MINNESOTA QUILTERS, INC.

36th ANNUAL QUILT SHOW AND CONFERENCE

JUNE 12 – 14, 2014

(Classes, Sneak Preview/Meet the Teachers on June 11)

RIVER’S EDGE CONVENTION CENTER, ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT THE SHOW AND WE CAN HARDLY WAIT TO SEE YOU THERE!
IT WILL HAVE ALL THE FOLLOWING, AND MORE!

17 NATIONALLY KNOWN AND LOCAL FACULTY
51 CLASSES ~ 9 LECTURES ~ 84 VENDORS ~ 145 JUDGED QUILTS
150 NON-JUDGED QUILTS ~ CHILDREN’S AND TEEN’S QUILTS
BEAUTIFUL SPECIAL EXHIBIT QUILTS ~ MQP EXHIBIT OF QUILTS FROM 1900-1920
CHALLENGE EXHIBIT ~ $ 22,100 IN AWARDS ~ 30 SPONSORS ~ QUILT RAFFLE
SMALL QUILT AUCTION ~ CHARMING CITY STROLL ~ MANY, MANY VOLUNTEERS!
Upcoming Events

June 12 - 14, 36th Annual Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud. No meetings in Minneapolis in June, but be sure to join us at the show in St. Cloud. Sign up for a few classes, come shop at the vendors, and attend the annual meeting on Friday, June 13. [www.mnquilt.org/mq2014](http://www.mnquilt.org/mq2014)

June 13, Noon– 1:00 MQ Annual Meeting

July 10, Amanda Jean Nyberg, Co-Author of *Sunday Morning Quilts* [www.crazymomquilts.blogspot.com](http://www.crazymomquilts.blogspot.com)

Amanda Jean will give a presentation on modern quilting. We will host members of the local Modern Quilt Guild and they will bring lots of show and tell for us to see. Feel free to bring guests. There will be no fee for non-members (and you will get your name in the drawing for bringing a guest).

July 12, Crazy Quilts. Those of you who toured Bonnie Ellis’ home on our studio tours last summer know she is crazy about crazy quilts. In July she will share her love of this unique quilting style with us.

August 7, Studios and Studio Organization “Grab and Go” with Lois Hallock. A successful quilting retreat or class starts long before you leave the house. Lois Hallock, a professional organizer and quilter from Snohomish, Washington, will show us how to get ready and stay ready for any quilting event. [http://www.clearview-designs.com/blog.html](http://www.clearview-designs.com/blog.html)

August 8, Quilt Studio Planning and Design. In this six hour class Lois Hallock will help participants learn the basics of quilt studio design, from ergonomics to storage solutions customized to the needs and style of each quilter, taking into consideration individual studio challenges.

August 9, Creating Your Perfect Quilting Space. An entertaining and informational presentation by Lois Hallock jam packed with before and after photographs of real room makeovers.

August 9, Studio Tours II. Tour several individual quilt studios in the Twin Cities to see how other quilters organize their creative spaces.

September 4 & 6, Back to School with MQ

Bring Guests!

Each time you bring a guest to a monthly meeting, your name will be entered in the annual March drawing for a free membership renewal. Spread the word! Bring a guest!

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- Lou Roos and Laura Nagel, [MQ2014@mnquilt.org](mailto:MQ2014@mnquilt.org)
Message from our Co-Presidents  

Get Excited!  
The 36th annual Quilt Show and Conference is here. Do you have a couple pairs of comfortable shoes packed? Have you double checked all your class supply lists? Don't forget your camera and shopping list.

We'll be starting the fun on Wednesday, June 11th with Meet the Teachers and Sneak Peek. Thursday will be filled with lectures, classes, and the Charming City Stroll. Friday we will be busy with the Annual Meeting and the Banquet. Saturday we'll pick the raffle quilt winner, purchase our small quilt auction items and take down all the quilts.

We look forward to seeing everyone in St. Cloud. Please stop by the board table and introduce yourselves. We'd love to hear from you about the show and the organization. We'll have a journal there for you to leave comments if we're not there.

We hope everyone is planning to attend the Annual Meeting Friday, June 13th, at noon. With the by-law changes that this year's board made, we will be filling the nominating committee. If you are interested in being on the nominating committee but are unable to attend the annual meeting, please send us an email at president@mnquilt.org and we'll make sure you're on the list.

This year's slate of candidates for the board still has open positions. Please let the nominating committee know which position you would like to be a part of by sending an email to pastpres@mnquilt.org. Most of the board positions are shared, which helps with the workload and makes the tasks more fun.

It may seem that all we do is ask for your time, talent, and treasure. However, we couldn't be the group we are, put on the show we do, have the meetings we have, without all the volunteers. It is because of all the hard work and time that everyone puts in that makes Minnesota Quilters the amazing group it is. So PLEASE consider taking an active role in your guild.

See you in St. Cloud and don't forget to stop by and say hello!

Bonnie Ellis Appointed to Fill Vacant President-Elect Position  
We are very pleased to announce that Bonnie Ellis has agreed to step in to fill the vacant position of president-elect due to the resignation of Mary Pozzini. Co-presidents Patty Von Arx and Kathie Simon Frank have appointed Bonnie Ellis to become president-elect immediately. Her term as president-elect will run until September 30, 2014. She will then serve as president for 2014-2015, and past-president for 2015-2016.

Bonnie Ellis, a life member of Minnesota Quilters, was one of our organization's founders in 1978. While the organization was still very young, she served as its president (1980-1981). Over the past 36 years, she has taken on responsibilities many times in many ways: as a board member, newsletter editor, publicity chair, and in various positions on show committees, including teaching classes. We can also look forward to seeing her featured at our July 2014 meetings, when she'll present a program on Crazy Quilting. We believe that she's highly qualified to become our president-elect, president, and past-president. We hope you'll join the Board in welcoming her and thanking her for contributing in this significant way.

Warm and Healing Thoughts to Mary Pozzini  
The Board and members of Minnesota Quilters wish to send healing thoughts, prayers, and best wishes to Mary Pozzini, who was, until last week, our president-elect. She has had to resign due to serious health issues. This is what she shared with us before her surgery. "I know how much I am going to miss everyone. But when I get this all figured out, I will be coming to monthly meetings. Please tell everyone I have had pain in my right pelvis which turned out to be caused by a sarcoma. The cure is a hemipelvectomy, which I will have May 12th. My treatment has been through the University of Minnesota and I am pleased with what they have done. I am very sad to leave MQ for a while. I hope everyone goes to the June Show and has a terrific time. Mary"

We know that "it takes a village," so we're asking you to keep Mary in your thoughts, your hearts, and your prayers while she's getting her treatment and then begins to heal. Her very positive attitude is bound to be one of her greatest assets. In one email, after updating us on her illness, she wrote, "I just went out and picked some daffodils!" Let's all send Mary our very best wishes for her swift recovery.

For those of you who want to keep up with Mary’s progress you can access her Caring Bridge website at this link www.caringbridge.org/visit/marypozzini. You will need to sign up for Caring Bridge with your e-mail address and a password if you are not already registered on the Caring Bridge site.

Kathie Simon Frank & Patty Von Arx  

Good news from Mary’s husband Mike ~ "Mary has improved enough to have been moved from Intensive Care to the Orthopedic floor "

president@mnquilt.org
**2014 Show Committee**
- Show Coordinators- Lou Roos (Elk River), Laura Nagel (Apple Valley) mq2014@mnquilt.org
- Admissions: Jean Carr (Hugo), Rita Culshaw (Ham Lake)
- Bus Tours: Sharon Peterson (Minneapolis), Bonnie Ellis (Minneapolis)
- Challenge: Yvonne Curran (Ramsey)
- Charming City Stroll: Sandi Irish (Inver Grove Heights)
- Door Prizes: Nancy Broshat (Minneapolis), Carla Kilkelly (Richfield)
- Faculty: Annemarie Yohnk (Burnsville), Deb Burk (Eagan)
- Information Desk: Vicci Mattsfield (Wyoming), Karen O’Brien (Roseville)
- Judged Quilts: Carol Schwankl (Lakeville), Miki Peine (St. Paul)
- Merchandise: Louise Somers (Jordan), Marcy Huggins (Plymouth), Lia Peterson (Minneapolis)
- Non-Judged Quilts: Maple Grove Quilters
- PowerPoint: Sue Rutford (White Bear Lake)
- Photography: Peggy Stockwell (Taylors Falls)
- Printing & Publishing: Janet Watt (Maplewood), Karen Knoll (Lino Lakes)
- Raffle Quilt: Deb Burk (Eagan)
- Raffle Quilt Tickets: Nancy Hall (Nisswa), Loretta Stone (St. Paul)
- Registration: Jan Wolfgram (Fairmont), Audrey Weinand (Blaine)
- Secretary: Char Wenger (Coon Rapids)
- Signage: Rose Allen (St. Paul), Mary Drabik (Shoreview)
- Small Quilt Auction: Anne McCandless (Minneapolis), Shirley Arendt (Minneapolis)
- Special Events: Opportunity!
- Special Exhibits: Patty Von Arx (Burnsville), Suzanne Fisher (Hastings)
- Vendors: Sue Rutford (White Bear Lake)
- Volunteers: Virginia Gleason & Jean Hoff (St. Cloud)
- Website: Pat Curtner (St. Paul), Karen Kopitzke (Afton)
- Show Director: Linda Wines, showdirector@mnquilt.org

*Did you know that we are the largest event held at the St. Cloud's River's Edge Convention Center?*

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**Schedule of Events at the 2014 Show in St. Cloud**

Advance registration is required for the Breakfast Lecture, Classes, Box Lunches, and the Awards Banquet

**Wednesday, June 11**
- 7:30 am-7:30 pm Registration Open
- 8:30 am-3:30 pm Classes
- 6:00 pm-7:00 pm Meet the Teachers
- 7:00 pm-9:00 pm Sneak Preview of Quilts & Merchant Mall

**Thursday, June 12**
- 7:30 am-5:30 pm Registration Open
- 8:30 am-4:30 pm Classes and Lectures
- 8:30 am-4:30 pm Exhibits and Merchant Mall
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm Evening Classes

**Friday, June 13**
- 7:30 am-5:00 pm Registration Open
- 8:30 am-4:30 pm General Admission Window
- 8:00 am-9:00 am Breakfast Lecture
- 8:30 am-4:30 pm Classes and Lectures
- 9:00 am-5:00 pm Exhibits & Merchant Mall
- Noon 1:00 pm MQ Annual Meeting (MQ members only)
- 5:30 pm-9:30 pm Awards Banquet

**Saturday, June 14**
- 8:30 am-11:00 am Registration Open
- 8:30 am-3:30 pm General Admission Window
- 8:30 am-4:00 pm Classes and Lectures
- 9:00 am-4:00 pm Exhibits and Merchant Mall
- Noon Small Quilt Auction bidding closes (items available for pick-up after 3:00)
- 4:00 pm Raffle quilt drawing
- 4:00 pm Show closes
**Raffle Quilt**

“**Blooming Northern Star**”


The 2014 raffle quilt incorporates piecing, appliqué 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!!

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**Special Exhibits in St. Cloud**

Don’t forget to stop in the Glenn Carlson room at the River’s Edge Convention Center and see all the special exhibits. There will be something for everyone to see.

There will be faculty quilts, hand appliqué quilts, story quilts and kit quilts from 1908-1982. We will have contemporary challenges from Minnesota Contemporary Quilters, Studio Art Quilt Associates, NQA Certified Judges, The Challenge Chicks and Twin Cities Quilting. MQ member Ellen Carter and her sister Andrea Blackhurst will be displaying their Collection of Red and White Miniature quilts.

Four pattern designers, 3 of whom are from Minnesota, did a No Rules Round Robin Challenge. Maybe you saw the article in the magazine *American Patchwork and Quilting*; now come see the quilts. The Quilting Goddesses will display their Beyond the Block Round Robin challenge. The Crossing Borders Quilt Group did a challenge based on a photo or piece of artwork. Piecemakers Quilt Guild in Rush City made landscape quilts depicting sights along Old Highway 61. We will also be displaying the President’s Log Cabin Baby Quilt Challenge.

See you at the show!

Suzanne Fisher and Patty Von Arx
**Last Minute Reminders From The Registration Committee**  
registration2014@mnquilt.org

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

If at the last minute you would like to attend a class or a lecture and you have missed our pre-registration deadline of May 15th, you can just walk up to the Registration window at the show and sign up. While we have several classes that are full there will be openings in a number of others. Availability is based on first come first serve. Bring your required supplies so you are ready if there is an opening, or plan to purchase the needed supplies at the show. Be prepared to pay any supply kit fees to the teacher during class. Our On Site Registration will open on Wednesday, June 11th at 7:30am. See you in St. Cloud!!  

Co-Chairs - Audrey Weinand and Jan Wolfgram

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**Small Quilt Auction and Boutique**  
smallquiltauction2014@mnquilt.org

We have received many beautiful donations for the 2014 Quilt Show in St. Cloud, but we need more. Remember, all the proceeds go to education programs for our members. Small wall hangings, pillows, purses, pin cushions, table runners, wearable art, and many more types of items are gratefully appreciated. We will be doing a same-day boutique of some 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 dropped off at the Small Quilt Auction Booth starting on Tuesday June 10th or mailed to the Minnesota Quilter's office at: Small Quilt Auction, Minnesota Quilters, 1203-5th St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

The winner of the $25 gift certificate in April is Mary Lou Schmitz of Roseville. The name of the last winner will be drawn on May 31. If you have any questions, please contact Anne McCandless or Shirley Arendt, or email us at smallquiltauction2014@mnquilt.org.

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**Thank You Gifts for You**  
doorprizes2014@mnquilt.org

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

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

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

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

At the Awards Banquet, you can sit back and relax after a hectic day at the show. You will see a slide show of all the winning quilts from the comfort of your chair. Then settle back for a great presentation by Charlotte Angotti. Here is an opportunity to enjoy good food, good friends, and maybe win a great door prize. We have some special grand prizes to share; our way of saying thank you for your support.

MQ members should mark their calendars for the annual meeting at noon on Friday. Door prizes will be awarded; our way of saying thank you for taking time from your busy schedule to assist us as we celebrate the art of quilting. We know it’s not about the door prizes, but we are happy to share them with you as our way of saying THANK YOU.

Carla Kilkelly and Nancy Broshat
Non-Judged Quilts  
nonjudged2014@mnquilt.org

The first MQ shows I (Wanda) attended were in the early 80’s when the show was held in the spring at a college. I would drive up from Nebraska to visit my sister, and we’d see the show and take classes. The muslin hand-quilting project I began in Pat Cox’s class and finished years later still rests on my loveseat. Judy Mathieson taught me to cut rectangles instead of pointy triangles when piecing Mariner’s Compass blocks. Those were the days of marking seam lines and hand-piecing. Good teachers, good exhibits, good door prizes – good shows!

One year I arrived in the Cities wearing jeans and sandals. That Saturday morning we awoke to several inches of wet snow on the ground. I borrowed shoes from Ruby and off we went to the show. At the end she said that all day she’d glimpse my feet and think “I have shoes like that.” We had encountered other out-of-town quilters who were caught flat-footed by the snowfall and hadn’t had a sister to lend them appropriate footwear.

This year quilters will be rotary cutting, chain-piecing and machine quilting in classes. They’ll be viewing larger exhibits of eye-catching quilts in lively colors. The non-judged exhibit has more than 150 quilts from bed quilts to wall hangings, group projects to quilts made by the next of generation quilters. Plan to spend enough time to see them all and then vote for your favorite.

Wear comfortable shoes. The saying at Houston’s quilt show is “fashion stops at the ankles.” For most attendees fashion stops on the way down, but for a few of us, fashion stops on the way up. Either way – enjoy the show and let this year’s quilts inspire you to enter one in 2015.

Wanda Shelton & Kathleen Winters

Charming City Stroll  
fatquarterstroll2014@mnquilt.org

The annual stroll at the MN Quilt Show has always been one of my favorite parts of the show. This year’s theme is a bit different. Instead of FQ’s (which we all love!), this time we’re collecting charms, the kind you put on a bracelet or use to embellish an art quilt. Each stroller gets a stamp card and stamps (or punches) that are collected at several of the Downtown St. Cloud shops (coffee shop, book shop, etc., all within a short walk from the civic center). When the filled card is returned, you'll receive a 5” charm pack of fabric donated by Hingeley Road Quilting. It’s a fun way to get out and about in St. Cloud, get in a bit of exercise and support the local economy! Space is limited so check for availability and hopefully we’ll see you around town!

Sandi Irish

For Sale  HQ16 quilting machine with SR, Micro handles, open toe foot, ruler base, laser light, template board stylus, bobbin winder, open toe foot. Custom table. $5500 or best offer. smfeist@gmail.com
We Want You!

There are still vacancies on next year’s Board of Directors. Please consider sharing your talent with your organization. Remember, these are shared positions, you serve with a Co-Director, and the support of the entire Board is always available during your term. Terms are typically two years, but if one year is all you can commit to at this time, we would welcome your contribution to the team. Nominations will be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting (with permission from the person being nominated).

Voting

All MQ members are encouraged to vote for the new slate of Board members. There are three opportunities to place your vote. Those who request a ballot in advance of the show will be barred from voting at the annual meeting. MQ members in good standing are entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, Friday, June 13, 2014, during the Annual Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud. If you are at the show but unable to attend the Annual Meeting, you can request a ballot at the Board of Directors table at the Show prior to the meeting. If you are unable to attend the show, you can request a ballot from the MQ office prior to June 6 and then return your ballot to the MQ office no later than June 16, 2014.

Open Board Positions:

**Treasurer:** Requires a background in bookkeeping and non-profit accounting skills, adept with QuickBooks and Excel, and experience with audits. Attends all Board meetings and Finance committee meetings, works closely with Bookkeeper and President(s) to prepare budgets, reviews bank statements and signs checks.

**President Elect:** Attends all Board meetings and Finance committee meetings, works closely with the President(s) and Past President(s). Manages MQ grant applications, MQ Scholarship application, works with other Directors on fundraising events including Give MN Day and serves as Parliamentarian at business meetings.

**Communications Co-Director:** Attends all Board meetings. Oversees the volunteers who work on the Newsletter, the State Fair, and Public Relations. Coordinates MQ website and CVent operations.

**Operations Co-Director:** Attends all Board meetings. Acts as intermediary between the lessor and the MQ Board of Directors, scheduling rooms, and other services provided by St. Lawrence Church. Responsible for maintaining insurance policies and participates in employee hiring and reviews.

**Education:** Attends all Board meetings. One or both coordinators attends all monthly Membership meetings. Plan or delegate the planning of all MQ programs, lectures, and workshops. Work with Operations to arrange set-up and dates for each event. Responsible for setting up the meeting room, ensuring that refreshments are being taken care of, introducing program, and securing meeting room at end of the meeting.

**Membership:** Attends all Board meetings. One or both coordinators attends all monthly Membership meetings. Manage new member list, oversees input of new member applications, check members into monthly meetings, distribute door prize tickets (which provides attendance count), identify and recruit new members. Responsible for selecting Outstanding Volunteer of the Year award and providing plaque, newsletter article, and introduction of same.

More detailed job descriptions for each position are available at [http://www.mnquilt.org/mqboard/index.html](http://www.mnquilt.org/mqboard/index.html).

Candidates running for positions thus far are:

**Mary Ann Baraibar for Membership Co-Director**

> My mom always wanted me to know how to sew. I didn’t do too well. In college I had to learn for my Occupational Therapy degree. I really learned to sew by making doll clothes, stuffed animals, and Halloween costumes for my four kids. When I retired about 7 years ago, quilting was something that my sister was getting very involved in and I became interested. It was something that we could share. I joined two quilt guilds and took some classes. As the grandkids started piling up, I started making small quilts for their cribs, and bigger ones as they grew out of cribs. I joined MQ and learned more about quilting. I volunteered for several small activities and last year I assisted on chairing a committee for the show.

**Susanne Fisher for Operations Co-Director**

Suzanne is an MQ member and lives in Hastings MN. She started quilting in 1995 by taking a beginner class using hand techniques because she didn’t own a sewing machine at the time. She purchased her first sewing machine a year later and has loved every minute of it since! Traditional quilts capture her interest and she is especially drawn to making quilts from the 1930’s reproduction fabrics. Fortunately she is from a large family and also married into another one (she and her husband are 2 of 20 siblings if you combined both families) so will never run out of people to give quilts to. She joined Minnesota Quilters in 2011 and finds it rewarding to be a part of an organization where she is able to make new friends while meeting with people who are passionate about quilting, too. Married to Vern Fisher for 23 years, she has a stepson Mike, daughter-in-law Carla and three grandchildren Austin, Brooke & Dominic.

*Continued with one more candidate on page 16!*
May Show and Tell (Quilters listed on page 11)
**Volunteer Corner**

Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you.

All volunteers need to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. Since our fiscal year started on October 1, you have turned in 548.5 volunteer hours on the white slips. This does not include the board or show committee. 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 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 position:**

**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.

Nancy Hall and Cathy Goset

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**August Studio Tours**

We still need a few more studios for our studio tours in August. If you are willing to let other MQ members see how you arrange your creative space, please contact the Education Directors at ed@mnquilt.org.

Kate Eelkema and Sharon Peterson

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**Fat Quarter Drawing**

The theme for July is Water, Swimming, Fish and Rivers. 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.

Our future themes will be:
- August - Farms, Fields, Farm Animals
- September - Angels, because we need a lot of time to get ready for winter holidays
- October - Orange and/or Blue - Complementary
- November - Mini prints, those tiny motifs filling all the space good for mini quilts

Molly O’Dea and Becca Brackett

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**Membership Badges**

All memberships purchased or renewed by May 30th will have their membership badges mailed to them. After that any memberships purchased or renewed until June 9 will be available at the Board Table at the MQ Show in St Cloud. All memberships purchased or renewed June 10 or later will have their badges waiting for them at the July 10 and 12 meetings and any remaining badges will be mailed the following Monday.

Happy Quilting! ~ Debra
Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Competition Registration Now Open

The Fine Arts department of the Minnesota State Fair presents an annual art exhibition that is the result of a juried competition. Participation is open to all residents of Minnesota, and each may submit one work for consideration. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. contributes $100 for a special award for a textile entry, and would like to encourage quilters to enter their textile art. The number of pieces the jurors choose for display in a category is based on a percentage of the total number of entries in that category. So if you would like to see more textile entries in the Fine Arts Exhibition, more entries have to be registered to begin with. If your artwork isn’t juried into the exhibit, there would still be time to enter it into the Creative Activities building display. [http://www.mnstatefair.org/competition/creative_activities.html](http://www.mnstatefair.org/competition/creative_activities.html)

Only those works selected by the jurors are displayed in the Fine Arts Center during the State Fair. Registration for the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts Competition is required. Registration must be completed online no later than 4:30 pm. on Monday, July 7, 2014. Registration is open now, and absolutely closes July 7 at 4:30 pm. Go to the following site for rules and to register: [http://www.mnstatefair.org/competition/fine_arts.html](http://www.mnstatefair.org/competition/fine_arts.html)

Volunteers Needed

We will also need volunteers to help during quilt take-in days before the fair in August to help make sure quilts are entered into the correct category. Watch the next newsletter for more details. We need a coordinator for this effort, too, so if you are willing to make a few calls or emails to set up the volunteer schedule for those few days in August, please contact ed@mnquilt.org

May Show and Tell Quilters from page 9

Woodland Ridge Retreat
Create ■ Relax ■ Rejuvenate
[www.woodlandridgeretreat.com](http://www.woodlandridgeretreat.com)
A creative retreat with a boutique hotel atmosphere
Light, bright workrooms - Room for 24 guests
Individual adjustable height tables - Hiking trails
ADA accessible - Individual rates - Weekend meals

Upcoming Events and classes:
Quilt for a Cause May 20th-26th $50 per day
Bring your friends and sew for your favorite charity
Young Quilters Retreat June 20th-22nd
Mothers, Daughters, Grandmothers & Granddaughters
Ute Murrin - Wool Dyeing and Design Workshop:
July 10th-12th
Lisa Binkley - Dots and Dashes:
The Language of the Handmade Stitch July 16th-18th
Located on the former Creamery property
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July 2014: Block of the Month ~Five-Point Star

In July, we will have two separate drawings for Block of the Month. We will have a drawing on Thursday for all submissions received from Thursday meeting attendees. The second drawing will take place on Saturday morning for any blocks received from Saturday meeting attendees. The blocks we receive from mailed entries will be divided evenly between the two drawings.

This month’s design comes from Ellen Schwanebeck at HotPinkPeonies.blogspot.com. I think her free pattern is just brilliant, so we’re simply repeating her directions below (with her permission, of course.) You can download the templates for the pattern at her website. Here’s the link: http://hotpinkpeonies.blogspot.com/search?updated-max=2012-07-04T12:54:00-04:00&max-results=7&start=14&by-date=false

To open the link, put your cursor anywhere on the link, press control and left click your mouse. Scroll down and click on the box with the star that says “Free Paper Piecing Pattern”. Scroll down to under the second photo and click on “download templates here”.

If that doesn’t work, google “hot pink peonies BlogSpot” and it will take you to Ellen’s site.

The general instructions for the 5 Point Star are as follows: Print all five pages and cut them out, adding a 1/4” seam allowance. Use either color way suggested at the website; except if you are using a white fabric, please use a true white and not a cream.

Starting with Section A, sew on the line between 1 & 2, then the line between 2 & 3, and then the line between 3 & 4. Do this for each of the five sections. Section B is printed horizontally on the page, but once you have that leg of the star cut out, you'll see how it fits. Section B is the topmost point of this star. Once all five sections are ready, peel off that paper. Its fun!

The star is built in a clockwise direction. As you sew each of the five sections together, press the seams all in the same direction, always to the right or always to the left. This will make the center points fit together more smoothly. Sew Section A to Section (creating AB), then AB to Section C, then ABC to Section D, then finally ABCD to Section E. The last seam is the trickiest, but you can do it!

The bottom photo shows one all finished with extra sashing and all bound up to be used as a wall hanging or a small table topper.

I really enjoyed creating this block and I hope you like it too!

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 meeting.

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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+).
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.

Note from Wynn: Section B and C are the blue star sections on my block pictured here

Wynn Martin and Jeanne LaMoore
Picking Up The Pieces
Laura Nagel ©2014, pastpres@mnquilt.org 2014

16 Weeks and 32 Feet

Last year I had such a good time on the MQ Quilt Studio Tour that I didn't hesitate to agree to have my quilting space be on the next one. As the time approaches, August 9th to be exact, I'm beginning to wonder, "What was I thinking?"

I have never been one to fastidiously clean up after each project, and usually have several going at once, so my room can get a little out of sorts over time. Add to the fact that working on a school calendar usually means that housekeeping in general is pretty much on a downward slide from New Years until after school is out for the summer.

Right now I currently have what my husband calls a 'deer path' from the sewing machine to the cutting table to the ironing board. So the other day I took a serious look and devised a plan to get it under control by Tour time. I counted how many weeks there were until you all come to visit, then I measured the length of each room. My space is in the lower level exactly under the L-shaped living room/dining room on the main floor. I calculated 16 weeks and 32 feet. Doing a little math, I figure I need to pick-up, clean and de-clutter two linear feet per week to meet my deadline.

The first two feet were the foundation ledge where I have bookcases that were already fairly well organized. But the window sill in between was stacked two feet high with videos (and I do mean VHS tapes) and audio books. Being a bit compulsive I feel compelled to watch them to make sure there isn't some rare childhood footage of my children somewhere in between the Simply Quilts episodes and the BookTV author interviews. I still have a TV with a built-in VHS player, so have decided to reward my efforts with a new flat screen TV when my mission is accomplished. And FYI, Jean Wells was Alex Anderson's first guest.

The next two feet comprised wall to wall cabinets and drawers, which were not well organized. But after several hours I now have a cabinet space dedicated to antique orphan blocks, antique UFOs (I guess I wasn't creating enough of my own, so went out and bought someone else's), antique fabrics for restoration projects, wool kits and wool stash. The drawers were sorted through and now all of my stationery and cards are in order by season/holiday/occasion, and there is a drawer for flat quilting supplies, i.e. triangle papers, fusible web, and interfacing.

Luckily the next section had some open floor space, so thought it would go a little quicker. There was a wicker hamper filled with antique tops, and at the other end an old wooden drying rack with several quilts in progress that had somehow been separated from their borders and were in search of their backings. It was exciting to revisit these old projects with the good intentions of getting back to them someday soon.

But moving forward into the next two foot zone I stumbled upon my unused desk beneath stacks of magazines and articles to file. Sift, sift, sift. I wish I could say I am throwing away more than I am keeping, but that would not be the case. However, the good news is I did fill a very large bag for the MQ garage sale table. The bad news is I bought an antique quilt, 24 vintage blocks, a few yards of fabric and an Ott light. What can I say?

Each week I keep plugging away trying to complete my next two foot target. Some areas I'm actually looking forward to, like being able to reach my quilt bookcases to put those books away, or re-stacking my UFO containers (I promise I won't take anything out and start working on it), and putting my fallen spools of green thread back into the old type case tray that mysteriously fell off the wall. Of course, opening the patio doors would also be a great gain, just as soon as I refold and put my piles of reproduction fabrics back on their color shelves.

So don't be surprised if I greet you in August with a sweaty brow and dust rag in hand. It just means that I crossed the finish line with my last two feet and can finally make it up the stairs!

Laura Nagel

Holiday Brunch Challenge

Many MQ members have participated in the block exchange at the Holiday Brunch over the past years. This year you are challenged to make a quilt out of the beautiful blocks you've received. A vote will be taken, by those attending the brunch, for the best quilt, and the winner will receive a $50.00 gift certificate to the quilt shop of her choice. If you have not participated in the block exchange in the past, you can make a quilt using various 12 inch finished blocks and enter it in the challenge. If you need fabric to finish your quilt, the MQ show in St. Cloud might be the place you will want to do your shopping.

MQ members have generously supported children at St. Joseph's by making Christmas stockings and giving monetary donations or items to fill those stocking. This tradition will continue this year and if you find you have some time this summer to make a couple of stockings, you can find the pattern for the stocking on the MQ site, click on the “Bulletin Board and Links” in the left column and then scroll to the bottom of the page.
We look forward to seeing you at the MQ Show in St. Cloud. Our 2014 quilt exhibit theme is “Quilts from the 1900s - 1920s”. Come and see a display of some fascinating antique quilts from that era, and learn about some of the history. Our booth will be in the Terry Haws Exhibit Hall, across from the Non-Judged Quilts, on the “7th Street East” aisle. Sit for a while to look at our books with full size samples of quilt blocks. A new book this year will feature past Quilters of the Year, and blocks that they have contributed. We will also be selling used books and patterns, and you will have an opportunity to buy collectible quilts, as well as some miscellaneous items.

Attention please: anyone who has helped with entering documentation information into the Quilt Index system – if you still have documentation papers at home, please return them to the MQ office, either through the mail or in person, and note whether you have entered the info or not. Karen Kopitzke has made great strides in entering the backlog of documentation, and now we need to see just how many are left to do. Kathy Brevig

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Candidate running for Board of Directors continued from page 8:

**Charlette Pittman for Education Co-Director**

I took my first quilting class about 15 years ago. I had to learn to thread the sewing machine the night before class as I had not sewn prior to my first class. I was the morning coordinator for Minnesota Quilters for a number of years and enjoyed being part of the meetings and giving back to Minnesota Quilters. I was the president of Women of the West quilt guild and enjoyed being on the board and meeting new people. In 2013 I was one of four ladies who worked on the Fall Getaway. I look forward to being on the board and meeting new people and carrying on the tradition of great monthly meetings. I think it will be a great opportunity to meet new people in Minnesota Quilters and welcome others to join us.”

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