Minnesota Quilters  
Volunteer Appreciation and  
MQ Birthday Celebration  
Thursday, April 9, 7 pm  
Saturday, April 11, 10 am  
*Meetings are 1 week later than usual due to Easter!*

April is the month we celebrate MQ’s birthday and say “Thank You” to all our fantastic volunteers. We will have birthday cake at both meetings, and there will be a Volunteer Appreciation Continental Breakfast before the Saturday meeting. All members are welcome.

Five of our own Minnesota Quilters, Diana Callahan, Lynette Wass, Carrie D’Andrea, Susan Manning and Carol Premack will share their quilts with us at both meetings. These members have over 150 years of quilting experience among them. They all have something different to show us, and we are looking forward to enjoying their stories and quilts. We will see different styles of quilting, designs, colors and fabrics.

We love seeing your Show and Tell quilts, from quilts made by new quilters to those made by experienced quilters, we love them all. Please bring a quilt to show.

Messages From Our President

Can you believe how fast the seasons are changing? Spring officially is here. That means the quilt show is looming in the foreground. Are your quilts ready for the show? We still have time to make a quilt, small quilt for the auction, and sign up to be a volunteer at the show. Plan ahead.

It has been customary to make a favorite quilt block for the president of MQ. Patty Van Arxs chose 6” finished blocks in purple. Kathie Simon Frank wants finished 12” blocks with a nature theme, and I would like finished 12” blocks with chickens. Let’s keep up the tradition.

The office gets requests occasionally for speakers willing to do programs on quilting. If you have a program and are willing to present it, please let the president know. We will keep a list for the office so they can direct the requests.

MQ members make many quilts for others. If you quilt for charity, let us know. We would like to keep a list of all the quilting projects (dog beds, baby quilts, etc.) being done by members. We hope to get a good list to put in the newsletter. Send this information to president@mnquilt.org Happy Quilting!

Bonnie Ellis

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Upcoming Events

April 9 & 11, MQ Meetings, Volunteer Appreciation Month, MQ Birthday Celebration

April 11, Volunteer Appreciation Continental Breakfast, 9 am
April 11, Quilting For Others after the meeting, please join us!

April 12 -15, Overnight Retreat at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI, sign-up began Feb 25

May 7 & 9, MQ Meetings, Guest Speaker Scott Alan Flanagan from Fremont, NE of “4th & Main Designs”.

May 8, Class, Charming Christmas Tree wall Hanging with Scott Alan Flanagan

June 11-13, Annual Minnesota Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth
Classes begin on June 10.

~ ~ ~ More events with more information listed on page 5 ~ ~ ~

MQ Board of Directors meetings: Finance Committee Meeting– April 21, Board Meeting– April 28. All meetings are at 6 pm. Please notify Bonnie at president@mnquilt.org if you have an agenda item and/or wish to attend.

Deadline for May Newsletter: Tuesday, April 14, 2015. Please send newsletter articles to editor@mnquilt.org.

Facebook!
Join the fun with over 2,100 others on our Facebook page (that’s more than thrice our membership).

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!

MQ Event Cancellation Notification Policy
In the case of inclement weather or other situation that may cause a cancellation of an MQ monthly membership meeting or sponsored event, the following will occur:
• A posting will be made on the MQ website and on Facebook
• A recorded message will be sent to the MQ office phone
• An email blast will be sent to all members
• Time-permitting, KSTP TV and WCCO TV and radio stations will be contacted
• If a cancellation is pending; the MQ website will indicate at what time a decision will be made/posted

Highlights from the February 24, 2015 Board Meeting

The Auditors, CliftonLarsonAllen, presented the 2014 Financial Statements for the board. MQ had a very strong year. Membership presented a list of candidates for the Outstanding Volunteer Award. The board voted and selected one of the candidates. Volunteers will be invited to a breakfast at the April Saturday morning membership meeting. Communications reported that The Textile Center will be posting some MQ information on its Facebook page. The Show Director presented her report. The Minnesota Shop Hop newspaper brochure will have ads for our 2015 and 2016 quilt shows. A few changes to the 2016 Show Policy were proposed and the board voted to accept the changes. We still need 2016 show chairs. Past Presidents reported that the Nominating Committee will present a full slate of board nominees at the next board meeting. The President will present a free student membership and $20 to the quilt chosen at the State Fair in the 4H exhibit. The next Board meeting is April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Schultz, Secretary
March Meeting Highlights

Spring welcomed over 250 quilters to the 20th annual Women’s History Quilt Exhibit at Eagan High School. Who wouldn’t want to venture out to enjoy 70 quilts and three vendors, plus an enthusiastic speaker? Viewers enjoyed items from the early 1800s to the latest quilts made with the newest fabrics from Kaffe Fasset, and everything in between. When it comes to quilts, size doesn’t matter, the largest quilt had 144 blocks, and the smallest miniature had over 100 pieces.

Sue Poser and her daughter Courtney brought the newest items from Gruber’s, including the book that accompanies the Wicked exhibit. Margo Krager had tempting reproduction fabrics, patterned from her antique quilts and sample books and a peek at her new line of fabrics from Andover. Millie P’s Becky Carlson had a variety of fat quarter bundles in an array of styles, and the cutest panel for a child’s fabric book called “Dog Park” which my granddaughter and I purchased, made over the weekend, and gave to her 2-year-old sister who said, “It’s my favorite!”

Jean Wakely, curator of her mother’s Story Quilts revealed the meaning of the Purple Sandwich Quilt along with several humorous and poignant stories from the one-room-school house era. Jean’s mother, Jewell Wolk, had created so many detailed appliqué vignettes to represent everything from the ringing of the bell to start the school day to courting the teacher – which was against her contract. It was a thoroughly entertaining presentation and the perfect program to conclude the Women’s History Quilt Exhibit.

As this was the last exhibit year, Laura Nagel thanked everyone who has shared a quilt in the exhibit for others to enjoy, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. for their support through educational grants, her quilt group, Scrapbaggers, for embracing her ‘wild hair’ ideas, and Laurie Kochis, her assistant, who compiles the program, helps hang the exhibit, and adds the quilts to the website, http://www.eagan.k12.mn.us/librarynew/quilts/index.html

Congratulations to Barb Burns of Oakdale who won the drawing at the March meeting for a free membership.

Selection of Photos from the Eagan meeting on pages 3 and 4 (not all are shown)
EXCITING MQ EVENTS IN 2015!

April 12-15, Spring Retreat at Camp Wapo in Amery, Wisconsin.
Looking for a Spring Quilting Get Away? Time to have a solid block of time to work on a special project? A retreat at Camp Wapo will fit the bill! Camp Wapo has waived the minimum number of people, so the retreat will go on rain or shine.
Over the past month there have been concerns expressed about having the retreat at Camp Wapo. In the past 10 years since MQ was last there, Wapo has upgraded the sewing area with new tables and chairs. However, you are welcome to bring your own sewing chair. Food has also been upgraded and is no longer "camp" food.
Camp Wapogasset, 738 Hickory Point Lane Amery, Wisconsin 54001.
Cost for MQ Members is $165 and non-members $180. Registration will close April 1.
Click on the link to register for the retreat. http://www.cvent.com/d/7rqj6r

May 7 and 9, Guest Speaker Scott Alan Flanagan from Fremont, NE of 4th and Main Designs.

May 8, Workshop "Charming Christmas" tree wall hanging with Scott Alan Flanagan.
Registration for Scott's class is now open and the class will be held at the Textile Center. The class is going to be fun! Scott has his own pattern line called "4th & Main Designs". Click on the link for more information, to see the beautiful wall hanging or to register now: http://www.cvent.com/d/hrq029

July 9, Faye Hoch of Twin Cities Quilting, St. Paul will speak on "What Makes a Modern Quilt".

July 11, Mark your Calendars! Minnesota Quilters Is Going On The Road July 11. We will be going to Willmar, MN. There will be a bus, box lunches, and a shop hop.
Mary Chalmers, a National Award winning quilter, will be presenting the program.
Minnesota Quilt Project will be there to document Mary’s quilts. The email invitation to register will be coming out soon. The number for the bus is limited to 29, but a waitlist will be created (so a larger bus can be scheduled).
If you are driving instead of taking the bus but would like to have a box lunch there you can still start the registration online and it will give you a choice to choose the bus ride, or the box lunch only; or call Debra at the office to register for the bus tour or only the box lunch.

August 6, 7, and 8, Both Thursday’s and Saturday’s programs and the workshop on Friday will be presented by Lola Jenkins, an African American Quilt Artist from Oklahoma City, OK. Lola has been featured on many of the Quilt Shows on PBS and teaches classes on Craftsy. Lola's class will be on how to create a portrait and the email invitation to register will be coming out later.

August 8, Studio Tours Back again! More details about one of our favorite fundraisers will come later.

September 10 and 12, School House Meetings. Five Minnesota Quilters have volunteered to help us get our creative minds working, and try new techniques and ideas.

October 1, 2 and 3, Both Thursday’s and Saturday’s programs and the workshop will be presented by Debbie Bowles from Maple Island Quilts. Her Thursday lecture will be "It Doesn’t Always Have to Match" and Saturday's lecture will be "Life is Not a Straight Piece". The Friday Workshop you will try out 3 different cutting curves techniques that are inventive, rotary cut and machine stitched: the Pagodas/Eureka Curve, the Bent Pieces Curve and the Carnival Curves. With each technique you will create a block (s) or a segment.
After trying out the techniques each student will receive one pattern of their choice that features their favorite technique, and have fun becoming a quilter with curves! There will also be demos of additional curve techniques. Suitable for all skill levels.
There’s even more information about the schedule on the MQ website: http://www.mnquilt.org/meetings.html

Don’t like to register online? Just call the MQ Office to register at 612-436-0449. You can pay by check too.
MOVING SALE
Antique quilts, tops, vintage and modern fabric, antique sewing machine, sewing accessories at great prices
April 18-19, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  4656 Park Ave S, Mpls, MN

Quilt Coaching — Sue Stein
Do you need an experienced teacher for your group or a one-on-one coach to help you explore surface design or art quilting?
Go to www.susan-stein.com or call 651-303-6858.
**2015 RAFFLE QUILT ~ STARS ON THE WATER**

Thank you to Sandi Irish of the Irish Chain who donated her skills and time to design, piece and quilt “Stars on the Water”. She did a phenomenal job. The fabric is by Cherrywood.

Raffle tickets are $2.00. We can only take checks or cash. Tickets will be available for purchase at the MQ monthly meetings and during the 2015 MQ Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth. You may also request tickets by calling the MQ office at 612-436-0449 or by e-mail at quilter@mnquilt.org. Tickets can be picked up at the office or mailed to you.

We encourage you to contact the office to check out the quilt and take it to your local guild. This helps promote the June show and sell raffle tickets. Mary Pozzini says, “My personal plan is to buy tickets every month and then win the quilt. I really want it!”

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. uses the proceeds from the raffle quilt to support its mission to celebrate the art of quilting. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 at 4 pm at the DECC in Duluth. **YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.**

If you have any questions, please contact raffletickets2015@mnquilt.org. Thank you for your generosity in making this fundraiser a success.

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**Did You Purchase a 2015 “Dueling Dahlias” Challenge Packet?**

In addition to having your quilted item exhibited in the 2015 MQ Show & Conference, you have the opportunity to also exhibit it at Eagan Community Center and/or the Minneapolis Public Library’s Cargill Room!

When we receive your 2015 Challenge entry form at the MQ office by April 24th, we will send you a form for these two additional exhibits.

Please consider letting us show your work at these gallery exhibits. (Reminder: Your challenge quilt or item for the show in Duluth is due at the MQ office by May 29)

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**Are You Making a Quilt for the Minnesota Quilter 2015 ScrapMania Challenge?**

Your donated scrap quilt can be sold to benefit MQ “Quilting for Others” and be exhibited at the Textile Center after the MQ Show and Conference.

Follow the instructions on the 2-page entry forms available at [http://mnquilt.org/forms/ScrapQuiltChallengeExhibitionEntryForms.pdf](http://mnquilt.org/forms/ScrapQuiltChallengeExhibitionEntryForms.pdf) or you can call the MQ Office at 612-436-0449. (Reminder: The due dates for your entry form and ScrapMania Quilts are noted on the entry form)

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**Minnesota Quilt Project, MQP**

MQP has been working to reproduce a donated quilt made in the 1878-1895 time period. The project was featured on the Guild Spotlight of QuiltViews, the newsletter of the American Quilter's Society. Follow this link to read the article: [http://www.quiltviews.com/guild-spotlight-minnesota-quilters-mqp](http://www.quiltviews.com/guild-spotlight-minnesota-quilters-mqp)

MQP welcomes anyone interested in quilt documentation and quilt history to join our meetings at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday mornings in the classroom prior to the monthly MQ meeting. Carolyn Silflow

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**Did you know?**

You can sign up to get a meeting reminder email the day of or day before the Thursday monthly meeting. It’s short, sweet, and completely voluntary. If you know how to get into your MQ account, you can click ‘edit’ in your profile and the option to choose to be on the email reminder will show up. (If you’re not in edit mode it doesn’t even show up). Otherwise email Debra Svedberg at the MQ office at quilter@mnquilt.org and she’ll change your account for you.
**Needed: Studios for the 2015 Minnesota Quilters Studio Tours Event on August 8, 2015**

The first year the studios on the tour were in the center of Minneapolis and St. Paul. Last year we toured studios in the southeast section of the metro area: Apple Valley, Eagan, Lakeville, etc. This year it is time to take the studio tours to the southwest metro region, which is the area west of 35 W and south (or close to) 394/12.

If you live in the area around south Minneapolis, Richfield, Bloomington, St. Louis Park, Hopkins, Minnetonka, Wayzata, Eden Prairie, etc., and would be willing to let us tour your personal quilting space for our annual fund-raiser, please contact Kate Eekema at keekema@comcast.net, or call the MQ office. Tours take place from 1 to 5:30 pm Saturday afternoon, after the morning MQ meeting on August 8. If your studio is on the tour, you still get to see all of the other studios, as we have a private tour for studio owners and assistants before the public tour on Saturday.

**Fat Quarter Drawing**

fatquarter@mnquilt.org

There wasn’t a fat quarter drawing in March at the Eagan meeting. For April please bring up to 3 fat quarters that are sky blue with clouds, stars, suns, moons, or rain drops.

Contribute up to three fat quarters (approximately 18"x22") of quilt shop quality 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 three). 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.

Becca Brakett

**Quilting For Others**

Quilting For Others will be having a workday following the Saturday April 11 meeting. Bring your sewing machine, sewing supplies, scraps and a lunch. We will again work on Heart String Quilt Blocks for the Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter and make pet beds for the local Humane Society. We hope that many will be able to join us for the sewing bee and a time to get to know a few more people at Minnesota Quilters.

Sharon Peterson

**2016 Special Exhibit of Ruby Short McKim Designs for MQ 2016 Show**

Many of you are familiar with the work of Ruby Short McKim, who was a quilt designer and author in the early part of the 20th Century. 2016 will mark 100 years since her first design was published. In 1916, the Quaddy Quiltie or the Bedtime Quilt was published in the Kansas City Star Newspaper. Ruby’s large body of work included 22 series quilts for the newspapers and magazines. She also designed applique and pieced quilts. Her total body of work includes around 68 quilt designs.

There will be a countrywide celebration of Ruby Short McKim during the year 2016. There will be contests, exhibits, a calendar, a block of the month quilt using her flower basket quilt – this will be launched in April 2015. Here in Minnesota we are planning a Special Exhibit for the 2016 show featuring Ruby's quilt designs. We would like to have an example of as many of her designs for the exhibit as we can, using both vintage and new quilts. If you own a McKim design, we'd like to know about it. You may want to enter it as a contender for the exhibit. We will need a photo of the quilt(s) to help us choose the quilts for the exhibit. If you want to make a quilt for the exhibit, there is time to do so. We'll need photos no later then January 15, 2016. Patterns are available on the McKim Studios website.

McKim Studios Website: www.mckimstudios.com


Block of the Month contest to launch in April – details on the website. Participating MN quilt shops are listed on the website.

MQ Special Exhibit at the 2016 Show: Send photos to Morgan Yeats at 1163 Dayton Ave #3, St Paul, MN 55104 or Rosie Werner at 3136 Millersburg Blvd E, Dundas MN 55019. We will also need the size of the quilt and contact information for the owner/maker.

Questions? Contact Morgan at morganyeats@comcast.net or Rosie at erwerner3104@yahoo.com.
Minnesota Quilters 2015 Show ~ Duluth ~ June 11-13

2015 Show Committee

Show Coordinator ~ Laura Nagel (Apple Valley)
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Banquet ~ Kathie Simon Frank (Minneapolis)
Bus Tours ~ Gail Kieper (Eagan), Mary Tague (Mahtomedi)
Challenge ~ Lori Allison (Prior Lake)
Charming City Stroll ~ Wynn Martin (Marine on St. Croix)
Door Prizes ~ Nancy Broshat (Minneapolis), Carla Kilkelley (Richfield)
Information Desk ~ Nancy Hall (Nisswa), Loretta Stone (St. Paul Park)
Judged Quilts ~ Miki Peine (St. Paul), Karen Kopitzke (Afton)
Merchandise ~ Wanda Shelton (Roseville), Kathleen Winters
Non-Judged Quilts ~ Ellen Carter (Eden Prairie), Lynette Disrud (Eden Prairie), Mary Lueders (Wayzata)
Powerpoint ~ Sue Rutford (White Bear Lake)
Photography ~ Peggy Stockwell (Taylors Falls)
Printing & Publishing ~ Janet Watt (Maplewood), Karen Knoll (Lino Lakes)
Raffle Quilt ~ Sandi Irish (Inver Grove Heights)
Raffle Quilt Tickets ~ Rebecca Finch ~ She needs a co-worker.
Registration ~ Jan Wolfgram (Denver, CO), Audrey Weinand (Blaine), Jan Schmidt (Coon Rapids), Sharon Johnson (Blaine)
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IMPORTANT DATES FROM THE 2015 SHOW REGISTRATION BOOK

Advance Registration (See pages 33-35 for more information *)
Members Only: Began January 16, 2015
General: Began February 1, 2015
Deadline: May 1, 2015 (mail-in); May 15, 2015 (online)

Non-Judged/Youth Exhibit/President’s Challenge (see pages 7, 11-12 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 18, 2015

Judged Exhibit (See pages 13-17 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 18, 2015

2015 Challenge Quilt (See page 7 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 25, 2015

Scrap Quilt Challenge (See page 7 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 15, 2015

* Page numbers listed refer to the 2015 Show Registration Book
Registration for the 37th Annual Quilt Show and Conference
NOW OPEN TO ALL

Tick Tock … The Clock is Running Toward Duluth
On February 1st registration opened to the general public. With that, competition heats up for a seat in your wished-for classes and lectures. Registration is now open to all. Even though June may seem a long way off, some classes are already beginning to fill.

Online registration (www.mnquilt.org/mq2015) is in real time so you will know immediately whether or not you are registered for your selected classes. Class sessions, lectures, events, and merchandise will calculate automatically as you add items. You will see your total and be able to make changes before you finalize and pay.

You can make online changes to your registration any time before May 25, 2015. After that you will need to email your changes to registration2015@mnquilt.org or mail them to the MQ office. We are unable to accept verbal changes or phone messages simply because it is too easy to mishear the instructions. When it is written out, we will know what to do.

Remember, MQ offers cancellation insurance to protect you from life’s surprises. If you purchase this insurance ($20.00) when you register, you will receive a 100 percent refund for classes, lectures, and special events as long as you cancel before May 25, 2015. Cancellation insurance does not cover the registration fee, box lunches, merchandise, or the insurance fee itself.

If you don’t have access to the internet, don’t worry. You can still register by sending your completed form and payment to the MQ office. With this method, it’s a good idea to select a second choice for your classes in case your first choice is filled. Mail-in registrations must be received by May 1, 2015, and are confirmed by mail to you.

Registration details are on pages 33-35 of your registration booklet.

Registration Committee: Audrey Weinand, Jan Wolfgram, Jan Schmidt, and Sharon Johnson

Small Quilt Auction  sqa2015@mnquilt.org

Unslumping
[with apologies to Dr. Suess]
On a cold, wintry day with few flakes on the ground,
I sit at my window—no inspiration found.
I want to unslump…if you know what I mean…
I want to make a quilt that is fit for a queen.
But what should I do, just to get grooving?
A small quilt donation…my mood is improving:
A pincushion or purse,
A bowl or a hat,
A postcard, a pin,
Quilt or placemat.
The bells are now ringing and colors are flowing
I am now unslumped and my ideas are growing.
So join me in giving the best you can do
And you will find yourself unslumped too!

The Small Quilt Auction Committee is accepting donations up to the opening of the show, but if you want your name in the drawing for a $50 certificate to the store of your choice, you must submit it by May 1!! Just a little incentive to get moving on this!

Bring your donation to Show and Tell at the meetings to turn in or mail to the MQ office. And thanks!

Doris Kraemer and Martha Eaves

Door Prizes  doorprizes2015@mnquilt.org

You know you’ve a rotary cutter
Lying there under all of the clutter
Your room you should clean
And so find that blade keen
But instead you just sit there and mutter.

You’ve vowed no more fabric this year
’Til you’ve used up the stash you’ve got here
Your friend mentioned a shop
Where your guard it did drop
And to your vow you could not adhere.

Thank you to everyone who has already donated a door prize!
The rest of you KNOW you could do a little spring-cleaning (or do a little shopping!) and find something you could donate.
The show is coming up, and it requires HUNDREDS of door prizes. Please help us out.
You can bring your donation to the MQ offices or to a monthly meeting. Please clearly mark it “Door Prizes.” Thanks for your generosity.

Nancy Broshat and Carla Kilkelly
Judged Exhibit Entries

Judged Exhibit entry at the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 37th Annual Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth, Minnesota, June 11-13, 2015, is now open!

We can only accept 200 entries in the Judged exhibit so if you are considering entering, do it early. The entries will be judged on Monday, June 8, 2015, at the DECC by certified National Quilt Association judges. Entrants receive a comment sheet from the judges indicating what you do well and where you may need to work on your skills.

Entries are due by midnight on April 18, 2015, and do require a photograph. A photo of the completed top is enough. We want each and every quilt to show to its best advantage and use the photos to help us place quilts for hanging.

If you have never entered a quilt in the Judged exhibit, you are in for a serious thrill. Seeing your quilt hanging with all the other fabulous quilts is the experience of a lifetime. Even quilters who enter their quilts in many shows never get over the pleasure of seeing it exhibited.

Your quilt can be entered either online or on paper. To enter on line, click here to open the entry form. Paper forms can be found in the 2015 Minnesota Quilters Show Registration Book (available at your local quilt shop) or click on this link, 2015 Show Website, to go to the complete show website.

Karen Kopitzke and Miki Peine

Non-Judged Quilt Exhibit – The Best Show and Tell of the Year

On the last evening of a recent quilt retreat, we enjoyed Show-and-Tell. There were oohs and aahs of appreciation. There was applause. There were pictures. It was wonderful. Gals shared their creations openly and willingly.

When one was asked if she’d share her quilt in the Duluth MQ Show, she demurred. Her first response was to explain all that she thought was wrong with the quilt. Isn’t it funny how we do that? Even after pointing out what she wasn’t happy with, the overall beauty of the quilt was still apparent. What a lovely contribution it would make in the Non-Judged Exhibit!

Think of the Duluth MQ Show as the best “Show and Tell” of the year. Remember that there was a spark that inspired you to create your quilt. Share that. You can enter up to two quilts in the Non-Judged Exhibit. Let others see and admire what you accomplished. The target date for entries is by April 19, with a photo of the quilt top. That still leaves time to get it quilted and a sleeve attached before the show. The more variety in the exhibit, the better the show! We want your quilt!

Top 10 Reasons to Finish & Enter Your Quilt in MQ’s Non-Judged Exhibit:

- Your name in print! … in the Show Book. What a wonderful souvenir keepsake.
- A memorable Photo Op ….. Just you and your quilt at the show.
- Could there be a better Facebook/ Instagram Posting?
- Bragging rights when you see a friend at the show. (Q. Do you have a quilt in the show? A. Yes!) You dislike “judgmental people” …. sooo, enter your quilt in Non-Judged.
- Your granddaughter wants to know how old you’ll be when you finish the quilt. (Does it take that long?) An overwhelming Sense of Accomplishment — has been known to lead to feeling you’ve earned some guilt-free shopping. (caution: Consult a doctor if it lasts more than 4 hours at a time.)
- A Feeling of Euphoria. Side effects may include curiosity into new patterns, prints, and gadgets.

Your quilt is eligible for the Non-Judged Viewers’ Choice Award and the Twin Ports Award (if awarded, see also Sense of Accomplishment above.)

It will make room to start a new quilt!

Small Quilt Auction

Doris Kraemer and Martha Eaves are co-chairs for the upcoming Small Quilt Auction at the Duluth MQ 2015 Show. This is one of the many opportunities offered by the Show to share your skills and also add to the capacity of MQ as an organization by helping fund raise money for our continuing success. Originally the Small Quilt Auction proceeds funded the TV programs around the state about quilting. Now the funds go into the general MQ budget to fund those TV programs, our grants program, our scholarship program, and other charitable activities of our organization. So when you make a contribution to the Small Quilt Auction, you show your support for quilting as a whole and MQ as an organization. Thanks in advance for putting this on your “to do” list!!!
Amanda Jean Nyberg

Amanda describes herself as a ‘scrap hoarder, lover, and user’ and her quilts are a testament to her passion for scraps. If you have been saving yours, and who doesn’t, you won’t want to miss taking one of her classes to discover innovative ways to use up those scraps to create a one-of-a-kind quilt, purse, or wall hanging.

On Thursday she will teach *Bright Birch Trees* which will use up even your smallest scraps, while setting them with some bold and bright backgrounds. If you only have time for an evening class, Amanda is offering *Waiting* on Thursday evening. It’s a fun quilt to make with brights or novelty prints, and you don’t even have to be ‘expecting!’ On Friday you’ll learn how to organize and store your scraps, make ‘slab’ blocks and then it’s up to you to choose any quilt from her *Sunday Morning Quilts* book to create. It will be hard to decide which one.

And finally, if you would like a new purse to welcome summer, or need a gift for a friend, here’s a practical way to eliminate some of your scraps. And the bonus is she is a fun teacher with lots of helpful ideas to make your project come together quickly. Don’t miss her blog: crazymomquilts.blogspot.com/

Sue Heinz

Sue is the creative drive behind Kismet Quilting. The author of three free motion machine quilting workbooks, Sue brings an energy and enthusiasm to her teaching that will help any free-motion quilter advance to the next level.

Her *Flight School* class offers numerous feather designs from traditional to contemporary style and creative solutions for using feathers to fill any space. Friday’s *Domestic Bliss* allows students to spend the first half of class learning to draw and commit the quilting designs to your muscle memory, and provides the second half with time for hands-on-the-machine to put into practice what you learned.

Finally, Sue offers two half-day classes on Saturday, *Fill Harmonics* and *Sashing, Medallions and Wreaths* to inspire you with designs that will fill in those troubling blank spaces on your quilts.

Need more encouragement, visit her website at: http://sueheinz.com

Sue Pelland

Sue’s return is by popular demand from those who attended her lecture, demonstrations, and classes in St. Cloud.

Many didn’t know how versatile her tools were until they saw them demonstrated and by then, her classes were full. If you like appliqué, but not all the prep work, then Sue’s tools are for you.

Her Leaves and Hearts Galore templates will allow you to rotary cut your shapes, saving you time and increasing the precision of your pieces. On Thursday Sue will be lecturing and demoing her tools in *Beyond Fast and Fabulous*, and providing classes on Friday, *More Leaves Galore Techniques*, and Saturday, *Hearts and More Techniques* when she will teach in detail the shapes her tools can create and give students the opportunity to make samples of each design.

If the price of the templates has been holding you back, Sue will have tools in class to use. You decide if you want to purchase your own set after you discover all the possibilities they offer.

Shelly Burge

Shelly Burge’s *Set Yourself Free* should entice the creative spirit in any quilter who wants to break free from the ‘rules’ of quilting to follow the improvisational design of free-hand rotary cutting shapes and piecing construction.

The best part of a 2-day class, besides spending time with an inspirational teacher, is the amount of work you will accomplish before you go home. No UFOs for you!
April Block of the Month: Farmers Market Bounty

Jeanne LaMoore and Wynn Martin

**Fabric:** Choose a fruit or vegetable theme print for the focus fabric, grey for the lid, and black for the background. Please use pre-washed cotton.

**Cutting:**

- A – (1) 4 ½” x 6 ½” of the focus fabric
- B – (2) 6 ⅜” x 1 ⅜” background
- C – (2) 2” x 2 ⅜” background
- D – (1) 1 ½” x 3 ⅛” grey
- E – (1) 1 ½” x 3 ⅛” background
- F – (4) 1” x 1” background (for jar corners)

**Assembly:**

Place an F piece right sides together (RST) on A and sew on the diagonal from one point to the other, using a pencil or chalk to mark the line if necessary. Trim the excess at the ¼” seam and press. Do the other three corners the same way.

Sew the B pieces to each side of the “jar.”

Sew D+E and press. Add the C pieces to each side and press.

Sew the lid section to the jar.

Your finished block should be 6 ⅜” x 8 ¼”. They are so quick and easy, you can make several!

**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.

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**Bulletin Board**

**April 14-May 8, Dakota County Star Quilters 20th Annual Quilt Show**, Dakota County Historical Society Museum, 130 3rd Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN. [www.dakotahistory.org](http://www.dakotahistory.org), April 14, Lecture, “Capering with Creativity and Our Quilts” by Wendy Butler Berns, 1 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are $10 and includes entry to the museum. Class with Wendy Butler Burns, April 15, $35. Contact Trisha at trisha2041@yahoo.com about tickets to the lecture or the class.


**April 24-25, “Quilting Through the Seasons”, Quilt Show Presented by Maple Grove Quilters** at Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Road, Maple Grove, MN, 763-494-6500. Member quilt exhibit, guild challenge exhibit, raffle quilt, demonstrations, boutique, vendors, prizes. Friday 10 – 7 & Saturday, 9 – 4, $4 admission. [www.maplegrovequilts.org](http://www.maplegrovequilts.org)

**May 9, “Joined At The Strip”, Presented by Pieceful Hearts Quilt Club and Hearts and Hands Quilt Guild, Becker Community Center, 11500 Sherburne Ave SE, Becker, MN.** Raffle drawing, special quilts display by Marilyjn Bujalski, demonstrations, challenge exhibits, viewers’ choice awards, service project quilts, vendors. Admission $3.

**June 19-20, Pinetree Patchworkers Quilt Show**, Brainerd High School, 702 So. 5th St., Brainerd, MN

Over 200 quilts, plus vendors, boutique, silent auction, raffle quilt, refreshments, challenge quilts. Cherrywood “Wicked” Challenge Quilt exhibit. Pam Dinndorf of Aardvark Quilts will be teaching a half day class Friday and Trunk show Friday night featuring “Adventures in Color.” find us on Facebook - Pinetree Patchworkers Quilt Guild
Chris Daly, the owner of Woodland Ridge Retreat in Downsville, Wisconsin, has been a Minnesota Quilter business member since August 2013, but she has already made quite an impression on the MQ membership and staff. Most recently she has been taking Minnesota Quilter Show Books around to quilt shops in the area around her retreat property. She visits the shops to generate business for her retreat facility, but does double duty by distributing the show books at the same time.

Chris says that sewing has been a part of her life for as long as she can remember. She started quilting in 2002 and was hooked. She took classes from nationally known teachers to hone her craft. Opening a retreat center where quilters and other artists could spend time in an inspiring environment was a longtime dream that finally became a reality when she and her husband found the Woodland Ridge property in their favorite part of Wisconsin. The building, known as Woodland Terrace, is a standalone addition to the Creamery Restaurant and Inn; it was built in 1997 and reflects the aesthetic of Paul Thomas, who was inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright’s work when he designed the facility. Daly wrote a five year business plan and then, in a leap of great faith, used her savings and took out a bank loan in 2013 to purchase the property.

Woodland Ridge is open to retreat groups 44 weeks out of the year; classes featuring national teachers fill the rest of the available schedule. Daly invites prominent teachers like Carol Soderlund (who will teach fabric dyeing) and Susan Carlson, a prominent art quilter, to do seminar style classes during the rest of the available time. (Carlson’s class filled immediately when she published it.) But what she is really hoping is that quilt groups (and other crafting and artist groups) will come to the facility for two and three day stays. Woodland Ridge facility has gotten very favorable reviews from some of those attending (including from one MQ member who said that the bathrooms were the size of hotel rooms). Though she has been in business for only a couple years, she is already meeting expenses.

There are eight guest rooms on the property and each room can sleep three guests in separate beds. Each guest room has a view to the woodland area behind the property, in-floor radiant heating and central air conditioning, and a whirlpool bath and full shower. There are two garden rooms for gatherings, each accommodating 12 people. Each garden room has individual height adjustable tables for retreat participants. The facility is one story and is ADA compliant.

Groups can purchase their stays with meal plans or they can choose to prepare their own food in the kitchen. They can also eat at some of the area restaurants. Daly’s retired husband used to be a restaurant manager and she studied nutrition and does the cooking. A weekend package (Friday and Saturday night) with meals is about $275.00 per person. If you would like to stay informed about upcoming classes and events at Woodland Ridge please visit the retreat website to sign up for the monthly newsletter.

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Letting Go

As many of you know, my retirement from teaching/librarianship begins at the end of this month. While I look forward to pursuing numerous interests without the constraints of the school calendar and the 5:15 AM wake up call, I still find it hard to let go of the satisfaction I have found in making the connections between students and books, teachers and resources, and building a multi-format collection that serves a myriad of interests, both personal and academic.

Once again, my husband reminds me about the monkeys in the jungle, and how easily they were captured. The traps were baited with bananas which the monkeys could reach in the trap and grab, but once they grasped the banana, the trap wasn’t big enough to remove their hand and the banana. The captors picked up the traps along with the monkeys because the monkeys couldn’t let go.

When it comes to quilting, I’m not any better. The other night my scrap bucket was full to overflowing and I knew it was time to make a pet bed. I went to my drawers of fabric and tried to pull a half-yard piece, or two fat quarters that I could part with. Do you think that was easy – nooooo. I looked through all the colors and finally went to my least used bin of pinks and purples and still had a hard time. I pulled a few pieces and convinced myself that they must match some other fabric or I wouldn’t have them, so I put them back. Finally I spied a purple with grey stars, a leftover remnant from an ‘ugly quilt’ challenge I made in 1997. Finally I was able to let go. Really. I made the pet bed, French seams and all, and took it to club and turned it in.

Not only is it difficult to let go of what I already have, but I continue to accumulate more. I don’t even have to buy it; my friends just know I’m a sucker for their leftovers. Two months ago at our club meeting someone brought a Ziploc bag of miniature 9-patches. She had made too many for the project and didn’t want to throw them away. I held my breath as I watched everyone examine the contents, keeping my fingers crossed no one else would want them. Eventually they went home with me. Can I tell you there were 280 of those little buggers in the bag! So far I have made one Christmas wallhanging (the 9-patches are red and green) and only used up 40. So now I have a new goal for 2015 – to use up all of those 9-patches. My friend let go, and I grabbed hold.

Letting go. The monkeys didn’t let go and they lost their freedom. I need to let go of what has been gratifying in the past and reach out to the future and be open to new opportunities that surely await me. If you don’t let go of the old, you can never get hold of the new. So here I go, I’m letting go. Wish me luck.

Need room for more fabric? Want to start your Spring Cleaning?

Here’s how you can accomplish both at the same time...

As I mentioned at the Eagan Quilt Show, five local Community Education Departments that provide educational, social and recreational opportunities for young adults 17 and over with disabilities are requesting our help to provide their clients with formal wear for an upcoming event.

Now you and I both know that lurking at the back of your closets are at least one or more great dresses that 90% of us will never fit into again, and 100% of the these items are probably out of style! They need prom dresses, evening dresses, cocktail dresses, mother-of-the-bride/groom dresses, shoes, handbags, and accessories. And let’s not forget the dapper young men – sport coats, jackets, suits, shoes and ties are also welcomed.

Bring your donations to the April MQ meetings and Laura Nagel will deliver them to the Community Ed office in time for the event. If it’s more convenient to drop them off at Eagan High School, that will work, too.

I can’t wait to see what you wore to your prom! Questions: Laura Nagel  651-683-6933

Information about the program: Project Explore www.district196.org/projectexplore

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Call, write or Email your volunteer registration information to:
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Please let us know if you have any physical limitations i.e. can’t climb ladder, need to sit, etc.

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