April Meeting Notes

Thursday, April 7, 7:00pm
Saturday, April 9, 10:00am

We have certainly had an unusual winter. There seemed to be snow everywhere but the Twin Cities. Northern Minnesota had more snow than they wanted and it was no summer day in Southern Minnesota either. But no matter the weather, it was a good time to quilt or dye fabrics. Jeannette DeNicolis Meyer was a wonderful speaker and the workshop was full of creativity. As quilters we have a tendency to view ourselves as people who follow patterns, but that is not true. We have a lot of talent and creativity inside each and every one of us. It's just one step beyond picking different fabrics for that quilt pattern we bought. The SHOW is coming up, so take that opportunity to sign up for a class and wade into those creative waters!

APRIL PROGRAM

April is our Birthday month, and we’re having a party to celebrate. There will be cake, of course, and there will be a special program celebrating some of our own members, and their fabulous work. Last fall, we asked for ten members to show ten of their quilts, and had a great response. These quilters and their work represent the great diversity in our quilting community. Join us and be awed and inspired by the quilts they will share with us. The ten quilters are Faye Bodenhamer, Gayle Cmeil, Virgie Hagen, Paula Hegg, Victoria Miller, Julie Nelson, Maxine Rosenthal, Betty Rhodes, Kathy Sheir, and Susan Webster. Each quilter will give a short presentation of their work, and afterwards, each will have a table display, and you will be able to see the quilts up close and talk to the quilt maker.

As a totally optional activity, you may bring a small, wrapped, quilting related gift, value no more than $5, for a fun gift exchange.

We may even have some party games, perhaps a version of the Wright Family Birthday Celebration. See you there, either Thursday evening, or Saturday Morning.

MAY PROGRAM

Brandywine Designs will be our guests in May. They have wonderful patterns and books. Check out their web site www.brandywinedesign.com! They also have a new fabric line called “Coventry Cottage” designed by Linda Hohag for P&B Fabrics. You won’t want to miss this wonderful program!

TREAT SIGN UP

For Birthday Month, we are taking care of the cake, so please come and enjoy. In May we will be back to our normal treat sign up program. And it is never too early to sign up to make a couple of dozen cookies or treats. Our hostess coordinators are Cathy Stiele (phone 952-934-3197) for Thursday Evening and Michelle Hill (phone 763-383-1474) for Saturday Morning. Each volunteer who brings treats gets two hours of credit toward their volunteer pin. Please call and let them know what you can bring for the May Meeting.

SHOW AND TELL

April is Spring Flowers and Sunshine. We want to see any and all quilts and projects (and not so finished quilts and projects) that have flowers. We also want to see your color wash items. They are such a wonderful blend of floral fabrics that bring a smile to your face. Come and share with your friends.

Your party planners, Judy Lewis, Mary Lueders and Ellen Carter
Hello Everyone,

I’ve gotten a lot of response to last month’s column. Most has been supportive, although not necessarily in agreement.

But before we get to that, it’s time to recognize those who have stepped forward this month:

**Ann Poulson** has volunteered to take on Faculty for the 2007 show in St. Paul. She will begin gathering ideas for class topics and teachers, the lengthy process of getting on their calendars and, about a year from now finalizing the class offerings.

There are several members who have indicated a willingness to take on part-time office, monthly program director, and volunteer chair. Also some new members want to become involved, but “don’t know how.” We are discussing how/what might be the best fit for all, so specifics will follow.

More kudos…“**David Shattuck** is splendid!” I’d like to add **Jane** to this tribute, as this couple works seamlessly and tirelessly to serve and promote Minnesota Quilters. Apparently they are again pleasing many registrants with their prompt replies to emails and inquiries regarding registration concerns and questions.

Regarding changes which are facing MQ:

*My email box brought the following:
Show and tell and the program are what matter. Please quit harping about volunteers. I’m thinking that if it were important, someone would have stepped forward.*

*A personal conversation included the following:
Many quilters belong to local guilds. It seems to me that one of MQ’s difficulties is that it is seen as and is being run as a local guild and is in competition with local guilds. Make MQ an umbrella organization that local guilds can come to for assistance…have sample contracts if local guilds want to bring in speakers; guidance and samples that local guilds can access if they want to write grants. Cooperatively, local guilds could serve as committees for the annual show. MQ would sponsor and coordinate the annual show and 3 additional meetings per year with national speakers.*

The next board meeting is March 28. Our agenda will include formation of the nominating committee for election of Board positions; organization of the office and hiring of a part-time paid staff person; and how we can continue status quo given the absence of essential and necessary volunteer staff.

The four Board positions up for election this year are: President-elect, Secretary, Communications Director and Operations Director. On page 5 you will find a listing of these positions, including job descriptions so you can get some idea of the responsibilities involved. Please contact Renay Leone at ppres@mnquilt.org if you have additional questions and/or are interested in being involved in the workings of Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

We really could use more volunteers who would be willing to assume major responsibilities and others who are willing to contribute some time and energy. Check the Help Wanted column on page 7.

Let us hear from you…it is important and we will continue “harping about volunteers” in order to maintain the status quo as cutting programs, traditions and structure is not a desirable outcome. Having said this, I want to emphasize that I am very encouraged by the number of people who are beginning to be involved and am hopeful that these numbers will continue to grow.

This is OUR organization and can reflect only what each of us put into it.

Happy Spring!!

Polly
Look elsewhere in this issue for the kick-off of our MQ 2005 show faculty book review project. Kathy Burchill talks about Fantasy Fabrics by Bonnie Lyn McCaffery and More Reversible Quilts by Sharon Pederson. Next month, Kathy is joined by reviewers including Virgie Hagen, Angie Stone, and yours truly, to bring you more reviews. Others have stepped forward and offered to review books—thank you all! In the future, if you would like to review a book for MQ, just drop me a note.

**Library volunteers!** I know that several of you MQ members currently volunteer at the Textile Center library, or have been in the past. I have also had some of you ask me how you can become a volunteer. Well, here’s the scoop: Michèle DeLorme, the Textile Center librarian, asks you to contact her and arrange for one-on-one training. This training is necessary for folks new to working at the library, but would also be beneficial if you have gotten a little rusty (some things have changed). The training doesn’t take long (Michèle is a great teacher!), and she is flexible as far as her availability (evenings or weekends are possible). She will also sit with you during your first shift. Once you have received the training, you are encouraged to sign up for shifts (see the sign-up sheets to the right of the library door). Contact Michèle at mdelorme@textilecentermn.org or call the Textile Center at 612-436-0464 and ask for the library.

**Quilting magazines!** We are in the process of starting up subscriptions for certain quilting magazines for the Textile Center library on behalf of MQ. The Contemporary Quilters (bless their hearts) have been providing *Quilting Arts* to the library. On our wish list for additional quilting magazines are the following: *Quilters Newsletter Magazine*, *Quiltmaker*, *AQS/American Quilter*, and *Vons and Porter Love of Quilting*. Are there other quilting magazines that you would like to see on the library shelves?

**Did you know...** Minnesota Quilters accounted for 30% of the checkouts at the Textile Center this past year!

**Textile Center Library Winter Hours (September to June)** call ahead to make sure that someone is there to help you — Textile Center (612-436-0464).

- **Monday** ........... 9 am – 1 pm .... 5 pm – 7 pm
- **Tuesday** ............... 5 pm – 7 pm
- **Wednesday** .... CLOSED
- **Thursday** ................. 5 pm – 7 pm
- **Friday** .............. 9 am – 1 pm
- **Saturday** ............ noon – 4 pm
- **Sunday** ............ CLOSED

Remember the library’s continuing *Used Book Sale*; prices are at 60-70% of what you’d pay on the internet. There is a large assortment of quilting books for sale! These are duplicates of books that the library already owns. Money from the Used Book Sale goes to purchase new books! Stop in and browse before a meeting or during break.

**Book Donations?** On the flip side of buying books, if you are doing some spring cleaning, and come across some textile-related books that you don’t have room for, why not donate them to the library? Donations are tax-deductible, and you’d have the pleasure of putting those books to use (either to be retained in the library, or to go to some grateful fellow quilter in the used book sale).

“**Books Wanted List**” – I’m continuing to work on establishing this list from a quilter’s point of view. Michèle the librarian has also asked for a “**Hot Off the Press**” list to be developed—books that are new and that the Textile Center should look to obtain before they are no longer readily available. I’ve received some suggestions already, and suggestions are always very, very welcome.

Hope to see you at the library!
BLOCK OF THE MONTH
for the
MAY MEETING
by
Joanne Holznecht

Please use 100% cotton fabrics. PLEASE PREWASH THE FABRIC. Note: When making a Block of the Month, please read the instructions carefully, particularly regarding the fabric choices. The pictures may not always be representative of the fabric selection.

Background – white on muslin print
Basket – tan to medium brown print
Center of basket – Dark brown (think of woven baskets)

Cut Background:
A. 1 – 4 7/8” x 4 7/8” and cut as show in Diagram 1
B. 2 – 1 ¼” x 6 ½” sew with handles
C. 2 – 2 ½” x 2 ½” sew as Diagram 2
D. 1 – 2 ½” x 2 ½” sew as Diagram 3 with top of handle
E. 2 – 2 ½” x 2 ½” sew as Diagram 2

Cut Basket:
F. 2 – 1 ¼: 6 ½: handles sewn with B’s
G. 1 – 1 ¼” x 1 ¼” top of handle
H. 2 – 2 7/8” x 2 7/8” cut as shown in Diagram 4
I. Dark Brown: cut 2 ½” x 2 ½”

May Basket
8’ 8 1/2” unfinished

Make one or more blocks. Print your name and address on a slip of paper and attach it to the back of each block. Bring as many versions of the block to the MAY meeting as you want. Your name will be entered in the monthly drawing.

If you are unable to attend the meeting, you may send your name and block(s) to:

Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave. N.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
email: sewsewjo@spacestar.net
MINNESOTA QUILTERS, INC.
REQUEST FOR BOARD NOMINEES – 2005

Here are the positions to be filled for the 2005-2006 fiscal year (October 1, 2005 to September 30, 2006), each followed by its major responsibilities*:

**President-Elect**
- Long Range Planning
- Donations/Grants

**Secretary**
- Board Minutes
- Mailings
- Correspondence
- Annual Report

**Communications Director**
- Newsletter
- Public Relations
- Advertising
- Merchandising
- Website/Master

**Operations Director**
- Financial Planning
- Insurance
- Equipment
- Building
- Office Management
- Textile Center Interface
- Administration

*You don’t have to DO everything, but be responsible for others under your supervision as needed or desired.

As you have been hearing, our structure as an organization and how we do business as a nonprofit corporation is totally dependent at the present time on volunteers. Voting for these positions will take place prior to, and winners will be announced at, the annual meeting on Friday, June 10, at the show in Duluth.

If you are interested in any of these positions or want more detailed job descriptions for them, contact me at ppres@mnquilt.org or leave a message at my home phone (952-474-8364).

This hobby gives a lot to you so please consider giving back to it and helping to spread your pleasure to others!

Renay Leone
Past President

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Bonnie Lyn McCaffrey has been a quilter, teacher, and lecturer for decades. Her love for all kinds of fabric has led her to develop the techniques shown in this book. The author explains in the preface that “fantasy fabrics” are created by cutting, positioning, and capturing various items (cut up fabrics, threads, lace, glitter, charms, and beads, for example) on a base fabric, under a layer of tulle. In the book she provides step-by-step instruction and inspiration with lots of gorgeous color photographs of materials, techniques and finished works that use her techniques. The book includes tips (“so you can learn from my experience”) which are very helpful.

This is a neat book but might not be for everyone. If you are ready to step into a new dimension, you will want to go there with Ms. McCaffrey. I have played with this type of quilting and really enjoy it. Just as McCaffrey says in her introduction: “Fantasy fabrics—oh, the possibilities.”

I admit, I had to read the first part of the book (where McCaffrey walks through the basic techniques) twice. I did not understand the samples at first, but once I turned my brain on it was a snap. An example: She shows the same cloth but worked with a different color or texture of tulle. It makes such a difference in the finished fabric.

Once you understand the process, the sections that follow show numerous variations that result from using different fabrics or threads and then mixing them together. Even if you start with what seems to be an “uninteresting” fabric, by using McCaffrey’s layered-surface techniques you create something new and wonderful.

I can only imagine how great her classes will be, after reading this book. Bonnie is teaching four different classes at MQ 2005 and her class “Fantasy Fabric Sampler” is from this book. If you are lucky enough to be in one of her classes, try to get her book early and at least page through it. You will learn the type of materials you will need for class and also get the general idea of the process. Now have fun letting your imagination soar. The book is very inspiring. Even if you are hesitant to try the techniques personally, the wonderfully luscious photographs are a feast for the eyes.

Reviewed by Kathy Burchill, MQ member from Luverne, North Dakota.


Sharon Pederson is a quilter from British Columbia, a popular designer and author who has taught hundreds of classes on her two-sided quilt technique, quilts that have two fully-pieced sides and that are quilted at the same time that they are pieced. This particular book is a follow-up to her 1999 Reversible Quilts. The author says that she has made some minor changes to the technique since the first book—the biggest change has been the discovery of a new product, Hobbs Fusible Binding. In this second “reversible quilt” book, she provides instructions for eleven new projects, including a quick but lovely table runner.

Sharon begins the book presenting her techniques for constructing reversible blocks, joining them together, then setting and sashing them, and, finally, binding them. Lots of information on fabric, tools, and supplies are provided in the book. The author discusses the rulers that you really need for this technique—6”x12” Omnigrid (her favorite), a 12 ½” square (which is invaluable when making reversible quilts), and a 24” long ruler. With this combination of rulers you can do anything. Sharon shares her tips on sewing machine needles and thread as well.

Talk about great reading! If you are even thinking about taking a class with Sharon Pederson, this is the book for you. But if the class fills without you, don’t be without this book. Get the book ahead of time, read through it, and write down any questions you have. This way you will have the groundwork done on her technique, you will know what tools to bring, and why you should bring them. When Sharon starts the class you will be able to follow along and the questions will likely be answered before you can even ask them. Her explanations, along with the pictures, make it very easy to understand each step.

I have made several reversible quilts and now I wish I had this book first. The mystery of the binding and the 4” sleeve is now answered for me. I found two patterns here that I really like and maybe you will see which ones they are at the show in Duluth!

Reviewed by Kathy Burchill, MQ member from Luverne, North Dakota.
Help Wanted

Newsletter Editor
The current editor’s term is up in September. If you have a nose for news, like to be “an insider”, enjoy working with quilt shops and other guilds, this could be the position for you. You must be confident on the computer (Pagemaker, MS Publisher or Quark experience helpful), have created other printed material (newsletter, catalogs, books, brochures, etc.) and be able to coordinate photos, articles and ads. Contact Polly North at president@mnquilt.org to discuss possibilities.

Program Chairs
This is a really fun position where you get to meet new friends and get involved in the type of programs you would like to see at meetings. The Education Director will help and mentor programs and conducting meetings. We have restructured these positions so that it will be fun and not take a large amount of your time. For more information contact ed@mnquilt.org

Coffee Maker
Person willing to come a little early to the Textile Center on Thursday Evening Meetings to start the coffee. Because we all know how nice it is to have a cup of coffee before the meeting starts… For more info call Mary Leuders 952-475-9919.

Board Positions
Help lead MQ to greater goals. Up for nomination are President Elect, Secretary, Communications Director and Operations Director. Each position requires teamwork and good sense. You must be reachable via email, too. While the Directors seem to have a lot of responsibility, the key is delegation and working with others. If you’re interested in being a Board Member, contact Renay Leone, ppres@mnquilt.org or leave a message at (952-474-8364).

Membership News
New membership, renewal and change of address should be sent to:
Gayle Mundstock
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
3000 University Ave. SE, #120
Minneapolis MN 55414
membership@mnquilt.org

When renewing or changing address (or name), please include your MQ Membership Number (MQNo). This can be found to the right above your address on your latest newsletter. Watch for the expiration notice on your label. It will read: “Please Renew.” The number to the left above your address indicates the month and year of membership expiration. Example: “9/1/04 means you need to renew your membership before the September meeting in 2004.

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

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

Meeting Admission Reminder
The meeting admission for nonmembers is $3. The meeting directors 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 Gayle for a replacement card. Badge holders are available at the admission table.

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Virginia Thorn
Our show is brought to you entirely by Volunteers. YOU are the most valued and treasured resource Minnesota Quilters has. It will take over 600 volunteers working together to put on a successful quilt show in June, 2005. Each volunteer with 2 hours of service will receive a Volunteer Pin as a token of appreciation for time given. This year we will have volunteer shifts of one hour for white gloving, and two hours for other duties. We will also have start times on the half hour, so you will have more opportunities to volunteer and enjoy the show. For each hour you volunteer, your name will be entered into daily prize drawings. In addition, your name will be entered into the drawing for the Grand Prize Drawing.

Grand Prize is a PFAFF Sewing Machine!

Call, write or eMail your volunteer registration information to:
MQ Duluth Volunteers, 3000 University Avenue SE #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414, 952-475-9919, eMail showvol05@mnquilt.org. PLEASE PRINT!

Name___________________________________________________________________________________________________
City, State ZIP or Postal Code______________________________________________________________________________
eMail_______________________________ Day Phone__________________Evening Phone_________________ 

Please check the Volunteer Opportunities

☐ White Glove - We have one hour shifts available starting at half hour intervals.
☐ Bag Check Table ☐ Door Guard ☐ Lecture Helper ☐ Registration ☐ Small Quilt Auction
☐ MQ Merchandise ☐ Raffle Quilt ☐ Volunteer Table ☐ 2006 Challenge
☐ Set-Up MONDAY ☐ Set-Up TUESDAY ☐ Set Up WEDNESDAY ☐ Take-Down SATURDAY
☐ Other ________________________________

☐ Class Room Helper – MUST BE SIGNED UP FOR THE CLASS: Class Numbers ________________________________

Please list the times you are available to volunteer.

Monday, June 6th __________________________________________________________________________________________
Tuesday June 7th __________________________________________________________________________________________
Wednesday June 8th _________________________________________________________________________________________
Thursday June 9th __________________________________________________________________________________________
Friday June 10th ___________________________________________________________________________________________
Saturday June 11th _________________________________________________________________________________________
Saturday Take Down (5:00pm start) ________________________________________________________________

Those who contribute 4 hours of volunteer time for Take Down on Saturday Night will be eligible for a special drawing. The special prize is a certificate for custom quilting for up to a full-size quilt. The quilting will be done on a longarm, stitch-regulated machine by a professional quilter and includes one thread color, but does not include batting.
LESS THAN 3 MONTHS AND COUNTING

June is fast approaching and final touches are being put on many 2005 Stars in the Harbor details. See the Registration information on this page about a change in classes. You can send an email to David and Jane Shattuck at janedaveshattuck@msn.com if you have questions about this class change.

The Duluth area hotel blocks are filling, we found two additional hotels to add to the list:

The Fairfield Inn (218) 723-8607 has 15 rooms available.
$109.00 Sunday-Thursday and $169.00 for weekend (minimum 2 nights)

The Country Inn & Suites (218) 740-4500 has limited availability including a few two-room Suites.

We have ordered beautiful weather in Duluth for the entire week of the show and look forward to seeing you there!

JACKET CHALLENGE

The Party With the Fishes Jacket Challenge needs YOU! This is a chance to be rewarded for your creativity! So take that idea that’s been brewing in your head and get out that wonderful piece of fabric you’ve been saving for something special—and maybe those beads and crazy threads that you couldn’t resist buying at the last show. Now is the time to put them all together and come up with something spectacular…we know you can do it!

The deadline is April 18 for photos—doesn’t have to be finished, but we’d like more than just a picture of a pile of fabric, please!

Remember, there are two categories: one is a water-related theme and the second is limited only by your own imagination. There are 1st and 2nd prizes ($200.00 for 1st and $100.00 for 2nd). Plus, ribbons will be awarded in each category. Just think…more money to spend in the Vendor Mall! And, yes, you can make a jacket with the 2005 Challenge fabric and enter it in both contests, if you like.

CHILDREN’S AND NON-JUDGED EXHIBITS

Keep your sewing machine humming! Entries for the Children’s Exhibit and Non-judged quilt display are due Monday, May 2. Ribbons are awarded to all children who display their quilts. $250 cash and a ribbon are awarded to the Viewer’s Choice 1st place winners in the quilt and wall size categories. In addition, 2nd and 3rd place winners will receive a ribbon in those categories. Page 9 of the registration booklet has all details necessary to enter. Nancy’s correct house number is 1140.

REGISTRATION

Classes at the 2005 Duluth show are filling fast! We are looking forward to an exciting and fun filled time with old and new friends.

Due to the popular demand for Billie Lauder’s Mystery Class, which filled quickly and has a waiting list, we are pleased to be able to offer a 2nd Mystery class with Billie Lauder. With her consent we have replaced her Wednesday Quilts In A Row class with a completely new mystery class. Everyone likes a second chance, so here it is, your second chance to take an always-fun Mystery class at the 2005 Show. Get your registration in early, as we are sure this class will fill quickly too!

If you think all the classes might be filled, please go to the Minnesota Quilters web site at www.mnquilt.org and click on 2005 Show then Workshop Status to check the latest update on class availability information.

STARS IN THE HARBOR CHALLENGE

Stars in the Harbor challenges you to make a quilt project that is inspired by stars or a water-related theme out of 1 ½ yards of beautiful Moda Fabrics. Judges from the MQ Show Committees will judge the projects. The grand prize, however, will be a random drawing from all finished projects.

The Quilters Basket of Maple Grove is sponsoring the challenge. Prize money is as follows:

QUILT/WALL HANGING
FIRST PLACE: ...................................................... $125.00
SECOND PLACE ..................................................$  75.00

WEARABLE ART OR 3-DIMENSIONAL
FIRST PLACE: ...................................................... $125.00
SECOND PLACE .................................................... $75.00

ALL THREE PACKETS USED
ONE PRIZE .............................................................. $75.00

VIEWER’S CHOICE
ONE PRIZE ........................................................... $100.00

GRAND PRIZE (random drawing)
GIFT CERTIFICATE to your favorite quilt store .. $125.00

The entry form (included in the packet) must be received by April 29th 2005. The quilt project must be received by June 3, 2005. Drop off or mail finished projects to: Susan Manning 12965 Martin St. NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55448 or Kelly J’s Sewing Center and Quilt Shop at 4313 Haines Road, Duluth, MN 55811. We will also accept your project at any monthly MQ meeting. If you have any questions, call Judy Trempe (jtrempe@Aol.com) at 763-755-9545 or Susan Manning at 763-757-1336.

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Minnesota Quilters 2005 Scholarship for Beginning Quilters
In Honor of Doreen Speckmann

This year we had nine applicants for the Minnesota Quilter Scholarship in honor of Doreen Speckmann. The MQ board had a difficult choice as all of the entrants showed great promise in their design and quilting skills. But the winners are:

**First Place** – Rene Krueger, Waite Park, MN, began her quilting career very recently but is already, as a member of RSVP (Retired Seniors Volunteer Program), providing assistance to other beginning quilters in home economics classes.

**Second Place** – Kelly Zakariasen, Bovey, MN, has a treasured history of quilting in her family and is eager to hone her skills to pass on that quilting gift. She is interested in hand quilting and in particular broderie perse, trapunto and stippling.

**Third Place** – Nicole Kotasek, Gaylord, MN, has been sewing almost as long as she can remember, but, with the gift of a new sewing machine, began quilting in earnest two years ago. She is excited by the prospects of quilting as functional art.

We wish to thanks all of the other applicants and acknowledge them here:

- Peggy Caviness, Waconia, MN
- Louise Ewald, St. Paul, MN
- Maureen Josephson, Hermantown, MN
- Lisa Latzke, Maryland Heights, MO
- Joann Murphy, Inver Grove Hights, MN
- Melanie Vi Trachsel, Minneapolis, MN

Fat Quarters

Anyone wishing to participate should bring up to 3 fat quarters of quilt shop quality fabric to the evening or day meeting. Put your name, address and phone number on each (a mailing label works) and we will draw one name at the Saturday morning meeting. That person will get all the fat quarters contributed for that month. You need not be present to win.

You can also participate by mailing them to Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Ave. SE #120 Minneapolis MN 55414-3360, before the morning meeting.

If you are not at the meeting, you will be contacted, and the fat quarters will be held for the next meeting or mailed to you. Again, get involved, have fun, and maybe take home a bundle of fat quarters.

Please contribute fabric you would use yourself, you might actually win! Remember, a Fat Quarter measures 18” x 22” (1/2 yard cut in half along the fold).

April: Yellow      May: Light Blue

Calendar of Events

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

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  - April 7-9: 10 x 10 - 10 quilters share 10 quilts to make 100! Birthday Cake and Fun
  - April 10: 2005 ALL Show committees meeting Duluth Art Institute 2:00PM
  - May 5-6: Brandywine Designs
  - May 6: Board of Directors Meeting
  - May 21: ALL Show committees meeting at DECC Noon
  - June 9-11: Stars in the Harbor Annual Show in Duluth (Classes begin June 8)
  - June 10: Annual Meeting Noon - 1:30 DECC
  - June 27: Board of Directors Meeting

General Meetings are free for MQ Members and $3.00 for nonmembers. Workshops require an additional fee for all attendees.

Sew Many Northern Lights
St. Cloud, MN

**Classes begin June 14**

The 2006 Show Committee is just about complete. We’re still looking for a co-chair for Door Prizes (and you don’t have to beg for donations). A team to coordinate the Special Exhibits (the exhibits themselves have been chosen, but we need a team to coordinate receipt, hanging and return), And, someone to work with several different committees for signage. (You really need computer knowledge for this one.) The show will be a little later in 2006 so there should no graduation conflicts. If you want to be part of the fun, contact 06 Show Chairs Mary Brandt or Sue Keimig at mq06@mnquilt.org, or stay for the next 2006 Show Committee meeting after the April 9 MQ General Meeting.
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Ilze Aviks, fabric collage
Susan Brandeis, textile design
Elizabeth Busch, art quilts
Anna Carlson, fashion design
Katharine Cobey, sculptural knitting
Emily DuBois, weaving
Jane Dunnewold, surface design
Allie Kay, surface design
Carol LeBaron, surface design
Ed Bing Lee, knotting
Marilou Schultz, Navajo weaving
Hitoshi Ujiie, digital textile design
Rebekah Younger, knitwear design

Beautiful locations and excellent facilities on the Twin Cities campus and the University’s Cloquet Forestry Center in northern Minnesota. Registration is ongoing.

For catalog: call 612-625-8100 or e-mail srap@cce.umn.edu

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**Minnesota Quilts: Creating Connections to Our Past**

MQP’s book, to be published by Voyageur Press in May, 2005, will showcase 150 quilts from the approximately 4,000 documented by the Minnesota Quilt Project during the past 20 years.

The story of the quilts is told through glorious color photographs, vintage black and white images and detailed, informative text. Drawing on oral interviews with quilters and the close study of Minnesota’s classic quilts, MQ members Gail Bakkom, Jean Carlton, Patricia Cox, Laura Jelinek, Linda Kosfeld, Jean Loken, Elise Schebler and Kelly Willis explore the connections quilts have had to our history, our families and our everyday life.

Pre-publication order price is US$35.00 (tax is US$2.00). Avoid US$4.00 shipping by picking up your prepaid copy at the 2005 MQ Show in Duluth, June 9-11, 2005.

 Reserve your copy today by completing the form below and sending it with payment or indicating credit card information.

The form can also be found at www.mnquilt.org.

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**Girl Scouts Create Comfort Quilts**

Sponsored by MQ and Associated Sewing the next Girl Scout program is April 1st in the Chaska Area (site not confirmed at printing). More volunteers are always needed.

It is a great day filled with high energy and lots of “starving minds”. These girls are so excited about learning and so giving. Imagine giving away your first quilt project to people you do not even know!!! Email Paulette Marini (cpmarini@msn.com) or call (952-938-5652) and find out more!
The Quilted Shingle

We’re Moving

We are expanding - more floor space, dedicated classroom, and storage. We will have 22" ft ceilings to hang lovely quilts. We will be expanding our embellishment department, adding yarn and doll making supplies. We are excited - we will be closed on April 22 - 24, 2005 to move! Check the website for more details and sales.

At new location: April 25, 2005

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March 1-31
A Quilter’s Stash Eagan High School’s 10th annual quilt exhibit honors Women’s History Month. Featured quilt artist, Helen Kelley will sign books from 6-7pm on March 9 followed by her lecture Every Quilt Tells a Story. Hours M-F 9-3 Closed Weekends and March 21-24. Admission and lecture free. Additional Information: Laura Nagel 651-683-6933.

April 1 - 2
The Sky’s the Limit, the expanded annual quilt show presented by Maple Grove Quilters. Maple Grove Community Centers. Featured Quilter: Shelly Wolfram. Quilt Exhibits, raffle quilt, small quilt auction, demonstrations, vendors. Fri 4pm-8pm Sat 9am-4pm. Admission $3.00 Contact Linda Wines at 763-553-9368 or lindawines@comcast.net

April 3 - 24
Breath of Spring: A Quilt Show, the seventh triennial Piecemakers’ quilt show. Tuesdays through Sundays 1pm-5pm (closed Mondays). Owatonna Arts Center, Additional Information Owatonna Arts Center 507-451-0522

April 8 - 10
Quilts in Bloom presented by the Fergus Falls Festival of Quilts at Bigwood Event Center, Fergus Fall, MN. Debbie Bowles and Heather Mulder. Quilt Show, Classes, Merchant Mall, Seminars, Prizes. Over 200 quilts on display. Fri 5pm-9pm, Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun 10am - 4:30pm. Additional information: Fergus Festival of Quilts, PO Box 921, Fergus Falls, MN 56537

April 23 - 24
Kaleidoscope of Quilts, Presented by Deep Valley Quilters of Mankato, MN. Mankato National Guard Armory. Sat 10 - 4 Sunday 12 - 4 Quilts, Raffle Quilt, vendors, food, boutique quilts.

April 29-May 1
Quilting by the Lakes Presented by the Country Quilters of Willmar, MN. Willmar Civic Center. Quilt Challenge, Mini Trunk Shows and Demos, Vendors, Quilt Raffle. Fri 4pm-8pm Sat 10am-5pm Sun 11am-4pm Admission $4.00

June 24-25

July 22 - 23
Quilts on Lake Bemidji, presented by the Headwaters Quilters. Hampton Inn, Bemidji, MN. Friday 3 - 8, Sat. 10 - 5. Two raffle quilts, vendors, Saturday Trunk Shows by Joanne Larsen Line. Admission $3.00

August 5-6, 2005
The Hands All Around Quilt Guild of Braham presents their annual small quilt show at Braham City Hall. Hours are Fri 10-7 and Sat 10-5. August 5 is Pie Day (one of Minnesota’s best folk art festivals) where you can also enjoy homemade pie, crafts, entertainment, and fun. Free admission. Raffle quilt, Viewers’ choice awards. Send a long self-addressed, stamped envelope to Rosemary Brabec, PO Box 401, Braham, MN 55006 for show registration information.

October 8 & 9
Quilt Festival presented by Magic Needlers Quilt Guild at the Codington County Extension Complex, Watertown, SD Fri 10 - 4, Sat 11 - 4. Admission $2.00 Theme: Wilderness Retreat Deadline to enter, Oct. 1st. 40 wall hangings from 2004 Hoffmann Challenge also on display. For more information contact: Betsy Lentz, 531 19th Ave NE Watertown, SD 57201, literallybetsy@dailypost.com, 605-886-4166

October 28-31
Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show, sponsored by Piecemaker Quilt Guild and Marshfield Convention & Visitors Bureau. Marshfield Middle school, Marshfield WI. For more information go to www.marshfieldchamber.com/visitor, email sharonkirm@marshfieldchamber.com or call 1-800-422-4541

Be sure to send in your information to the editor as soon as your event dates are finalized. 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 and not for profit. MQ News reserves the right to reformat and edit the content for length.
GARAGE SALE
Get ready for the 5th annual textile garage sale! This is a great time to clean out projects you have not gotten too, or clean out your stash, plus a great place to add to a few new fabrics to the collection! Saturday, April 16, 2005 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Textile Center. Admission is just $1 per person for hours of textile shopping fun! Drop off your donations at the Textile Center, Friday April 15, 6:00-8:00 pm. Bring items in clear bags (like Ziplocks) pre priced. If you would like to volunteer call the Textile Center at 612-436-0464. Four hour shifts available April 14-17. Volunteers get to shop first!

2005 MYSTERY MATERIALS CHALLENGE
Members of the Textile Center and its member organizations, children included, are invited to create an item using this year's Mystery Materials. Entries are due at the Annual Meeting at the Textile Center, Saturday, May 14, 2005. Complete rules and the Mystery Materials Kit are available in the Shop at the Textile Center for $5.

ANNUAL MEETING
The Textile Center Annual Meeting will take place May 14, 2005 10:00-4:00pm with a theme of World Market. Member guilds will have tables to display and sell items, as well as provide demonstrations. Awards for the Mystery Fabric Challenge will be announced. Come and join the fun and learn about other textile guilds. If you'd like to help staff the MQ table, contact Kelly Willis at k5willis@aol.com.

KAFFE FASSETT IS COMING
Mark your calendar on October 7 for a lecture and booksigning by designer Kaffe Fassett.

ARTWEAR IN MOTION FASHION SHOW
RetroFlexion is the theme for the 2005 fashion show. Deadline for entries is April 15.

MORE INFORMATION
Pick up a Textile Center Newsletter for all the upcoming events, classes, and guild meetings or go to www.textilecentermn.org. Kelly Willis, Textile Center Liaison
DIRECTIONS: The Textile Center is located on University Ave. Southeast of the University of Minnesota.

From I94 (Westbound), exit at University/280, take the right hand fork. Turn left onto University Ave. and continue west for 0.7 miles. The Textile Center is on the left. You may park in the Kemp lots on the right.

From I94 (Eastbound), exit at Huron Blvd. and merge onto Huron Blvd. SE. Turn right onto SE Washington/MN 122. Turn right again onto SE University Ave. and continue east for 0.5 miles. The Textile Center is on the right. You may park in the Kemp lots on the left.

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