FROM THE DAY DIRECTOR

As I sit staring at the blank page in front of me, desperately trying to come up with something interesting to say in this, my last regular article as Day Director, I realize that this year has just flown by and I now have a bit of SPRING FEVER!

Perhaps because I have gotten involved in so many new and exciting things this year (i.e., trying to learn new things, trying to give back a little to organizations that have given me so much; having my daughter graduate from high school, and being the last year of the 1900's) things seem to be moving so fast that it is hard to savor the small moments and successes this past year, but they are there. We have had interesting and informative speakers and programs. I have had many people pitch in and give me a hand when I needed it. We have new AV equipment, which, when we understand its operation, is wonderful and will make future meetings more enjoyable. Whatever the reasons for the time flying by, I do not want to miss the opportunity to say thank you for your support, which has made this year a most enjoyable one for me. THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Our April Lecture Series with Patricia Magaret and Donna Slusser was so much fun. They are gifted speakers and prolific quilters so their "Bring and Brag" kept us in our seats through our normal break time and I didn't hear one complaint (thank!) about running long. Karen O'Brien had a lovely cake, coffee and punch for our annual birthday celebration and, I think it was an all around good day. Thank you Karen for your efforts and thanks to Lone Boots, our lecture series coordinator, for all her efforts in getting the speakers to us.

In May, we will be having the Chaska Area Quilters "Round Robin Storybook Quilts" slide show (and tell) program, showing the six quilts and how they were made. This is sure to be a fun meeting, so don't miss it.

In June there is NO MEETING at Machinist's Hall. We will, hopefully, see you all at the MQ Show in St. Paul. I am getting so excited...but I have one little problem--my daughter graduates on the 10th! We appear to have it worked out so she can join me sometime on Friday afternoon (she's a quilter too) and I can still take a class on Thursday, get picked up for commencement and be back in time to have fun with my friends Thursday night (WHEW!!) Thank Goodness we can delay a party for a week or two for her, as in right before vacation starts. Like I said, it's been a BUSY year!

The July meeting will be the annual business meeting, which is a great time to offer up ideas for the upcoming year(s) and to meet the new MQ Board. Remember, this is YOUR organization and we need all the participation we can get from our membership. The other members of the Board and I have been working on some exciting new ideas for the future and we would welcome the input of our members as well as your time and talents to make some of these things come true. Please try to join us. (There is usually some really good Show and Tell at this meeting too) If you are unable to join us, please write/e-mail/call with any suggestions you may have to improve our services to our members, especially those not in the immediate metro area. E-mail me at: RandSMaclennan@worldnet.att.net, or write my regular mail address, listed along with my phone number on page 2.

Again, thank you for your support and have a GREAT SPRING!!

MQ BOARD NEWS

See the president's letter on page 3 for information about the February board meeting.

How do I get to an MQ Meeting??
Machinists' Hall is at 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. The Health Partners (was Group Health) building is on the right.

Calendar of Events

MAY
May 6 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
May 7 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM
May 24 Board of Directors Mtg.

JUNE
No regular meetings
June 28 Board of Directors Mtg.

JULY
July 8 Evening Meeting, 7 PM
July 9 Day Meeting, 9:30 AM

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.

In Sympathy

The father of Jane Shattuck, Minnesota Quilters president, passed away on Friday, April 9. Our very great sympathies go to Jane, David, and their family.
Library Lines

Check out the MQ library for last-minute ideas for that small quilt auction project! It’s a great way to try a new technique or color scheme, with a bonus of quilting for a good cause.

Volunteers are always appreciated at both the evening & daytime meetings. 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. 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.

Peggy

Minnesota Quilters News

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The next issue of MQ News will be the June/July 1999 issue. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for MQ News is May 1, 1999.
Notes from the President

I would like to start this letter with a thank you to all of those who have been such a great help in keeping things running smoothly as I have had several interruptions to my normal life schedule the past couple of months. I really appreciate all your hard work and dedication, especially as the quilt show is looming just around the corner.

As I have had questions asked about the February Board Meeting, which was held at the Embassy Suites in Bloomington as a two and a half day event, I felt that I should address what seems to be of some concern. This was an in-depth meeting concerning several issues that needed to be discussed at length. As you all know, there are 17 voting members holding positions on the Board of Directors of MQ. Each of these positions makes a report to the board at the monthly meeting, which leaves very little time to discuss in depth any special issues that need to be addressed. The main issue discussed (aside from our normal reports) was how to invest our funds to best serve our organization. We had representatives from Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter and Marquette Advisory Services come and present options of investment. After discussing several options the Board assigned a Financial Task Force. This Task Force is made up of Noelann Brown, Ruth Johnson, Carol Larson, Laura Sahlberg and Bonnie Weinandt. During the short term the Board voted to invest $125,000 from the savings account into a short term money fund at Morgan Stanley Dean Whitter. At the end of the 90 days the task force will come forth with a long-term plan (at the May Board meeting).

The second issue that needed extended discussion was on the MQ library. As you all know, the library has been one of my key areas of concern for the past year and a half. Improvements in its accessibility and the quantity and quality of the materials we offer have been made. I had been approached by one of our members at large with a wonderful idea for improvements and an offer to help with this task. Boyd Savage presented me with a proposal which I brought before the board. This proposed new system of cataloging and tracking borrowed materials necessitates an upgrade to the computer system that MQ currently has in place and that is used by the Minnesota History Project. After considerable discussion a committee was put in place to look into a new computer and software. This committee consists of Carolyn Peters, Doug Rutford, Boyd Savage, David Shattuck, and Alex Weinandt. At the time a new system is ready to implement, our librarian will also be involved. A motion was made to allocate $5000 towards this upgrade and passed unanimously. This update to our library will make locating books by author, technique, or name a possibility, along with telling us in a moment if the book is out on loan without rifling through the shelves. As more information becomes available I will be sure to let you know.

A third issue discussed was a new scholarship and grant program. This is still in an infancy stage, but is developing and I think it is quite exciting. We are searching for a way to bring more information and teachers/lectures to many of the smaller outstate as well as local small quilt groups that can not afford (on their own) to come to, or hire these wonderful teachers. As education is one of our missions, I feel it is time we look for more creative ways to make this happen away from the lecture series and the show, as we have so many members who just can’t attend our monthly meetings (many because of distance). Those of us in the Twin City area have been very spoiled by all that is available to us, and we tend to forget those less fortunate who don’t have access to more than 10 local shops offering classes, many by national teachers. It is time for MQ to do some true outreach to our quilting friends in distant areas. I, along with a group of very dedicated quilters, will try wholeheartedly to make this happen.

Many other issues were discussed; I could fill the whole newsletter with the information from our February Board Meeting, but this gives you some idea of what your Board of Directors has been working on. If you were at the April Thursday night meeting you also go to see one of the new library quilts (done as an ice breaker mystery) at the board meeting. I hope this has addressed some of your concerns that your Board of Directors really does have the welfare of our members as our key concern and is doing our very best to make Minnesota Quilters everything you expect it to be.

Respectfully and Faithfully,
Jane Shattuck
MQ President
May Block
of the Month
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Used with: Medium to Dark prints

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June 1-30, 1999
Minnesota Contemporary Quilters presents their 2nd annual members' exhibit at Lutheran Brotherhood's Second Floor Gallery, 625 Fourth Ave So., Mpls, MN Mon.-Fri. 7 AM-5 PM
The exhibit is free, and an excellent day out combined with breakfast (7-8:30 AM) or lunch (11-1:15 PM) in LB's renowned cafeteria. 651-292-8391 for more info.

June 5, 1999
The North Star Quilter's Guild of Grand Forks, North Dakota will sponsor their Quilt Show, "Quilting on the Red." 9AM-5PM at Zion United Methodist Church, 1001 24th Ave. S, Grand Forks, ND. Quilts, 1997 Flood Quilt, "Miniatures from the Heart," Demos, Vendors. For more info. or registration forms, contact Bobbie Shields, 701-775-5310.

June 11-13, 1999
Black Hills Quilters Guild 25th Annual Quilt show at the South Dakota School of Mines, Surbeck Center Ballroom, 501 East St. Joe St., Rapid City, SD. Show runs from 9 AM June 11 to 5 PM June 13. Classes, vendors, banquet. For further information, send a $ASE to BHQG, P.O. Box 2495, Rapid City, SD, 57709 or call Carol Doyle 605-342-4186.

July 10, 1999
Quilt Show and Auction—Luther Crest Bible Camp, Alexandria, MN. Quilt Review 10 AM, Auction 12:30 PM. Kathy Norum, 320-846-1325.

July 17, 1999
Quilt Show! Isle High School Gym, 10 AM to 4 PM. Free admission, quilt raffle, vendors, silent auction, demos, homemade refreshments and MORE! Isle is one the SE corner of Mille Lacs Lake, 90 miles from the Cities. The quilt show is during Isle Days, so there is plenty of activity for the rest of the family while you view our many lovely quilts.

August 2-6, 1999
"Creating Fabric Landscapes," a workshop on small pictorial quilts, will be featured at the Indianhead Arts & Education Center in Shell Lake, WI, taught by Carol Wagner. Course is offered through the U of W- Eau Claire

August 3-5, 1999
Redwood Area Quilters Farmfest Quilt show, during Farmfest '99. Aug. 3-4 9AM-5PM, Aug. 5 9AM-4PM. Gilfillan Estate, between Redwood Falls and Morgan, MN. For more info, send a $ASE to Sharen Monahan, 308 Lake Drive, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-1528.

August 5-7, 1999
The Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Braham presents their annual small quilt sale at Braham City Hall. Included in the show this year is the trunk show, "Miniatures from the Heart," from Chitra Publications' national miniature quilt contest. Hours are Aug. 5 10AM-5PM, Aug. 6 10AM-7PM, and Aug. 7 10AM-1PM. Come for Pie Day Aug. 6 for lots of homemade pie, crafts, entertainment, and fun. Free admission, raffle quilts. For entry information send a long SASE to Rosemary Brabec, PO Box 121, Braham, MN 55006. Cash prize for Viewers' Choice.

August 7-8, 1999
Join the South Minneapolis Quilters for their annual small quilt sale at The Powderhorn Festival of the Arts, Saturday 10 AM-6 PM, Sunday 11 AM-5 PM. SMQ quilts are near the south side of the lake at Powderhorn Park, 34 St. and 15 Ave. Minneapolis, MN. Tickets will also be available for our annual raffle quilt. All proceeds benefit community charitable projects in the South Minneapolis area.

September 18-19, 1999
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 Degen, 7759 N. Wilkie Rd., Hayward, WI 54843 or call 715-634-3336

September 18-19, 1999
The Apple River Quilt Guild is having their 9th Annual Quilt Show at The First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm St., Amery, WI. Saturday 9 AM-5PM, Sunday, Noon-4 PM. The show includes merchants and a raffle, and is held in conjunction with the Amery Fall Festival. For more information, call 715-268-8588; Regis Johnson, 1435 85th Ave, Amery, WI 54001-4947.

September 18-19, 1999

September 24-25, 1999
The Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society present their 1999 Quilt Show, "Stitches in Time." The show features an alphabet challenge exhibit, raffle quilt, vendors, boutique, and refreshments. Hours Sept. 24 10 AM-8 PM, Sept. 25 10 AM-4 PM. Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN. For more information contact Denise Ostrom at 651-770-5518.

October 9-10, 1999
Quilt Show at the Marshall Area Senior Center, Marshall, MN Sat. Oct. 9-10 AM-4 PM and Sun Oct. 9-10 AM-4 PM. We feature all new quilts each year. On Saturday we will have a Trunk Show. Sponsored by Threadbender's Quilt Guild, Marshall Area Senior Center, Lyon County Historical Museum Questions, Lila Schmidt 507-532-7564 or lilalamb6@starpoint.net

November 6-7, 1999
Hudson Heritage Quilters present "Patchwork Harvest," with a display of new and antique quilts, raffle quilt, small quilt auction, and vendors. Lunch is available. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Rd, Hudson, WI 54016. Admission $3. Show hours: Saturday 10 AM to 5 PM, Sunday 11 AM to 4 PM. Info: Mary Pat Finnegan, 1025 6th St, Hudson, WI 54016, 715-381-5538.

Be sure to send in your information to the editor 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. May 1 for the June/July newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related.
THE COMPUTERIZED QUILTER
by Cindy Thury Smith ©1999

A bounty of information on specialized quilting topics is available for you on the Internet simply by using a Search Engine to do research for you. To find a specific topic, you get onto the Internet and type in the URL of a Search Engine, such as Alta Vista (http://www.altavista.com). When the screen changes, it will give you a line to type in a search topic; if you type in, say, paper piecing, you will get many pages of references to browse through. You can visit the PC Piecers at http://bankswith.apollotrust.com/~larryb/patterns.htm; at this URL you will find many free designs to print out. Debby Kratovil has a site with more free blocks, including flower of the month blocks (http://www.his.com/~quecnb/index.html). Quilt Talk (http://www.quilttalk.com) also has downloadable free patterns (click onto Paper Piecing). Of course, there are also sites that sell patterns, such as Cynthia England’s delectable, intricate patterns of flowers, landscapes and woodland critters at http://www.englanddesign.com. Paper Panache also does marvelously detailed patterns (I loved the barbecue grill with grill tools) at http://www.paperpanache.com. Zippy Designs, home of The Foundation Piecer magazine, also has a site at http://www.quiltersweb.com/; go to the Block Library to see some free patterns. If you want basic information to get started in paper piecing, there are many sites such as The Mining Co. (http://quilting.miningco.com/) that offer instructions. You can always check the links pages of any of these above mentioned sites for more references.

How about Bargello quilts? Vicky Wells site has several examples of bargello quilts at http://www.vickywells.com/ (this site shows 70 of her quilts and is amazingly fast-loading). A bargello quilt with a very unusual setting is "Ebb and Flow," visible at http://www.internetage.com/quilting/cgpage3.htm (it is down toward the bottom of the page). Two other quilts are at http://www.tfl.net/bargello.html. Bargello Designer software is available for a free 30-day trial; download from http://www.ayersoft.com/bargello. I tried this software demo and enjoyed it; you get very brief accompanying instructions with the demo, but if you’re willing to play around with it awhile, you will get usable designs which you can then print out on your computer printer.

Last but not least, how about looking for some fabulous fabrics? Many of the big fabric manufacturers sell only wholesale but their sites offer you other valuable information. For instance, the Hoffman California site (found at http://www.hoffmanfabrics.com) gives information on the Hoffman Challenge and a preview of the Fall 1999 fabric line. There are many specialty sites also, such as Batiks Etcetera at http://www.batiks.com. They have floral batiks, leaf patterns, geometrics and more. If you lust after hand dyes, visit Lunn Fabrics at http://www.lunnfabrics.com/; be sure to visit their quilt gallery also. If you are into crazy quilting and want some of those fancy fabrics, visit Evening Star Designs at http://home.att.net/~evening.star.designs or The Kirk Collection at http://www.kirkcollection.com. If you are looking for Aboriginal and African fabrics, Japanese florals, or for some handmade batiks, visit eQuilter at http://www.eQuilter.com and browse through their offerings.

Once you get used to using a Search Engine, you’ll find you will need to take note of places you want to revisit (especially if you’ve gotten to the desired site by jumping through links). You can write down the exact URL while you are at the site, or you can use the Bookmark function or Add to Favorites function to develop a listing of your own personal interest sites.
QUILT and TEXTILE EXTRAVAGANZA
Exhibits in the Twin Cities Metro Area, May to September, 1999

Colleges and Museums
June 1-July 15: Augsburg College, Gage Gallery In Lindell Library Mpls. Weekdays, Sat & Sun 8-6
June 7-26: College of Visual Arts Gallery, Selby & Western St. Paul M-F 8-5, Sat 12-5
June 12-Sept. 12: Goldstein Gallery, McNeal Hall, U of MN, St. Paul, MTuWF 10-4, Th 10-8, SS 1:30-4:30
Ongoing: Minneapolis Institute of Arts, Mpls TWF Sat 10-5, Th 10-9, Sun 12-5
June 10-Aug. 22 MN Museum of American Art --Hmong textiles, St. Paul, TuWFSa 11-4, Th 11-7:30, Sun 1-5

Community Centers
June 2-30: Chaska Community Center M-Sat 9-9, Sun 12-5
June 1-25: Minnetonka Community Center M-TH 8-9 Fri 8-5 Sat 6/26 8-5

Galleries and Companies
June 3-July 28: Andersen Corporation, Bayport, M-F 9-2:30
June 4-July 1: JAX Studio Gallery, 404 Washington Ave N., Mpls. M-F 10-5 Sat 12-4
June 2-29 Lutheran Brotherhood Gallery, 625 4th Ave. So., Mpls. M-F 7AM-5PM

Historical Societies
Now thru 2002: Minnesota History Center - Q is for Quilts, St. Paul Tues. 10-8, WThFriSat 10-5 Sun 12-5
MN History Center Great Saturday Quilting Bee St. Paul 1st and 3rd Sat. of month Sat. 10-3.
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May 1-Mid-Aug.: Anoka County Historical Society. Quilts & Their Stories, Free Admission May 1, 1-5 PM
A admission fee charged for remainder of exhibit. Tu-F 12:30-4
June 5-summer: Carver County Historical Soc., Waconia History Center, Tu 10-8, WThF 10-4:30, Sat. 10-3
Children's Day, June 12th, 11-3 - quilt related activities
August 3-31: Dakota County Historical Society--50 Historical quilts, TWF 9-5, Th 9-8, Sat 10-3
Ongoing thru summer: Hennepin County History Museum-A Stitch in Time, Tues. 10-2, W-Sat 1-5
June 10-13: Ramsey County Historical Society, Th 8-8, Fri. 8-5, Sat 10-5 Sun 1-5
Ongoing through Sept.: Washington County Historical Society, 6-12 quilts from their collection, Washington County Historic Courthouse, TuThSatSun 2-5

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1999 Snowflake Days Quilt Show Winners
Grand Prize--a purple ribbon and a $100 EE savings bond--"Jane's Tulips," Diane Minell, Coon Rapids.
First Place--A blue ribbon and a $50 EE savings bond--"RNK's Aquarium," Karen Carson, Golden Valley.
Second Place--A red ribbon and a stuffed raccoon--"Vanilla Fudge Swirl," Mary Wilberg, Anoka.
Third Place--A white ribbon and a stuffed raccoon--"Snowball Nine Patch," Carol Patek, St. Anthony.
Quilt Raffle Winner--4 year old Michael Johnson, Coon Rapids (with a little help from his grandmother).
Thank you for everyone who entered and congratulations to the winners. Remember to make plans to enter next year's Snowflake Days Quilt Show planned for early February 2000.

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The Kindest Cut of All
Lynna Martin Hastings®1999

In the months just before the annual Minnesota Quilters’ Extravaganza and Show, we see many notices and
some outright begging for volunteers for various projects, ranging from fun Quilt-Show-related volunteer
positions, which last for only a few hours, to some positions on the MQ Board which require dedication to the
group, plain old hard work, and more time than they probably thought it would take to get the job(s) done.
Remember to vote for your Board of Directors; it isn’t like ascension to the throne or anything, they have to be
voted in, so be sure to mark your choices and turn your ballot in on time.

I was sort of surprised to see that there were only 76 replies to the request for member to fill out the Volunteer
Survey that was handed out at the January and February MQ meetings. I was pretty sure that there were lots
more members there than that. There are so many rewards that weren’t on the list on the survey, that I thought
that this month, I would put my two cents worth into the nagging pot, too.

It was with great trepidation that I joined our Brooklyn Center Friendship Quilters at the Great Saturday
Quilting Bee, as I really haven’t hand quilted a lot (this means once), so when they told me that they would take
out icky stitching when I wasn’t looking (to save both my face and the fine reputation of the group), I joined
them for a couple of Saturdays. You may need to know that I have always avoided historical studies as I would
have probably avoided historical events (i.e., plagues, wars, and the like) had I been asked to attend. Which I
wasn’t, because I am, of course, way too young for any historical events to have happened in my lifetime. So
there.

This went so well that when Susan and Ruth invited me to join them and the group that was working on the
Minnesota Quilt Project at the Historical Society, I didn’t resist. As it turned out, I was really glad I went. We
go to study, admire, and almost drool over (they said we couldn’t drool on them) the finest quilts I’ve ever seen.
And of course, some quilts that were really satisfying in their awful-ness, because they are in a museum after all,
and even my first quilt wasn’t that awful.

But, there is where I met antique, authentic crazy quilts, and my contemporary quilter mindset flew out the
window! I was absolutely entralled with them, especially the littlest one, only about 19 inches square. It is
obviously a mourning quilt, with its black roses with the stems cut short, but the most obvious clue was the five
little black velvet coffins arranged in a semicircle near the center of the little quilt. There is no documentation
where it came from, or who made it or even when it was made. So, I made up a story about it. The quilters that
were with me know what it is; maybe if you join me (or the others) in a volunteer position sometime, you’ll get to
hear that story, too. Is that enough of a bribe yet, or do I have to resort to more bribes and more threats?

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Not familiar with riding the bus? Next month we will have some helpful tips from Metro Transit.

Small Quilt Auction

The Winner of the Small Quilt Auction Embellishment Basket for the April meeting was Nancy Bergstrom. Nancy donated an orange (and we mean ORANGE) wall hanging. Thank you Nancy for your donation--we hope that you can create a beauty for next year with some of those beads/ribbons/buttons, etc., that you got in the basket.

We have approximately 35 wall hangings so far, and hope to surpass last year's total of just over 100. We can collect your quilts after each of the May meetings. Yes, we will be accepting them at the show too. We would love to see some of the challenge quilts hang in the Small Quilt arena, after they are judged.

Small Quilt Auction Co-Chairs,
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A Quilter's Gift to Children

Remember to bring your completed quilts to the May meeting. Also at the May meeting, please sign up for any help you are able to give at Apache Plaza or the Mall of America during May or June. Thanks to everyone for donating quilts and time.

BLOCK OF THE MONTH
At the May meeting, we will draw for the "Monkey Wrench Variation" block.

CONGRATULATIONS!!
Nancy Bekedam of Japan was the winner of the 17 "Delectable Mountain" blocks entered in the April meeting. Please join us in the block of the month drawing. See page 4 for the next block and how to become a winner!

LAST CALL FOR BOX LUNCHES
If you have forgotten to register for box lunches or did not do so with your registration, you can still order them by sending your name and address along with payment of $10.00 per lunch. The lunches are available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. They are available as either "Meat", "Poultry" or "Veggie". Remember, you must specify the day(s) for your lunch(es) and your lunch preference(s). To obtain verification, please include a SASE. Please send your request and payment to 1999 MQ Show Registration - Lunches, c/o Charles S. Peters, 1640 Quail Ridge Circle, Woodbury, MN 55125.