PERSONAL SUMMARIES OF MQ CANDIDATES

To better acquaint the membership with the candidates we have asked each of them to write a short personal summary about themselves telling us how they are involved in quilting and what some of their goals are if they are elected to office.

PRESIDENT

Bonnie Ellis (Minneapolis): I was asked to teach my first quilting class 8 years ago at the Gibbs Farm Museum in St. Paul. After many classes, quilt commissions, demonstrations, workshops, etc., but especially because of my wonderful quilting friends, it's hard not to be involved in quilting. My goals are to discover what each member has to share and to 'plug her into MQ.' I also hope we will be able to find programs to better serve our out-state members.

1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

Lee Bradford (Minneapolis): I have been sewing for 25 years but have been a quilter for only 6 years. Nearly 2 years ago I moved to Minneapolis from Evanston, Illinois, where I taught quilting through a parks and recreation program. Being new to Minnesota I would like to explore all the quilting groups and quilt related groups in the state. Can there possibly be quilters who aren't part of MQ!? Probably, and I'm sure they have something to offer us. Also, there is a lot of talent within MQ that can be tapped for interesting programs. I would like to explore the possibilities of bringing in out of state speakers. Having small children I would only be able to do this job with the help of a strong committee.

2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

Lynn Fredsall (Minneapolis): I have been a quilter for over 40 years! I enjoy the old patterns but also enjoy designing new ones. The Minnesota Quilters are a wonderful inspiration and education on the art of quilting. I hope the evening group can reach more people interested in beginning a quilt but who need the help they can get through the organization.

Vicki Moskiewicz (Woodbury): Am an 8 year quilt enthusiast and maker. I enjoy spreading the quilting disease. I have taught a beginning quilting class at a small crafts shop in Woodbury and am a new member of the 'Quiltin' Bags.' My main interest, however, is getting to know the "Ladies who make the quilts." My goal if elected to office is to generate enthusiasm and active participation in the Minnesota Quilters membership.

RECORDING SECRETARY

Margaret Maki (Minneapolis): I'm currently enjoying quilting as a hobby; learning, exploring and experimenting with all methods and techniques. I plan in the future to make it profitable—either by teaching or selling quilts and related items. If I am elected to office, I would encourage the Board to continue to plan programs, workshops, etc. in an attempt to meet requests and desires of all members. I'd also strive to help MQ promote the art of quilting by encouraging members to keep improving their standards, quality of workmanship, originality and creativity.

Dorothy Michaud (White Bear Lake): I have enjoyed being a Minnesota Quilter since it's beginning and would be honored to put my skills to work for our organization as Recording Secretary. I am a "late bloomer" in quilting and needlework (the older I get, the faster I work) and I like to do my own designing. Goals, if elected to office, would be to present concise minutes in as brief but thorough manner as possible, and; submit a short paragraph to the newsletter editor covering the meeting and/or its highlights.
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Sharon Bobgan (New Hope): I am a hobby quilter who discovered the pleasure of quiltmaking about 6 years ago. In addition to my own quiltmaking, I am a member of Hand of Friendship Quilters, a group of quilting friends who meet to quilt weekly in Osseo. Although I prefer pieced quilts, I have designed to appliqué quilts that have been completed by Hand of Friendship Quilters and sold to raise money for the Mpls. YWCA. My primary goal if elected is to see that there is a smooth transition as the office of Corresponding Secretary is expanded to include the additional duties of receiving and banking organization monies. Additional goals: to help provide continuity from the previous board to the new board which will have a large percentage of first time members, and to continue to represent the interests of hobby quilters.

Mary Ann Massall (Plymouth): Minnesota Quilters meetings have been a regular event in my life since attending the Winter Fantasy in Jan. '79. The family had just moved to Minnesota after living 8 years in Montreal, Canada, and I was delighted to find quilting was booming in the U.S. My quilting "career" began in Canada with a small group of quilters who met weekly to compare notes and work on projects. The industrious spirit of MQ has inspired me greatly in my year's association with it. Presently I am working on the Log Cabin Fever show. In serving on the Board I would hope to put back some of the energy I feel I have drawn upon and so happily used since being in the group.

TREASURER

Faye Hall (New Brighton): I am a new 1980 member of Minnesota Quilters. Quilters: I am also a new quilter. Last year at this time I took my first quilting class in a school near by. After three lessons, I was hooked, looking forward to the items I would quilt that would be a real treasury. Treasury-Treasurer: This is the job I find myself nominated for. I appreciate the newly defined position of treasurer which diffuses the work so no one has too much to do. One quality for this job that is needed and I do have is dependability. I thank you in advance for whatever votes I do get. P.S. I am married, have four sons and one daughter and live in New Brighton.

Donna Hiar (Minneapolis): I am a long time member of the Minnesota Quilters, I attend all the regular monthly meetings and board meetings. Also, I attend the monthly meetings of the Needlework Quilters, and belong to an evening quilting group. I have been quilting since 1977 and am now on my 5th quilt. I have a background of bookkeeping and hope to keep good records as done in the past. I will attend all board meetings and regular membership meetings, and report to the general membership all income and expenditures of the organization at the regular monthly meetings and through the monthly newsletter.

EDUCATION

Jean Huminansky (St. Paul): I have been quilting for 6 years for relaxation and enjoyment. The last two years I have been able to indulge my fabricolic desires by working as a manager of a quilt shop. A long standing tradition of quilting has been the sharing of ideas and techniques. I would like to see this tradition continued and expanded through workshops and lectures in our group.

Nancy Raschka-Reeves (Minneapolis): I have always done all kinds of handwork. About 7 years ago I began working with my mother in a home sewing business doing machine appliqué work. This developed into an interest in quilting and the small home business became Glad Creations, Inc. Quilt Block. I have been teaching quilting for about 5 years. If elected I hope to work out a program that will serve the educational interests of all Minnesota Quilters, both those interested in traditional quiltmaking techniques and those interested in more contemporary design.
HISTORIAN

Virginia Fisher (St. Paul): I became involved in quilting because I wanted to make a Grandmother's quilt for my grandson. (He still doesn't have it!) I think the Minnesota Quilters meets a need for everyone. It has been the most rewarding thing I've been involved in. I would hope to use my talents as a collector if elected to office of Historian.

Jean Jackson (Bloomington): I am a Home Economics graduate from the U of M. Have loved to sew ever since I was a little girl, but had never found any handwork that interested me until I took a couple of quilt classes from Pat Cox. She got me so enthused that I have made quilts or wall hangings for my three children and myself, plus numerous pillows for gifts. My two favorite pieces are my Giant Dahlia Quilt and my Tree of Birds wall hanging. I have been working as advisor to a group at church making a quilt to sell chances on. As Historian I will do all I can to keep a good record of any publicity given MQ.

HOSPITALITY

Dolly Reynolds (Champlin): I am a fairly new quilter and just love every minute of it. The hand quilting is my favorite part of quilting. I want to do everything I can to help others enjoy quilting as much as I do by being involved with the Minnesota Quilters and their projects and works.

MEMBERSHIP

Pat Dancisak (Osseo): I am involved with quilting as a quilter with Hand of Friendship Quilters every week. I will also be teaching the stained glass technique in adult education and I make quilted items for family and friends. My goal as Membership chairman would be to keep the membership roster up to date and accurate and to implement the change in membership procedure indicated by the Executive Board to become effective in June 1980. In addition I am interested in finding ways to increase the membership.

Mary Lou Leuthner (Victoria): I am a homemaker—busy with our 5 children who are still at home and our two married sons and two precious grandchildren. I do volunteer work and have taught quilting to 7th and 8th grade girls and boys in mini classes for 5 years. Quilting to me is a relaxing and satisfying hobby. I joined MQ to meet other people who quilt and to learn from them. Since I enjoy the meetings and people I've met so much I would like to do my part to help MQ keep up the good work.

Eleanor Lindehl (Big Lake): I have been involved with quilting all my life. I remember crawling under the quilting frame to find the knots for my grandmother. If I am elected to office I would work to make meetings more accessible to members and work on our membership out of the twin cities area.

MAILING

Sue Stein (St. Paul): Quilting has become a passion with me in the last three years during which time I've tried hand piecing and quilting and several machine methods and quilt-as-you-go techniques. I work in a quilt shop three days a week where I like to help new quilters with problems and others with new designs and colors and of course show off my latest projects. As mailing chairman I would use my love of organizing to keep mailings accurate and speedy.

Arlene Swanson (St. Paul): Wife, mother, grandmother, quilter best describe me. For the past 5 years I have been quilting with a group of women from First Covenant Church in St. Paul and recently started teaching a group from Roseville Covenant Church. I enjoy exploring quilt shops and shows in the United States and abroad.
Darlene Myers (Wayzata): I joined the Minnesota Quilters during the Winter Fantasy. I've been impressed with the quality of talent this group has! I've made my first quilt and I've done many quilted pillows and other small items which I've sold at Christmas boutiques. As Newsletter editor I would simply try to do as good a job as Ellen has done!

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Sandy Stokes (St. Louis Park): I have just started teaching quilting in my home and I will soon be starting to teach in the community education program. As Public Relations chairman I would work at keeping the newspapers and shops up to date on our meetings and events. I also hope to be more involved with the evening group in the coming year.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Pat Jindra (Columbia Heights): I am one of the original members of the Minnesota Quilters. I took my first class from Bonnie Ellis at the Art Institute. I do special commemorative quilts for family and friends. I am president of the local League of Women Voters, vice-president of the Columbia Heights Friends of the Library, and serve on the Columbia Heights Community education advisory council. I would like to see a permanent collection of quilts and patterns established for MQ.

Shirley Kirsch (Duluth): As a mother of eleven children I am in my third year as a quilter. My involvement in quilting is a personal thing— I don't sell, teach or anything. I quilt for my own satisfaction. If elected I would like to get others interested in quilting and pass on my enthusiasm.

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