August Meetings

Sharyn Resvick, Diane Rose, ed@mnquilt.org

At our Thursday, August 1 meeting, Brenda Lyseng will entertain us with the details of her Cherrywood Challenge Van Gogh Tour of the Netherlands and France. She will share how they experienced Vincent Van Gogh’s life and art and how textile artists were inspired in their creation of the entries into the Cherrywood Challenge.

We will also have a virtual tour of the Bohin Needle Factory and learn how sewing needles are made.

On Saturday Brenda will present the same talk except in St. Cloud in a joint meeting with the St. Cloud Heritage Quilters Guild. We have a bus tour/shop hop planned for a full day of fun. The coach bus will leave Recovery Church at 8 am and will stop at the Louisiana Avenue Park and Ride on the south side of Highway 394 about 8:30 am to pick up quilters who live in the west side of the Cities.

We will travel to Millie P’s Quilt Shop in Anoka and then to The Noble Quilter in Elk River where we will also pick up box lunches to eat on the bus. We will continue our travels to Salem Lutheran Church, 90 Riverside Drive SE, in St. Cloud. After the meeting we will go to Gruber's Quilt Shop and then home again.

We expect to arrive back at the Park and Ride about 5:30 pm and finally at Recovery Church about 6 pm. Be sure to bring Show and Tell for the meeting.

You can sign up for the Saturday tour on Cvent on the MQ website. The meeting will run from 1 pm to 3 pm. If you aren’t on the bus tour, you can join us there on your own.

September Schoolhouse Programs

Diane Rose, Sharyn Resvick, ed@mnquilt.org

The September Schoolhouse meetings are an opportunity to learn from each other. Do you want to do a short demonstration of a cool tip or a new technique? Contact ed@mnquilt.org or talk to us at a meeting if you would like to be a presenter.

MQ 2019-2020 Board Election Results

Adrianne Lemberg, pres@mnquilt.org

Minnesota Quilters election results are tallied for terms to begin on October 1, 2019. Congratulations to the following new board members:

President Elect: Charlette Pittman
Education: Laurie Klinkhammer
Secretary: Merle Pratt
Membership: Ellen Wold
Operations: Aileen Lively
Communications: Mary Tague

SignUp Genius lists MQ volunteer opportunities and sends reminders. Save the link below and refer to it often for additional ways to participate in MQ activities. https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044aaca2f8a4fc1-mqs
Minnesota Quilters depends on its volunteers. Everyone’s help is appreciated. Please volunteer as often as you can.
President’s Letter

Elise Frederick, pres@mnquilt.org

Can you believe it? It is nearly two months since our show in Rochester. Where has summer gone? Although summer was slow to arrive, we’ve enjoyed many weeks of sunshine and heat. For some, summer is a break from quilting to spend time with family and friends at cabins, lakes and pools; while for others, an air-conditioned studio or retreat center is the place to be on the hottest of summer days. The summer months are the financial planning months for the Minnesota Quilters Staff and Board of Directors to evaluate the financial results of the show and fiscal year in preparation for planning and approving the next fiscal year’s budget.

Linda Wines’ stint as interim Show Director ended in July with the welcome return of Show Director Valerie Mendoza to the office. We are so thankful for all that Linda did to ensure MQ’s 2019 show was a success. I am happy to report that with the Board’s approval, I’ve appointed Linda Wines to the vacant Co-President-Elect Board of Director’s position effective August 1, 2019.

President’s Challenge

Elise Frederick, pres@mnquilt.org

The 2019 President’s Challenge was “Creativity on Edge,” a challenge to MQ members to use a creative border or binding technique on a baby quilt. The quilts were on display at Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 41st Anniversary Quilt Show & Conference in Rochester. After the show 31 quilts were delivered to Lisa Brink, the St. Mary’s Hospital Campus Volunteer Coordinator, at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester.

She was very pleased to receive them and happy to give them to the children’s unit at the hospital. Lisa e-mailed her thanks, “I would like to thank you on behalf of our patients, families and staff for the generous donation of quilts for our pediatric patients. They were all beautiful and you could tell that there was a lot of love, hard-work and creativity in each quilt. We are very grateful for this precious gift. Thank you.”

A special thanks to Charlotte Hansen, MQ member from Rochester, for helping with the arrangements for and delivery of the President’s Challenge baby quilts to Mayo Clinic.

President’s Blocks

MQ members traditionally present presidents with thank you blocks for their year as president. Past president Adrianne Lemberg appreciates cowboy boot blocks in finished sizes of three, six or nine inches. President Elise Frederick would like blocks incorporating poppy or violet flower motifs in the fabric or design; finished sizes can be six or nine inches.

Minnesota Quilters Vision Statement

Minnesota Quilters will be a state-wide leader in providing creative quilting education, activities, and mentoring through a welcoming multi-generational community of quilters with various skills and abilities.

Adopted by Minnesota Quilters at the February 2018 board meeting.
Minnesota Quilters at the State Fair

It's time to plan for Minnesota Quilters at the Fair! MQ staffs a booth in the Creative Activities building to demonstrate quilting and talk about it with Fairgoers. It's a lot of fun and a great way to finish the summer.

Our days at the Fair are the first weekend: Saturday, August 24, and Sunday, August 25. We will have three shifts a day with four volunteers in each shift. Times will be 9 am to 12:30 pm, 12:30 pm to 4 pm and 4 pm to 7:30 pm. There will be a sign-up sheet at the July meetings. Please contact our State Fair coordinator, Sue Rutford, by e-mail at statefair@mnquilt.org if you want to volunteer but won't be at a meeting. If you prefer a particular day or time, please include that information as well as your mailing address. Sue will respond with your scheduled time, your ticket and more information in mid-August.

MQ's Fall Getaway

The MQ Fall Getaway will be held October 17 through 20. Join us for a fun weekend of sewing at Riverside Inn in Cold Spring, Minnesota. Riverside Inn is a hotel, so you can book a single room or have a roommate. The hotel provides breakfast and will be providing a pizza/salad meal on Saturday evening. There are many restaurants nearby, plus a wonderful bakery.

The sewing room is large and well-lit. Bring your own projects to work on. Make a lottery block or two, plus we will collect extra blocks to support MQ's Quilting for Others program. We will also feature two demonstrations at a group gathering. Registration is now open. Here's the link http://www.cvent.com/d/xyqz0y

We look forward to seeing you in October!

Holiday Brunch 2019 Challenge

The Minnesota Quilters Holiday Brunch will be Saturday, December 7, in the beautiful ballroom of the Keller Clubhouse, 2166 Maplewood Drive, St. Paul. More information will be available in the coming months. As in the past we will collect your quilt donations, holiday stockings, placemats and the challenge placemats as described below. We hope you will mark your calendars, grab a quilting buddy, and join us in the fun.

JOYful Placemats

Make one or more placemats using the fabrics you were gifted at the 2018 Holiday Brunch. The challenge is to use the fabric you were given, which determines the theme or design of your placemat. It does not have to be a holiday themed placemat. You can add up to 50% of your own fabrics on one side. The other side can be your fabric, your choice. Everyone loves a reversible placemat.

The MQ website has information on constructing placemats. Click on Meetings, then Quilting for Others. The size and shape of the placemats is your choice. Possible measurements could be 15” by 18” or 12” by 16”.

Placemats will be donated to the Meals on Wheels organizations through our Quilting for Others committee.

You will be eligible for prizes based on the number of placemats you donate. What you create will bring JOY to the receiver, and we hope to you as well. If you have questions, need encouragement, more incentive, or a laugh, please e-mail me at rhensnestquilts@aol.com.

Happy Sewing!

Scholarship Applications

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship to encourage new or beginner quilters to participate in a great quilt show and conference. This scholarship is in honor of our Charter Members who, years ago, saw the importance of celebrating and promoting quilting.

A scholarship application may be sent to the MQ office at any time. All applications received by October 1, 2019, will be considered. Applications received after that date, will be put into the file and considered for the following year’s show. Scholarship selection is based on the applicant’s essay, not on the quality of the applicant’s quilts.

The scholarship winner will receive:

- A one-year membership to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. beginning in January 2020
- Priority registration for the June 2020 quilt show. The registration fee is waived and the winner receives a multi-day pass, show bag and pin
- Tuition for two three-hour classes or one six-hour class plus a lecture pass
- Two Banquet and Award Ceremony tickets
- Single hotel room for two nights.

Information and the application form are on the MQ website at https://www.mnquilt.org/annualshow.html and located under the 2020 heading on that page.
New Standing Committee—Faculty, Lectures and Programs Karen Kopitzke, preselect@mnquilt.org

The Minnesota Quilters Board of Directors has approved a new Standing Committee. You are probably wondering what the difference is between a committee and a standing committee. The usual committee has a task and then dissolves when that task is completed. A standing committee has an ongoing task. Faculty, Lectures and Programs has the task to identify potential instructors and/or lecturers for Minnesota Quilters membership programs and for the annual show.

This committee meets on the third Monday of the month (except June and December) at 6:00 pm at The Recovery Church. Any MQ member is welcome to join. Please come and see what it’s all about!

Now for some history—

This committee began life three or four years ago as the Long Range Program Planning committee (LRPP). It was apparent that many of the teachers our members wanted for programs and for the show were booked out about two years ahead—some even three years. Since our Education Co-chairs and our Show Faculty Co-chairs weren’t in place that far ahead, it was obvious that something needed to be done.

Rose Allen, as Co-President Elect at the time, set about organizing the LRPP. The ability for this group to identify teachers and get them under contract for two or three years in the future was extremely successful. Bonnie Hunter was with us this year as a result of the LRPP’s work. Some faculty is already in place for our 2021 and 2022 annual shows.

The committee was led by a Board member. In the case of LRPP, this was the President Elect. That was great as long as Rose was on the Board of Directors. When she left, we found it took a few months for the new President Elect to figure out what was needed. About the time he understood it, they were replaced by a new President Elect.

The proposal to make LRPP a standing committee was put to the Board of Directors so the group could select their own leadership. The President Elect would still be a part of the group and report to the BOD, but the group would not need to depend on that person for leadership. The BOD approved making the group a Standing Committee.

At the same time the committee name was changed to Faculty, Lectures and Programs to better reflect the purpose of the committee: to assist the Education Co-chairs and the Show Faculty Co-chairs to get those teachers and lecturers that our membership wants to have.

MQ Grant Program Karen Kopitzke, preselect@mnquilt.org

Are you aware that Minnesota Quilters offers grants to individuals and organizations to support the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. mission? Each year each of the three Public Television stations in the state of Minnesota (TPTC, Lakeland and Pioneer) apply for and receive grants. In addition, there are funds set aside for individuals and groups who apply for a grant. Application guidelines and the grant application can be found on the Minnesota Quilters website. Click on the About list and then click on Grants. Or, if you prefer, enter this address into your browser: www.mnquilt.org/grants.html

We offer three types of grants:

Education Grants - for Small Groups—Available to small quilt groups or individuals to educate people about quilting and promote quilting throughout the state and elsewhere. Grants of $100 to $500.

Service Project Grants - for Small Groups—Available to individuals or groups to construct quilts for social service-oriented organizations (hospitals, women's shelters, etc.). Grants of $100 to $500.

Education Donation Grants – to Promote Quilting—Available to nonprofit entities that educate people about quilting and promote quilting throughout the state and elsewhere. Give estimates of people reached. Grants of up to $2,000.

Procedure and Rules

• All requests are subject to review by the MQ Board of Directors.
• All requests are subject to availability of funds.
• Grant applications will be accepted year round.
• Grants postmarked September 16 or before will be considered for the current year.
• Grants postmarked after September 16 will be held for consideration in the following year.
• Review will take place at the November Board meeting with funds dispensed by December 31st.
• Receipts or invoices for expenses are required.
• Photos of completion such as class/events or quilts are requested.
• Submission and approval of grant request assumes consent for publication of photos in the MQ newsletter, on the MQ website and on the MQ Facebook page.
• One application per group or individual.

Send completed form to President-Elect, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 253 State Street, St. Paul, MN 55107-1612

Direct any questions to the above address or to preselect@mnquilt.org.
July Meetings Recap, Thursday

Our Thursday evening meeting featured Carol Hancuh who shared her wonderful quilt exhibit of 3-D Bus Stop People. She told the stories behind these unique people. They were so interesting and heartwarming to hear; it was a fascinating presentation. Carol asked that members make a free will donation to the Neighborhood House, a non-profit organization to help people gain the skills, knowledge, and confidence to thrive in diverse communities. The Bus Stop People have indirectly helped others.

Members who attended the Thursday evening meeting donated $500 to the Neighborhood House food shelf. MQ added $250 making the total donation $750. Thanks to all for your generous giving and a special thank you to Carol for asking for this instead of the usual speaker's fee.

Below are some of Carol's earlier quilts made before her passion became creating faces and quilts of people.
July Meetings Recap, Saturday

On Saturday members gathered to sew placemats for our Quilting for Others yearly meeting. We had nine teams. Each team drew a card to determine what pattern they would use such as log cabin, trip around the world, improv, etc. It was such fun to see the creative way each team interpreted their assignment.

Fifteen placemats were completed and will be donated to Meals on Wheels at the December Holiday Brunch.

The next Quilting for Others sew day will be Friday, August 2, at Recovery Church from 9 am to 3 pm.

Neighborhood House Thanks You

Thank you to Carol Hancuh and the many Minnesota Quilters members who donated $758.25 to Neighborhood House in St. Paul after Carol's fascinating and inspiring talk about her quilted Bus Stop People at the Thursday member meeting in July. Carol asked MQ to direct her speaker's fee to Neighborhood House and asked for a free will collection to be taken at the meeting. Thank you to everyone for your extremely generous donations.

Neighborhood House at 179 Robie Street in St. Paul is just a few blocks from MQ's meeting place. It serves 15,000 people in West St. Paul each year. Free of charge to all participants, they provide basic needs (food support and housing) and a large program of topics for lifelong learning. The facility has a theater, meeting rooms and a gymnasium. Your donation will help neighbors of all ages. They are very grateful for your support. Thank you again, Carol Hancuh, for initiating this contribution and especially for sharing your wondrous quilting process with Minnesota Quilters.
Bulletin Board

Deadline August 6, Minnesota State Fair online registration for Creative Activities

August 19, Northern Material Girls Guild, 7 pm. Michelle Greenhouse discusses Boro, a Japanese folk textile stitching created out of necessity with scraps stitched to create larger cloth or repair a garment. North Church, 2675 Highway 36, North St Paul. $5. guest fee.


September 28-29, Country Quilters Guild Quilts for All Seasons show, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 11 am to 4 pm. 2707 Arena Drive NE, Willmar, Minnesota. Quilts, raffle quilt, door prizes, demos featured quilter Smitty Luschen. Admission $5.

September 28-29, St. Cloud Heritage Quilters 2019 Show Pins to Pearls, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm, Haehn Center, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, Minnesota. Posted signs direct you to the college. Raffle quilt, raffle basket, featured quilter Tom Kremer, service project display, vendors, and a certified quilt appraiser can appraise your quilt for insurance purposes ($60 fee). All quilts made by our members. Walkers and wheelchairs welcome. No strollers please. Admission $7. Contact Marjorie LaTour, 320-654-9746 or mal2@charter.net.

November 2-3, Hudson Heritage Quilters Guild Patchwork Harvest Quilt Show, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday 10 am to 4 pm. River Crest Elementary School, 535 County Road F, Hudson, Wisconsin. Quilts, raffle quilt, raffle baskets, boutique, vendors. Lunch available. Voter favorite awards. Admission $6.

January 1, 2020 Dakota County Star Quilters plan a special exhibit to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment which gave women the right to vote. U.S. quilters are invited to submit a 24” square quilt for display and possible touring after the DCSQ show. Submission guidelines are on the website www.dcsq.org. The deadline to submit a photo and entry is January 1, 2020.

Show and Tell —July

Thank you to Peggy Stockwell and Carrie D’Andrea for taking photos at the July meetings. On the sign-in form please note whether you want your item pictured in the newsletter. Describe your quilt so it can be identified from the photo; the name given by the designer or words like ‘scrap quilt,’ ‘charity quilt,’ ‘baby quilt’ or ‘mystery quilt’ do not identify specific quilts. If you show more than one quilt, please make that clear as well.

Anne Marcellis—three items

Aileen Lively

Barbara Behnke

Becca Brackett
Cherrywood Bob Ross Challenge

Congratulations to the following MQ members whose entries into Cherrywood’s Bob Ross challenge have been chosen as finalists. We look forward to seeing your quilts.

Mary Abbey, Sherri Moening, Sharyn Resvick, Betsy Shannon and Barb Zeleznik
Our gardens just wouldn’t work if we didn’t have beautiful, helpful butterflies flitting about. This month make a quilt covered with them. Summer Butterfly is the June block for this year’s Calendar Quilt. We owe you August’s and December’s; they’re coming. We look forward to seeing how you arrange your personalized calendar with all twelve of the blocks that we offered this past year.

Summer Butterfly Fabric and Cutting:
For the wings, front and back, you’ll need two pieces, each about the size of a fat eighth or ¼ yard. Think brights, think flowers, think butterflies. Choose a background with the sky, flowers, pathways, or waterways—really anything—in mind. One dark brown scrap or dark shade compatible with the color of the wings will do for the butterfly’s body. Afterward, you may embroider the antennae on the block or leave that for the winner of the blocks.

Cutting Directions: Label the pieces A through L as you cut them.

Background:
. Cut one 2½" x 15" strip; sub-cut into four 2½" squares (A and E) and two 2" squares (F).
. Cut one 1½" x 20" strip; sub-cut into one 1½" x 2½" rectangles (C), two 1½" squares (D), one 1½" x 2" rectangle (G) and two 1½" x 6" rectangles (H).
. Cut one strip 3" x 6½"; sub-cut into two 3" squares (B)

Front (top) wings: Cut two 6" x 7½" pieces (J). For directional fabric mark the top.

Back (bottom) wings: Cut two 6" x 4½" pieces (K). Note the direction and mark the top, if necessary.

Butterfly body: Cut one 1½" x 9½" piece (L).

Assembly Directions:
1. Draw a diagonal line on each square: A, B, D, E, and F.
2. Sew C to one narrow end of L and G to the other. Measure and trim to 1½" x 12½". Set aside.
3. Form the wings in steps 4 and 5. By adding background corners to the wing rectangles (two J’s and two K’s), you’ll shape the butterfly’s wings. Place the various background squares on assigned corners of the wing rectangles. Refer to the graph. Sew on the diagonal lines you drew. Press. Trim corners off leaving ¼" seams. Flip remaining corner up and press flat. Consult the diagram for placement and angle of sewing.
4. Place the J’s side by side, right side up, one on the right, one on the left. RST sew an A to the top outside corner of the right J. Repeat for the left J, noting reversed position. Similarly, sew B’s on top inside corners of left and right J’s. Sew D’s on bottom outside corners of J’s. Continue to consult diagram for correct placement and sewing angle of corners.
5. As above, sew E’s to top outside corners of left and right K’s. Sew F’s to bottom inside corners of K’s.
6. Sew right J wing to right K wing. Repeat for left J and K wings. Sew H to right bottom of FK. Repeat for left bottom of KF.
7. Sew right BJKFH to right side of butterfly body CLG. Sew left BJKFH to left side of CLG.
8. That does it. Press. Measure and square to 12½". Embroider antennae to top of butterfly head.

Congratulations to Beth Robinson who won eight red, white and blue Celebrate the Fourth blocks from the July drawing. Beth, we look forward to seeing how you decide to use these blocks!

BOM GUIDELINES: Make one to three blocks, following the color and pattern directions above if you wish to enter your blocks into the monthly drawing. Your name is entered once for each block submitted. The winner gets to take home the blocks entered by other participants. Please attach your name, address and phone number to the back of your block(s). Consider including leftover scraps (pinned to the back or in an attached baggie) for the winner to use for borders or other finishing touches.

If you cannot bring the blocks to the meeting, mail them to the MQ office to arrive by Friday the week of the meetings. Mail to Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 253 State Street, St. Paul, MN 55107.

The Block of the Month drawing is held at the Saturday meeting each month except December and June. Winners who are not present will be notified by phone or e-mail. Blocks may be picked up at the MQ office during the month or at the next meeting.
In less than a year my husband will be retiring. There isn’t an emoji that can express my concern. Several years ago a recipe book called A Man, A Can and A Plan was an excellent resource for the single man. Now I’m wishing someone would write one about the permanent stay-at-home husband. I need a plan as he will definitely be a husband in search of a hobby. Do you find your hobby, or does your hobby find you?

In the process of preparing for this anticipated stage of marriage, I have suggested many activities and sports that he might try, hoping one would interest him and carry over into retirement. ‘We’ tried bonsai, golf, photography, canoeing, recording books on tape and zoo docent, but nothing seemed to hold his attention. So far the closest things he has to sustained activities (besides the remote) are feeding the goldfish which he insists watches television and has lived to be nine years old, and feeding the birds which is a seasonal pastime at best.

When we have tried to have a serious conversation about this, he teases me (at least I hope he’s kidding) about sharing my hobby. He points out that I have multiple machines, surely he could use one of them. (I think I’ll hide the power cords) Then there is all that fabric, certainly enough to share (don’t even think about it, crosses my mind). He goes on to fantasize about working on a quilt together, clearly forgetting our wallpapering debacle of 1989.

“Imagine,” he muses, “going to quilt shows and fabric stores and quilt retreats.” At this point I feel a need to log on to the computer to see if they’ve legalized marijuana in this state as he’s obviously been smoking something.

Years ago when my retirement was just a twinkle in my eye, a friend’s husband retired, and she was having trouble coping with 24/7 togetherness. Her solution was to inform her spouse that she married him for better or worse but not for lunch. He actually left the house at noon, sometimes only going as far as the garage, to consume his midday meal. At the time I thought this was a little harsh, but I now understand her logic. Other friends have shared stories of never being able to go shopping alone again, or waking up to the daily question, “What are we going to do today?”

If weekends are any indication, our daily routine will be at odds. He’s an early riser, I’m a night owl. My days of sleeping in will be over. He’s ready for lunch when I’ve barely cleared my breakfast dishes. Chores and errands are also out of sync. I want to work from a list, and he doesn’t want to commit to any specific assignments. I like to work until the job is done; he thinks chopping away at the task will ultimately bring results. Needless to say, we sometimes go toe-to-toe with these contradictions of daily routines which came so clearly to my attention at a neighborhood gathering.

It was a spring evening after a long Minnesota winter. We were sitting around a fire pit with our neighbors, getting reacquainted and catching up after not seeing each other for several months. The conversation turned to all the things we were looking forward to with the approach of summer.

There were the usual topics of landscaping, travel, graduations and weddings — all pretty normal agenda items until our next door neighbor added, “For me, I always look forward to that brief time between spring and summer, when we can open the windows, before we have to run the air conditioner, because then I really get to know what’s going on at the Nagel’s.”

While it was said in jest, we haven’t opened our windows on that side of the house since. It brought to mind my daughter’s account of her business management class in which she had to role play a conflict resolution scenario. At the successful conclusion her college professor commented she must have come from a very calm household. We both laughed hysterically.

Maybe I will stop cursing all the stairs in our multilevel house and be glad for the separation. We’ve already learned not to talk to each other unless we are in the same room because ‘selective hearing’ was causing several misunderstandings, and that’s putting it mildly. Last Christmas I bought him a set of Bluetooth headphones so I don’t have to listen to heavy rock on Pandora, the unchanged outcome of World War II on the History Channel, or all three episodes of The Godfather. I also acquired the essential three R’s that every man requires: a recliner, a remote, and a refrigerator.

So do I trust in the Lord that my husband will discover a hobby of his own or suddenly become altruistic and volunteer for some worthy cause? I don’t think so. Instead I will check the want ads, which have now been replaced with LinkedIn, and start looking for a part-time job. I can imagine arriving home to find the laundry washed and put away, the house dusted and vacuumed, and a savory aroma emanating from the kitchen. I’ll call out, “Honey, what’s for dinner?”

Only in my dreams!

Hints and Tips

Make it easier to see the edge of green fabrics on your green cutting mat by turning the fabric wrong side up to cut. The lighter back is easier to see against the green of the mat.

Do you have a hint to share with MQ members? Send it to editor@mnquilt.org for the newsletter.
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FOR ALL QUILTERS!

September 21-22, 2019
Roseville Skating Center - Conference Room
Early bird deadline: August 10, 2019 - Registration deadline: September 7, 2019
Information/Registration at www.rickytims.com
Call for Entry: Mystery Quilt Proposals

MQ mystery quilts have been a profitable fundraiser for MQ and are lots of fun for those who participate. We are continuing this tradition. Wouldn’t you enjoy having your Mystery Quilt design chosen and have the opportunity to see the wonderful variety of completed Mystery Quilts? Now is your chance.

Quilt proposal requirements are:
- You must have constructed a test sample of the quilt to proof the instructions
- A design that is foolproof for choosing colors
- Bed-sized with options for various sizes
- New quilt design not previously used for a mystery quilt
- Basic machine piecing may extend to challenging piecing
- Detailed instructions with good sketches
- About ten steps to completion
- A striking pattern that will inspire quilters to participate in the Mystery Quilts year after year

Proposals need to reach MQ by September 30th to be considered for the following year’s MQ mystery quilt that starts every January. We aim to open registration in November for a January starting date.

Send proposals to Minnesota Quilters, Inc., Attn: Mystery Quilt, 253 State Street, St. Paul, MN 55107-1612. If you have questions, please contact Debra at the office, 651-224-3572, or e-mail President Elect Karen Kopitzke at preselect@mnquilt.org.

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