

Instructions for “Quilters’ Stories”

A goal of the Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) is to record stories from Minnesotans about their experiences as quilters. You may use the questions below to interview (or write about) another quilter or you can create your own quilting story. MQP will add your story to the “Stories” section of the Quilt Index. See some examples here:

<https://quiltindex.org/results/masonry/?keywords=minnesota&search=stories&>

Please send your answers as .doc or .txt files to mqp@mnquilt.org. In extreme cases, we will take hand written answers (sent to MQP, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 250 State St, St. Paul, MN 5507). You might also capture an interview or tell your own story using your cell phone and submit the audio file. Also, **please send a photo of the quilter and a quilt [either one made by the story teller or one that influenced his/her quilting journey]. If you are taking a new photo, try to reduce background “noise” and focus on the maker and the quilt.**

Thank you for participating in this project to preserve Minnesota quilters’ stories!!

We will assume that your response is your permission to use your answers and your picture!

Quilter’s stories questions (these are suggestions):

1. Where/when were you born or where/when did you grow up?
2. Where and when did you begin quilting?
3. What attracted you to quilting? Did something motivate you? Did you have ancestors or friends who quilted? [What were their names?]
4. Did a certain style of quilting appeal to you?
5. What do you like most about making a quilt?

For example, the planning, fabric selection, cutting, sewing, quilting method

6. Have you developed a preferred technique? A preferred style?
7. **Select a quilt that you have made and talk specifically about it:**
 - What does it mean to you?
 - Why did you make it?
 - Was it for someone?
 - Does it fit into your overall quilting history or is it an exception? If yes, why?
 - Did making this quilt change anything about your quilting life or a turning point in any way?
8. Have you worked/participated in a quilting group or organization? Have you played a leadership role?
9. What would you say about quilting’s impact on your life?

You do NOT have to be a long-time quilter – just an enthusiastic one!!