September Meeting Notes

Thursday - September 5, 2002 - 7:00 PM

I can not believe that the State Fair has come and gone! The kids or grandkids are back in school, and life is getting back to normal! (Whatever that might be) Did you make it to the Fair? Did you stop by and see the MQ Volunteers at the Creative Arts building? If not, you missed alot of fun. What a wonderful way to get our message out to the public. Everyone who stopped by the booth had an interesting story to tell about quilting, or how they wished they could quilt.

The September meeting of Minnesota Quilters will be "HOMECOMING". If you have not been to our new meeting location, this is the time to come and see what is new. If you would like, wear your school colors, especially if you have your "Cheerleading" outfit. We will be having a "Schoolhouse". That means lots of new ideas for you to see. Our vendor for September is "The Quilted Shingle". It is a new quilt shop in Oakdale,

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Welcome to Volume 23,
No. 3. This month we
welcome back Laura
Sahlberg's Reflection
column.

Just a note for anyone
that wishes to submit advertising for this newsletter. We will gladly publish your advertising, but we make no guarantees that there will be space. There are also times when information, including advertising is received too late for the newsletter deadline. Please try to observe the deadlines (see page 3). We are trying to meet the expectations of our members by producing a quality publication in a timely fashion. If you are concerned whether or not your submissions have been received, please include a self-address stamped postcard, which we will gladly return.

Thank you, The MQ Editor
Well, we are heading into my favorite season of the year - Autumn. I know a lot of people feel the same way. I love the moderate temperatures and the brilliant colors. Even after the bright colors have faded, I love driving in the country and marveling at all the different shades of brown, tan, russet, and muted gold in the fields and forests. It is one of those palettes that I wish I could capture in a quilt, but I am afraid it would just be muddy and boring. Maybe if I put in the dark green of the pines, the clear blue of the autumn sky, and the stark white of the birch bark, I could make it work. I wonder if that is what God thought, too.

If you have never been to an MQ Fall Getaway, I suggest that you consider signing up. It is a great way to meet other MQ members and take a fun class or work on your UFOs. The Getaway is so much fun because of the two talented quilters who plan and organize it: Celine Perkins and Jenni Krosnowski.

Members’ Corner

I’m going to try out a new feature in this column, where I will attempt to respond to members’ complaints and questions that are directed to the Board in general or to me, specifically. I will try to respond to everything, but I reserve the right to use my judgment and ignore anything malicious. I will not use any names or identifiable information.

This month I am going to respond to a letter that was sent after the St. Cloud show. The letter started out with some nice compliments about the show - thank you. Then the writer had the following questions and comments.

The writer felt very strongly (“robbed”) about the price that was charged for the disposable cameras at the MQ merchandise booth, and wanted to know how much profit MQ made on the cameras.

Response: MQ did not make any profit from the sale of the cameras. They were provided as a convenience and a service to people attending the show. The cameras came from a camera supplier and we sold them for what we paid for them.

The writer is also concerned about the way the MQ budget is handled, (“seems to be mishandling of funds”) and would like to see financial statements regularly in the newsletter.

Response: The MQ “financials” are currently getting very close scrutiny by the Federal government as part of our application for a 501(c)(3), non-profit status. We are also starting to plan for an independent audit in the near future. A financial statement should be included quarterly in the newsletter. If it has not been, it is an oversight and we will correct it.

The last item that the writer brought up was a suggestion that MQ try to hold some meetings outside of the Twin Cities.

Response: This is a very timely suggestion, because it’s something that is being discussed within the Strategic Planning Committee. We are also discussing other ways to increase membership benefits and participation for non metro members.

Thanks to the writer for taking the time to express her compliments and concerns. I hope that the responses were helpful.

Linda Kosfeld
Quilters' Bookshelf
by Editorial Staff

This month the Program Directors and MQ are hosting a Schoolhouse, a place where quilters can learn something new. This month we feature several volumes that will also teach you. C & T Publishing features two new books that are just right for a new quilter and one of them is great for all quilters. Like all C & T Publishing volumes, the books are well photographed and chock full of information.

All About Quilting from A to Z includes everything a quilter needs to know about designing, creating, and living with quilts in one comprehensive reference volume from the editors of Quilter's Newsletter Magazine and its sister publication, Quiltmaker Magazine. Six sections cover the basics and beyond.

Tour the homes and studios of renowned quilters Yvonne Porcella, Jean Wells, Harriet Hargrave, Michael James, and more in "A Quilter's Lifestyle." Use the colorful "Quilt Basics" gallery to learn what makes a quilt a "classic." On the way, explore the variety of block types in "Block by Block," each with an easy piecing diagram, to understand basic design and use. Build a fantastic fabric stash and select the best colors for your quilts with advice from experts Alex Anderson, Christine Barnes, and Gerald Roy in "Fabric First." After you build your stash, choose the right tool for the job by following the tips and tricks in "Tools to Use." Best of all, find common-sense answers to all your quilting questions in "Quilting from A to Z," an alphabetical reference of how-tos from applique to zig zag. (Publisher's Description)

In the second of the two new volumes, Q is for Quilt takes you on a private quilting class and helps you to sharpen your quilting skills with two beloved instructors, Diana McClun and Laura Nownes. Diana and Laura's creative quilt projects help familiarize you with successfully more complex techniques. (Authors of Quilts! Quilts! Quilts!) 19 bright, cheery projects made with traditional blocks such as Nine Patch, Square-in-a-Square, and Houses. Start with simple blocks and techniques and proceed to more challenging designs. Techniques include strip piecing, half-square triangles, applique, and more - with complete instructions. Choose fabrics and supplies with confidence. Includes a gallery of student work to further inspire your creativity. (Publisher's Description)

Quilter's Complete Guide (Leisure Arts) was first published in 1993 and has gone into reprint over 16 times. Fons and Porter are the most recognizable experts in the quilting industry. They are the authoritative guides through all the latest trends and technological advances in the quilting world.

The expertise of Marianne Fons and Liz Porter has expanded into a national television show, as well as the magazine For the Love of Quilting. Their book is literally the complete guide to the art of quilting with its easy-to-understand instructions and photography to guide quilters through every step of the quilting process. This revised edition is expanded to cover topics such as using computers, photo transfer, new quick-piecing techniques, stamping fabric, signing quilt blocks, creating memory quilts, and much more! (Publisher's Description)

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Mary Montez
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W. St. Paul, MN 55118
membership@mnmquilt.org

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The next issue of will be October, 2002. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration for MQ News is September 9, 2002 or until space is sold out. All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. If you wish to place an ad, please contact the Editor.

All ads and articles may be sent by e-mail to editor@mnmquilt.org or sent by mail to:

Carolyn V. Peters
MQ News Editor
1640 Quail Ridge Circle
Woodbury, MN 55125-8335
651-735-0053
"Spools"
8" finished (8 1/2" unfinished)
Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

NOTE: When making the Blocks of the Month, please read the instructions carefully, particularly regarding the fabric choices. The pictures may not always be representative of the fabric selection.

Fabrics
Background: White on white
Spool Tops: Black
Thread: Two prints of your choice (same color family different value)

For ease of construction, use the Easy Angle II cutting tool.

From the Background Fabric:
Cut 2 squares - 4 1/2" x 4 1/2"
Cut 2 triangles from 4 1/2" strip using EZ Angle II

From Spool Tops Fabric:
Cut 4 triangles from 2 1/2" strip using EZ Angle II

From Thread Fabrics:
Cut 2 squares from each fabric (lighter and darker):
2 1/2" x 2 1/2"

This block will be collected and the winner(s) selected at the October meeting. Print Name/Address and attach to the back side of the block. To participate, make one or more block. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your name and block to:

Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave. N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net

Construction:
Place the thread print (darker shade) square in the corner of the background square, right sides together. (Figure 1) Sew from corner to opposite corner of the thread print fabric. Trim the excess fabric above the seam line, flip and press. (Figure 2) Do the same for the other square.

Construct the rest of the block as shown in the block diagram below.
I wonder what I ever did before I quilted?

I used to put the coffee on to brew and head out the door for a long walk. I would head out to the end of our lake cabin road. When I reached my back door the coffee was done. Now that I quilt, I still put the coffee on to brew, but the longest walk I take is from the kitchen to the sewing room and out to the deck with a cup of coffee and some applique. It is the most enjoyable part of the day. I can watch “my lake cabin world” wake over a cup of coffee and some stitching.

I used to cook. I would love to make a hearty breakfast on the weekend or spend the day cooking a wonderful dinner that I had neither the time nor the energy to make after work. Now that I quilt, I have discovered frozen food, take out, and the best of all delivery. There is nothing better, after a long day of sewing, to hear the doorbell and know there is a hot meal in a box waiting just for me.

Yes, and believe it or not I used to iron. I actually ironed clothes. I would sprinkle them with water, roll them up tightly, and cover them with a towel. In the afternoon, when my favorite “soaps” were on, I would iron. I am a quilter now and the only things that I iron are half square triangles. If it is not wash and wear it does not live here anymore.

When I discovered quilting, I knew immediately - this is what I was meant to do. I have tried a lot of crafts, knitting, crocheting, and cross-stitching, but nothing captivated me as quilting has done. I am totally hooked, addicted. My mother used to say I had “quilts on the brain”. I guess that is true.

When I discovered quilting, I not only found a wonderful creative outlet, I discovered some great friends. This has been the bonus, the cherry on the hot fudge sundaes, and it is what keeps me quilting.

Notes of Sadness

According to Ami Simms' newsletter, Kris Driessen's house caught on fire and destroyed everything. Kris is from Hickory Hills Quilts, the Quilt History List, or the Quilt Bus. They lost all the antique quilts, her antique fabric and blocks, and quilt books along with their entire household contents. Anyway, if you would like to help you can go to this webpage for more information: www.deecstark.com/driessen_recovery.htm. Ami is also collecting blocks for a quilt for her. amisimms.com/canyougive1.html.

Sara Newberg King provided the following information regarding Sharee Dawn Roberts, from Web of Thread fame. Sharee Dawn Roberts is an outstanding quilt artist from Paducah. Her 21 year old son died recently. This is something that really chills the parent in all of us. We feel so helpless as our friend is facing one of the hardest times in her life. We can help by keeping her in our thoughts and prayers. If you want to send her a note to let her know that you are sharing her sorrow, here is her address:Sharee Dawn Roberts, 1050 S Friendship Road, Paducah, KY 42003 Sara Newberg King (www.paducahquilts.com).
EAGLE CREEK QUILT SHOP IS EXPANDING

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Sat. Sept. 14th

We’re going back to the 50s to Celebrate
Tea and Scones will be served

Free Fat Qtrs of Fabric for Everyone Who Wears a Hat.
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November 7 – 8 – 9, 2002

Pick up Terry Atkinson pattern instructions, instant winner prizes, food and fun all along the way.
Collect a stamp at each shop to complete your pass.
This year’s grand prize is a trip for two to Sisters, Oregon to the 2003 Sisters Quilt Show.
Grand prize drawing will take place on Sunday after the event. For more information, please contact the shop nearest you.

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Lady of the Lake – Buffalo, MN (763) 682-1990
Quilted Treasures – Rogers, MN (763) 428-1952

The Quilted Shingle

OPEN HOUSE
(September 6, 7, & 8, 2002)
Special Sunday Hours: Noon to 4 pm

Surprise Specials Daily to help us celebrate our Open House.

In cooperation with Bernina Sewing Center
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Stop into The Shingle to enter your name!
(drawing date September 30, 2002)

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Membership News
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membership@mnquil.org

Meeting Admission Reminder

The meeting admission for non-members was changed to $3 effective in February.

The meeting directors would like to remind you to bring your membership card to any and all meetings. This is something that most of you manage just wonderfully. When you have your current membership card in hand, it makes entry into the meeting room a snap! If you’ve searched high and low and just can not find your membership card, please ask Mary at the Membership table for a replacement card to be made. Badge holders are available at the admission table.

President’s Block -- Pattern: Any traditional pieced or appliquéd block pattern. Size: 9” finished Colors: Off-white print or off-white solid background. For the dark color in the block, use any of these colors: indigo, brown, black, purple. I like pre-1920 reproduction fabrics, but any era is fine. Your signature or initials on the block would be appreciated.

Des Moines Area Quilters Guild presents

A Blue Ribbon Affair
October 18–20, 2002

Iowa State Fairgrounds Cattle Barn
East 50th and University, Des Moines, IA
(1 mile east of the University Exit, I-235)

- Quilt Exhibit -Quilt Turning -Treasured Quilts Exhibit - FREE Lectures & Demonstrations - Merchants Mall -Raffle Quilts - Bernina Sewing Machine Door Prize donated by The Quilt Block

MQP Hosts Quilt Study Meeting

Are you interested in learning more about old quilts and fabrics? Do you like repairing quilts or making reproduction quilts? Then come to the first meeting of the Quilt Study Group on Saturday, September 7 immediately following the regular MQ meeting. Members of the Minnesota Quilt Project will be on hand to talk with you about these ideas and more. The meeting will be held in the Minnesota Quilters office at the Textile Center

MQP members just finished the planning meeting for the 2002-03 year. We have many exciting projects, and invite you to join us. We are looking for help with the following projects: Quilt Documentation at Historic Sites; making reproduction quilts and quilt blocks; data entry assistance for the quilt documentations database; and writing projects for quilt research. The rewards include working with others interested in preserving quilting history, increased opportunities for hands-on quilting projects, and sharing good times. If you are interested please call me at 952/898-3726, or e-mail me at eliseroberts@charter.net. Elise Schebler Roberts (Chair, MQP)

Special invitation to Quilters & Fiber Artists...

Art Quilt Retreat

September 27 – 29, 2002
Dillman’s Bay Resort & Creative Arts Foundation
Lac du Flambeau, Wisconsin

Register NOW for one of these all-day workshops: Designing Landscape Quilts TAUGHT BY NATALIE SEWELL Parallelisms-Playing with Design & Color in Fabric TAUGHT BY CHRIS LYNN KIRSCH Class size limited to 20 per workshop

Contact Dillman's for registration and lodging information www.dillmans.com, 715-588-3143

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Sew What Works”, the Quilters’ Quarterly Review P.O. Box 41, Fredonia, WI 53021-0041 www.sewwhatworks.com, 262-692-9258

C’mon! Let yourself go!
September 14-15, 2002
The Apple River Quilt Guild will be presenting their 12th annual quilt show "Back to Basics" at the First Lutheran Church, 240 Elm St., Amery, WI. Hours: Saturday - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm and Sunday - Noon to 4:00 pm. For more information, please call: Dawn Gorres at (715) 268 7909 or send a LSASE to 279 Plymouth St., Amery, WI 54001-4947.

October 5-6, 2002
Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild, presents their Annual Quilt Show, "Patriotic Pride" at the Frederic Elementary School, Frederic WI. Silent Auction, Raffle Quilt, Challenge Display, Vendors. Hours: October 5-6, 10-4. Admission: $2.00. For more information, please contact Nancy Drake, 694 S. Shore Dr. Amery, WI 54001 or by email: nancy@amiccomputers.com.

October 11-13, 2002
Chaska Area Quilt Club presents "Fall Splendor of Quilts" Show at the Chaska Community Center, 1661 Park Ridge Dr., Chaska. Hours: October 11, 9 am - 8 pm; October 12, 9 am - 6 pm; October 13, 11 am - 4 pm. Member Quilt Display, Raffle Quilt Club Challenge Quilts, Small Quilt Auction Viewers Choice Awards, Children's Quilt Exhibit Vendors and Free Lectures/Demos, featuring Jackie Robinson. Admission: $2.00 - no strollers, please. For more info, call 952-448-5633 or cwood@nes.k12.mn.us.

October 18-19, 2002
Loom Country Quilters quilt show October 18 and 19 at the Grand Rapids Minnesota Public Library, 140 NE Second St. Grand Rapids, MN. Contact Bonnie Hildreth 218 492 4310 or e-mail at maggie@uslink.net

October 18-20, 2002
Des Moines Area Quilt Guild's Grand Owa Quilt Show presents "A Blue Ribbon Affair", at the Iowa State Fairgrounds, Des Moines. Over 400 beautiful quilts, a special display Treasured Quilts, a Quilt Turning and free workshops and demonstrations will be presented during the three days of the show. Many wonderful vendors will be available for your shopping pleasure. For more information contact: Martha Henrichs, 5730 Allison Ave., Des Moines, IA 50310, (515) 277 2357 or send an e-mail to: mjhenrichs@aol.com or visit: www.dmqaag.org

October 24-26, 2002
River Valley Quilters presents "Quilted Treasures", their 3rd Bi-annual Quilt Show at the Oak Marsh Clubhouse in Lake Elmo, MN. Prize winning raffle quilt, small quilt auction, and vendors. Proceeds from the raffle quilt are used to purchase supplies for next years' service projects, such as neo-natal quilts or children's quilts. Hours: Thursday - 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Friday - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm and Saturday - 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Admission: $3.00.

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., February 1 for the March newsletter). Your quilt show or exhibit does NOT have to be MQ sponsored. The only requirement is that it be quilt related. MQ News reserves the right to edit the content for length.

Looking for a little adventure in your life?

Do you think it is to early to be thinking of the 2004 MN Quilt Show that will be held in Rochester? Your chair people, Carol Best and Cindy Majewski, do not think so. They have already been busy doing the preliminary work for the show. Now they need your help. Please join them on Sunday, September 15 at 6:30 p.m. for the kick off party. Any members who are interested in helping are asked to contact either Carol (507-281-4906) or Cindy (507-285-1058), so we know how many to plan for, and then plan on attending the party.

If you are interested in helping and can not attend the party, please call anyway! We are excited to start working with you to make this a great show!

The theme for the show will be revealed at the kick off party! Let the adventure begin!

Carol Best & Cindy Majewski
For Sale: John Flynn Multi Frame Quilt System—never used—$85 new, asking $50—complete. Call Betsy 612-722-6345 evs or 612-870-2262 days.

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October Meeting Notes

**Thursday - October 3, 2002 - 7:00 PM**

The kids are off to school, the leaves are starting to change, and it's the end of one more too-short summer. Our September Homecoming/Schoolhouse meeting was lots of fun, featuring a variety of demos and an amusing survey by Ruth Knable. There were lots of hilarious answers to questions such as “When did you last oil your machine?” and “How much fabric do you really have?” The majority of the answers to this last question were either “Too Much” or “Not Enough.” Hmmmm. Maybe these folks need to get together! We also revealed the Fire and Ice Holiday Challenge packets—you can pick the Fire with a little Ice packet or the Ice with a little Fire packet, or maybe both! Each packet has a small packet of embellishments, thanks to MQ member and embellisher extraordinary Lisa Hago. Packets sell for $6, and will be available at the October and November meetings until they are sold out! It was also a treat to have The Quilted Shingle as our vendor, especially since they were also celebrating their grand opening!

Join us in October for a fun presentation from Audree Sells and Six Friends, the Chaska quilters who have put together a great group of round robin storytelling quilts and published a book to go with them! They will have lots of quilts to show us and their book, “The Clothesline and Other Quilt Stories.” At Thursday evening's meeting, they will have a slide presentation showing the development of each of the six round robin quilts, accompanied by the delightful stories written in collaboration by Six Friends. On Saturday morning, two very different challenges are presented in a series of slides narrated by Six Friends. You will be entertained by each of twelve lighthearted challenges and surprised by the final results—as they were!

Our November meetings, “Give Thanks, Give Quilts,” will be a chance to create quilts for charity giving. Plan now to get a group of three or four together for the quilt race, bring fabric to cut or 5 inch cut squares to share, or bring your machine for some low-key sewing time as we work together to have fun and make quilts. More information on signing up your team will be available at the October meeting.

As I write this on September 11, the day-long coverage of last year's tragedy brings back the sadness and shock of that day, but I can now look back at the many ways that people came together to comfort one another, to help those who suffered losses, to express the myriad emotions our country felt. Quilters pulled together to create comforting quilts for Project Linus and other helping groups, quilters gave blood and money and made blocks to raise funds, quilters expressed their feelings in cloth and gave us a catalyst for expressing our grief in the “America from the Heart” quilts and similar exhibits.

Life continues, and we may or may not feel that we are recovered from that day, but I think it can be said that we are in many ways more aware of folks who are hurting. I think we also realize that our families and friends are our most precious gifts. To quote from a song that I find very comforting: “We are swimming 'neath the great Big Dipper, we are washed by the very same rain, we are swimming in the stream together, some in power and some in pain. We can worship this ground we walk on, cherishing the beings that we live beside, loving spirits will live together, we're all swimming to the other side.” (Pat Humphries, 1992). Reach out to one another—be kind to one another.

Sue Rustead, Day Director
Ruth Knable, Evening Director
Hello Quilters,

Our September meetings were the best-attended since our move to the Textile Center, probably due to the end of summer activities and getting back to the "real world". These two meetings were the time that we had a vendor since we moved into the Textile Center, and it was great! The entry area and hallway were filled with tempting wares from The Quilted Shingle. There were also two raffle quilts on display, and lots of friendly, noisy quilters getting reacquainted. Adorning the walls were beautiful knitted items from our textile sisters at the knitting guild, and in the gallery there was a stunning exhibit of woven masterpieces.

Our entertaining and hard-working program directors, Ruth Knable and Sue Rutford, had a fun and educational program planned, and everyone had a good time. I just love the creative, vibrant atmosphere at the Textile Center - I can feel it as soon as I walk in the door.

On September 26-29 I will be going to the Minnesota Quilters’ Fall Getaway in Little Falls, Minnesota. I am looking forward to all sorts of silliness by mature, adult women, plus unhealthy snacks, and hopefully, a finished quilt top. If you like quilt retreats, but like to be a little pampered, watch for information about the first Minnesota Quilters’ Spring Getaway to be held March 21-23, 2003. The accommodations are hotel-style lodge rooms (two people per room) on a private north woods lake. The sleeping rooms, dining room, and the huge sewing room all have beautiful views. It is only a 2 hour drive from the Twin Cities, and maybe less than that from Duluth. More information will be in the November or December newsletter.

I had a question from a quilt shop owner who wanted to know how we decide who will be a vendor at our monthly MQ meetings. It is definitely not a political or “who you know” decision. We want to include any shop that wants to come, and we love to have shops that have never been a vendor. The only reason that some shops have not been invited is simply an oversight. Volunteers do all of the monthly program planning, and these volunteers turn over every year. Some volunteers are better than others at keeping lists of shops that have been vendors, and keeping track of requests from shops who want to be a vendor. And these lists might get lost when the files are turned over to the new program director. (You all know how things can get lost in the shuffle and/or fall through the cracks!) If you have not been a vendor and would like to be one, please send your shop name, contact name, phone number and email address to Polly North, Evening Director-elect, at the MQ office address. I hope we hear from lots of shops!

Warm quilting regards,
Linda

FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to Volume 23, No. 4!

This month, we have the winners from the Minnesota State Fair. Once again, many of our members were recipients of ribbons, including several blue ones.

Once again, Minnesota Quilters will be sponsor a tree at the Festival of Trees. Be sure to check out the information regarding making an ornament for this great event.

If you are a new quilter or know of a new quilter, be sure to fill out the Minnesota Quilters’ Scholarship application.

On a personal note, myself and my staff at The Quilted Shingle wish to thank Minnesota Quilters, Inc. for the opportunity to vend at the September meeting.

Thank you, The MQ Editor

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MQ News
Quilters' Bookshelf
by Editorial Staff

Year after year, at quilt show after quilt show, Diane Gaudynski's machine quilted masterpieces consistently take top honors. And year after year, quiltmakers have urged her to share her machine quilting secrets beyond the classroom. In Guide to Machine Quilting, this master quilter obliges with tips and techniques to start a beginner off right and tantalize a seasoned pro with new possibilities.

Diane's relaxed attitude about machine quilting shines through the light text and abundant illustrations of this meaty book. Those who have struggled with machine quilting will be especially relieved and delighted with the author's step-by-step world tour of machine quilting. Ports of call on the tour include fabric selection and preparation, choosing batting and backing fabric, pin basting layers, marking the quilt, thread choice, quilting sequence, walking foot and free-motion quilting, and finishing and washing the quilt.

The sections on marking the quilting design and changing bobbin tension are particularly helpful as are tips on lighting and managing the quilt in the machine. Diane's directions are clear and complete as she describes in detail how to build stippled shapes and connect them with echo quilting. She also tells how to quilt into those little nooks and crannies and how to work in bubbles of excess fabric. The machine quilting story is told with numerous how-to photographs and demonstrations of hand and body position. (From Publisher's Advance Notes. NOTE: Diane will be teaching in Saint Paul at Silver 1 threads)

Does your cat climb into your lap as you quilt? Does your cat chase balls of thread and try to help you as you sew? Does your cat act as if the quilt you are sewing is really hers? If so here is the book your cat has been waiting for!

In Cats Who Quilt, The First Quilting Book for Your Cat!, your cat will learn: How to Supervise a Human Quilter, How to Play With a Sewing Basket, How to Improve Quilts, How to Nap on Quilts, How to "Pose" With Quilts and How to Enter Them in Contests. Best of all, your cat will learn how to improve your quilts as well as how to improve your sorry life as a quilter! Cats Who Quilt also includes Advice on Wearable Art for Cats, The History of Cats and Quilting, A Glossary of Sewing Machine Attachments and How Cats Use Them in Quilting, Plus Heartwarming Stories About Quilters and the Cats Who Share Their Lives, and A Gallery of Exciting Cat-Created Quilts. Cats Who Quilt also includes a special tear-out Certificate of Membership in the League of Cat Quilters. Calligraphy the name of your beloved quilting cat on it and frame it for all the world to see and admire your cat as a Genuine Cat Quilter.

Appliqué artist Carol Armstrong delivers another irresistible treat for your needle! In Cats in Quilts, cat lovers will adore these 14 wall-hanging projects showing true-to-life kitties at play and on the prowl in lovely garden settings. No templates are required - the author's fun, relaxed lightbox technique brings the appliqué process within reach for every quilter. Plus, it is easy to mix, match, and personalize designs to suit one's taste.

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New membership, renewal and change of address (see page 14) should be sent to:

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W. St. Paul, MN 55118
membership@mnquilt.org

When renewing or changing address (or name), please include your MQ Membership Number (MQNo). Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will read: "Please Renew." The number on the label indicates the month and year of expiration. Example: "MQNo 11 2002" means that your membership ends November 2002.

Membership Dues: $30.00/year (USD)
Student Dues: $15.00/year (USD)

Please make checks payable to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. accepts Visa, MasterCard and Discover. A portion of the dues is allocated to postage at U.S. Postal rates.

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The next issue of will be November, 2002. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration for MQ News is October 9, 2002 or until space is sold out. All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. If you wish to place an ad, please contact the Editor at Carolyn V. Peters
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Woodbury, MN, 55125-8835
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All ads and articles may be sent by e-mail to editor@mnquilt.org or sent by mail to:
October Block of the Month
by Joanne Holzknecht

“Woven Ribbons”
8” finished (8 1/2” unfinished)

Please use 100% cotton fabrics.

NOTE: When making the Blocks of the Month, please read the instructions carefully, particularly regarding the fabric choices. The pictures may not always be representative of the fabric selection.

Fabrics
Background: Black Solid or Black Tone on Tone
Ribbons: Use a Red, Yellow, Green and Blue print

From the Background Fabric:
Cut 4 squares - 2 1/2” x 2 1/2”

From Ribbons Fabric:
From each of the four ribbon fabrics, cut:
a 2 1/2” x 2 1/2” square and a 2 1/2” x 4 1/2” rectangle

This block will be collected and the winner(s) selected at the October meeting. Print Name/Address and attach to the back side of the block. To participate, make one or more block. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send your name and block to:

Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave. N
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net

Construction:
It is very important that each color fabric gets sewn in the correct place for all of the blocks to go together. Before sewing, double check with the diagram to see if the fabrics are where they are suppose to be. If these blocks are sewn together with a black or dark fabric, they do look as if woven.

LEGEND
1. Black
2. Yellow
3. Red
4. Blue
5. Green
Reflections
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Fall is my favorite time of the year. The sights, sounds, and smells that mark this season are some of my favorites. The long golden shadows of evening, the way the trees are turning to brown and yellow greens, and the deer are turning from their summer red to winter gray—this is all a part of FALL.

I love to sit on my lake cabin deck, wrapped in an afghan, as my lake cabin world wakes up. Sipping a hot cup of coffee, I watch the fog settle over the lake. Warm water and cool air make for a wonderful sight. The thick gray cloud rises and falls, seeps in and out of the trees, and moves in and out from the shore like a big gray cat trying to find the right spot.

The geese are gathering for their long flight south. Long Vs of birds circle the lake, each side moving as one, and they call to each other in long trumpeting melodies - "wait for me, wait for me". The humming birds have taken the last sugar water from the feeders, and the ducks are gathering in the stands of wild rice fattening up for their long flight.

I want to eat an apple pie, carve a pumpkin, and make a pot roast. I want to sleep under a flannel quilt, take a long walk in our maple tree woods, and rake piles of leaves. It is Fall. The air is cool, the humidity is gone and the skies have lost their summer haze. Our shoreline is Minnesota maroon and gold.

But the very best part of all, is a campfire. The winds die down and the lake turns into a black mirror. The fire blazes and across the bay an orange moon rises over the trees. It casts an orange reflection over the entire length of our bay. Crickets and loons break the silence. The fire snaps and pops. Life is good. It is FALL.

Dear Minnesota Quilters Members:

On behalf of the Board of the Textile Center of Minnesota, I would like to officially welcome you. We are thrilled to have the beautiful buzz of quilting fill our halls and hearts. Quilters are a huge part of our textile community and it is so wonderful to have you under the same roof as the weavers, knitters, beaders, needle workers, lace makers and all of the rest of us. We welcome you with open arms to the Center. Sharing the same space with all of us who are passionate about textiles is resulting in even greater things than we dreamed possible. Some of your quilts have already graced our walls and we look forward to seeing many, many more.

I want to say how touched and grateful we are for your wonderful gesture of planting an ornamental tree in the flower garden. It is going to flourish as I am sure our Center will now that you are part of the family.

Sincerely,
Margaret Miller
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Notes of Sadness

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. wishes to extend their condolences to the family and friends of Dawn Hall of Cherrywood Fabrics. The quilting world is mourning the loss of Dawn.

Calendar of Events

Evening meetings begin at 7:00 pm and Day meetings begin at 10:00 am, except as noted.

* OCTOBER, 2002
October 3: Audree Seely and Six Friends
October 4: Audree Seely and Six Friends
October 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

* NOVEMBER, 2002
November 7: "Give Thanks - Give Quilts"
November 9: "Give Thanks - Give Quilts"
November 25: Board of Directors Mtg.

* DECEMBER, 2002
December 13: Combined Holiday Brunch at the St. Thomas Refectory
December 16: Board of Directors Mtg.

* JANUARY, 2003
January 2: MQ2003 Preview
January 4: MQ2003 Preview
January 27: Board of Directors Mtg.

* FEBRUARY, 2003
February 6: To Be Announced
February 7: To Be Announced
February 24: Board of Directors Mtg.

* MARCH, 2003
March 6: To Be Announced
March 7: To Be Announced
March 24: Board of Directors Mtg.

* April, 2003
April 3: MQ 25th Birthday
April 5: MQ 25th Birthday
April 28: Board of Directors Mtg.

* May, 2003
May 1: To Be Announced
May 3: To Be Announced
May 26: Board of Directors Mtg.

Meetings are free for MQ Members. GENERAL MEETINGS and LECTURE SERIES meetings $3.00 for nonmembers.
For the fourth year, MQ is participating in the HealthEast Festival of Trees to be held at the St. Paul Radisson, November 21, 2002. We have agreed to decorate a 6 1/2 foot tree, which will be auctioned off for charity. This year the proceeds will benefit HealthEast Heart Care Center. The title of our tree is “Feliz Navidad”. Our tree will feature marvelous handmade festive felt heart and flower-shaped ornaments, brightly colored bead garlands, tassels, paper crinkle and a star piñata for the top. Roseann Kermes of Rosebud’s Cottage in North St. Paul generously donated the wool felt and Jane Krause of Plain Jane Designs has cleverly designed the wonderful ornaments and tree skirt.

We handed out heart ornament kits at the September evening meeting. If you signed out a kit, please return it at either October meeting. At the October Saturday meeting, we will be asking for help in making 25-30 flower felt ornaments (very simple!). Please bring an embroidery needle if you can spare a few minutes. Many hands make light work.

The Festival of Trees “A Walk through the Woods” (the FREE PUBLIC VIEWING of all the decorated trees and wreaths) will be held at the downtown St. Paul Radisson Great River Ballroom on Thursday, November 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon and 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Also, for the first time, twenty-five vendors will be selling Christmas crafts, gifts, clothing and jewelry from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 pm. The awards ceremony will be held at 7:00 pm. Come and take a look at all the wonderful holiday decorations and see how your contributions have helped create a magnificent tree for charity. We hope to see you there!

For more information, call Karen Asmundson 651/552-8832 or Rosemary Kessler at (651) 699-4582.

Do Not Forget to Mark Your Calendar for the Holiday Brunch

Saturday - December 14, 2002

at the St. Thomas Refractory, Saint Paul, MN

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MAIN STREET
COTTON SHOP

Downtown Hutchinson • 7 N. Main St. • 320-234-7298

“Harvest Gathering”

Saturday, October 12, 2002
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Booksing by Lynette Jensen
(10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. & 1:00-3:00 p.m.)

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