc Mansion in Hastings, and on October 4 we will meet in Blue Earth. Since this is a statewide guild, we want to “spread our wings” outside the metro area. There will be bus transportation, we’ll stop to shop, and have good times. Watch future newsletters for more details.

August Studio Tours

We will again offer a day of quilt studio tours on Saturday, August 9. We have three studios in Apple Valley already on our list, but we would like a few more studios on the tour. If your studio is somewhere between our meeting location and Apple Valley (like south Minneapolis, St. Paul, West St. Paul, Eagan, Bloomington, etc.) and you are willing to let others see how you organize your sewing space, please contact the Education Directors at ed@mnquilt.org.

Fat Quarter Drawing

The fat quarter theme for April is PASTELS. Contribute up to three fat quarters (approximately 18” x 22”) 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). Attach your complete name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring fat quarters 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 the envelope “FQ Drawing.” We draw one name at the start of the Saturday meetings. You need not be present to win. Molly O’Dea and Becca Brackett
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**Please Volunteer!**

**You are the reason MQ is successful!**
UPDATE and CHANGES to 2014 Quilt show Classes

Spring is just around the corner…We hope! Soon the 2014 Minnesota Quilt Show will start. The classes for the show are filling fast. Some classes have just a spot or two left. We would like to thank everyone who has signed up so far and for everyone else…you still have time to register. If you have registered please consider coaxing a friend to join you. You know you will have a good time learning together!

We do our best to promote the classes and lectures for the upcoming quilt show. But sometimes we need to tell you just a little bit more about them to motivate you. A few of our teachers have changed or expanded their class description and or supply lists. Our goal is to offer you as much information about the classes as possible. We would love to see every MQ member involved in classes or lectures at the show. It’s your once a year opportunity! Inspiration comes from learning!! Attend and motivate the inspiration within!!!

Please watch the Minnesota Quilter’s Facebook site for updates and pictures from our instructors. We are posting almost daily. Make sure to ‘friend’ us on Facebook!

Charlotte Angotti would like you to know a little more about two of her classes.

**The Cure:** Charlotte says you don’t have to be an art major to understand color. She wants you to bring lots of fat quarters (which you probably have at home) in many colors and she will bring lots and lots of quilts to study the interaction and play of color. No need to lug your sewing machine to this class! This sounds like a really good class to take with a friend!! (F01D)

**Surprise Yourself:** Charlotte wants you to know how easy it is to design with basic units. Math…she laughs what math? Easier than balancing your check book! This class is never dry, it is purely humorous and fun; you just might learn something in the process. She says, “Be affected by humor, it’s not rocket science! Be happy…you just can’t screw this up!” (S01D)

Lisa Bongean wants to bring you back from your winter doldrums. Lisa is offering three project oriented classes in wool applique. She is an expert in wool and will teach you so much about this wildly popular technique. Now is your chance to learn from the best! Lisa’s giving personality and knowledge will fill your class day. Her classes are Redware Crow Mat (W02D), Evelyn’s Album Block (T02D), and Christmas Time Table Mat (F02D).

Elizabeth Dackson thinks it is important for you to know a bit more about her classes.

**Discover the Joy of Paper:** Paper piecing is just fun to do! I love teaching paper piecing, it’s a great way to spend a day sewing with a group! We'll be making a Lucky Stars mini quilt using four Lucky Stars blocks and talking a lot about tips and tricks for easier paper piecing as well as plotting out your color and fabric selections…(T04D)

**Tame the Scraps:** How do you store all those scraps for your quilts? We will discuss scrap storage solutions and organization, ideas for putting your treasured scraps to work, and work on making a Rainbow Cakes scrap quilt, as featured in my book, Becoming a Confident Quilter. Rainbow Cakes is a great quilt to make as a quilters’ memory quilt, using bits and pieces of the many quilts you’ve made, all together in one harmonious quilt. This is a really fun quilt that can look quite different, depending on your scrap plan of attack. (F04D)

**Cutting with Confidence:** A perfect quilt for all experience levels. This class gives you the opportunity to make a cover quilt! Use your favorite fabric, dig in your fabric library or go shopping for those beautiful Kaffe Fassett fabrics. It is the perfect quilt for large scale floral prints and paisleys you have been waiting for. The Monterey Square quilt is the cover quilt from her book, Becoming a Confident Quilter. (S04D)

Sherri Falls loves small and ‘doable’ projects. She has 4 classes for you to choose from. She promises a wonderful experience for all.

**Peppermint Twist:** This quilt has a ton of flare. Make it for the holidays…any holiday will work by the fabric you choose. Learn how to make a partial seam block that goes together with ease. You have the choice of making a quilt, wall hanging or table runner. Get ideas for machine quilting and even get started quilting it yourself (Wall or runner). (W06D)

**Seasonal Cobblestones Runner:** Create a seasonal table runner using your favorite charm packs! You choose the season!! Learn how to stitch the perfect buttonhole stitch around your applique. We will also explore ways for machine quilting so you can finish your project up with flare. (T06A)

**Embroidered Pincushions:** Learn the fun and relaxing hobby of hand embroidery. I will be teaching ways for transferring your design to fabric, different stitches used and even how to choose the perfect floss color. Make a pin cushion uniquely yours. (T06P)

**Swanky Bag:** Make this bag just for you…and customize it to your needs. Learn clever tricks of adding pockets and a reinforced bag bottom. You learn how to use grommets, ideas for embellishing your bag and how to make it fully lined without any raw seams showing. (F06D)

Charlotte Angotti and Lisa Bongean have classes that are very popular and filled up fast! However, we have some spots left in the other classes. So what are you waiting for? Sign up today! You can register online, by phone or mail. To register online, please go to our website at www.mnquilts.org. To register by phone, call (952) 854-0100. To register by mail, print out the registration form and mail it to us at 4254 Old Frontage Rd., Minnetonka, MN 55343.
UPDATE and CHANGES to 2014 Quilt show Classes (cont.)

Susan Pelland announced this week that SHE WILL BRING ALL TEMPLATES for her classes. No need to purchase them ahead of time. Each student will have the use of one in class FREE OF CHARGE. You certainly may purchase one at any time during the class. This is great news! Susan’s classes still have openings. Did you know that Susan's templates were used to design the raffle quilt for Thimble Pleasures quilt group in Massachusetts where she lives? It is gorgeous!!! You can make blocks just like those in the raffle quilt if you take her Leaves Galore class (S13D) and learn how. To see the raffle quilt go to: http://www.thimblepleasures.org. Please check out all Susan’s classes on our MQ website.

Sue Rutford loves to teach kids. Your kids and grandkids will have an amazing day changing their plain t-shirts into works of art. They will be so proud of their accomplishments. Sign them up for Sue’s class…there is even a spot for you too if you would like.

Kari Schell asks “Have you ever wanted to change just a little of a quilt pattern on EQ software and didn’t know how?” Well now is your chance to learn how. Take one of Kari’s classes and let her teach you how to make those little changes or how to design an entire quilt from beginning to end. There is a designer in each of us…let her or him out!!!

Sandra Starley can’t wait to visit Minnesota Quilters. She says she has always wanted to visit our state and is very excited to meet us. A couple of Sandra’s classes need more quilters to register.

- **Posies Applique**: More than a project class, come learn the ins and outs (curves and points) of appliqué and lots of tips to make appliqué fun. No longer the ‘A’ word - hand appliqué rocks! Learn how to use antique quilts for inspiration by looking past intimidating patterns and simplifying them to create your own treasures. I will bring several amazing antique examples for you to study. As this quilt was made for a national challenge, we'll discuss tips for mastering challenges and creating prize winning quilts in the process. No need to bring a sewing machine. (T16A)

- **Sign of the Times**: Here’s a unique chance to see history up close and personal – spend a delightful evening studying antique signature quilts. See intricate inked drawings, beautiful script signatures, lovely detailed signature stamps, inspiring Biblical quotes, and touching heartfelt sentiments and they are housed on stunning quilts with amazing appliqués and fabrics spanning over a 100 years. If you love history and antique quilts don’t miss this class. (T16E)

- **In Depth Quilt History Workshop**: Learn the basics of quilt dating through hands on study of antique quilts and fabrics. If you’ve always liked looking at antique quilts but want to learn more about them, this is the class for you. See how early fabrics were printed, when certain colors and styles were used, types of quilting and block patterns, etc. by looking at the actual quilts/fabrics. More than a trunk show, this will be an in-depth study of a number of early quilts, including several with fabrics from as early as 1790. (F16D)

- **Joy Quilt-Letters of Choice**: You can choose to work on the JOY quilt or a CRAZY QUILT or choose your own letters/words to a make a quilt that is all your own. Come join me in some word play. Sandra has also added some small quirky animals to piece for your quilt. (S16D)

Everyone on the 2014 Minnesota Quilt Show Committee would like to invite you to take another look at your registration brochure. There are lots of classes that still have openings and we need to fill those classes in order to keep this a top notch show. Please let us know if you have any questions or need help registering. We are so looking forward to seeing you at the show!!!

Annemarie S. Yohnk and Mary Pozzini, 2014 Minnesota Quilt Show Faculty faculty2014@mnquilt.org

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Time to Register for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 36th Annual Quilt Show and Conference

Spread the word, registration is now open for the MQ show in June. 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.

We know 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, 2014. This insurance will not cover the registration fee, the insurance itself, box lunches or merchandise.

Online registration (www.mnquilt.org/mq2014) 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 May 20 2014. After that you will need to email your changes in writing to registration2014@mnquilt.org or mail them to the MQ office. 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, 2014. If you have chosen this method a confirmation will be mailed back to you.

Audrey Weinand and Jan Wolfgram – 2014 Registration Co-Chairs

Win a Sewing Machine!!

Registering for classes at the 2014 Show & Conference can be even more rewarding now. Gratz Sewing has donated a Janome sewing machine that will be used as the prize for a lucky person who registers for classes. For each class you are registered in, your name will be entered into the drawing (so if you register for 4 classes, you will be entered 4 times). The last day you can register online for classes is May 15, 2014. Mail-in registrations deadline is May 1. The drawing will be held after online registrations have closed.

Non-Judged Category

Hello, Quilters,

Though winter seems unendingly cold and white in Minnesnowta, the calendar page soon turns to April. Then the deadline for quilt show entry registrations is upon us.

Entry forms are due April 19th. Send one entry form per quilt to:
Non-judged Exhibit, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030.

You may submit entry forms for up to two non-judged quilts which have been finished after January 1, 2012. Include a photo of each quilt for exhibit planning purposes. The quilt must be finished for the show but may be unfinished in the photo. Include a stamped envelope addressed to yourself; it will be used to mail acceptance information to you. Entries are free to MQ members and children; non-member entries must include a $10 fee.

Page 12 of the Registration Booklet shows the entry form, and additional information is on page 11. The form is also online at mnquilt.org under Annual Show 2014, Quilt Entries, Non-judged.

Enter early, enter twice! Don’t wait until the last day to overwhelm the committee! Consider this a nudge to enter non-judged.

Contact us at nonjudged2014@mnquilt.org. Thank you!

Wanda Shelton & Kathleen Winters

Significant Change in Judged Quilts Categories

This year a significant change has been made in the Judged Quilts categories. If a quilt has previously won a monetary award and ribbon in a national show it MUST be entered in the new Blue Diamond category. The entrant may enter only one quilt in that category. That entrant may enter another quilt in another category if it has not previously won in a national show. This change hopes to encourage our quilters to enter and learn from the judges' comments. The judges have been asked to make positive comments which are intended to help entrants become better quilters.

On-line Judged Quilt registrations are now on the show website.
**Good Question: Why is a door prize called a door prize?**

Few, if any, of us are looking to win a door as a door prize at the quilt show! Maybe if we went to a home improvement show we would be hoping to win a door, but not at a quilt show! A "door prize" is a prize given for an event that one gets just by "walking through the door".

Minnesota Quilters has a long tradition of giving door prizes at the monthly meetings and at the lectures and classes at the annual show. We need your help to continue this tradition! Assuming you don't want to win a door, what might you like to win? Fabric, patterns, books, notions, gift cards, other quilt-themed items? Surely there are some things that you bought at that last big sale, got them home, and realized, 1) you already owned that item but forgot about it, or 2) you were clearly in an altered state of mind when you thought you were actually going to use this.

The Door Prize committee encourages you to bring new or gently used quilt-related items to the MQ office or monthly meetings. Please label them “Door Prizes – 2014 Show.”

Thank you for considering this worthwhile purpose.
For any questions, please contact us at doorprizes2014@mnquilt.org.
Carla Kilkeary and Nancy Broshat

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**Small Quilt Auction**

Small Quilt Auction and Boutique: We are now happily taking your donations for the 2014 Quilt Show in St. Cloud. In the past, members have donated small wall hangings, pillows, purses, pin cushions, table runners, wearable art, and many more types of items.

This year at the quilt show, we will be offering a new option for shoppers. We will be doing a same-day boutique of the smaller items that are donated. A price will be listed on the item, and the buyer will be able to pay for the item and take it with them right then.

Please let us know if you have a minimum amount you’d like to see listed for your items. If you are donating a quilt wider than 18”, please add a 4” sleeve.

For each donated item, please attach your name, address, phone number, email address and name and/or description of your donation. Your donation can be brought to either the Thursday or Saturday monthly meetings, or mailed to the Minnesota Quilter’s office at: Small Quilt Auction, Minnesota Quilters, 1203-5th St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

There will be a monthly drawing for all donors for a $25 gift certificate to the quilt shop of your choice. Earn one drawing entry for each item you donate. The winner of the gift certificate in February is Ruth Herbst of Lauderdale. If you have any questions, please contact or email us at smallquiltauction2014@mnquilt.org
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Raffle Quilt

“Blooming Northern Star”


The 2014 raffle quilt incorporates piecing, appliquéd and embroidery. The quilt was designed to represent our “North Star State”. The flowers surrounding the center lone star are flowers that grow in our northern gardens.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. uses the proceeds from the raffle quilt to support its mission to celebrate the art of quilting. Raffle tickets are $1 each and are available from the MQ office, at MQ meetings, and during the MQ Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud. Please pay for the raffle tickets with cash and checks; we are unable to accept credit card payment for them. To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ Office at 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, by phone 612-436-0449 or email, quilter@mnquilt.org. If you are unable pick up raffle tickets in person, you may have tickets mailed to you. Call the office or specify quantity on your registration form.

You may check out the raffle quilt to take to your guild or quilt show. This provides extra opportunities to share the quilt and sell raffle tickets. Please contact Loretta Stone at raffletickets2014@mnquilt.org to let her know when you would like to reserve the quilt.

The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, June 14 at 4 pm at the River’s Edge Convention Center in St. Cloud, MN. You need not be present to win. Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success! Good luck!!

Volunteers Wanted!

As you look over your Minnesota Quilters 2014 Show booklet, along with thinking about classes and events, please think about volunteering to help at the Show! One of the special features of our nationally known show is that it is volunteer run. That means YOU are one of the most important parts of the show. There are many different types of volunteer roles - from the fun of Set-up, to roving as a White Glove or staffing the Small Quilt Auction table in the display area, to acting as Classroom Helper for the teacher in a class you are taking. So many jobs to choose from!

Volunteer shifts are available in 1 to 4 hour blocks and can start on the hour or half hour. After two hours as a volunteer you will receive the Show Volunteer pin in appreciation. Also for every two hours of service, you get your name entered into the daily drawings and a chance to win the sewing machine that is our volunteer Grand Prize! You will find the Volunteer Form on page 32 of the show booklet. You can also find the form online at www.mnquilt.org/mq/2014, or email us at volunteers2014@mnquilt.org.

Please register for your classes, make your plans, and fit some time as a volunteer into your 2014 Minnesota Quilt Show experience!
Block of the Month – May 2014 – Peaceful Posy
Wynn Martin and Jeanne LaMoore, botm@mnquilt.org

Fabric: Choose one fabric that reads as green and florals that work well together. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting:
- A – (4) 2 ½” x 2 ½” green squares
- B – (4) 2 ½” x 1 ½” green rectangles
- C – (1) 2 ½” x 1 ½” floral one
- D – (1) 4 ½” x 1 ½” floral one
- E – (1) 2 ½” x 1 ½” floral two
- F – (1) 4 ½” x 1 ½” floral two

Assembly:
- Sew one B+C and one E+B
- Sew F+D and press these seams to one side
- Sew A pieces to each side of the BC, creating a top and a bottom row.
- Sew the remaining B pieces to each side of the FD, creating the middle row.
- Sew the three rows together, following the diagram.

Spring is on its way! Beautiful flowers will surround us soon.

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.
Recipe for a Happy Quilt

It’s Spring (or it better be by the time you read this!) and time to start a new quilt. As I begin to gather my ideas and supplies, I realize how similar planning and constructing a quilt is to making a delicious recipe.

Now I know the rule of entertaining is to never try a new recipe when you are having company, but I treat every new quilt as a challenge and an opportunity to try something new, a new technique, a new product, a new style of fabric, something that will turn the project into an adventure. And so far, no one has been disappointed with any of my projects. They may not always turn out like the pattern, or how I originally envisioned them, but turn out they do. Because we all know those pieces and blocks have a way of telling us how they want to be assembled. If you put two fabrics together that are not compatible, they’ll ‘scream’ loudly and clearly that they want to be paired with something else.

I’ll begin with a pattern so I can make up my shopping list of ingredients – some of which I will already have on hand in the form of my stash and notions. But because it’s always nice to have ‘fresh’ spices, I will need to make a trip to the quilt shop to purchase some current fabrics or a variety of values in the colors I plan to use.

Home again and ready to measure and chop my ingredients into the specified sizes. I like to follow the Martha Stewart system of preparation by cutting all the pieces for my blocks at once and having them neatly stacked and ready to assemble, instead of running back and forth to the cutting table to cut each shape or each new fabric.

If I was making a cake, it would be time to get down the mixer and pour the batter into the bowl, but for my quilt, I’ll just rev up my sewing machine and begin chain piecing and watch the units grow. But just as important as leveling off that cup of flour or measuring the liquid at eye level, you need to pay attention to that quarter inch seam allowance. If you don’t, those intersections won’t meet at the corners and you’ll be as deflated as if someone slammed the back door and your perfectly risen cake just sank back down into the pan. Now preheat that oven, I mean iron, and get to work.

Fortunately you don’t need to work alone. This is one time when too many cooks won’t spoil the broth. I have finished more projects (and started a few) at retreats in the company of several friendly quilters who didn’t hesitate to give me their opinions about what I should do next. I consider these my ‘taste-testers’ – the ones who will give me advice when I’m stuck and encouragement when I’m frustrated. How would a good quilt become great without their input?

Non-quilters always want to know how long it takes to make a quilt. The only true answer is, “Who knows?” or “It depends.” Which makes me think about how many times I have read a recipe that says, “Prep time 20 min.” and 45 minutes later I’m still assembling the ingredients. It’s a good thing our quilt patterns don’t give an estimated ‘prep’ time or we might never start. So however long it takes from start to finish, enjoy the process and celebrate each step along the way, and before you know it that timer will ring, you will be ready to take that quilt out of the oven, and you won’t have to stick a toothpick in the middle to see if it’s done. And just as a beautifully set table complements a delicious meal, the quilting design you select will add a harmonious dimension to your quilt, and the binding will give it that last dash of color, like the raspberry drizzle on the top of the cheesecake.

At this point the only question that remains is “how many servings” will this make? While each quilt is a tangible legacy of the quilt maker, one never knows how many others will enjoy the benefits of your gift of love or how many years it will be a treasured keepsake. But rest assured, the quilt will take a path that we never could have dreamed of while we were cooking up our vision of what it would become.
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### Bulletin Board


**April 22, Lakeshore Quilters presents Jennifer Conrad**, member of Studio Arts Quilt Association, will speak to color, design, composition and how Art Quilts come from traditional quilts. [Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Shoreview](http://www.shepherdofthehills.org), 3920 Victoria St N (one block north of 694 on Victoria), Non-member Admission: $5

**April 24, 25, 26, 43rd Annual Kalona, IA Quilt Show and Sale**, Th-5-8, F-9-7, S-9-5. Admission $5, Kalona Community Center, corner of 6th & D Ave. Over 300 New and Antique HAND QUILT ED quilts will be on display and for sale. Many are Amish – Mennonite made. Don’t miss the fabulous Kalona Quilt and Textile Museum just one block east of the show. The downtown shopping area has 39 Quilt Blocks throughout. Come take the walking tour and visit the nice gift shops, fabric and quilt shops, antique stores, restaurants, plus the Methodist Church does a special turkey dinner for the show. Large groups welcome! For info call: Katie Karnes at the Woodin Wheel, 319-656-2240 or email [Katie@woodinwheel.com](mailto:Katie@woodinwheel.com), [www.woodinwheel.com](http://www.woodinwheel.com).


**April 26, Quilters Guild of North Dakota**, date for meeting moved, for April only.
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Cindy Thury Smith's Quilts in Sisters, Oregon Show

Cindy Thury Smith, a longtime MQ member, will have several quilts in the Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show in Sisters, Oregon, on July 12th. They were looking for a series of quilts around a theme, color scheme or a series of quilts that should be displayed together, and accepted Cindy’s.

Cindy said, “An article on viewing black rainbows at a state park in Kentucky combined with a delivery mistake that saddled me with 80 yards of True Black Kona cotton led to this series of quilts. With such an abundance of solid colored fabric, I was able to try techniques and embellishments that used a LOT of fabric; some were successful, some not. In keeping with the black rainbow theme I used bright colors for contrast. I came to enjoy using large amounts of black in my quilts which led me to overdyeing white/black prints to get a huge stash of black on gray prints for crazy piecing. I probably would never have thought of using monochromatic crazy piecing as a background design element if I had not been working with large expanses of black, which just goes to show that a “mistake” can be just what you need to spur your creativity.” Two of the quilts are shown here; left is Crazy Spirals and on the right is Crazy Chroma.
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