Holiday Dinner
Thursday, December 5th
6:30 p.m. - Machinists' Hall
The Evening Division will have their annual Holiday dinner on December 5th at 6:30pm at the Machinists' Hall. The menu will be baked chicken breast on a bed of rice with a vegetable, salad, roll, dessert and coffee.
For your meal reservation, mail $8.00 per person, checks payable to Minnesota Quilters Inc. to:

Darlene Dols
515 Ravoux Road
Chaska, MN 55318.

Reservations must be received by December 2, 1991.

On December 5th we will have our dinner first, then have our business meeting and exchange quilt blocks and hand made holiday ornaments. The quilt blocks should be a 12 1/2" red and green block. The holiday ornament should be one that you would be pleased to receive as a gift. We will have show and tell as usual.

Betty Bissonette and other MQ members will be providing some holiday cheer at both the day and evening meetings.

Holiday Fabric Challenge
Bring all your projects in any stage of completion to both the day and evening meetings.

Remember, you must use the challenge fabric that was sold at the July meetings. There are no limitations to the amount or size etc. It is not too late to start something now! Fun prizes will be given in various categories.

Holiday Brunch
Friday, December 6th
9:30 a.m. - Machinists' Hall
December is a busy month for a variety of beliefs and celebrations. We choose to share this spirit with MQ members during our Holiday Brunch. The traditional block and ornament exchange is open to everyone, however, it is not mandatory. Any member and guest may enjoy the meal for $8.00 per person without participating in the exchanges. We will be serving: Vegetable Strada, Ham Slices, Assorted Fresh Fruits, Mini Croissant/Fruit and Cinnamon Danish/Pecan Carmel Rolls, Hot Cider, Coffe and Tea.

For your meal reservation, mail $8.00 per person, checks payable to Minnesota Quilter Inc. to:

Helen C. Ziegler,
17626 Leemans Court
Minnetonka, MN 55345.

Reservations must be received by November 28, 1991.

Holiday Block and Ornament Exchange
At each December meeting members can exchange 12 1/2" (unfinished) green and red quilt blocks and or small tree ornaments. This is done by placing your block/ornament on a table when you arrive and then selecting a like number of blocks/ornaments from the table during the meeting.

Machinists' Hall
1399 Eustis, St. Paul
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Membership Dues are $20.00 per year (U.S. fund only) and includes the following: monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginners, advanced and professional quilters; the newsletters, workshop opportunities and an "I'm a Minnesota Quilter" button.

New Memberships/Renewals should be sent to Margaret Biwersi, 2938 N. Mary St., Maplewood, MN 55109. Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will say: Membership Expiring - Please Renew or Membership Expired - Please Renew. The number on the label indicates the month and year of expiration. Example: 07/91 means that the membership ends July 1991. Send change of address to David Shattuck, 1526 Sheldon St., St. Paul, MN 55108.

Advertising Rates: Classified ads: $3 per ad, business card size only accepted! If ads must be composed by editor, there will be an additional $10 charge. Make checks payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. PLEASE NOTE: No ads will be included in the newsletter unless they are accompanied by full payment with the order.

Deadline for Ads: All ads for the coming months must be received by the newsletter editor, Joy Eastman, 8023 Cheyenne Spur, Chanhassen, MN 55317 by the first Friday of the preceding month (i.e., ads to be placed in September issue must be received by the first Friday in August).

Calendar of Events

December 5 Holiday Banquet - 6:00 pm, Machinists' Hall
December 6 Holiday Brunch - 9:30 am, Machinists' Hall Board meeting to follow day meeting
January 2 Evening Meeting - 7:00 pm, Machinists' Hall
January 3 Daytime Meeting - 9:30 am, Machinists' Hall
January 31 Small Quilt Auction Voting Ends
February 6 Evening Meetings - 7:00 pm, Machinists' Hall
February 7 Daytime Meeting - 9:30 am, Machinists Hall
February 7 - 14 8th Annual Snowflake Days Quilt Show
First Bank Coon Rapids

Motions Made at Oct. '91 Board Meeting
Motion: that MQ sponsor the Great Minnesota Quilt-In to be part of the public relations under Faye Hall for next October and Sylvia Burgos-Wander will coordinate this event and MQ will provide starting funds of $500 for postage and printing. Passed.
Motion: that MQ co-sponsor the 8th annual Snowflake Days Quilt Show. Passed.

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Joyce Aufderheide Remembered
Word has been received of Joyce Aufderheide's death on October 28. Joyce had suffered a severe heart attack in mid summer and, in spite of surgery had never recovered.

The New Ulm, Minnesota, quilter, collector, designer, historian claimed to have quilted continuously since the 1940's, long before it became popular again. She had an internationally recognized quilt collection. One quilt from her collection was chosen to hang in Vice President Walter Mondale's office in the White House. The "Madelia Medallion" made by Marie Pedalty was said to be the first quilt to be hung in the White House as a piece of art. Joyce was invited to lecture and exhibit at national quilt events. Her quilts have been featured in numerous publications. Her classes launched many quilting careers.

She made her collection available to the public for 15 years in the museum she and her husband, Jack, planned into the home they built. Visitors came from many states and countries. Her network of quilting friends will always associate the "Hand All Around" pattern with Joyce's logo.

After Joyce closed her museum she had regular shows of quilts from her collection and from invited quilters, both the famous and relatively unknown quilters whose work she valued. Her last show was in March 1991.

Many of us will remember all our quilting years her admonition that "a hand pieced and hand quilted quilt is like a gourmet dinner. A machine made quilt is like fast food." As in life, both kinds of quilts have their place, but because of Joyce, many of us have a special feeling for handmade quilts.

Submitted by,
Jean Hatch, Trimont, MN

Quilter's Shopping Directory
There are a few more Shopping Directory booklets left. They will be at the December day meeting. They are also available by mail for $1.30 from: Audrey Mead, 2655 Kempston Drive, Woodbury, MN 55125

Congradulations to Karla Freeman who won the Third Prize Award for the Ginger Embroidery Scissors, at the recent Amish Adventure in Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. She submitted an Amish wall hanging for the competition.

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Pattie's Ponderings
The snow is howling 'round the eaves, and it's climbing steadily up the surface of the sliding glass door. I wonder when it's going to stop -- but WCCO's Bud Kraehling is predicting that it is going on the records as the worst storm to ever hit Minnesota. I think we're really in for it this year -- today is only November 1st.

With the Holiday Season fast approaching, I can use the extra days "snowed in". I've already begun all the instinctive behaviors -- there's chicken soup on the stove and four loaves of my wonderful Italian bread in the counter. Now I can quilt and sew to my heart's content.

Today I feel closer to my grandmothers. It was not uncommon for them to be confined in their homes by prairie blizzards. Now I understand better perhaps the process that produced all those quilts. I've decided this long tough winter being predicted is a "blessing" in disguise. I can stay home more. Meetings and get-togethers have all been canceled for this weekend. It's a gift to me and my daughter that we can take this unexpected time to make holiday decorations or start our holiday baking.

As the holidays approach, let's all take them "One Day At A Time". We can accept each extra "Snow Day" at home as a gift -- time to quilt and spend with our families. And isn't that really what the holidays should be all about? More homemade gifts and decorations -- and less frantic activity?

I wish to you and your family many days of togetherness and a very happy holiday season.

Happy quilting,

Patricia Black

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Memberships (93) $1855.00
September Interest 9.09
Sweatshirts 150.00
Pins 118.00
Quilt Guide 94.00
Lecture Series 165.00
Ads for Newsletter 78.00
Fall GETAWAY 239.00
Admission (Aug & Sept meetings) 25.00
Transfer from savings 3000.00

$6061.09
$9554.52

Expenses
Board Expenses 1732.37
Fall GETAWAY Expenses 4058.51
GETAWAY Refunds 127.00
Lecture Series Expenses 1850.77
Lecture series Refunds 75.00
Returned Check 20.00

($7863.65)
$1690.87

Checkbook balance, October 31, 1991
$36,373.81
September interest 155.93
Transfer to checking $36,529.74
($3,000.00)
$33,529.74

Certificate of deposit 8.2% due 10/19/92
(two year) $20,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,
Margaret M. Biwersi
MQ Treasurer

*Correction of typographical error from August

Charmed Fabric Exchange
Quilters wanting to be put on the Charmed Fabric Exchange list, mail a postcard with your FULL name and address to:
Helen Ziegler
17626 Leemans Court
Minnetonka, MN 55345

For more information about the exchange please refer to page 5 of your November MQ newsletter. Helen's name and address was accidently omitted.

Library Lines
Starting with the January meeting, members will be charged $1.00 per overdue book or magazine per month. This was misstated in the November newsletter. If you are unable to attend a meeting, you still have the option of sending your book/magazine to: Paula Hagg, 2181 Princeton Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105.

Notice to all Minnesota Quilters!!!
The registration brochure for the 1992 MN Quilters Conference will be coming out before the 15th of January. This is to avoid the Holiday and New Year's mailings, and the yearly IRS packets...Keep watching your mailbox for the new look of the 1992 brochure...

The 1992 Show Committee

P.S.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE IN THE COMING MONTHS
THE SLIDE PRESENTATIONS.
These slide will be about the workshops of the national teachers. So everyone will have a chance to see the type of workshops we will be presenting.
An Open Letter to Our Membership

I have been very surprised and dismayed at the huge controversy around the issue of our annual Small Quilt Auction. The anger and hostility on both sides of this issue are a grave concern to me, and I believe it is an issue that needs to be addressed by our entire membership.

The purpose of our Small Quilt Auction is -- and always has been -- to make money to support public television quilting programs and other educational charitable donations. Members donate small quilts (24" x 36" or smaller) to be sold during a silent auction at our annual quilt show. It is a fact of life that some of our members have international reputations, and quilts signed by them go for higher prices -- which in turn enables us to sponsor more television programming. Visiting national teachers who donate a small quilt are in the same position. Some of these quilts will increase in value as collectors items because of their makers. However, less than one fourth of the money made from the silent auction in 1991 was from "famous maker" quilts. The majority of quilts were made and donated by the non-professional members of the Minnesota Quilters -- normal people like you and me.

The bulk of the anger seems to be centered around the publication of the prices the quilts brought -- which, incidentally, is legally a matter of public record since we are a non-profit organization who has publicly published its intent to donate all proceeds of the auction to public education about quilting.

It seems that some of the quilt makers object to having the selling price listed. Others want to know. We have members who do not want the public to know they purchased quilts nor for how much, so they buy them through other people or fictitious names. There are those who feel that the Small Quilt Auction has become a competition and that all quilt makers should remain anonymous.

The saddest note is that there are quite a number of people who feel so strongly on this issue that they refuse to make and donate quilts to the auction, and this hurts our ability to underwrite educational programs. On the other hand, an informal poll of our regular quilt purchasers indicates we have many buyers who would not purchase quilts if they did not know who made them. Serious collectors and bidders feel they have a right to know who over-bid them, and by how much; information which guides them in their bidding strategies the following year.

It has been years since a small quilt remained unsold, so the fear of having your quilt go without a bid is unfounded. We all realize that some quilts will be more expensive than others. For myself, I know I was pleased when my quilts in 1991 went for moderate average prices -- I felt good because I made and had donated them. I didn't worry that some were sold for less and some for more. The point of making them in the first place was a gift to help an organization that I value. It would appear that serious buyers who wish to remain anonymous have figured out ways to do so; by purchasing through others or fictitious names. The problem of the buyers' names does not seem to be the big one.

There are a number of ways to handle this problem, but something needs to change. Funding of public education is the victim of the issue, and we need to attempt to settle our differences and diffuse some of the anger that surrounds the auction -- or perhaps we need to discontinue the Small Quilt Auction and find another way of raising funds for public education. Listed below are some of the alternatives we have come up with:

Continue as we have done in the past; publish sale prices and buyers name in the newsletter.

Continue the auction as in the past; but, do not publish prices. Prices will remain available to anyone who wants to know because of non-profit legal restrictions.

Quilt makers may choose to be listed as "Anonymous" during auction and on published list, but others will have quiltmaker's name: published list.

Quiltmaker may choose to be listed as "Anonymous" during auction, but others will have quiltmaker's name. Do not publish list, but information will be available if requested.

All quiltmakers will remain anonymous. Quilts will be identified by numbers only. Information about prices available by request.

Discontinue Small Quilt Auction altogether. Suggestions for other ways to raise funds for public education are:

In the center of this newsletter, you will find a lift out sheet on which to vote. Please return it as soon as possible.

I sincerely hope that you can all take a few minutes to observe our own behavior and opinions and weigh them against the goal of the Minnesota Quilters to fund public education. Please take the time to mail in your vote. Thank you.

Patricia Black, President

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Announcing
the Great Minnesota Quilt-In
Saturday, October 17, 1992

Calling all Minnesota quilters!

Minnesota Quilters Inc. will sponsor its first Great Minnesota Quilt-In next October 17th. This will be a statewide, one-day event conducted on a very localized basis. The goals of the Quilt-In are:

* To make a large number of quilts for children at risk: children who are critically ill, abused or in crisis.

* To gain visibility for all Minnesota Quilters -- for their individual efforts in creating warmth, love and art for some very special little people.

This announcement is a call-to-action to every quilter in the state -- because what we're trying to organize is a buzzing collection of quilting bees in dozens of community centers, shopping mall, livingrooms, and churches across Minnesota.

We need every interested group, large and small, to let us know that it will participate. Participation means:

1. Designating a Quilt-In coordinator for your group

2. Contacting Sylvia Burgos Wander, statewide coordinator for the event, with your commitment as quickly as possible.

3. Coordinating your local Quilt-In: *to work on individual or group quilts near completion that day, and *to hold the Quilt-In in a public place if possible, so that the general public can see quilting in action.

4. Contacting Burgos Wander with key information before and after the event.

5. Distributing finished quilts to local organization(s) by the end of November, 1992.

Each Quilt-In can be as small or as large an event as you like. It's really up to you. Each group donates the materials for the size and number of quilts it wants to make (crib and lap-sized quilts that can holdup to frequent washings are recommended).

Each group also determines which local group(s) will receive the finished quilts -- hospital, shelter, children's home, police precinct, agency, etc.

Participate as an individual quilter or as a group. This event can be an opportunity to galvanize a local group, 4-H club, business, scout troop or Rotary Club in an activity with built-in satisfaction -- a project that allows you to put something of yourself into a quilt that will wrap a child in warmth and love.

Minnesota Quilters will provide each Quilt-In coordinator with more detailed information about the event, quilt design helps, and with written materials you can share with your local news media.

Updated information will also be available at the Minnesota Quilt Conference in Rochester next June.

Minnesota's quilters have proven time and time that there's strength and satisfaction when we quilt together for a good cause. Your ABC quilts, quilts for Romania, quilting bees held by cities, church groups, quilt shops and scouts are just a few examples.

We're hoping this Quilt-In will stir your imaginations, and your sewing needles! Help make this the Great Minnesota Quilt-In for our children at risk. Please call Sylvia Burgos Wander, (612) 722-8236, by December 20th.

The Loon Country Quilters

The Loon County Quilters meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. and the first Wednesday from 9:00 - 12:00 noon. The meetings are held at the Grand Rapids Township Hall in Grand Rapids, MN. The meeting consists of a brief business meeting, demonstration or hand out instructions by a member, and show and tell by the members and guests.

During the summer, quilting sessions are held at member's homes. Membership dues are $8 per year. Summer and Winter vacationers and others may choose the dues option of $.50 per meeting.

Our club was formed by several women interested in quilting. Currently there are over 50 members, which formed in 1983. Since its formation the club has had a quilt show locally for the past 5 years. We have done several different wall hangings for group homes. We have made different things for the children's ward at the local hospital.

Meeting dates are noted in the local papers. The Secretary/ Treasurer is Bonnie Hildreth, Box 83, Warba, MN 55744. Phone (218) 492-4310.

Ruth Martin, Chairman

Trip to Paducah

Join Laura Sahlberg and Jefferson for a trip to Paducah, Kentucky for the annual quilt show. April 28 - May 5, 1992.

* Round Trip Transportation via Jefferson Lines
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Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht
Brooklyn Center, MN

- Add Seam Allowance to templates.
- Occasionally, printing distorts pattern pieces.

PLEASE CHECK FOR ACCURACY BEFORE MAKING!

- Print NAME/ADDRESS on paper (or glue return address tab on paper) and ATTACH TO BACK SIDE OF BLOCK.

- To participate, make one or several blocks and bring (or mail) to the next meeting. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing. You do not have to be present to win.

- If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail blocks before meeting date to:
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Small Quilt Auction Opinion Poll

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RESULTS WILL BE TABULATED ON FEBRUARY 1, 1992 AND RESULTS WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE FEBRUARY MEETINGS.
RESULTS WILL ALSO BE PUBLISHED IN MARCH, 1992 NEWSLETTER.

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