

July Programs

Colleen Carlson

Thursday July 11 at 7 pm on Zoom:

Click this zoom link to register to join meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZMoce-raqz8gH9FeZp7jjiTZ5Jgtr5TevazZx>

Our original planned speaker for the July Thursday Zoom had to cancel due to family issues. Fortunately, we have been able to obtain Colleen Carlson as an alternative!

Colleen is a quilt judge, a former pharmacist and a sewer. She started her quilting life in 1999 when a friend took her to her first quilt shop and she fell for a paper pieced log cabin. She has since become embedded in the world of quilting and has many ideas to share.

She will speak to us about "Back Talk". What's happening on the back of your quilt? Is the back only for function or are there some creative options? What else needs to be on the back of your quilts?

Colleen presented this lecture in Raleigh, North Carolina at the Modern Quilt Guild's QuiltCon 2024.



Liz McHenry and Sarah Parker ed@mnquilt.org

Susan Stein

July 13 at 10 am in person and on Zoom:

Click this link to register to join meeting.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/joinmeeting/register/tZ0udOqtrjssEtNZUMiTweUb-7QID9dUP3DU>

Susan Stein presents 'Sampler Adventures' This presentation and trunk show includes over two dozen quilts that show these old favorites going from predictable traditional to innovative contemporary. New settings will illustrate the endless possibilities for showing off block designs as well as surface design techniques, memories, themes, fabric collections, and more.

Susan is one of the charter members of Minnesota Quilters, having been active in MQ from the very start. Like many other quilters Susan started quilting in 1977, shortly after the bicentennial saw a renewed interest in the craft.

Around that time Susan joined a quilting bee at the YWCA in St Paul, which evolved into the Minnesota Quilters. She served on the MQ Board

for several years in several roles including president and show co-chair. Susan was Quilter of the Year 2003. She co-owned a quilt shop from 1980-85 and owned Colorful Quilts and Textiles from 1995-2009 which was a center for art quilters and featured all aspects

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of textile design, including fabric dyeing, fabric painting, thread painting, embellishment and surface design.

Susan has written six books and contributed to numerous others. She has taught many classes locally and out of state; was awarded the Spun Gold Award from Textile Center in 2011; and has made hundreds of quilts, wall hangings, and garments for publication, store samples, public buildings, and personal use. Currently her interests are mixed media art quilts and all kinds of surface design - painting, printing, discharging color, layering, adding digital elements, and writing on fabric.



After the Saturday meeting:

PICNIC!

Join us for our second annual indoor **Picnic Potluck** following the Saturday meeting. MQ will provide utensils, lemonade, plates and paper goods. Plan to bring a dish to share. We will use SignUpGenius for food needed. Stay tuned for details. See our ad on page 3 for details.



Hey buccaneers, let's finish the job at the Orphan Block Party!

Tuesday July 23 ~ 10am to 4pm

If you attended the banquet at The Minnesota Quilt Show you were treated to an orphan block design challenge. Attendees brought orphan blocks that were split into 3 piles - no rhyme or reason. Maria Shell, Wynn Martin, and Brenda Lyseng were given a pile, a design wall, a rotary cutter, a ruler, and a cutting mat to design a quilt! After 15 minutes we were able to admire their progress (or just shake our heads). See pictures below.

Now you have the chance to complete these quilts plus design new ones with the remaining orphan blocks! Completed quilts will be donated to Quilting For Others. If you are curious about improvisational piecing, this may be a great way to give it a try. Sign up to attend (for free!) here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/>





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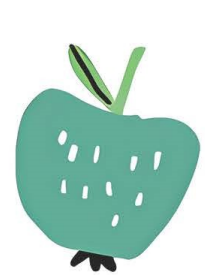
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Ongoing Events:

Wednesdays, Quilting for Others, 11 am to 1 pm, pick up supplies and drop off finished work at Recovery Church.

Mondays, Zoom Bee Sewing Days, July 8, 15, 22, and 29; 10 am to 4 pm, Click to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82747265102?pwd=eUQvakhJUDNLSTdYV3JMR2JHbDhLUT09>

Meeting ID 827 4726 5102 with passcode 986969 is valid for all 2024 Zoom Bee quilting days.

Calendar of Events:

July 11 and 13, Member meetings, Thursday zoom features. Saturday we have Susan Stein speaking in person and then an indoor picnic!

July 18-20, Day Retreat. Jennifer Schultz and Karen Knoll host. Event is sold out but you can join the waitlist by trying to register here: [Click here.](#)

July 23, Orphan Block Party! 10 am to 4 pm here at MQ. [Join us, it's free!](#)

August 1 and 3, Sue Heinz is our speaker.

August 22-24, Day Retreat. Loretta Stone and Kimberly Werner host. *

September 5 and 7, Thursday we have Eva Paige Quilt Designs! Saturday will be "Winners!"

September 15, Scrappy Applique Workshop with Kristie Naranjo, 11:30 am to 6:00 pm CST. [Special Zoom Workshop!](#)

September 19-21, Day Retreat. Loretta Stone and Liz McHenry host. *

September 25 to 29, Fall Getaway!

October 3 and 5, Thursday Jenny Lyon tells us how "Quilting is a Contact Sport" and Saturday is Patricia Mendez.

October 12 MQ Quilter's Garage Sale.

October 17 to 19, Day Retreat. Loretta Stone and Jennifer Schultz host. *

November 7 and 9, Thursday with Lisa Thorpe. Saturday with Pat Cox and Marit Lee Kucera

November 21 to 23, Day Retreat. Loretta Stone and Denise Mike host. *

December 5 and 7, Thursday: a lecture called "Writing a book is like making a quilt: Common threads in the creative process" with Marie Bostwick. Saturday we will be together for a free sewing day.

The MQ website has the complete calendar of events.

<https://mnquilt.org/eventschedule/>

* Regarding Day Retreats, Loretta Stone only signed up to make sure we have the retreats, because without 2 volunteers they will not happen. She doesn't want to hog them all! If you would like to take her place at any of the months she is listed above contact volunteers@mnquilt.org You get to attend for free in exchange for being a host.

DEADLINE for June Newsletter: Tuesday, July 16. Send newsletter articles and photos to editor@mnquilt.org. Later submissions may be saved for the following month's newsletter. The newsletter deadline is the Tuesday after the Saturday meeting.

Photos from The Minnesota Quilt Show

Did you get some fun photos from our show that you are willing to share? We use these in the newsletter and next year's website and marketing. Please send as attachments to quilter@mnquilt.org.

How was The Minnesota Quilt Show?

If you attended, we want your feedback! We take these comments to heart as we want to know what went well and what we can improve. If you registered in advance, you would have received an email with a link to a survey. If you didn't register but arrived by bus or bought a daily ticket, please fill out this survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MQ2024QuiltShow>

Did you enter your quilt in The Minnesota Quilt Show?

THANK YOU for sharing your quilt with us! If you also won prize money, please let us know if your current address is different than the one you used when you entered your quilt (talking to the snow birds).

Coming up:

If you enjoyed **Kristie Naranjo's** May presentation and want to learn more about the Scrappy Applique Technique, then we have a class for you in September. Kristie will be teaching a full day class on Scrappy Applique over Zoom. Click the link for more information and/or to sign up.

[Zoom Scrappy Applique Workshop with Kristie Naranjo](#)

Sunday, September 15, 2024 11:30am - 6:00pm CST

Looking for Local Talent

We are always looking for local talent to present in person at our Saturday meetings. Do you know someone who teaches locally or offers a textile related presentation? Maybe that person is YOU. Please forward any suggestions on to the education@mnquilt.org

Bulletin Board

July 13, Quilts in the Vinyard, by Branches Winery, E6796 Old Line Rd

July 27, Becker Hearts & Hands Quilt Show, A Summer Spectrum of Quilts at Becker High School, 12000 Hancock St, Becker, MN. Saturday 9 am to 4 pm. Quilts, vendors, door prizes, scissor sharpening and raffle quilt. \$5 admission.

September 7-8, Hill City Quilt + Fiber Arts Show, at Gins Gym, 440 Main St, Hill City, SD. 9 am to 4 pm daily. Quilts, fiber arts, crafts for kids, vendors, trunk show & dinner. \$7 admission.

September 13-14, Apple River Quilt Guild 33rd Annual Quilt Show, at St Joseph's Catholic Church, 1050 Keller Ave N, Amery WI. Also vendors, raffle items, challenge and lunch both days. 9 am to 4 pm both days. \$5 admission

September 27-28, Chaska Area Quilt Club Quilt Show, at Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Dr., Chaska MN. Quilts, Raffle quilt, vendors, small quilt auction and bed turning. Friday 10 am to 6 pm, Saturday 9 am to 5 pm. \$10 admission.



Walking by the Minnesota Quilt Project booth at the MQ show this year, you may have noticed a display of familiar quilts. Hanging in the booth were a few of nearly thirty quilts in the MQ collection including the Winter Carnival quilt made to raffle at the first MQ show in St. Paul in 1979. In addition to the quilt display, the booth offered information about the Quilt Index database of documented quilts and about quilt care. Many folks found treasures to purchase in the sale of donated vintage quilts, tops, blocks, fabrics, and other quilt related items. Around \$3000 was raised to be used by MQ of outreach and education.

Among the special visitors was Lyda DeHaven from Luck, WI. She is a founding member of MQ and had the MQ membership number 1! She still carries her membership card in her purse.



Quilter's Garage Sale set for Saturday October 12, 2024.

Repurpose / recycle the unused clutter in your sewing space and support MQ! Find bargains on quilting related tools, fabrics, patterns, etc.—all while supporting MQ.

Still time to join the committee—more details to follow as time draws near.

Send questions to membership@mnquilt.org

QUILT SHOW WINNERS!



BEST OF SHOW—LARGE QUILT

“SUPRASPINATUS'S SWAN SONG” BY MARGARET SOLOMON GUNN

Named for the rotator cuff tendon that nearly ended my quilting career, this quilt pairs bold fussy-cut prints with silks. The mandalas were cut and prepped prior to my 2022 surgery, and applied together as the recovery progressed. The quilting is all hand-guided on a longarm. Margaret also won 1st place for Applique—Large category (77" x 77")

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QUILT SHOW WINNERS!



Close ups! Above left is Margaret Solomon Gunn's quilt where her edging has prairie points and loops of spaghetti strap and then also has a bead hand sewn between the straps! On the right is her amazing quilting. Below is Judith Phelps' dense thread painting/quilting. It's so intense that this is a close up of my close up!



QUILT SHOW WINNERS!



BEST OF SHOW—WALL QUILT
"SOLITUDE" BY JUDITH PHELPS

The inspiration for this quilt came from a photo taken by Jimmy Debacker (with permission). I love the way he captured the sky, water, and boat. The sense of isolation is felt. The quilt was hand painted and then thread painted. It is a three layer, two sided quilt. (39" x 47") Judith also won 1st Place in Pictorial for this piece.

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EXEMPLARY HAND QUILTING
"My Journey with Grace" BY BARBARA CLEM



EXEMPLARY STATIONARY MACHINE QUILTING
"Really 'Wild' Flowers! Fourth Seasons BY SHARON SCHLOTZHAUER. Sharon also won 1st place in the Art category for this piece.



EXEMPLARY MOVEABLE MACHINE QUILTING
"Millefleur" BY JAN HUTCHINSON Jan also won 1st Place in Mixed Techniques-Large with this piece.



BEST MINIATURIZATION
"49 Stars" BY KRISTIN LAWSON (23" x 23") Kristin also won 1st Place in Pieced-Small-1 person with this piece.

QUILT SHOW 1st PLACE WINNERS!



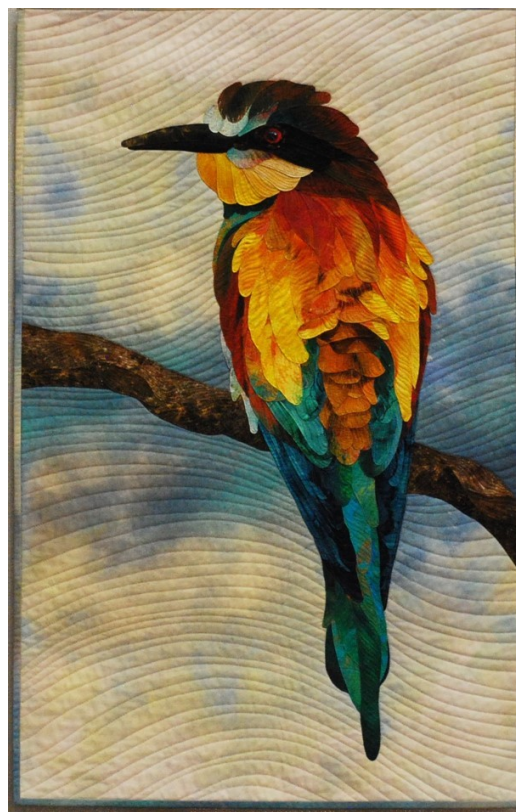
NACQJ Award of Merit given by Kathy Kerler
 "Nosegay" BY WENDY RICHARDSON Wendy also won 1st Place in Upcycled with this piece.



NACQJ Award of Merit given by Brandy Maslowski
 "Serenity" by NANCY BAXTER



JUDGED RECOGNITION given by Kathy Kerler
 "Dragonfly Dreams" BY BETH PEDERSEN



JUDGES RECOGNITION given by Brandy Maslowski
 "Misty Morning" BY GAIL VOHNOUTKA

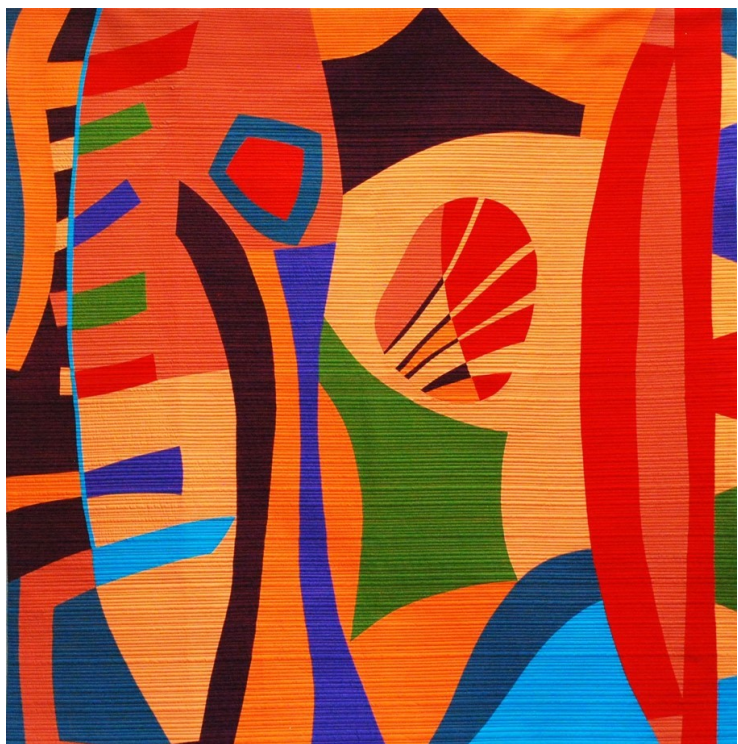
QUILT SHOW 1st PLACE WINNERS!



Applique Small 1st Place
"Remembering Nancy" BY TAMI GRAEBER



Group 1st place
"Margie's Flourishes" by CAROL SCHWANKL



Modern-1 person 1st Place
"Firelight" BY MARY MATHEWS



Modern-2 person
"Choices" BY LESLIE HUGHES

QUILT SHOW 1st PLACE WINNERS!



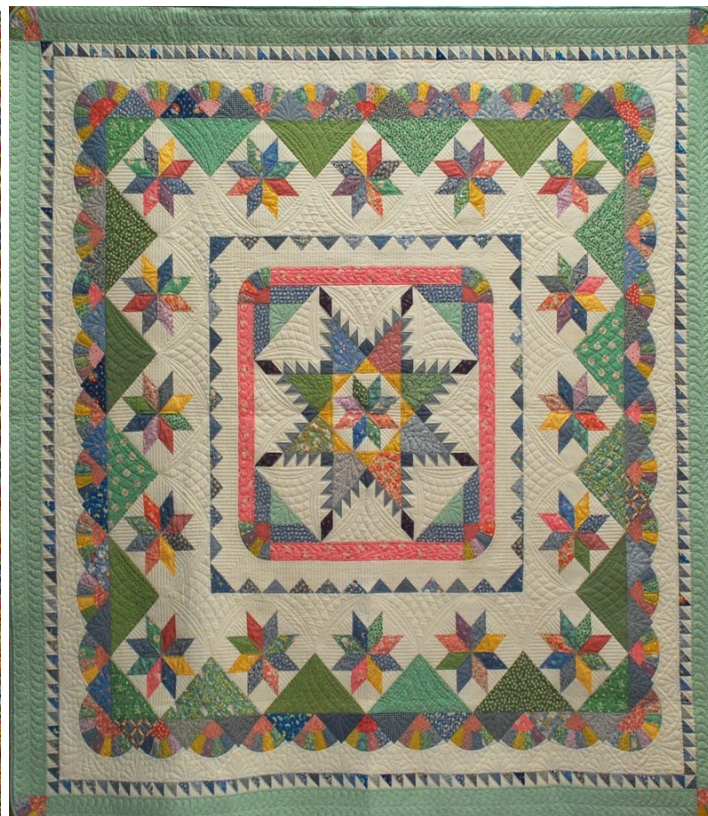
Mixed Techniques-Small 1st Place
"Desert Blues" BY SHARI GUIMONT



Other Techniques 1st Place
"FIRE AND ICE" by KYRA REPS



Pieced-Large-1 person 1st Place
"24 Karat Rondure" BY MARLENE ODDIE



Pieced-Large-2 person 1st Place
"Vintage Moments" BY CAROL SCHWANKL

QUILT SHOW 1st PLACE and
VIEWER'S CHOICE WINNERS!



Pieced-Small-2 person 1st Place
"Metro Hoops" BY JEANNE WYMAN



Workmanship 1st Place
"suddenly with petals, blooming" by KAREN
MCTAVISH



Viewer's Choice-Large TIE
"Frolic with Jane" BY KIM ANDREW



Viewer's Choice-Large TIE
"Tiny Bubbles in My Sky" by Kay Boucher

QUILT SHOW WINNERS!



Viewer's Choice-Small
"Of a Feather" BY LINDA HANSON



MQ LOGO Challenge
"Pirates Booty" by MAUREEN A. OHLAND



MQ Challenge 1st Place
"33rd Annual Turtle Race" BY MARY WILLARD

More pictures next month!



Awards!

JUDGED QUILTS

Best of Show ~ Large Quilt:

Superspiratus's Swan Song by Margaret Solomon Gunn

Best of Show ~ Wall Quilt:

Solitude by Judith Phelps

Exemplary Hand Quilting:

My Journey with Grace by Barbara Clem

Exemplary Stationary Machine Quilting:

Really 'Wild' Flowers! Fourth Season by Sharon Schlotzhauer

Exemplary Moveable Machine Quilting:

Millefleur by Jan Hutchinson

NACQJ Award of Merit:

Kathy Kerler awarded to *Nosegay* by Wendy Richardson

NACQJ Award of Merit:

Brandy Maslowski awarded to *Serenity* by Nancy Baxter

Judges Recognition:

Kathy Kerler awarded to *Dragonfly Dreams* by Beth Pedersen

Judged Recognition:

Brandi Maslowski awarded to *Misty Morning* by Gail Vohnout-ka

Best Miniaturization:

49 Stars by Kristin Lawson

Applique ~ Large

First: *Superspiratus's Swan Song* by Margaret Solomon Gunn
 Second: *My Flower Press* by Jane Zillmer, quilted by Lisa Arndt
 Third: *My Journey with Grace* by Barbara Clem
 HM: *driftwood silver and bone* by Karen McTavish

Applique ~ Small

First: *Remembering Nancy* by Tami Graeber
 Second: *Buttons & Birds* by Susan Nelson*
 Third: *Gingerbread Village* by Beverly Hunnicutt*
 HM: *Stitchery Mandala* by Judy Kriehn*

Art

First: *Really 'Wild' Flowers! Fourth Season* by Sharon Schlotzhauer
 Second: *Chomp* by Angie Tustison
 Third: *To Everything, A Season.* By Patty Arensen*
 HM: *Ghost of the Mountains* by Jamie Hustan*, quilted by Julie Quiltoff

Group

First: *Margie's Flourishes* by Carol Schwankl, Margie Bjorklund and quilted by Page Johnson*
 Second: *Bjorna Star* by Julie Idzorek*, Mickey Coppage, Susan Eaton and quilted by Mary Alsop*
 Third: *Quilter's Garden* by Colleen Shaskin* and Chaska Area Quilt Club Members and quilted by Mary Alsop*
 HM: *Covid Masks Reinvented* by Tina Rhode* and Chaska Area Quilt Club Try Something New Group and quilted by Jennifer Dyck*

Modern ~ 1 Person

First: *Firelight* by Mary Mathews*
 Second: *Jawbreaker2 (my modification of the original pattern by Heather Black)* by Marilyn Nelson*
 Third: *Seeing Through the Chaos* by Diane Costello*
 HM: *Well, Sheet* by Matthew Friesz
 HM: *Leap of Faith* by Jennifer Dyck*

Modern ~ 2 Person

First: *Choices* by Leslie Hughes*, quilted by Cheryl Dennison
 Second: *Chic Diamonds* by Tamera Kaplan*, quilted by Mary Alsop*
 Third: *Ceiling at Naniboujou Lodge* by Dee Legvold*, quilted by Page Johnson*
 HM: *Working Through It* by Laura Nisi*, quilted by Lisa Puklich*

Mixed Techniques ~ Large

First: *Millefleur* by Jan Hutchinson
 Second: *Serenity* by Nancy Baxter, quilted by Karen McTavish
 Third: *Adventures of Aquamarine and Amethyst* by Margaret Solomon Gunn
 HM: *Sizzle* by Kathryn Zimmerman, quilted by Julia Quiltoff
 HM: *Promise of a Joyful Day* by Carmen Nordback*, quilted by Becky Leitch

Mixed Techniques ~ Small

First: *Desert Blues* by Shari Guimont, quilted by Marlene Hiltner
 Second: *Nature's Garden* by Wilhelmina Vandevoorde*
 Third: *My Flower Garden* by Jan Kamrath
 HM: *Madam Moon and Her Best Friend Lucky* by Alice B Buckalew*, quilted by Kathi Eames and Alice Buckalew*
 HM: *Color My World* by Mike Ellingsen*

Other Techniques

First: *FIRE AND ICE* by Kyra Reps*
 Second: *Prismatic* by Suzy Webster*
 Third: *A Child Is Born* by Jeanne Tam, quilted by Marilyn Haskovec
 HM: *Up North* by Karen Root*

Pictorial

First: *Solitude* by Judith Phelps

Second: *Misty Morning* by Gail Vohnoutka*

Third: *Morning Watch* by Julie Ekholm*

HM: *Secret World* by Angie Tustison

HM: *By the Bay* by Carol Heinitz*

Pieced ~ Large ~ 1 Person

First: *24 Karat Rondure* by Marlene Oddie

Second: *Bergen Fretex 2018* by Mike Ellingsen*

Third: *Butterfly* by Mary Alsop*

HM: *Jake on Point* by Laurie Klinkhammer*

HM: *No More 9 Patches* by Mary Kay Jansson*

Pieced ~ Large ~ 2 Person

First: *Vintage Moments* by Carol Schwankl, quilted by Page Johnson*

Second: *Scrappy Postage Stamp* by Julie Idzorek*, quilted by Mary Alsop*

Third: *LoneStar Odyssey* by Audrey Fresh*, quilted by Mary Alsop*

HM: *Too Much Dreamsicle* by Shari Guimont*, quilted by Marlene Hiltner

HM: *Flaming Pinwheel* by David Ayers*, quilted by The Quilting Page*

Pieced ~ Small ~ 1 Person

First: *49 Stars* by Kristin Lawson*

Second: *Irish Pineapple* by Wendy Kieser*

Third: *Twinkle Twinkle* by Susan Aulie*

HM: *Little Mandala* by Sandra Clark*

Pieced ~ Small ~ 2 Person

First: *Metro Hoops* by Jeanne Wyman*, quilted by Peggy Tanler

Second: *Gather Round* by Ann Pederson*, quilted by Connie Rodman

Third: *Art Deco Meets Southwest* by Paula Fulton, quilted by Athena Taylor

HM: *Scrappy Duckworth-Colorwash* by Laura Bishop*, quilted by Kim Gallagher

Upcycled Quilts

First: *Nosegay* by Wendy Richardson*

Second: *Recycled Rings* by Jen Sorenson

Third: *EConnections* by Diane L Murtha

HM: *Sands of Time* by Rebecca Lindgren, quilted by Randi Helling*

HM: *Family Genes* by Judi Olson*

Workmanship

First: *suddenly with petals, blooming* by Karen McTavish

Second: *Dear Jane Replica* by Jamie Kouba*

Third: *Blue-tiful with Jacqueline* by Sandy Engwall*, quilted by Kim Roo

HM: *Tarnished Star* by Marsha Turvold, quilted by Marilyn Haskovec

HM: *A Quilt for a Frosty Evening* by Britni Kraft, quilted by Clem Buzick

OTHER AWARDS

Minnesota Award ~ Judged

First: *Basilica di San Marco II* by Donna Goodlaxson*, quilted by Karen McTavish

Second: *driftwood silver and bone* by Karen McTavish

Third: *Quilter's Delight* by Mary Kay Jansson*

Minnesota Award ~ Non-Judged

First: *Of a Feather* by Linda Hanson*

Second: *Fall Frolick* by Kim Andrews*, quilted by Edna Bontrager

Third: *Delilah* by Jennifer Viedma

Viewer's Choice ~ Non-Judged

Large Quilt: tie

Tiny Bubbles In My Sky by Kay Boucher*, quilted by Marlene Hiltner

Frolick with Jane by Kim Andrews*, quilted by Edna Bontrager

Wall Hanging: *Of a Feather* by Linda Hanson

Viewer's Choice _ I'm MQ, Are You?

I'm an MQ Pirate by Maureen Ohland*

MQ Challenge

First: *33rd Annual Turtle Race* by Mary Willard*

Second: *The Birds* by Carol Nelson*

Third: *Whiteshoal Lighthouse* by Leslie Hall*

Best Use of Green/Silver Yarn: *Peaceful Garden* by Aileen Lively*

Best Use of Orange Elastic: *Free as a Bird* by Margaret A Sorenson Parks*

Faculty Choice

Delilah by Jennifer Viedma was chosen by Rose Allen*

Tunnel Vision by Beth Nufer, quilted by Clementine Buzick was chosen by Ruth Ann Berry

Winged Star by Mike Ellingsen* was chosen by Vicki Conley
Marathon Training Quilt by Mary Beata Zweber was chosen by Maday Delgado

My flower Press by Jane Zillmer, quilted by Lisa Arndt was chosen by Gyleen Fitzgerald

Thorn by Andrea Salisbury* was chosen by Gwen Hanvy*

Northern Amazon Star by Sandy Engwale, quilted by Kim Roo was chosen by Page Johnson*

Moon & Moths by Dianne Conner* was chosen by Kathie Kerler

Mom's Cashmere by Julie Caffey was chosen by Brandy Maslowski

Joan of Arc by Lorrie Davis Sonnek* was chosen by Claudia Myers*

Sweet Heart Sugar Quilt by Karen Bartig was chosen by David Owen Hastings

Rock Harbor, Isle Royale Quilt by Shea Schachameyer was chosen by Karlee Porter

Triangle Exchange Splat by Mike Ellingsen* was chosen by Kyra Reps*

Jellybean Forest by Sue Staum*, quilted by Ruthann Grace was chosen by Maria Shell

Burst of Color Tessellations by Mickey Ellis, quilted by Peggy Tanler was chosen by Helen Smith Stone*

Lecturer Choice

wink by Zoe Lautz was chosen by Kate Bierle*
Thorn by Andrea Salisbury* was chosen by Mea Cliff*
Cardinals Appear When Angels Are Near by Cindy Delkamp was chosen by Karin Pudenz

President's Choice

Scrap Buster Palooza by Linda Naughton was chosen by Wynn Martin*

Show Director's Choice

Kimono Codes by Patty Sampson was chosen by Brenda Lyseng*

Mayor's Award

Oh My Stars by Kathleen Abel*, quilted by Dianne Pidde

Facility Choice

Big Dreams by Colleen Backus*

Site Security Choice

Secret World by Angie Tustison

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You know things are good when the volunteers are still smiling! Jeanne LaMoore and Char Wenger.



Laurie Klinkhammer and our super friendly site security!

This Shopper Enjoyed the Hopping!

Deb Norsten

secretary@mnquilt.org

During April and May, I had the privilege of participating in the All MN Quilt Shop Hop, managed by Shop Hop, Inc. My beloved golden retriever, Britain, recently passed away and now my husband and I had the freedom to venture away from home beyond a six or seven hour roundtrip. So, the trips began closer to our home in the metro area over Saturdays and Sundays and we'd cross off a few stores at a time. It didn't take long before my husband, Craig, began planning our daily weekend trips and was "officially" my trip planner and driver. We stayed overnight three times; in Sioux Falls to visit the Southwest area, in Bemidji to conquer the Northwest region and in Duluth to travel the Northeast area.

We enjoyed our adventure to visit the four outermost corners of our state. We were happily surprised by the route Siri took us between Winona and Caledonia, which brought us down highway 75 and literally one of the most scenic roads we have traveled in Minnesota.

With 65 stores to visit, there were 65 distinct store personalities with different inventory to pour over and purchase. We found the people in all the stores lovely and welcoming and eager to help as well as offer advice on where to eat, shop and stay in their area. One store is still standing out in my mind, M & M Modern Materials in Roseau, where we were offered snacks, chocolate, a place to sit and relax as well as a bottle of water for the road. I also made a new "BFF" in Lanesboro and am eagerly awaiting a 2025 block of the month offering from her store.

We missed, thankfully, driving through a wildfire in Superior National Forest, by less than 24 hours. Siri also gave us a "Wildfire Warning." Fortunately the rain had put the fire out the night before.

We enjoyed driving by Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, Lake of the Woods, Lake Superior and countless others. Participating in this year's shop hop provided lovely adventures and my stash is healthier than it has ever been.

To summarize the MasterCard way:

Miles Driven: 3000

Merch purchased: \$2500

Speeding Ticket: \$145

Supporting brick and mortar quilt stores while having an adventure with my husband: Priceless

I had to mention the speeding ticket! There is another shop hop running from July 26 through August 17, 2024 sponsored by Quilt Minnesota and more information can be found on their website. Be encouraged to grab a friend or family member and enjoy the adventure while supporting our fabulous quilt shops here in Minnesota!

Youth at the Show!



Kylana is 7 years old and made her quilt, titled Magical Unicorns! We hope she enters another quilt next year!

M.Q. The Beginnings Part III by Sharon Bobgan

On September 9, 1977, as a result of the interest in further meetings expressed at the spring Quilting Bee, about a dozen quiltmakers met at the St. Paul YWCA. Elaine Jones was the YW staff contact, and the group became known as the Quilt Studio. The plan was to meet monthly on the second Friday of the month. Programs were decided on as needed from within the group, and participants brought their work for Show and Tell, and sometimes for assistance. The membership list of the Quilters Studio named the following: Gina Schuchman, Helen Meehan, Sue Stein, Tom Horning, Marilyn Shimek, Carol Adleman, Lyda DeHaven, Pat Cox, Carol Laitala, Sheila Lee, Ann Degen, Freeda Anderson, Elaine Strese, Kathy Hyatt, Joan Schugel, Bonnie Ellis, Trudy Finden, Norma Ahlquist, Helen Kelley, Agnes Leer, Deede Ballin, Jeannie Spears, Jenny Finden, Kay Bailey, Nell Bredeson, Lindy Westgard and Elaine Carlson.

Although the group continued to meet and to discuss plans for a major quilt show, there was some dissatisfaction with the YWCA as a meeting place. In order to meet at the YW, members of the Quilters Studio were required to become St. Paul YWCA members, and some felt that any dues should be going to their own quilt group. In addition, parking was extremely difficult. As the time of YW membership renewals approached, a decision was made to consider breaking ties with the St. Paul YWCA Women's Center.

A meeting was scheduled at Norma Ahlquist's home for April 14, 1978, at 10.00 a.m. with Helen Kelley serving as acting chairperson. The following people were present around a long table in Norma's sunroom: Carol Adleman - Coon Rapids, Norma Ahlquist - Minneapolis, Kay Bailey - Maple Plain, Sharon Bobgan - New Hope, Nell Bredeson - Stillwater, Pat Cox - Edina, Ann Degen - Bloomington, Lyda DeHaven - Forest Lake, Bonnie Ellis, Trudy Finden and Helen Kelley - all of Minneapolis, Shirley Krantz - Princeton, Agnes Leer - Apple Valley, Helen Meehan - Lake Elmo, Marcella Ryan - Brooklyn Park, Marilyn Shimek - Blaine, and Jeannie Spears and Sue Stein of St. Paul. Merle Harlan, Associate Director of the St. Paul, YWCA was also present.

After a lengthy discussion of concerns, the decision was reached to break away from the St. Paul YWCA and form an independent group. Merle Harlan was thanked for attending and she extended good wishes for the success of the group and departed.

In this third installment of a four-part history of Minnesota Quilters, founding member Sharon Bobgan describes meeting of quilters in the wider Twin Cities area leading up to the formation of MQ. It was first published in the December 1981 newsletter.



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