April History & Birthday Meeting

A MEETING YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!
Our April meeting will be a celebration of Minnesota Quilters' beginnings. Traditionally, we have had a birthday cake to mark another year of the organization, but this year, the 20th anniversary of Minnesota Quilters, Paulette Marini, the Evening Director, and I have invited the charter members to present the program for us. Nearly all contacted members have agreed to share anecdotes with us about the first few meetings they had. Pat Cox, Bonnie Ellis, Helen Kelley and Jeannie Spears were the four determined quilters, lecturers and teachers who gathered together other teachers to plan the organization to which we now all belong and enjoy.

There will be exhibits of quilts made during those early years, videos of the first quilt shows, and slides available for viewing. Our historic quilt block exhibit will also be on display.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet our charter members and to show them our gratitude for what they began 20 years ago. Come and celebrate with us! Our vendor will be the Wayzata Quilting Emporium.

Karen Golden, Day Director

Jinny Beyer In May!
Minnesota Quilters is excited about the opportunity to welcome Jinny Beyer as a guest lecturer May 7th and 8th. She is visiting us from Great Falls, VA. On May 7, the lecture is titled "Color Confidence." In this lecture, Jinny's exciting color system will be discussed. Attendees should go away with a feeling of increased confidence in their own ability to put colors together. Her May 8th lecture is titled "Border Basics." This lecture will focus on how border prints can enhance patchwork design and how to plan borders for quilts. To accommodate Jinny's speaking engagement, we have rented space in Christ the King Lutheran Church, located in New Brighton. See the map on page 11 for directions to the church. The cost for members to attend the lecture is $1, and for non members the cost is $3. Be sure to mark your calendars...you will not want to miss this event!

MQ Board News

BOARD MOTIONS
In this newsletter you will find the ballot for the new slate of board officers. Please take the time to fill it out, then bring it in to an April meeting or mail it before April 27.

The Board is also looking for a person to fill the position of Lecture chair, beginning in May.

This person is responsible for planning and organizing the Lecture Series meetings. If you are interested, please contact Jackie Northrop.

At the January meeting, the Board voted to purchase a laptop and software to facilitate registration for the 1998 and future shows (up to $4000), sponsor scholarships to Split Rock Arts Project ($900), and to purchase Minnesota Quilters business cards for the President (500), President-Elect(500), and 2,000 generic cards.

Calendar of Events

APRIL
April 2 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
April 3 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
April 27 Board of Directors Mtg.

MAY
May 7 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
May 8 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
May 18 Board of Directors Mtg.

JUNE
June 4 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
June 5 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
June 29 Board of Directors Mtg.

GENERAL MEETINGS are free for members. There is a $2.00 charge for non-members.

LECTURE SERIES meetings are $1.00 for members, $3.00 for non-members.

How do I get to an MQ Meeting???
Directions to Machinists' Hall --- 1399 Eustis Street, St. Paul. From Highway 280 take Como Ave. exit. If coming from I-94, turn right at the bottom of the ramp. If coming from the North, turn right on Eustis Street. (Health Partners [was Group Health] building is on the right.)
Library Lines

As spring comes on stronger and stronger, quilting time seems to shorten and gardening time lengths, along with all the other spring time tasks. Are those windows ever going to learn to clean themselves? Someone should figure this out. If you want to quit and garden (sort of), make a flower or flower basket quilt. Another popular outdoor activity, now that the water outside is liquid again, is boating. You could try out a sailboat pattern, or lighthouses, or a quilt about the Navy. By the way, any of these topics would make great small quilts for the silent auction at the St. Cloud show. If you need help finding books on any of these subjects, please ask one of the library volunteers. They will be happy to help. It’s only ten weeks away!

Volunteers are always appreciated at both the evening & daytime meetings. The past few months have seen several new volunteers at the library. Please continue to volunteer. We always appreciate the effort. The hours volunteered at the MQ Library count towards the Volunteer Pin.

Three books and four magazines may be checked out until the next meeting at Machinists Hall. They cannot be renewed. If you are unable to return them at the next meeting, please mail them Fourth Class Book Rate to Minnesota Quilters, 1399 Eustis Street, St. Paul, MN 55108. Fines for overdue material are $1.00 per item, per month. Please return items promptly.

This is YOUR library. If there is a book you want, please call me at (612)338-4360. A machine is waiting for your call.

Happy Quilting,

Peggy

Minnesota Quilters News

...is the monthly newsletter of the Minnesota Quilters, Inc., a non-profit organization formed to find and unite quilters and quilt enthusiasts throughout the state of Minnesota and elsewhere; dedicated to enhancing the knowledge and enjoyment of quilting. Membership Dues are $20.00 per year (U.S. funds only) and include monthly meetings tailored to suit the needs of beginners, advanced and professional quilters; the newsletter, workshop opportunities, and priority registration for the annual show. Minnesota Quilters pins are available for sale.

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Should be sent to: Irene Bjorklund, 2749 Seminary Drive, New Brighton, MN 55112-2576. Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will say: Please Renew. The number on the label indicates the month and year of expiration. Example: 0698 means that the membership ends June 1998.

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Business card size ad (3" by 2.5") is $15 per month, plus $5 per additional inch of length. Classified ad is $5 for 3 lines. If ads must be composed by editor, there will be an additional $10 charge. Make checks payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. No ads will be included in the newsletter unless they are accompanied by full payment with the order and handwritten, typed or computer output copy. All ads must be received by the newsletter editor, Sue Rutford, 5085 Morehead Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110, by dates posted below.

The next issue of MQ News will be the May 1998 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is April 1, 1998.

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NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT
This sure has been a busy winter for me. I'm not ready for spring yet! I still have too much to get done before the warm weather gets here. Time got away from me and I got behind on the quilt I'm making for the St. Cloud show. Then I got one of those flu bugs and that set me back another week, but it's basted now and I am quilting my little fingers off—at least 6 hours a day. I still might not make it this year, but if I don't I'll have two quilts in next year's show. About a year ago I started a blue and white pinwheel that is a reproduction of one of the quilts from the Smithsonian collection, so that one will fit nicely with the theme of the 1999 show. As if all of this isn't enough, my friends and I are going to Paducah this year. We haven't been there since 1992, so we're very excited about going back. Of course my quilt will have to go with me; I can't afford a week away from it, so I'll have to schedule quilting time in between seeing quilts and shopping the vendors. I don't think it will be too much of a hardship, though. Then right after we get back, Jinny Beyer will be here. That is so exciting! I wouldn't be the quilter I am today if it weren't for the influence of her book "Patchwork Patterns." I was thinking I should bring it for her to sign, but it looks so bad—it has the abused look of a well-loved book—but I should bring it anyway, she'll probably get a kick out of it. Well, my quilt is calling me—it's time to get back to it, like my son says, "another hard day at the needle!"

Happy Stitching!
Jackie Northrop
MQ President

April Block of the Month
"Scottie Dog"
5" Block (5.5" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics
Background: White on white print
Dog: Black solid
Coat: Bright Plaid
Small white button for eye
Submitted by Joanne Holzknecht,
Brooklyn Center, MN
The drawing for this block will be held at the May daytime meeting.
• Add seam allowance to templates.
• Occasionally, printing distorts pattern pieces, please check for accuracy before marking!
• Print Name/Address-Attach to backside of block
• To participate, make one or more blocks. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing.
• You need not be present to win.
• If you are unable to attend the meeting, please mail blocks before meeting date to:
Joanne Holzknecht,
2618 65th Ave. N.,
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430.
April 17 & 18, 1999
Memorial Quilters of Forest Lake presents "Blanket of Dreams." The show is at a new location this year, Hosanna Lutheran Church, located at 9300 Scandia Trail North, Forest Lake. There will be demos, a boutique, vendors, a cookbook sale, and fat quarter and quilt raffles. Admission is $2. For more information call Gayle 644-5206, Maggie 434-4867, or Susan 757-1336.
April 24-26, 1998
The third annual "Stitch-In" for Breast Cancer Research and Awareness will take place Saturday, April 25 (10 AM to 5 PM) and Sunday, April 26 (Noon to 4 PM) at the Park Square Shopping Center in Brooklyn Park. A Friday, April 24 "Stitches Night Out" has been added this year, running from 5-9 PM. For more info, see the article on page 6 or call Mary or Cindy at (612)424-0900.
May through September, 1988
Southern Oregon will be bursting at the seams with quilts and fiber arts. Four cities in the Rogue Valley will host eleven Fiber Arts exhibits, the play "Quilters," plus classes and workshops that celebrate cloth in all its splendors. Traditional quilt collections, contemporary art quilts, new fiber works, wearable art, and more will fill spaces in Ashland, Medford, Jacksonville and Grants Pass, Oregon.
THE WHOLE CLOTH is a cooperative effort by the visual arts community to celebrate the summer arrival of QUILT NATIONAL '97 (Collection B), and THE ELEMENTS: Earth, Wind, Fire & Chocolate, from the association of Pacific Northwest Quilters, and RISING TO THE SURFACE, a surface design exhibit to complement QN '97. Call 1-800-767-3489 for a brochure to help you with your summer travel plans.
Come to a "Pieceful" retreat with Klaudeen Hansen in Madison, WI. There are two sessions, both with two days of sewing and instruction, private room, and meals, in a peaceful, serene setting. You can work on the pattern offered, or work on your own project for two days of uninterrupted quilting. For further details, send a LSASE to Piecemakers' Heritage Days Quilt Show, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-4, Sacred Heart School Gym, 617 NW 3rd Ave, Faribault, MN. Antique and new quilts, quilt raffle, small quilt auction, demos and door prizes. Admission $2.50, no strollers. Contact person: Marjane Smith, 632 SW 5th Ave, Faribault, MN 55021. Phone: (507)334-7140.
July 11, 1998
Annual Quilt Show and Auction at Luther Crest Bible Camp, 8321 Co. Rd 11 NE, Alexandria, MN. Over 100 hand and tied quilts to be sold. Quilt Review and craft show: 10 AM, Lunch at 11:15 AM, Auction at 12:30 PM. Contact Kathy Norum, 346 Birchwood Rd, NW, Alexandria, MN 56308. (320)846-3325.
August 7-9, 1998
The 1998 Great Pacific Northwest Quilt Show, produced by the non-profit Association of Pacific Northwest Quilters, will be presented in Seattle, Washington. The juried and judged international exhibition will showcase approximately 250 premier quilts and wearable art pieces created by quilters from Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Washington in the United States, and from Alberta, British Columbia and the Yukon Territory in Canada. The entry deadline is April 10, 1998. For more information, contact Jill Christenson at (206) 622-2826.
September 19-20, 1998
Autumnfest Quilt Show and Classes will be held at the Lac Court Oreilles Casino Lodge & Convention Center Hayward, WI. For more information, send a SASE to: Ann Degan, 7759 N. Wilkie Rd, Hayward, WI 54843 (715) 634-3336.
October 3, 5-7, 8, 1998
Redwood Area Quilters present their 8th annual Quilt show at Gilwood Haven, 219 South Mill St., Redwood Falls, MN. Show times are Oct. 3, 9 AM to 4 PM, Oct. 5-7 11 AM to 3 PM, and Oct. 8 11 AM to 6 PM. For more information, send a LSASE to: Sharen Monahan, 308 Lake Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-1528.

Be sure to send in your quilt show, exhibit, or contest information to the editor. Send in as soon as you find out your event dates; the deadline for this newsletter is the first day of the month before the newsletter is printed (e.g., April 1 for the May newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
Time and time again
April 1998- Judi Smith©

Every November a ritual bordering on the religious is performed in the third stall of our garage. The motorcycles are washed and waxed, Stabil is put in their full gas tanks and they're put to bed under quilted covers. Even years when it is still warm in December, like it was last year, they still go to bed for the winter. The insurance company has decreed that from December 1st until the end of March, they must stay in the garage. So stay there they do.

But there's one thing that has helped get me through this winter of seeing such gorgeous weather and knowing I can't be out there riding. With a group of friends we have planned a motorcycle trip out to Maine and the New England states. Because they all ride Harleys, we planned for stops at all the Harley dealers along the way. If we passed a dealership and didn't stop and get a new t-shirt with an American flag and an eagle on it, it would be a crime. Plus we need a few more t-shirts (NOT!) for the t-shirt quilt that someday I'm supposed to make. We've planned excursions to two Titanic museums, the mansions in Newport and Acadia National Park. And we'll be riding 80 miles of our way to go to Keepsake Quilting! When I showed them on the map where Keepsake was and how far we would need to ride, no one batted an eye. All they said was, "Cool." Then I told they all that they were going to have to come in with me and help pick out fabric or we could be there all day. They gave me that look--you know the one--"Sure. You betta. We're going to sit out on the front porch and have an ice cream cone" look. At least I got them to stop, and in the 10 minutes I have there, I can power shop. Now the only question is whether to ship home clothes or fabric.

Judi

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Third Annual Stitch-In for Breast Cancer Research and Awareness
The Third Annual Stitch-In will take place Saturday, April 25, 10:00-5:00 and Sunday, April 26, Noon to 4:00 at the Park Square Shopping Center in Brooklyn Park. Stitchers in all needle art categories (cross-stitch, hardanger, quilting, tatting, smocking, spinning, needlepoint, knitting, crocheting, weaving, beading, etc.) are invited to participate. A Friday, April 24 "Stitchers' Night Out," 5:00 to 9:00 has been added this year. The Stitch-A-Thon, Silent Auction, Sales Tables, Classes and Demos, Door Prizes, and "Participant Only" Specials will all be part of the weekend event. Breast health information will be available. In addition, the North Memorial Mobile Mammography Unit will be on site Saturday from 8:00 to 3:00. Donations and proceeds from the weekend's events will be given to the Minnesota Breast Cancer Coalition. Bring a friend and your favorite project to stitch. Spend an hour, a day, or the weekend.
**SHOW NEWS**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you have not signed up to volunteer, we need you. Please consider volunteering for at least one 2 hour shift. We need help in the following areas (especially afternoons):
*Registration--Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 7:00-9:00 AM
*Admissions Table, Door Check, MQ Merchandise Booth, Raffle Quilt, Registration, Small Quilt Auction, Quilt Watch(all 2 hour shifts or less), and backup floaters.

I can work this shift: (circle time below)
Thursday, June 18 9-11:30 11:30-1:30 1:30-4 4-6 6-8
Friday, June 19 9-11 11-1 1-3 3-5
Saturday, June 20 9-11 11-1 1-3 3-5 Take down 5-7

I would like to volunteer to help with:

Assign me to more than one shift. For every 2 hour shift your name will go into a drawing for fabric packets and a PFAFF sewing machine. Also, all volunteers receive a special volunteer pin.

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CHALLENGE!!!

Is your challenge project finished? Are you working on it? I hope to entice you to complete your entry and turn it in. There will be a drawing for 10 fat quarters of fabric for those of you that turn in challenge projects at or before the MQ meetings in April and May. You may send your project to me or turn it in at the meetings to me at the Thursday evening meetings or to a show committee member at the Friday morning meetings.

Shelley Zbikowski

SMALL QUILT AUCTION NEWS

Turn in your small quilt early and win a serious prize! A drawing will be made in the middle of March and the middle of April for special prizes. The winner each month will receive a $50.00 gift certificate to the quilt shop of his or her choice. How's that for a great incentive? Remember that all the money collected during the silent auction goes toward quilt education throughout the state, usually through funding quilting shows on public television. Please see your show brochure for details about the small quilt auction and call Peggy Hall at 612-338-4360 with any question. Hoping to see your small quilt really soon!
CLASS CLOSINGS

The following classes are now closed:

1081 - Paper Piecing Tricks of the Trade (Carol Doak - Thursday All Day)
1291 - Landscapes, Seascapes, and Farms; Making a Pictorial Quilt (Carol Wagner - Thursday All Day)
1222 - Blind Appliqué (Maurine Noble - Thursday Morning)
1242 - Beautiful Borders (Paulette Peters - Thursday Morning)
1252 - How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch (Ami Simms - Thursday Morning)
1253 - How to Improve Your Quilting Stitch (Ami Simms - Thursday Afternoon)
1014 - Classic Machine Cutwork (Jennifer Amor - Thursday Evening)
1044 - Organization Workshop (Christal Carter - Thursday Evening)
1054 - Fabric Selection for Scrap Quilts (Darlene Christopherson - Thursday Evening)
1204 - New Labels (Sara Nephew - Thursday Evening)
2221 - Machine Quilting Made Easy (Maurine Noble - Friday All Day)
2305 - The Visual Dance (Joen Wolfrom - Friday/Saturday 2 Day)
2132 - Northern Lights (Sharon Hultgren - Friday Morning)
2162 - Appliqué Borders: An Added Grace (Jeana Kimball - Friday Morning)
3221 - Machine Quilting With Decorative Threads (Maurine Noble - Saturday All Day)
3142 - Rotary Cutting - Measure the Possibilities (Nancy Johnson-Srebro - Saturday Morning)
3162 - 19th Century Scrap Bag Quilts (Jeana Kimball - Saturday Morning)
3292 - Sashiko - Japanese Decorative Stitching (Carol Wagner - Saturday Morning)

In addition, the Banquet is closed.

David Shattuck, Registration Chair

RAFFLE TICKETS

Keep those raffle ticket sales coming! Turn in your ticket stubs and money or get more tickets to sell at the day or evening meetings, or send collected money and ticket requests to: Bonnie Weinandt, 1087 Kingsford St., St. Paul, MN 55106. Remember that the person who sells the most tickets wins a great prize—all the fabrics, including a bunch of hand dyes, left over from the making of the quilt.

SMALL QUILT AUCTION

Who will win the final $50 gift certificate to the quilt shop of her/his choice? We really want you to submit your small quilt donation as early as possible so we can make sure they will all be well displayed. We have received all kinds of quilts. One is made with flannel, another includes a doll, one has satin with gold braid, and another has yo-yo flowers. Some are designed for kids and some to hang in a special place.

If you haven’t started yet, take an extra block from some project and design a small quilt around it. You could be finished in less than 2 hours!! The outside measurement should be 108” or less, and you don’t have to add a hanging sleeve, although it is a nice added feature. Please remember to sign your quilt.

If you have any questions, please call Peggy at 612-338-4360. You can drop your quilt off at the monthly meetings, give it to a Show Committee member, or mail it to Paula at 2181 Princeton Ave, St. Paul, MN 55105. We look forward to seeing your small quilt. It’s going to be an exciting show!

Peggy Hall and Paula Hagg, Co-Chairs

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Lost Mug!—A member has lost an insulated mug that has great sentimental value to her. It was left at the February meeting, made its way to the lost and found, and then vanished! The light-colored mug is printed with “Aunt Annie’s, Lancaster PA.” If you know where this mug can be found, please return it to the lost and found box in the Minnesota Quilters Office or call Jan Herfindal at 351-1354. Thanks!
Split Rock Arts Program
University of Minnesota-Duluth campus
July 12-August 15, 1998

We are very excited and happy to announce that the following nationally renowned quilters will be teaching at Split Rock this summer:

Jane Dunnewold, The Complex Cloth:
A Surface Design Workshop for Quilters, July 19-25

Chunghie Lee, Traditional Korean Patchwork, August 2-8

Judi Warren, Inspiration and Image, Composition and Content:
A Quilt making Workshop, August 9-15

Other artists include:
Betsy Sterling Benjamin, Roketsu fabric dyeing
Virginia Blakelock & Carol Perrenoud, beadworking
Susan Brandeis (formerly Wilchins), visual skills for fabric artists
Chad Alice Hagen, feltmaking
Ted Hallman, off-loom weaving
Lindly Haunani, polymer clay beadmaking
Judy Onofrio, mixed media sculpture
Jason Pollen & Ellen Levit, painting on silk
Shereen LaPlantz, bookmaking
Joyce Scott, beadmaking

Registration opens on March 30. For full information, call or write for a free catalog: 612-624-6800; fax 612-624-5891; write Split Rock Arts Program (Q), University of Minnesota, 314 Nolte Center, 315 Pillsbury Drive SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455; or e-mail srap@mail.cee.umn.edu

The Minnesota Quilters is again sponsoring three scholarships to assist aspiring fabric artists to participate in Split Rock workshops. The scholarships are awarded based on quality of applicant’s work AND need. Applications are included in the Split Rock catalog and are mailed directly to the Split Rock Arts Program office for review. The program continues to be deeply grateful for this much-valued support by the MN Quilters.

President’s Block

It is a tradition among Minnesota Quilters to present a block to the current president some time during her year of service, to say “Thank You” for all the hard work that being president entails. Jackie has requested that her blocks fit the following guidelines:
1) 12” finished.
2) Make your favorite block.
3) Label with your name.

Pretty simple! Let’s all get going and make those President’s blocks!

Just so you can get a head start, we have found out Jane Shattuck’s preferences for her President’s blocks. Jane’s guidelines are:
1) Any size.
2) White background.
3) Use red and purple.
4) Jane prefers appliquéd, but any technique is fine.
QUILTING NEWS AND NOTES . . .

An Apology
We would like to apologize to our March vendor, The Quilter’s Basket, for listing the incorrect vendor in last month’s newsletter. The Quilter’s Basket is a fairly new shop, located in Zachary Square at 11375-96th Ave N, Maple Grove. Their phone is 612-493-5577. The shop features classes, cotton fabrics, patterns, books, a lending library, and basketry supplies including reed, handles, and dyes. Members of any local or state quilting guild receive a 10% discount on their purchases.

Snowflake Days Winners
Elonda Stratton, chair of the annual Snowflake Days Quilt Show, announces the following winners from the 1998 show:

Grand Prize—a purple ribbon and a $100 EE savings bond—Diane Minell, for her original design, "Snowflakes."

First Place—a blue ribbon and a $50 EE savings bond—Jackie Northrop, "Winter Scene."

Second Place—a red ribbon and a stuffed raccoon—There was a tie: Donna Harjes, "Log Cabin with a Twist," and Carol Wagner, "1864 Grist Mill."

Third Place—a white ribbon and a stuffed raccoon—Sonja Johnson, "Grapevine Wreath."

The quilt raffle winner was Herald Iverson.

ADOPT-A-QUILT REQUEST
MQ has received a request from the University of Nebraska Foundation that we adopt a quilt from the James collection recently acquired. The board would like the membership to vote on this proposal at the April meeting. In April of 1997, Robert and Ardis James donated 950 antique and contemporary quilts from their collection. This collection is one of the largest and most comprehensive in the world and features quilts dating from the 1700’s to 1992 from the United States, Europe and Japan.

The University of Nebraska Foundation is seeking an additional $2 million to develop the International Quilt Study Center. The Adopt-A-Quilt Program has been created to directly involve supporters of the quilting world in the development of the Center.

There are three levels available for those wishing to adopt a quilt. They are: Silver—$200 a year for 5 years or $1000 outright, Bronze—$100 a year for 5 years or $500 outright, and Pewter, $50 a year for 5 years or $250 outright. Benefits of sponsorship include a picture, description, and history of a selected quilt and collection exhibition announcements.

Tours of the collection will be offered by appointment, for small groups of 10-12 people and can be scheduled by calling 402-472-6342. If you have any additional questions, feel free to call Rachelle Humiston at 402-472-2151 or visit their web site at http://ianrwww.unl.edu/ianr/tcd/gallery/quilts.htm.

MINNESOTA QUILTERS BIRTHDAY HISTORY
As MQ looks forward to the birthday party and coming board elections, how many Past Presidents do you know?
1978-79 Helen Kelley
1979-80 Helen Kelley
1980-81 Bonnie Ellis
1981-82 Lee Bradford
1982-83 Lee Bradford
1983-84 Mary Macklin Jones
1984-85 Carolyn Sidebottom
1985-86 Carol Adleman
1986-87 Sue Stein
1987-88 Ann Degan
1988-89 Jeanette Root
1989-90 Wendy Richardson
1990-91 Marjorie Herrington
1991-92 Patricia Black
1992-93 Helen Ziegler
1993-94 Ellen Carter
1994-95 David Shattuck
1995-96 Audrey Mead
1996-97 Barbara Partman
1997-98 Jackie Northrop
Jinny Beyer Lecture Information

The May Lecture Series meeting will be held on May 7 and 8 at Christ the King Lutheran Church, New Brighton. The church is located at 1900 7th Street Northwest. See the map below for directions. The church is approximately 20 minutes from our regular meeting site at Machinists' Hall.

Grandma's Quilt Emporium

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MAKE THAT SPECIAL QUILT!!

TEA ROOM - SOUPS, SANDWICHES, SALADS, DESSERTS, & MORE!!

GIFT SHOP - LARGE SELECTION OF GIFTS & COLLECTIBLES

Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Thurs. til 7 p.m. Sat. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

At the April meeting, we will draw for the "True Blue" block.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Two people divided the 67 "Village Square" blocks entered for the drawing at the March meeting. They were Clarice Wendland and Jan Herfindal. Thanks to the 26 participants! Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 3 for the next block and how to become a winner!

Twin Cities 1998 Quilt Shop Til You Drop Tour May 1, 2, 3
Mark your calendar, gather your friends, hire a sitter, load a bus, rent a room and check out what's happening at the first annual Twin Cities Quilt Shop Til You Drop Tour. Each of the 10 shops located in Mpls./St. Paul will be filled with all the latest in quilting books, patterns, notions, and fabrics.

EXTENDED SHOPPING HOURS FRI./SAT. 9-9, SUN 11-5
Mystery Quilt - one clue at each store... Limited edition T-Shirt Grand Prize Drawing valued at $1,000, 10 Second Prize drawings. Pick up your stamp card at your first store visited, have the card stamped during the tour at each store. All completed cards will be entered in the Grand/Second Prize drawing... Additional prize drawings at each store.
Trunk Shows, Demonstrations, and Special Events held at each store.
For further information send SASE to Jean Humensky, C/O The Country Paddler Quilt Shop, 2250 Carter Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108.
Ballot for Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
Board of Directors, 1998-1999

_____ President--Jane Shattuck
_____ President Elect--Laura Sahlberg
_____ Day Director--Susan MacLennan
_____ Day Director-Elect--Karen O'Brien
_____ Evening Director--Linda Kosfeld
_____ Co-Evening Directors-Elect--Noelann Brown & Peggy Koshenina
_____ Recording Secretary--Cheryl Forsythe
_____ Treasurer--Ruth Johnson (completing 2nd year of 2 year term)
_____ Corresponding Secretary--Paulette Marini
_____ Public Relations--Rosemary Kessler
_____ Show Chair-Elect (2000)--David Shattuck
Use the following line for a write in candidate:
_____ Name: __________________________ Office: __________________________

The following board members will be completing the second year of a two year term of office:

Membership--Irene Bjorklund
Financial Planning--Carol Larson
Long Range Planning--Sandi Irish
Editor--Sue Rutford
Historian/Parliamentarian--Bonnie Weinandt
1999 Show Chair--Carolyn Peters

To vote for the above candidates, place an X on the line and bring to the April 2nd or 3rd meetings. There will be a ballot box to place your ballot in, or fold and mail to:
Barbara Pastman
462 Eagle Lake Drive
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Ballots must be received by April 27, 1998