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Minnesota Quilters Meeting Thursday, October 5, 7 p.m. on Zoom Saturday, October 7, 10 a.m., in-person and on Zoom

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October Meetings

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We welcome Tracy of **Tracy Trevethan Designs**. TTD is a local company based in Jordan, Minnesota, which generously sponsored our Show Banquet in 2023.

Tracy is known for her vibrant and luxurious hand-dyed wool in a rainbow of colors. Thursday's Zoom presentation will be about Tracy's journey into quilting, applique and dying and is interlaced with humorous tales. On Saturday she will share her tips and secrets for dying wool at home, plus tips and tricks for fun Wool Applique. She will also have an assortment of wool available for purchase, as well as her original quilt patterns available alone or with a kit of hand-dyed or hand- painted fabrics. If you aren't



available to attend the Saturday meeting in person, her hand-dyed wools are available on her website sized from fat eights up to one yard pieces. See https://tracytrevethandesigns.square.site/

Thursday, October 5, at 7 p.m. on Zoom—My Quilting Journey (from the Beginning) How I started quilting and fabric dyeing with humorous tales of a younger me! A trunk show is included. Join with this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkceuuqDMvH9Ef1yXfCUpAW jp3l24m1XP

Saturday, October 7, at 10 a.m. in person at MQ—Digging Deep into Wool Applique. How to dye wool at home plus tips and tricks for fun Wool Applique. This includes a trunk show and vending.

Join with this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIIcOmhqjgoG9Jk4W1jq5QiwgOa1QhYWn0N



MQP October Meeting

Carolyn Silflow, mqp@mnquilt.org

After the October meeting on Saturday the Minnesota Quilt Project will meet at the MQ office. Following the business meeting (please bring your own lunch) we will refold some of the quilts in the MQ quilt collection. All are welcome to attend.



November Meetings Preview

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Diane Harris of Stash bandit will have two Zoom presentations. On Thursday, November 2, her talk is titled Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts, and her Saturday, November 2 talk is called Jingle Bells Trunk Show. Mark you calendar and plan to attend both events.

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Hard copies of the newsletter will be available for an additional \$20 at the time of membership renewal. This charge is to cover the cost of printing and postage. Cash and checks welcome.

Upcoming Events

Wednesdays, Quilting for Others, 11 am to 1 pm, pick up supplies and drop off finished work at Recovery Church. QFO workday October 25, 10 am to 2 pm

ZoomBee Sewing Days, October 2, 9, 23, 30; 10 am to 4 pm Click to join: <u>https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82747265102?pwd=eUQvakhJUDNLSTdYV3JMR2JHbDhLUT09</u> Meeting ID 827 4726 5102 with passcode 986969 is valid for all 2023 Zoom Bee quilting days.

October 5 and 7, Member meetings, Tracy Trevethan, My Quilting Journey and Digging Deep into Wool Appliqué with wool, kits and patterns for sale October 7, MQP meeting, after the Member meeting October 11-15, Fall Getaway, Riverside Inn, Cold Spring October 17, FLAP meeting, 1 pm, Zoom October 24, Board meeting, 6:30 pm, Zoom October 28, Show Committee meeting, 9 am, Zoom

November 2 and 4, Member meetings, Diane Harris, Extraordinary Scrap Quilts and Jingle Bells trunk show

November 9-11, Fall Day Retreat, MQ office

December 7, Member meeting, Lori Lee Triplet, Program Red & Green Quilt for Christmas—NOT! **December 8, Finish Up Frenzy at MQ**

June 13-15, 2024, The Minnesota Quilt Show, DECC, Duluth

The MQ website <u>https://mnquilt.org/eventschedule/</u> is a calendar of events which shows more information including links to Zoom events.

A link to the meeting location is shown on each website page (<u>https://mnquilt.org/</u>) or see the Google map <u>https://goo.gl/maps/Dgnmt5HUMGAi5HB38</u>.

DEADLINE for November Newsletter: Tuesday, October 10. Send newsletter articles and photos to <u>editor@mnquilt.org</u>. *Later submissions may be saved for the following month's newsletter*. The newsletter deadline is normally the Tuesday after the Saturday meeting. Send Show and Tell photos to showandtell@mnquilt.org. Include descriptions if you wish.

Show and Tell for the Meetings

Jude Edling, showandtell@mnquilt.org

Share your quilts and your stories in Show and Tell. The category title is a big clue. It's not just for the Zoomers. It's sometimes easier to see your quilts on the screen. You can always have your quilt on the screen and show it in person. E-mail your story and photos to showandtell@mnquilt.org. Sharing is a good thing.

MQ Board Meetings

Board@mnquilt.org

Any member can attend the monthly board meetings. Meetings are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday each month at 6:30 p.m. Zoom links are on the MQ events calendar at <u>https://mnquilt.org/eventschedule/</u> or request it from a board member or the office.

Mission Statement (Our Purpose)

The mission of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is to nurture the art and craft of quilting through inspiration and education, to support our communities through our craft, and to honor our quilting heritage.

https://mnquilt.org/mqmission/

SignUpGenius: <u>http://www.signupgenius.com/go/minnesotaquiltersinc</u> MQ needs your help. Please click on this link to see what help we need. Please take a look at the Show Volunteer needs to see if you are able to help.

The site lists volunteer opportunities. Save the link for additional ways to participate in MQ activities and volunteer often and in any capacity that you can.

Liz McHenry, Laura Nagel, ed@mnguilt.org

Fall Day Retreat November 9-11 at MQ Office

You are invited to the November 2023 Day Retreat on Thursday through Saturday, November 9 through 11. Come to the Minnesota Quilters office for three dedicated days of sewing whatever you want to sew, along with as many

as 23 other quilters. Go home at night to your own wonderful bed! On Thursday and Friday sewing will start at 9 a.m. and end

at 8 p.m. On Saturday sewing will start at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. You'll have one table so bring whatever you want to work

on. We have quite a few cutting mats and more irons and big boards for ironing stations (more than last time) in case that's one thing you'd rather not bring. We have a lot of extension cords.

Meals are on your own, so bring a bag lunch (and dinner for Thursday and Friday night), or order DoorDash, or go to a restaurant. The kitchenette has a refrigerator and freezer, ice maker, microwave and toaster.

If you haven't been to the MQ office, it is located at 253 State Street, in Saint Paul, Minnesota 55107.

The non-refundable fee to members is \$45 for all three days and \$60 for non-members. Have fun sewing and make new friends.

The Maple Island BQ Nation Challenge Liz McHenry, Laura Nagel ed@mnquilt.org

Debbie Bowles, owner of Maple Island Quilts, has generously donated 20 patterns to MQ. We thought it would be fun to get 20 copies of the same pattern and offer them to members who would be interested in making them as part of an exhibit at the 2024 show. Thus, the idea of a challenge was born.



Hurry get your projects in before the **Christmas Rush!** 10% off your first quilting!

We chose BQ5 because in our opinion it had the most opportunity for original interpretation. It features an 181/2" block, comprised of a 121/2" focus square with a pinwheel or accent splash. This is perfect for showcasing large scale prints or small panel squares. Won't it be fun to see how each member takes the pattern and makes it their own?

There will be no specific rules to the challenge, other than participants must use a BQ pattern from Maple Island Quilts, preferably BQ5 or

BQ5 Encore. Of course, the quilts be completed in time to be entered in the 2024 show in Duluth. We plan to create a category similar to the mystery quilt category so the entry will count separately from Non-Judged quilts.

During our September Schoolhouse meeting on Saturday we drew names for the 20 free BQ5 patterns. Additional BQ5 patterns and other BQ Nation patterns were available for purchase that day.

If you were unable to attend the meeting, patterns are available at the Maple Island website for \$10 plus shipping and handling. Visit https://mapleislandquilts.com/ and check out the gallery of BQ5 guilts at https://mapleislandguilts.com/gallery/bg-nation/#bg5.





Quilting for Others

Merle Pratt, Diane Rose, qfo@mnquilt.org

Quilting for Others has been very busy this year. Since January 1, we have donated 164 twin quilts, 120 lap quilts, 46 kid's quilts, and 252 baby quilts. That's a grand total of 582 quilts. We also donated 278 placemats to Saint Cloud Catholic Charities and 41 tote bags. Minnesota Quilters is a very generous group.

In our storage room we have five large bins of quilt tops waiting to be matched with batting and backing and then quilted. We purchase rolls of batting from Hobbs Batting Co. at a discounted price, plus we also get occasional donations of batting. Our big problem now is needing backing fabric for all those tops. If you figure six yards for each twin quilt, a yard for each baby and lap quilt, and maybe about three yards for kid's quilts, that adds up to 1,494 yards of fabric. That's a whole lot of fabric. Granted, some of our quilts come to us completely finished and we don't have to provide backing fabric for those, but remember those five large bins I mentioned in the beginning of the paragraph? We also have many bins of fabric, but they are largely filled with half-yard cuts or fat quarters which are not so useful for making backs.

You may be asking yourself "How can I help?" I have an answer for that. Minnesota Quilters has about 700 members. If everyone went through their stash and found a two-yard piece that they just won't ever use, that would be about 1,400 yards of fabric. So look at your fabrics and see if you can find a two-yard piece that you won't miss. Either bring it in on Wednesday during our Pick-Up and Drop Off hours from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. or bring it to the next in-person meeting. Thank you!

QFO workday at the MQ office—October 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.



This is **Mimy Brandts**, now 92 years old. She has been a quilter most of her life. She immigrated from Holland in 1957, lived in the St. James, Minnesota, area, and is now in Memory Care in Mankato, Minnesota.

Her daughter brought 157 table runners or table toppers, 10 placemats, 92 baby and lap size quilts, a roll of batting, a Baby Lock sewing machine and several quilting supplies to donate to Quilting For Others.

Many, many people will be blessed from this wonderful woman's love of quilting. Thank you!



September Meeting Review

Liz McHenry, Laura Nagel, ed@mnquilt.org

In September we switched the meetings to accommodate our Schoolhouse presenters. Saturday we met in person with a Zoom audience and recorded the meeting to be viewed the following week via the Minnesota Quilters YouTube channel. Most of the seats at the MQ office were filled as we learned about the BG Challenge sponsored by Maple Island Quilts. Member names were drawn for twenty free quilt patterns, and a variety of other BQ patterns were available for purchase. Liz McHenry had samples of various BQ quilts and explained the process for completing a BQ quilt in time to enter it in The Minnesota Quilt Show of 2024. See the BQ Challenge article on page 3 in this newsletter.

Wynn Martin walked us through the new MQ website and demonstrated how to navigate to the areas of most interest to our members. It is still a work in progress with more updates and links to pertinent information to come.



Carolyn Silflow, Minnesota Quilt Project chair, introduced us to the Quilt Index housed at Michigan State University. She took us on a virtual guided tour of multiple ways we can search for quilts: by quilt or block pattern, era, state, maker/artist, fabric style and collection. All of the quilts documented in Minnesota are listed there,

including the ones in our state documentation book and the award winners from our annual shows. You don't have to wait to for a formal documentation day; you can go to the site www.quiltindex.org and enter your own. It's worth a visit. Thank you to MQP for importing all that data.

Becky Lindgren taught us how to make a stripped block in multiple levels of contrasting fabric to achieve a dynamic quilt. She started by stripping a $12\frac{1}{2}$ " block with strips varying in width from 1" to $1\frac{3}{4}$ ". Next cut the block on both diagonals. Then, depending on your overall design, join two of the triangles to make an $8\frac{1}{2}$ " block. Orient the strips in the direction that will achieve your pattern. See her photo in Show and Tell of the newsletter and in the meeting recording on YouTube.



Show and Tell Photos from the September in-person meeting - Thanks to Cherie Berry Miller for these photos.





Carrie D'Andrea-two quilts





Beth Robinson





Mary Ann Baraibar-three quilts





Candy Kehle





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Kim Andrews





Mary Willard





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Laura Nagel

Off the Top of My Head Showtime Again

Claudia Clark Myers www.ClaudiaMyersDesigns.com

Warning! Warning! The Quilters are coming to town, again! There will be at least 1,500 women (and men) filling up the hotels and restaurants. You have to be careful because they will blindly cross intersections, talking non-stop and holding out pieces of fabric to show, digging in their tote bags for the DECC map so they can tell everyone which booth had this great fabric. You will be able to recognize them. They look happy and are usually smiling or laughing, unless their feet hurt from walking the show floor. Sometimes, they wear matching T-shirts or sparkly tiaras or jackets they have made, the more flamboyant, the better. These things say "We are together, we are excited to be here and we're going to have a great time!" Come join us!

The Minnesota Quilter's annual state guild show will be held in Duluth at the DECC again this coming June 2024. Show chairs and committee heads have probably been working on it since spring of 2022. Running the show is a huge undertaking, as are most conventions and large events and many times the people in charge give their all, only to get burnt out, say "not a chance" and quickly move out-of-state when asked again.

However, there are a few who have nerves of steel, organizational skills over-the-top and memories that wear rosecolored glasses. They have taken charge multiple times and lived to tell about it. I know some of them.

I am not one of those die-hard heroes, but after the first DECC Minnesota Quilters show that my friend, Shirley and I ran in 1997, the MQ board asked us to chair the event again. After all, the DECC was still standing, there were no police raids and after-show reports from happy quilters and vendors were glowing. They loved Duluth! Shirley pled elder-ly-ness and declined.

I put on those rose-colored glasses, asked my daughter to co-chair, and said "Ooookey, if you can't find anybody else." I put the strongarm on every quilting friend I knew, just proving once again, that friends can get you into way more trouble than enemies.

I vowed this time we would better explain our eating habits to the DECC Food Service who thought quilters were sweet little old ladies who ate like birds. We would not eat up all the food planned for the three-day event on the first day. Huh! We would, however, defend our title as the convention holding the record for most ice cream consumed in a three-day period. Yesss! We would be kind and leave more than one or two bathrooms available for men to use and we would-n't tape big "Women Only" signs on all of them.

For our Friday night banquet, we decided we would get our priorities straight and take the high decadent road. Usually, the banquet committee has a budget to spend on table decorations which become door prizes afterwards. There have been plants, fabric bags with sewing notions, sensible things like that. We took the decorating money and instead of centerpieces, we had the Buttercream Bakery in Minneapolis deliver twenty-six varieties of layer cakes, one flavor for each table. They came trucking up with their precious cargo just before the banquet opened and when desserttime came, the beautifully-decorated cakes were cut and people started mingling around, swapping slices of cake and tasting and visiting. I wonder how many people remember that. I remember because I'm a pushover for a good layer cake.

One of my fondest memories was of the committee meeting in a crowded quilt shop where we sat on folding chairs, all facing front, in the aisles of shelves packed with fabric bolts. One of the members, who happens to be a first grade teacher, started singing "The Wheels On the Bus Go Round and Round". We all joined in and were totally silly for a while. It was three months before the show opened and boy did we ever need some silliness!

The show itself went off without too many hitches. Oh yes, the little blue bridge between the DECC and the hotels did its occasional sulk and wickedly refused to go down just when the show ended and the teachers were trundling all their sewing machines, quilt samples and class supplies back to Canal Park. It's a long way around without benefit of the Little Blue Bridge.

With ballet and opera performances, quilt shows and meetings, I had spent so many hours at the DECC, working back behind the scenes, in the arena, the exhibit Halls, Fitzgerald Food Hall, ballrooms, classrooms, concrete alleyways and bathrooms, that I think I knew every square inch. If I ever become a little old homeless person, I'm going to sneak into the complex and make myself right at home. Maybe no one will ever know I'm there. Leftover cold bratwurst could get a little tiresome, though.

Reminder-mark your calendars right now and join us at The Minnesota Quilt Show as we once again take over the DECC, June 13th through 15th, 2024. If you haven't been to a large quilt show, I guarantee you a good time. If you are thinking of your dear Grandmother and the quilts that she made, you will be stunned at the creativity quilters will be exhibiting. I know I was, when I attended my first quilt show and that's how this all happened.

Bulletin Board

October 6-8, Cedar Creek Quilt Retreat, details and registration link:

https://learning.umn.edu/search/publicCourseSearchDetails.do?method=load&courseId=16578217§ionId=40061429

October 14, WOW Quilt Guild biennial quilt show, Maple Grove Community Center, 12951 Weaver Lake Rd., Maple Grove, Minnesota. Vendors, raffle baskets, raffle quilts, boutique. Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm. Admission \$8 (debit/credit cards \$8.50). www.wowquiltguild.com.

October 19–31, Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society quilt exhibit at Pine Tree Apple Orchard, White Bear Lake. For information contact Lolqu.wbl.gmail.com.

October 20–21 Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society Quilt Show, Redeemer Lutheran Church, 3770 Bellaire Ave, White Bear Lake, Minnesota. Friday 9 am to 5 pm, Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. More than 120 quilts, challenge quilts, comfort quilts. Vendors. Garage sale and boutique with Cherrywood fabric bundles. Contact: lolqs.wbl@gmail.com.

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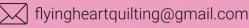
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