The July 11th daytime meeting of the Minnesota Quilters will be held in Brooklyn Center Community Center, 6301 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center (see map). The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. with show and tell. Bring your vacation quilting projects, either plans or started projects to share with us—things to do while traveling or on vacation.

Sue Stein will give a program on machine applique and the quilt as you go technique. There will be a second show and tell for those who have machine applique and quilt as you go pieces to share.

Following the meeting, Helen Kelley has graciously consented to allow us to have a quilting bee to quilt the Minnesota Quilters Friendship Quilt given to her last year. So bring your needles and thimble, and help make Helen's quilt a Friendship quilt through and through. Remember, don't worry about your quilting stitches being good enough to be on this quilt! It's the love and caring that is most important.

You may also want to bring your lunch and stay and quilt into the afternoon hours. See you there!

Follow Shingle Creek Parkway to the end. The Community Center is on the left. Park on the north end of the building. Use the lower west door.

Happy 4th of July!
from the editor ~

It's a tough act to follow... Elly has done such a super job as newsletter editor...she's impossible to improve upon! But since no two quilters ever do things the same, I'm sure you'll notice a few small changes. Hopefully the calligraphy I'm trying to teach myself will get better each month.

When Ellie brought over her boxes and files of supplies, it was like looking through the scrapbook of a good friend. Since I joined the Minnesota Quilters during the Winter Fantasy in January '79, it was fun to read through those very first newsletter that Bonnie Ellis (the first editor) put out. Did you know that Minnesota Quilters started on April 14, 1978? I could sense the growth and change in our organization, but the warmth, the quilting skills and enthusiasm have remained constant.

Since this is your newsletter, please feel free to contribute any article, pattern, idea, poem, etc., that you'd like to share with us. With a bit of apprehension, I'll help and encourage, feedback and contributions from many of you, I look forward to a busy, but very interesting task of putting out our monthly newsletter.

Darlene

State Fair

How do you enter your quilt in the state fair? The best thing to do is to call the state fair office 645-2781 and ask for the premium book. That will give you all the information and forms to fill out. If you don't do that, you can take your item to the Creative Activities building Aug. 11-13 and enter it at that time. No tied quilts or cathedral windows will be accepted. The basic judging is based upon general appearance and workmanship, with the more technical aspects ofquilting determining the top winners. Categories include best first quilt pieced, applique, children's and original. There are 5 awards in each category.
June Luncheon Meeting - in review

On a beautiful Friday the 13th, with just a hint of showers, the Minnesota Quilters held their annual luncheon meeting at the Southview Country Club in West St. Paul.

The program began with the ever popular show and tell. Appropriately there were 13 people to share their treasures. Since they were all so good, I’ll mention each one.
1. Joy Zklund showed us her lovely creative way to combine her doily collection, her quilting skills, and her grandmother’s hankie into elegant pillows.
2. Nancy Butler showed us her attractive Lone Star Quilt.
3. Irene Stem grew her lovely 100 year old maple leaf star quilt.
4. Bonnie Ellis has made a superb commemorative wall hanging for the historical society, depicting and honoring the 300 year anniversary of Father Hennepin discovering St. Anthony Falls.
5. Marilyn Lasley shared 3 beautiful pillows to be given as a wedding gift to match a quilt.
6. Phil Lawton shared two good looking quilts; a yellow and white spring wreath and a red white and blue hex pattern.
7. Lillian Anderson made a very attractive seminole shirt.
8. Olivia Bortey showed us her "baby quilt"…it took her nine months to create - a lovely pink and dusty rose basket sampler - a beautiful first quilt!
9. Eleanor Mausten showed us a very pretty 50 year old Dresden plate quilt on a soft yellow background. It was a wedding gift, and since she has no one to pass it on to, she wants to sell it…many of us offered to be instantly adopted by her. (See want ads for quilt.)
10. Helen Kelley shared her completed friendship quilt. By now this splendid quilt has probably reached Norway.
11. Dorothy Michaud shared some magnificent liturgical antependium! (Quilted or embroidered altar or church wall hangings… I had to look it up!)

12. Jeanne Spears had an intriguing door quilt in reverse trapunto hexagons, with the captivating title, “How’s your hex life?” That Jeanne is clever!
13. Mary Jones shared a delightful appliqued crib quilt entitled "Old McDonald had a Farm" and a clever picnic bag with all the right pockets.

Our outgoing president, Helen Kelley, called the meeting to order with the gavel she finally remembered to bring…to pass on to Bonnie. She announced that the board had agreed to purchase our own portable sound system to eliminate the problems we sometimes encounter with existing microphone systems.

The business meeting was short. Joanne Holzknecht promised no more "nagging"…this is the last time she will be asking for 12" quilt squares to be put together for quilting at the state fair. Deadline: the July meeting.

Helen then called up the outgoing board members who received pink carnations. They in turn called up their successors who received white carnations. (Clever Norma Ahlquist presented both Bonnie and Helen with miniature gavels.) Bonnie, in her first official act as new president, adjourned the meeting.

Irene Stem grew a very interesting talk and slide show on her travels and quilt viewing in the southwest and in Iowa this past winter. Norma Ahlquist brought back memories with slides from the Winter Fantasy.

We had a delicious lunch and from there, many of us ran into each other again at the near by quilt shops.

Sunshine Ann

If you know of a Minnesota Quilter who has had surgery or is "too sick to quilt", please call Ann Degan at Patchwork Alley - 612-494-7072 and leave the message. Ann will send a get well greeting from all of us to help speed up the recovery.
personality spotlight

Bonnie Ellis

The annual luncheon was over and the new executive board had been introduced.

"Hey, Bonnie, have you got a few minutes? I'd like to interview you for the newsletter."


I found out that our new president, Bonnie Ellis, has two boys, Lee, 13, and Grant, 10. Her husband Ken is a junior high art teacher in the North St. Paul-Maplewood school district. They reside in Minneapolis. This is as far as I got before she dashed off on some business.

Upon returning, I asked Bonnie to describe herself.

"I would say I'm one of the world's greatest procrastinators. I have a closet full of unfinished projects. For example, I designed a quilt for one of my sons 3 years ago. This summer I plan on doing it, or he'll soon be able to quilt it himself." Now that was something I could identify with! But Bonnie went on to say that she has been spending time doing her commission jobs first, and personal projects have been left waiting, a situation she hopes to change. As Bonnie said, "I'm a hobby quilter. I don't want a job." She has had this hobby for over 10 years.

The ink wasn't even dry from my note taking, and Bonnie was gone again. Obviously this new job was going to be a demanding one. After a few, 'I'll be right back's, we started, with renewed effort.

Bonnie's busy life includes being a tour guide with Tailor Maid Tours in the Twin Cities and teaching quilting and soft sculpture classes. She is presently doing another soft sculpture for Aamodt's Apple Orchard in Stillwater. She likes to cartoon and draw in fabric. Says Bonnie, "My style is folk art, but I am not an artist." Well, she sure has me fooled!

Bonnie likes to antique, bike ride, cook, and 'goof off'. Her favorite color is turquoise and laments that it is not easily available in prints at this time. However, she quickly added that she likes all colors, especially rainbows.

Being asked about her favorite quilt pattern, she stopped to consider a choice. "I like 'em all, but I'd single out the Missouri Star, I guess."

As president and active quilter, she hopes to meet as many quilters as possible and find out what they are working on. She is especially concerned about members out of the cities who don't have the opportunity to attend our meetings. She says--"Have car - will travel."

By now more people were waiting to see Bonnie. So I said, "Just one more quick question...What would you have as an epitaph, Bonnie?"

She smiled and replied, "I love to chew bubble gum and go barefoot. I guess the epitaph would have to be..."She never grew up!"

We parted then, and she said I should phone if I needed more information. I knew if I did phone, she'd be happy to chat some more. She's just that kind of gal.

...Mary Ann Massoll
personality spotlight writer

~thank you~

A special thank you to Mary Jones and Edith Petrich for arranging for the Southview Country Club for our June luncheon meeting!
a letter from Bonnie

HELLO:

I'm your new president Bonnie Ellis. It's hard to believe the Minnesota Quilters are beginning their third year. YOU are the reason we are a group; and I'm glad you belong. In our statement of purpose, MQ was formed to find and unite quilters and quilt enthusiasts throughout the land.

Did you know we have members from Florida and Thunder Bay, Ontario? MQ members come from Wisconsin, Iowa, Colorado and Switzerland. But mostly from good ol' Minnesota.

For whatever reason, if you're not a regular meeting-goer, write us a letter. Tell us what you're making, send pictures for our bulletin board. Tell us where you buy fabric, what kind of quilting you are doing, how long you have been a quilter... We'd like to know you.

It is my hope that in this third year we can find and unite many more quilters.

Happy Quilting

Bonnie Ellis

new members

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Pam Hickenbotham
2054 Brewster #7
St. Paul, Mn. 55108

board members

note time change

The Minnesota Quilters Board meeting for July has been changed from what was originally announced. Instead of meeting early on July 11, the meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 8, at the home of Lee Bradford, 4431 Colfax Ave. So. Mpls. (It's right off 35W.) It would be helpful to call Lee, 825-4912 to reserve a chair, and if you need further directions... time 9:30
The Wayzata Quilting Emporium opened on April 22, and is already captivating the hearts of quilt lovers in the western suburbs. It is located at 259 E. Lake Street, in one of Wayzata's older buildings. It's a bit off the beaten path, as far as the Wayzata shops go, but with it's old antique yellow exterior, it couldn't be more appropriate.

The owners, Adrienne Baldwin and Mary Swenson say their primary goals are to give their customers personal attention and to be helpful and enthusiastic about the quilting projects their customers tackle. They offer a variety of quilting classes, complete quilting supplies, and also sell some completed quilted items. They stock around 400 bolts of fabric, so there is plenty for "fabric-aholics" to get excited about.

The name of the shop fits too. It describes where and what it is, and was casually named by one of Wayzata's best known residents and local colorful character - Frenchy. When Mary and Adrienne were registering with the Wayzata Chamber of Commerce they just couldn't decide upon a name. One they tossed out was the Wayzata Quilting Establishment, but somehow that didn't have quite the right sound. Meanwhile, Frenchy, sitting in the corner shouted, "How about that Wayzata Quilting Emporium!" And that was it!

An old building which became available at just the right time, being named by an old familiar Wayzata resident; add lots of old fashioned charm and hospitality, and Mary and Adrienne have created their dream come true. Next time you're in or near Wayzata, stop in. Minnesota Quilters will certainly receive a warm welcome!

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Attention All Minnesota Quilters

Your membership dues are due as of June 1. The Executive board voted to amend the by-laws as such: "In regard to membership renewals we will be operating on a revolving basis. New members may join at any time and their membership will expire 12 calendar months from the month they join, commencing June 1, 1980.

Dues of $10 yearly can be paid to the Minnesota Quilters and mailed to MQ at the address on page 1. If you are not paid up, this will be your last newsletter.

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a letter from Pat Morris

May 9

Dear Minnesota Quilters,

Thank you for your hospitality last week, and thank you for asking me to be a part of Log Cabin Fever. I found it an exciting and stimulating three days.

I think the show was an excellent representation of the Log Cabin possibilities. To build such a varied show around a single pattern is a tribute to the talents of the group and the event coordinator.

I enjoyed doing the programs and feel that my background has been extended by the contact with those in the workshops. It's through contacts of this kind that I am better prepared to do my work, and especially to cope with the "Questions and Answers" column for Quilt World.

My best wishes for the continued success of your group.

Sincerely,
Patricia J. Morris
perfect hexagons

While I was researching a lesson to be included in the Confidence Quilting Home Study Course, on designing with paper folding and cutting, I discovered a way of folding a hexagon from a square that eliminates folding 60° angles. The advantage of this method is that you can fold a hexagon of the exact size you need in either the long or short dimension.

A. Long dimension: Start with a square the size of the long dimension. Fold it in eighths in one direction. Trim off one eighth from an edge.

Fold resulting rectangle in half horizontally and vertically. Place with open long side at your left and open short side at the top. Make a mark halfway up the left edge. Draw a line from the upper right hand corner to this mark. Cut on the line. The resulting hexagon will be as long as your original square.

B. Short dimension: This requires some mathematical computation. Multiply the desired short dimension by 8/7ths to find the long dimension. Cut a rectangle using short dimension x long dimension. Fold and cut the rectangle as in A.

Submitted by Jeannie M. Spears

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The evening news

The July 10 evening meeting of Minnesota Quilters will be held at the Minnehaha Park Pavillon at 7 p.m. A pot luck picnic will be the bill of fare. Bring your own utensils and beverage and a dish to pass.

This month show and tell will feature gift ideas. Be sure to bring all of your gift ideas, as well as those other projects you have been working on, to share with the group.

The program will be putting a quilt on a hoop or frame. Helen Kelley will show how she puts a quilt on a frame and Bonnie Ellis and Lynn Fredsall will show how they use a quilting hoop. Bonnie will also brief us on how to enter in the state fair. Sandy Stokes will tell us of her work with problem girls. Casserole carriers will be the quilters mini-gram.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Evening meetings:
Sept. 11 - Apache Plaza Comm. Rm.
Oct. 9 - South Area
Nov. 13 - Apache Plaza Comm. Rm.

WE WANT YOU!

To volunteer for one of the following committee positions. Call Lynn Fredsall at 781-7708 or Vicki Moskiewicz 221-8356 (day) 739-0696 (evenings).

1. secretary
2. show and tell coordinator
3. evening special events
4. north area hostess

If you have items for the newsletter, please try to get them to me by the Wednesday after the daytime meeting. I plan to try to mail the paste-ups to Sue the Friday following the daytime meeting. I really appreciated those people who handed me items at our last meeting, already typed up and ready to paste on! I will have to re-type some items to fit them in, but it is really a time saver if you have them all set to go. THANKS!

other newsletters

Did you know that we exchange newsletters with some of the other quilt groups around the United States? If you have friends or relatives in those areas, or will be traveling there, you may wish to check those newsletters for quilt shops and meetings. We will try to have these newsletters available for you to see at the monthly meetings.

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Salt Lake City, Utah 84109

new address

Since a new slate of officers has now taken over this year's duties of the Minnesota Quilters, we ask that you note the change of address as indicated on the top of the front page.
~advertisements~

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THE QUILTERS RETREAT 1980 is filling rapidly, so if you plan to attend, register now. Call Jeannie Spears, 488-0974, Pat Cox, 922-8083, or Helen Kelley, 789-8207 for more information.

~Which do you prefer?~

Some of the members of the Minnesota Quilters have proposed that the organization change its logo. In order to be fair to all members the Board of Directors has agreed to let the membership decide by a write-in vote which logo they wish to have represent them. The final choice may be further refined for use on literature, etc.

Please choose one of the two designs listed below by placing an X in the box under your choice. Mail this form to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 3708 Gettysburg Ave. N., New Hope, Mn. 55427. Forms must be returned by July 10 so results may be announced at the July meetings.

[Design options]

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If you are traveling you might want to make note of some upcoming quilt events.

June 28 - Kathy Munkelurtz "Plain Patchwork" Isle Village Hall
Sept. 5-7 Fifth Annual Quilters' Convention, Nassau County, East Meadow, New York.
Sept 15-17 Quilters Guild of North Dakota, send SASE to P.O. Box 1774, Fargo N.D. 58107
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Guide me in each choice I face.
Your compassion and gentleness
Are seams you have never missed.
Your quilt of love helped me to grow
To reach maturity, and now to know
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Would be hard to find.

Julie O'Brien

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8 - Board Meeting - Lee Bradfords
10 - Evening Meeting - Minnehaha Park Pavilion
11 - Daytime Meeting - Brooklyn Center Community Center

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