

## May Meetings:

### On Thursday, May 1, at our 7 pm zoom meeting:

#### **Kim Oleson presents: The Modern Batiks of Bali and Java.**

Have you ever wondered how quilting batiks are made? In this lecture, Kim Oleson will share her experiences making and buying batiks in Java and Bali through video, pictures and samples.

Kim Oleson is an award-winning quilter, longarmer, fiber artist and teacher from the DFW area. She has been quilting since the late 1990's and has been teaching since the early 2000's. Kim studied textiles, design and printed surface design in college, and her style has continuously evolved since then. She has won numerous awards in quilting, including an AQS Choice Award and the National Association of Certified Quilt Judges' Award of Merit for Outstanding Achievement in Quiltmaking. Through her website, [QuiltaholicsAnonymous.com](http://QuiltaholicsAnonymous.com), Kim offers on-demand quilt classes and quilt patterns.



Register in advance for this zoom meeting:

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**On Saturday, May 3, at our 10 am in person and on zoom meeting:**

**Steve Pauling** – aka the Bobbin Doctor— presents **Basic Sewing Machine Maintenance.**

Come join us to learn the basics of machine maintenance that apply to all machine types. Learn what you can do and what you should leave to the professionals.

Steve Pauling began servicing and repairing machines for friends about 25 years ago and soon found he could make it into a fun business. Although he is now semi-retired, he has decided to focus on the older mechanical models and will still occasionally teach a class or workshop.



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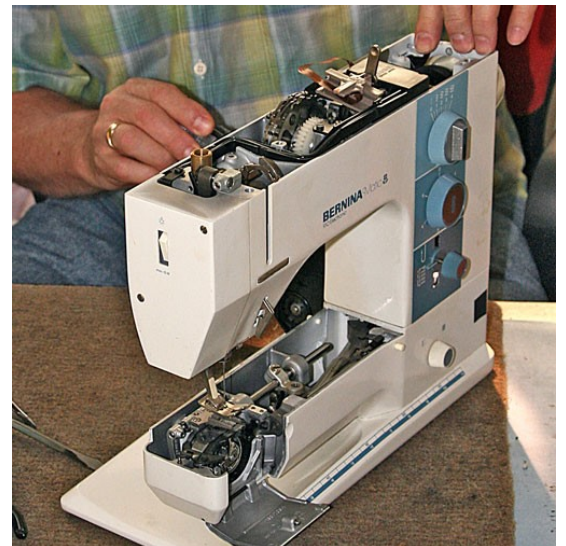
**On Saturday, May 3, 1:00 to 4:30 pm a Workshop**

After the meeting Steve hosts a workshop “Basic Sewing Machine Maintenance for FEATHERWEIGHTS!

Bring your machine and learn everything you need to know to maintain your Singer Featherweight sewing machine in this afternoon workshop.

Fee for the class is \$90 for MQ members and \$110 for nonmembers.

Register here: <https://cvent.me/WyBnKE>



Obviously not a featherweight!

Later in May...

**May Day Retreat:**

May 15 to 17 (Thursday to Saturday) MQ will host another Day Retreat at MQ. Sew all day at MQ with 23 other friends or soon-to-be friends, yet go home to your own soft bed at night.



Sometimes it works out to have a Friday Potluck Lunch.

See details and register here:

<https://cvent.me/94GD05>



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**Ongoing weekly or monthly Events:**

**Wednesdays, Quilting for Others**, 11 am to 1 pm, pick up supplies and drop off finished work at Recovery Church. QFO workdays are the 4th Wednesday of the month from 10 am to 2 pm. Come help us get more quilts done! Bring a sewing machine or come to iron or cut fabric. We supply everything.

**Mondays, Zoom Bee Sewing Days**, May 4, 12, 19 and 26; 10 am to 4 pm, Click to join:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82747265102?pwd=eUQvakhJUDNLSTdYV3JMR2JHbDhLU09>

Meeting ID 827 4726 5102 with passcode 986969 is valid for all 2025 Zoom Bee sewing days.

**Monthly Board Meetings** are currently on zoom on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 6:30. Notify [president@mnquilt.org](mailto:president@mnquilt.org) for the link if you wish to observe the fun.

**Calendar of Events:**

**May 1 & 3**, Thursday—Kim Oleson "Batiks of Java and Bali". Saturday—Steve Pauling "Basic Sewing Machine Maintenance" and Saturday afternoon workshop "Learn to maintain your Featherweight". Register here: <https://cvent.me/WyBnkE>

**June 19-21, THE MINNESOTA QUILT SHOW!**

**July 10 & 12**, Thursday—Lorraine Woodruff Long. Saturday—Picnic and Wilhelmina Vandevoorde.

**July 25**, Friday—Cynthia Buchholz' Barn Painting Workshop. Registration coming soon to your inbox.

**August 7 & 9**, Thursday—Timna Tarr. Saturday—Marty Currie.

**September 4 & 6**, Thursday—Kestrel Michaud. Saturday—School House!

**October 2 & 4**, Thursday—Leslie Hall. Saturday—Merry Jo Thoele.

**November 6 & 8**, Thursday—TBD. Saturday—Jessie Pendergast.

**December 6**, Saturday only—Potluck and Holiday Show & Tell.

The MQ website has the complete calendar of events.

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

**DEADLINE for June Newsletter:** Tuesday, May 6. Send newsletter articles and photos to [editor@mnquilt.org](mailto:editor@mnquilt.org). The newsletter deadline is the Tuesday after the Saturday meeting. *Later submissions may be saved for the following month's newsletter.* Editor appreciates anyone who wants to write quilt related articles and send them in!

## Quilting For Others

Quilting for Others is always a busy place on Wednesdays with people dropping off items they have finished for us or picking up projects to work on at home. We also have more and more people staying to help us which adds to the party-like atmosphere. As a result, we have lots of kits to be sewn at home and many tops to be quilted. We also have 7 bins of tops in need of backs and batting but let's not talk about that! Just like in my own sewing room, the biggest roadblock to finished quilts is the QUILTING! We so appreciate those longarmers who take home several tops to finish! We provide everything you need and you don't even have to bind it! We always have quilters who are looking for quilts to bind. Don't have a longarm but want to help? We have smaller quilts that can easily be done on your domestic sewing machine. Intricate designs are not necessary, stitch in the ditch or cross hatch look great on these little quilts!

My contact at the Minnesota Visiting Nurses Association says there seems to be a baby boom going on and they are having trouble keeping up with their goal of donating a baby quilt to each family they provide services to, so we can certainly use all the finished baby quilts we can get!

On the fourth Wednesday of each month, we have extended hours of 10-2 for our Work Days! Bring your machine and sew if you like or we always have other projects that don't require a machine. We always have treats and enjoy a communal lunch and just hang out with other quilters! Come join us sometime!









## Outstanding Volunteer!

Merle Pratt is an incredibly valuable member of the Minnesota Quilters community. Over the years, she has served the organization in several significant roles.

Merle served on the Board for at least one term each as Education co-chair, and as Secretary.

For many years, beginning even before her terms on the Board, Merle served as co-leader of the Quilting for Others committee with Diane Rose (who was awarded Outstanding Volunteer a few of years ago).

Merle's Quilting for Others role requires many hours a week, every week, of dedicated work sorting fabric donations, cutting fabric and batting for quilt "kits" for others to sew, measuring and cutting backing fabric for the donation quilts, and even quilting some of the finished tops that are regularly donated to Quilting for Others. She comes to MQ once a week with Diane Rose and two to three other regular participants to receive finished quilts and quilt tops, and to distribute quilts for quilting and binding. Once a month, she helps organize sewing days for member-volunteers to make quilt backs and cut more quilt kits. She staffs a table at Saturday meetings where people can drop off finished quilts and pick up quilts for quilting and binding. Her friendly presence feeds the good feeling of those participating in making quilts for visiting nurses, shelters, and other community locations where people seeking comfort from quilts are served.

In addition, Merle is currently on the Show Committee as Faculty co-chair. In past years she has served on the Show Committee in several different roles, which include co-chairing non-judged quilts and co-chairing several show's Quilting for Others booth.

Not only has Merle contributed in so many significant ways to the continuing effective operation of Minnesota Quilters, but she does it with a genuine warm smile on her face and a welcoming spirit -- just the kind of attitude we seek in someone representing our organization.





## April Show & Tell!

► Jean McMahon made this bear patch variation with moose and bear silhouette pieces she bought in Beaver Bay, MN. She also used scraps from abandoned projects, dyeing classes and an over-dyed piece from Wendy Richardson. She used the Quilt As You Go method so she could quilt it on her domestic machine. The quilt is for her husband.

▼ Nancy Drake's 2024 Mystery Quilt. Nancy joined the 2024 mystery because she like the Italian tile floor inspiration. She used fabrics she already had except for the pop color, and ended up buying more as she went along when two of her fabrics had no contrast for the flying geese blocks. She quilted it at Topstitchery in Roberts and she's keeping it for herself! Sarah is holding up the right side.



► Joseph Muehlbauer completed his MQ Challenge quilt! Here's his description: "The quilt is made with raw edge applique with a technique I have been using for years. No glue, no web, no templates. This method allows the use of flimsy material like his gold coat. I imagine he would be in a smoky bar in the 1920's with a solo sax playing a quiet tune. Some of the material is overdyed and some was black and discharged with bleach. He is a dapper fellow."





## More brilliant April Show & Tell!

► Rose Allen's Peacock At Rest. Rose made this for the Contemporary Quilter's "Layers" challenge. It's her original concept that made use of an ombre fabric. You'll see this one in person at the Show in the MCQ special exhibits.





## More brilliant April Show & Tell!

Jan Schmidt's quilts on this page.

► Jan's quilt was pieced by her Great Grandma. 80" x 96" Jan quilted it on her domestic machine before she got her longarm. She will enter it in the *My Grandmother's Quilts* exhibit at the Show.



► This fan quilt of Jan's was pieced by her great aunt Marie. 75" x 88" Marie stitched all her quilts on a treadle and she was Jan's inspiration to start quilting. Jan's Mother would bring Marie fabric and in return they all had quilts for their beds. Marie would stitch up whatever fabric people would give her.

▼ Below is Jan's quilt she made of several orphan blocks, and she plans to enter that in Non-Judged.







▲ Above are two quilts brought in by Kathy Brooks that are made with a lot of buttons! Kathy says: "The quilt with the yellow border features hand dyed fabric and was created to showcase my collection of vintage Bakelite buttons. Bakelite was the first synthetic plastic and these buttons are likely from the 1920s and 30s.

The second quilt displays a collection of antique calico buttons, china buttons manufactured in France and the United States. Each button on the quilt has a different calico pattern. These buttons date from 1840-1900."

▼ Below is Wynn Martin's Orphan block quilt being held up on one side by Louise Somers. Wynn's description: "At last year's banquet I was one of three people asked to use orphan blocks and design a quilt in just 15 minutes. This is my end result. I used the layout as created by the end of my 15 minutes. All the orphan blocks were odd sizes, so my challenge was to find or make fillers to make everything fit together. I'm calling this "Red Rover" because there is lots of red and the orphan blocks came from many sources. Brenda made a quilt and our banquet speaker also designed a quilt. I thought the 3 quilts would be exhibited this year. However, Brenda said she gave her quilt to QFO. She doesn't know where it is. So, I'm going to enter my quilt in nonjudged and leave for QFO after the show."



▼ Mary Ann Baraibar's awesome 2024 Mystery Quilt. Sarah is holding up one side.





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## The Minnesota Quilt Show

June 19-21, 2025

River's Edge Convention Center, St. Cloud



### MQP at the Show!

The Minnesota Quilt Project is planning its booth for the Quilt Show in June. This year's theme is feed sacks, and the booth will feature information on the history of feed sacks, examples of feed sacks, and an exhibit of feed sack quilts. There will be a quilt label "station" where visitors can "make and take" a label.

We will be selling donated vintage quilts and quilt-related items. Donated at the MQ meeting in April, this vintage doll quilt (20" x 30") will be for sale. The quilt contains several turn-of-the 19<sup>th</sup> century red and blue fabrics; blocks were made with strippy piecing.

It's not too late to donate. Send a message to [mqp@mnquilt.com](mailto:mqp@mnquilt.com) to arrange a donation. All proceeds go to the education and outreach activities of MQ. Carolyn Silflow for MQP



### Volunteers! We need you!

Don't be shy! Quilters, have you been considering volunteering at this year's MQ Show? Well, sign up today at [SignUpGenius](https://signupgenius.com)! Tabs across the top are the days of the Show so you can choose click on the day you want to register and see all the opportunities that day.

Did you know that MQ Quilt Show is the largest Show run by volunteers? Volunteering at the last year's show was a delightful experience for me. I met and spoke to like-minded people from all over the country. Not to mention a couple of "isn't it a small world" moments. Let's face it, quilters and crafters are friendly people. So, don't be shy and sign up to volunteer today. You won't regret it!

Jody Murphy Raffle Manager



**Thank you** for signing up to share your incredible quilts in the MN Quilt Show Judged Exhibit. Your creativity, skill, and dedication are what make this event so unique. Every quilt tells a story, showcases artistry, and contributes to the rich tradition of quilting. **You** are a part of quilt history!

By entering your work, you not only inspire others but also help preserve and evolve the world of quilting for future generations. The MN Quilt Show provides a space for learning, appreciation, and connection among quilters and enthusiasts alike. Let's keep The Show going for many more years!

**Check your mailbox mid-May:** Judged quilt entrants will receive an envelope containing information about shipping or delivering quilts to the MQ office, a quilt receipt, and two hang tags - one tag is to be attached to the quilt and one to be attached to the bag for shipping or delivering the quilt back to you.

If you do not receive this envelope by mid-May or if you have questions about any of the information inside the envelope, please e-mail us at [judged@mnquilt.org](mailto:judged@mnquilt.org).

### **June 3 - 6:**

Shipping: Shipped entries must arrive between June 3 – 6 at the MQ office.

- Include a pre-paid return shipping label if you want your quilt shipped back to you after the show.

Exception USPS: if shipping via USPS, include the appropriate amount of stamps.

Hand deliver: If you are dropping your quilt off at the MQ office, please do so June 3 – 6 between 11 am and 4 pm.

MQ office address: Minnesota Quilters, Inc.; 253 State Street; St. Paul, MN 55107

**Your participation ensures that this art form continues to thrive, and for that, we are truly grateful.**



## Day Retreats

Here are the future day retreat dates so you can mark your calendars:

May 15-17 Open for registration. <https://cvent.me/94GD05>

Skip June and July

August 14-16

September 18-20

October 16-18

November 13-15

Skip December.

*SAVE THE DATES!*

## Our Show Committee

Wondering how this is all possible? Ask these people what their role is and how you can help!

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