August Program Notes
August 2 at 7:00 p.m.
August 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Audree Sells
Thursday – “Everybody has a History”
Saturday – “From Paint To Fabric”

Audree’s love affair with fabric began very early in life but came into full bloom after retiring from a 35 year teaching career. In 1986 she made her first quilt and has documented, catalogued and photographed over 350 pieces since. Her fabric art adorns the walls of numerous hospitals, clinics, and private collectors from California to New York. She enjoys teaching and helping others learn to quilt and was co-founder of the Chaska Area Quilt Club celebrating its 20th year in 2008. Her motto is: “Feel the Fabric, Feel Good.” Come to our August meeting to hear this award-winning quilter share her work.

Upcoming Program
Nancy Kazlauckas: Thread Calligraphy & Friday Workshop

Nancy Kazlauckas talks about the Thread Calligraphy technique she has developed as well as the journey she has taken over the last few years. Many of the quotes she uses in her thread calligraphy works are inspirational and/or motivational. She sprinkles quotes and ideas throughout her presentation. Many samples using the thread calligraphy technique will be shown and participants will be able to see, feel, and touch the actual finished pieces. The message added to a project will draw the viewer in and make any item more personal.

Quilts, garments, and home decorating projects are included in her sample showcase. So come to the September membership meeting and meet Nancy and see her thread calligraphy technique, and for those of you who don’t have to work on the Friday September 7th come to Nancy’s Thread Calligraphy class for a hands on workshop (registration form on page 14).

July Program Highlights

Gudrun, quilt designer and owner of GE Designs, was born and raised in Iceland. In 2000, she opened the first online quilt shop in Iceland. A year later, she moved her successful venture to a storefront location. Her #1 passion was designing patterns, which were all written in Icelandic at that time. She began translating her

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I know we all have moments where we are spontaneous, but have you ever done something that is just so spur of the moment and unplanned that you wonder if you are really being the reasonable and responsible adult you have always believed yourself to be? I had that happen this past month. Here’s how it went down. My friend Barb (the one who had originally got me into quilting those many years ago) called me just after the MQ show and said that she had been reading something and discovered what sounded like a great quilt show, in a high school cafeteria, near Columbus Ohio and thought it would be a dandy idea for us to go. It only cost $5.00 admission! She said that we could fly there Sunday morning, go to the show, spend the night, go to a quilt shop or two, go back to the show, go back to the airport and fly home. She had researched plane fares and felt it was reasonable. I don’t know if it was because I was just fresh from our show or because I was exhausted from our show, but I said “sure, that sounds like a great idea”. Not only did she talk me into going, but she also convinced her sister Rosie and our friend Carol into making it a foursome.

I have got to say that this was truly one of the most awesome experiences I have encountered in a very long while. The show was very emotional. There were no vendors. The theme of all the quilts was meant to be thought provoking. We walked though the displays quietly. There were stations where we could sit and reflect. Of course it wasn’t all somber and contemplative. We had our share of fun and frivolity as well. Oh, and did you hear about all the flights Northwest canceled a few weeks ago? Yup, that was part of our adventure too.

I am so very happy I have people in my life that want to share impulsive quilting adventures with me. I really hope you are able to take a leap and try something a little different. I know the Fall Retreat is coming up. I think it would be a great idea for us to go on that adventure together. I hear it’s going to be fantastic and we probably won’t have to worry much about plane cancellations either. What do you say? I know we’ll have a wonderful time and I’m sure we’ll have stories to tell when we get home. So, I hope I’ll see you in Cloquet!

As always, Happy Quilting......

Paula Gaboury
MQ Calendar of Events

Evening general meetings begin at 7:00 pm and Day meetings begin at 10:00 am, except as noted. Board meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month, starting at 6:30 pm.

August 2: Audrey Sells - "Everybody Has A History"
August 4: Audrey Sells - "From Paint to Fabric"
August 21: Board Meeting

September 6 & 8: Nancy Kazlauckas - "Thread Calligraphy"
September 7: Workshop: Calligraphy with Thread
September 15: Annual Board Retreat

October 4 & 6: Speaker: Sue Rutford - Journal Quilts
October 11-14: MQ Fall Retreat, Cloquet, MN
October 16: Board Meeting

November 1 & 3: Speaker: Sharon Hultgren "The Hatfields & McCoys with a few Olsons"
November 2: Workshop TBD
November 20: Board Meeting

December 1: Holiday Brunch: University of St. Thomas

January 3 & 5: Quilt Show Committee

February 7 & 9: Susan Cleveland - "My Eclectic Quilt Show"
February 8: Workshop TBD

General Meetings are free for MQ members and $3.00 for non-members. Workshops require an additional fee for all attendees.

MQ News

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Call for other sizes.

The next issue is September, 2007. It is scheduled for publication during the week of August 27, 2007.

The deadline for submitting ads and articles for consideration is August 6, 2006.

All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. Please contact the MQ office to place an ad and the Editor to submit an article or item. All items for publication are subject to review. MQ charges for ad space; at MQ’s discretion, announcements and other information of interest to guild members may be published at no charge. All ads (except classified ads) must be submitted in camera-ready format. Ads must be paid in advance. Ads will be accepted on a space-available basis in the order payment is received.

Ads and articles may be sent to:

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Quilts from the 2007 MQ Show

Textile Center Library Procedures
Minnesota Quilts is a Participating Member Guild and its current members can check out items from the library. Please have your guild card or a picture ID available when checking out library materials. Up to a maximum of 10 items may be checked out for 35 days and renewed one time in person or by phone. The fine for overdue items is $1 per day per item. Online access: Go to the Textile Center Web site, www.textilecentermn.org; then select “Library”; then select “Go to the Online Catalog.”

Note: your library number is NOT the same as your MQ membership number. Call the library (612/436-0464, ext. 108) during open hours to find out what your number is. The number also prints on your library materials receipt (it’s the “ID” right under your name).

Library Hours: Monday, 9am–1pm; Tuesday 9am–7pm; Thursday, 9am–1pm and 5pm–7pm; Friday, 9am–1pm; Saturday, 12pm–4pm. The Library is NOT open on Wednesdays or Sundays. To volunteer to work at the library, please see the sign-up sheets outside the library door. If you need training, contact Nancy Mambi @ librarian@textilecentermn.org.
MQP Update

MQP met in July to organize and prioritize projects for the coming year, as well as enjoy a pot luck salad dinner. We will be announcing those projects in next month’s Newsletter and welcome anyone interested in participating in any or all of these MQP ventures. Contact Pat Cox or Gail Bakkom for new information.

Document Your Quilts!

The Minnesota Quilt Project Committee is interested in documenting Minnesota quilts, including those made through 2006. The information will be included in a database of Minnesota quilts that will later be merged with a multi-state project. See on-line documentation forms at the Minnesota Quilters website. Please contact Gail Bakkom (gibakkom@earthlink.net) or Pat Cox (cox052@tc.umn.edu) for more information.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers are needed for the evening hours when MQ visits the Minnesota State Fair on August 25 & 26 (dates to be confirmed). MQ will provide a free ticket for you in exchange for a few hours’ works at the Minnesota Quilters booth. Share your time and talent with fair visitors; it’s a fun time to visit with other quilters who may not belong to an organized group and who want more information. As an added incentive, you will be in the same building as all those wonderful quilts from around the state! Please call me (Gail Kiefer) at 651-454-5147 to schedule your time and arrange to have your FREE ticket sent to you for the Minnesota State Fair.

Got Quilt Top? 2 finish

Quilt Computer-Guided Machine Quilting

Kim Swanson
and
Cindy Conrad

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A Group of Volunteer Women...
By Martha A. Eaves

Imagine it is August, 1978: The second Newsletter of the Minnesota Quilters, which was three back-to-back pages long, had a column called “Spotlight” and the first member “in the Spotlight” was Helen Kelley. Helen was described as “a delightful red-headed mother of five” with “fingers flying over her original loom quilt”. By that time, Helen had lived in Minnesota for 16 years, and had already won many prizes, including first prize, best quilt, and best of show in the 1978 Stitchery competition. In the interview, Helen noted that she especially liked studying quilt history “…because quilts are a portrait of the women who made them. I find a kinship in that.” It’s obvious that Helen’s future magazine columns were being developed in her head at that time!

The newsletter also quoted from a letter from Joan Mondale, who noted that a Minnesota quilt hangs in the Vice President’s office “…as a beautiful example of the work of the many talented quilters in Minnesota…”

An article noted that there was a 7-month old quilting group in Rochester, headed up by Darlene Thompson. MQ founding mother Trudy Finden was organizing the first Minnesota Quilter’s booth at the Minnesota State Fair, and as usual, was looking for volunteers for the booth. And guess what, if you entered and were one of the ten best original design hand-made quilts or coverlets at the State Fair, you could win $10!!

In August, 1978, Minnesota Quilters already had 75 members…and the dues were only $10. For that price, you got a button, a newsletter, an opportunity to attend meetings to share the joy of quilting. The members were already planning a major show for the next year in conjunction with the St. Paul Winter Carnival and the workshops being planned included a debate on machine vs. hand quilting. I wonder how that came out!

Note: This year is the 30th Anniversary of our wonderful volunteer organization, Minnesota Quilters. We plan to honor ourselves at the MQ annual show in Rochester! But each month until that show we will include items in the Newsletter from our history. If you have a special recollection you would like included, please email it to Martha Eaves at eavesm@visi.com by the last day of the month, or snail mail it to me at 855 Holly, St. Paul, MN 55104 so it will arrive by the last day of the month.

Glendia Fulkerson won 25 patriotic-themed fat quarters in July. August’s drawing will be geometric prints. This is a great way to build your stash. Bring or mail up to 3 fat quarters (FQs) of 100% cotton quilt shop quality fabric measuring 18” x 22”. Attach your name, address, and phone number to each FQ. You’ll get one chance to win for each FQ contributed. We hold the drawing at the beginning of each Saturday meeting. You need not be present to win. You may mail your FQ’s to Fat Quarter Drawing, Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Avenue, #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414-3360. Be sure to mail them in time to reach MQ by the Saturday morning meeting. Upcoming FQ drawings include: September-Prints with Words; October - Autumn (Halloween & Thanksgiving) prints. FQ drawing coordinators are Kathie Simon Frank and Karen Zalewski.
STAR VARIATION 9" (9" unfinished)

Fabric: Background - light cream, ecru or ivory tone on tone
Homespun stripe or plaid, color of your choice
Print to go with your homespun

Cut: 4 - background 3 1/2" X 3 1/2"
8 - " 2" X 2"
4 - homespun 2" X 5" if stripe is used, cut lengthwise
4 - print 2" X 3 1/2"

Sew small squares to homespun and prints as shown in diagrams 1 and 2, before sewing and trimming, be sure to double check to see that your sewing line is in the correct direction.

Make one or more blocks and print your name and address on a slip of paper attached to each block. You may send your blocks to the address at right and your name will be entered even if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave N.
Brooklyn Center, MN 55430
Email: sewsewjo@iphouse.com

Hip hip hurrah, Joanne Holzknecht won 37 Batik Butterfly blocks at the July program meeting.
2008 Quilt Challenge

Good News, Bad News
The bad news, which is also good news, is the 2008 Challenge packets are SOLD OUT!! Yes, 186 packets were sold at the 07 show. The better news is that in celebration of MQ’s 30th anniversary, there will be a special Challenge Category: Anniversary Amnesty. You may use any previous year’s challenge packet, but you MUST submit the ORIGINAL entry form to submit your entry. For more details contact Trish Miller or Betsy Munroe.

CORRECTION & ADDITION TO ‘07 WINNERS:
The Viewer’s Choice Award, Large Quilt, “An Autumn Walk” (pictured above) was made by Katie Valentine of International Falls, MN. We apologize to Katie and her family for the mix-up and congratulate her on her fine work womanship.

Missing from the faculty ribbon winners was a ribbon won by Linda Pribyl given by Didi McElry. Congrats.

Ugly Fabric Challenge
Do you have some fabric that you wonder why you ever bought it? Well let’s have some fun by being part of the “Ugly Fabric Challenge” this fall.

To participate, bring your “ugly” fabric (about ½ yard is sufficient) to the August or September meetings. It should be 100% cotton. Make sure your name is attached to it. You would not want to get it your fabric back.

In October, everyone who is participating, will be given a brown bag with someone else’s ugly fabric in it. You are then ask to use your imagination and use the fabric in any way you want. You can make a quilt, or a garment, an accessory for your home, or anything else you come up with. The only rule is that you need to include piecing, applique, and/orquilting in your project. Be creative and have fun.

Keep a small square of the ugly fabric that can be attached to your project so that we can see what you had to start with.

The unveiling of the projects will be at the Holiday Brunch, December 1, at the University of St. Thomas. Any questions- contact Yvonne Curran at 763-441-4533 or ymcurran@comcast.net

Quiltsmart

Got a stash? Got a weekend? Then you can sew a stack of traditional quilts using Quiltsmart’s modern methods. Our easy-to-sew printed interfacing patterns allow you to breeze through traditionally difficult quilts in no time at all. Leaving time to sit and relax and look forward to next weekend!

MQ News
'08 Show Committee Meeting
August 4, 2007
August 4th is an important date for those of you on the 2008 MQ Show Committee. It is on this day, after the MQ general meeting at the Textile Center, we will meet with our 2007 MQ Show Committee counterparts to share and exchange ideas for the upcoming show in Rochester. Mark your calendars and come ready to find out what worked and what will be an opportunity to make things better for the 2008 show. This is your opportunity to get your questions answered. We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Pam and Kathleen
2008 Show Co-Chairs

MQ2008: Quilted Jewels – A 30TH Celebration
It is hard to believe the 2007 quilt show is now over and it is time to focus on the 2008 show in Rochester. While the MQ quilt show may be the most important thing to us, RochesterFest will be held the same week as our show in Rochester. This is a big street festival with many other activities held mainly on 3rd Ave. in front of the Mayo Civic Center, where our show and classes will be held. We have heard there will be a lot of people in the downtown area and around the Mayo Civic Center. For more information about RochesterFest go to www.Rochesterfest.org.

The Art Center, adjacent to the Mayo Civic Center will hold their children’s Art Day Camp at the same time as our show. We are currently planning on holding “sloppy” classes at the Art Center.

If you know you will be attending the show and will want a hotel room for all or part of the show, please make your reservations early. This year MQ has blocks of rooms with special rates at several hotels.

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In order to get this rate, you will need to go through the Rochester Convention and Visitor Bureau. There should be a link to their reservation page from www.mnquilts.org.

mq2008 or you can call them at 800-634-8277. When you call, please tell them you are with the Minnesota Quilt Guild.

We are also working on out-lying parking and shuttle bus service between the Mayo Civic Center, parking and the hotels. We are looking forward to a wonderful quilt show next year.

Pam Ronan and Kathleen Winters
2008 Show Co-Chairs
MQ2008@mnquilt.org

Special Exhibits—2008
A Call for Quilts!!!!
Quilted Jewels – A 30th Celebration

Gail Hanson & Laura Nagel, Co-chairs

Special Exhibits planned for 2008 will particularly celebrate and recognize the history of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and our many talented quilters. These are a few of the exhibits that will need special quilts:

30 Years of Minnesota Quilting “Jewels:”
We hope to have a “winning” quilt from each of the 30 years of MQ quilt shows. If you have a quilt that won a ribbon any time from the “Winter Fantasy” show in 1979 to “Land of 10,000 Quilts” in 2007 that you would be willing to re-exhibit, please let us know with the following information: name, address, phone, email; year exhibited, award received, quilt description (photo if possible).

Celebratory Quilts: We’re looking for celebratory/commemorative quilts—quilts made for special occasions such as a wedding, anniversary, fund raiser, graduation, reunion, whatever! Again, please let us know with the following information: name, address, phone, email; quilt description (photo if possible).

Quilts by our Founders: We’d like to exhibit an “early” and “recent” quilt from each of our founders. We will try to contact each of our founders personally, but if you have recent information on any of them or would like to assist with this exhibit, please let us know.

Show Raffle Quilts: If you have, or know of someone who has, a raffle quilt from a previous show, let us know. We’d love to have a special gallery of such quilts.

Please send information to Gail Hanson, % Minnesota Quilters, 3000 University Ave SE #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414, or 612-676-1591 or stugahanson@msn.com.
New Textile Center Key Cards and MQ Office Key Procedures

1. Procedure for Obtaining a Key Card to the Textile Center
   a. Textile Center key cards are available to all Board Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Show Chairs and others on an as-needed basis.
   b. Textile Center key cards should be requested IN WRITING through the Operations Director(s) and MQ Office Manager. Operations Director(s) will have final say as to whether to grant the request. MQ Office Manager will then request the key card from the Textile Center (John Stein, bookkeeper). (There is a $25 deposit on each key card that will be paid by MQ. The deposit is returned when the key card is returned to the Textile Center.)
   c. Person receiving the key card will attend a 15 – 20 minute training on the alarm system from the Textile Center before they can obtain a key card.
   d. Operations Director(s) and MQ Office Manager will keep an up-to-date list of all persons who have Textile Center key cards.
   e. KEY CARDS ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE. Textile Center key card must be turned in to the Textile Center when no longer needed and the MQ Office Manager is to be notified. Office Manager will then notify the Operations Director(s).

2. Procedure for Obtaining a Key to the Minnesota Quilters Office
   a. MQ Office keys are available to all Board Members, Standing Committee Chairs, Show Chairs and others on an as-needed basis.
   b. MQ Office keys should be requested IN WRITING through the Operations Director(s) and Office Manager. Operations Director(s) will have final say as to whether to grant the request. Office Manager will then issue a key to the person.
   c. Operations Director(s) and Office Manager will keep an up-to-date list of all persons who have Minnesota Quilters Office keys.
   d. Minnesota Quilters Office key must be turned in to the MQ Office Manager when no longer needed. The MQ Office Manager will then notify the Operations Director(s).

MQ 2007 Fall Getaway
October 11 - 14, 2007

Mark your calendars and send in your registration for this year’s annual Fall Getaway! We will be meeting at a new place, the UM Forestry Center in Cloquet, MN. Cozy rooms for 2, with private baths (no tubs), menus to our liking, and a different quilt shop territory to explore. All promise to provide a fun and memorable time. The registration form is in this issue. Class samples will be available at the August and September meetings. If you have any questions, contact either Linda Kosfeld, lindakquilt@peoplepc.com or Polly North, rufpolly@comcast.net.

Class descriptions:

Yo-Yo Purse
Polly North, Friday morning and reconvene Saturday afternoon/evening to finish.
This is a purse, for ladies...not a BAG like most of us tote around. Made of yo-yos, embellished w/ beads, pearls or crystals this can be a welcome addition to your holiday wardrobe, or make a lovely gift for someone who has a holiday wardrobe! Class sample is made of dupioni silk...you can also use taffeta or some glittery fabric, or cotton. Kit fee ($20) includes 1-1/4" yo-yo maker and a 5" bag handle and chain. Bring your own if you prefer. Need: 1/2-1 yd fabric for yo-yo's., 1/2 yd fabric for backing that blends w/ yo-yo fabric, 1/2 yd lining fabric. BSS, thread to match fabric, beads/pearls/crystals. If your fabric melts w/ heat, don't use hot-set crystals.

Silk Tie Quilt
Renay Leone, all day Saturday.
Ever wondered what to do with all those ties? Have you been offered more by family/friends/neighbors/strangers? Learn some basic techniques for working with non-cotton fabrics (bridesmaid dresses, some upholstery and other fancy fabrics will work just fine if you don't happen to have a tie stash of your own), and get started on a scrappy quilt that won't look like anyone else's quilt—ever! Required: BSS, your own stash of fabrics, your own pattern(s). Anything paper pieced, except for miniatures, will work great. Think about log cabin variations, any books/patterns by Karen Stone or having to do with New York Beauty, Mariner's Compass, etc. Note: due to copyright restrictions, you will need to bring your own pattern/book to work from.

Mystery Quilt
Linda Kosfeld, Thursday evening – Saturday evening
A mystery quilt will be offered if enough people are interested.

Linda Kosfeld and Polly North, Co-Chairs

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MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY
October 11 – 14, 2007 (Thursday 3 p.m. – Sunday noon)
Registration must be postmarked by September 10, 2007.

Fall Getaway Cost: $175 MQ Members
Non-members add $15 - The fee is Non-Refundable unless we fill your spot.
All rooms: two twin beds with a private bathroom (shower – no tub) in the room. Handicap-accessible rooms available.
Fee includes: 3 Nights Lodging (Thurs, Fri, Sat) > Meals (Fri., Sat., Sun.) > Classes and all activities
(Please note that dinner on Thursday is not included. Restaurants are 5 - 10 minutes away.)
You may check-in after 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 11.

To register:
- Complete this form.
- Include a check payable to “Minnesota Quilters, Inc.”, or complete the credit card information at the bottom of this form and mail to:
  
  Minnesota Quilters - FG, 3000 University Ave. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

Name _______________________________   Phone ( ) _______   MQ Member? ___Yes ___No
Address _______________________________   City/State/Zip _______________________________
Roommate Name _______________________________   Need Handicap Room _______________________________
Or select my roommate based on my preferences: _____Stays up late _____Gets up early _____ Gets up late
____No Preference ____ Other, please list:

- Classes are included in your registration fee. Classes are filled on a first-come basis.
- Class samples will be available at the August and September MN Quilters meetings.
- All classes are for any level experience unless otherwise indicated.
- We are hoping to have one of the forestry center staff lead a hike, weather permitting.

Day     Choice     Class or activity
Friday   ___     Morning class: “Yo-yo Purse” (Polly North) Part 1 (Part 2 is Sat. p.m. or evening, TBD)
Saturday ___     All day: “Ties in Quilts” (Renay Leone)
Th - Sun ___     Afternoon/evening: “Yo-yo Purse” (Polly North) Part 2

Mystery Quilt (if enough people are interested)

Retreat Fee, MQ member: $175     Non-member add $15     Total enclosed:

Payment: ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Discover ___ Check
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Signature (as it appears on credit card)

*Please note: Class supply fees, if any, are payable to the instructor, at the retreat.

Confirmation of registration will be sent beginning September 1 with an information packet.
Packet includes class information, supply lists, retreat information, maps etc.
Questions? Contact: Linda Kosfeld, 952-835-3901, lindakquilts@peoplepc.com
OR Polly North rufpolly@comcast.net

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We are the Minnesota Quilters

By Karen O’Brien

Defining us is like defining a many-thousand piece charm quilt by each piece of fabric. We are young and old; we are ageless. We are processors of words and data. We are homemakers, lawyers, machinery operators, teachers, secretaries, doctors, and librarians. We are children, parents, grandparents, and companions. We are women and men. We are survivors. We live in the country; we live in the city; we live in the suburbs. We enjoy a great variety of heritages, political thought and religious beliefs. We share a love of quilting. For some of us, quilting is our living, as well. We are traditional quilters; we are contemporary quilters; we invent ways and means of creation that are not yet labeled.

Our quilts connect the generations. Our quilts warm hearts and bodies, they teach, SHOUT, and comfort. Our physical proximity might define us as a group, but not completely, for our members live throughout the United States of America, and, indeed, the world. We have great pride in our guild.

We are the Minnesota Quilters

Membership
Don't miss an issue!
Renew today.

Everyone with an interest in quilting is welcome. New membership, renewal and change of address should be sent to:

Membership
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: “9/1/07” means you need to renew your membership before the September meeting in 2007.

- Membership Dues: $40/year
- Email Newsletter Membership Dues: $35/year
- Volunteer Membership Dues: $30/year
- Student Dues: $15/year

Minnesota Quilters, Inc., dues were last raised almost six years ago, in January of 2001. Since then almost all of our expenses have risen—office and auditorium use, printing costs, postage, etc. We have hired two part time staff people. The new dues structure reflects those cost increases while at the same time acknowledging the cost savings possible through email newsletter delivery and the real value contributed by volunteers.

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. The meeting admission for nonmembers is $3.

The membership committee people 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 stop at the Membership table for a replacement card to be made. Badge holders are available at the admission table.
BULLETIN BOARD

July 28 & 29 Baudette, MN Lake of the Woods "Ladyslipper Quilters" Quilt Guild Sat 10-5p, Sun 1-5p. Lake of the Woods Fairgrounds, Baudette. Contact: 218-634-1682 or rolee@centurytel.net

August 3 Braham, MN Hands-All-Around Quilt Guild presents their annual small quilt show at Braham City Hall. Special feature is small quilts by Kathleen Moorehead Johnson. 10a.-7p.m. August 3 is Pie Day in Braham. Contact: Nancy Neumann, 818 Shady Ridge Lane, Braham, MN

September 14 & 15 Fairmont, MN Quilt Show Prairie Star Quilters at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, south door entrance, 1125 S. State Street. Friday 10-7; Saturday 10-4. Guild member, Lin Hilgendorf is the featured quilter. Over 150 member quilts displayed. Vendors, boutique, door prizes, a raffle quilt & lunch. Admission: $4.00


September 15 &16 Amery, WI Apple River Quilt Guild 17th Annual Fall Festival Quilt Show. Saturday 9-5; Sunday 11-4. St. Joseph Catholic Church, on Hwy 46 north edge of Amery. Member quilts, challenge quilts, vendors, raffle quilt, charitable silent auction, refreshments on Saturday. Quilt Show coincides with the Amery Fall Festival and its many other activities in Amery on September 15th. Admission $3.00 Adult

September 22 Plymouth, MN Women of the West (WOW) Quilters Bi-Annual Quilt Show, "Pieces Of Our Lives" Over 200 quilts, vendors, bed turning, demos, boutique & raffle quilt. Plymouth Creek Center Hwy 55 & Plymouth Blvd just W of I 494. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday only. Contact: Judy Odele jaodle@comcast.net

September 27-30 Fargo, ND Indian Summer Quilt Show by Quilter's Guild of North Dakota. Classes, Lectures, Small Quilt Auction, Demos, Vendors & Raffle Quilt. Nat'l teachers include Barbara Olson, Debbie Bowles & Shar Jorgenson. Classes begin Thurs. Show: Fri 8-7:30p, Sat 8-5:30p, Sun 8-4p For info or to register see www.ndquilts.com

September 29 & 30 New Richmond, WI Willow River Piecemakers Quilt Guild presents "Showcase of Quilts - 2007" Wisconsin Indianhead Technical Center, Wisconsin Cashman Conference Center, 1019 Knowles Ave (Hwy 65) Sat 9-4p; Sun 11-4p Raffle, Vendors, Silent Auction & Childrens exhibit

October 5 & 6: Rochester, MN. Quilter's Sew-ciety presents "Whimsical Wonders" 2007 Quilt Show. 200 quilts, demo, raffle quilt, merchant mall, guild boutique, challenge quilts, luncheonette. Calvary Evangelical Free Church, 5500 25th Avenue NW, Friday 9 – 8; Sat. 9 – 3 Admission $4.00

October 6 & 7, 2007. Siren, WI. Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild's 20th Annual Quilt Show "Through the Years" Siren High School from 10AM to 4PM both days. Special Exhibit of members 1st quilts and most recent quilts, Silent Auction, quilt appraisals by Bev Proulx, vendors, demonstrations, and over 100 quilts on display. Admission is $3 and children under 12 are free. More info: sistersinstitches@mail.com or call Jean Judd 715-566-0212

October 6 & 7 St Cloud, MN. St Cloud Heritage Quilters presents "Stars Among Us" Quilt Show at Haehn Campus Center, College of St. Benedict in St. Joseph, MN Sat. 9-5p; Sun. 10-4p. For more information, contact Marilyn Bujalski at MJB33@cloudnet.com

October 12 & 13, 2007 International Falls, MN "Quilts Along the Border" Friday 10-6, Sat 10-4 at Backus Community Center, 900 Fifth Street, International Falls. Celebrating 25th anniversary of Northern Lights Quilters Guild. Mini-workshops, silent auction, raffle quilt, refreshments. Admission:$2.00. For info contact Gail Govier at govttruck@baytel.net or Mary Graves at 218-286-5309 (evenings & weekends).

October 19-20 Mahtomedi/White Bear Lake “Stitches in Time” Quilt Show. Presented by the Ladies of the Lake Quilting Society. Friday 10-8; Sat 10-4. Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, MN $2.00 admission. Contact: Denise Ostrom 651-770-5518
Workshop Registration

Nancy Kazlauckas

Thread Calligraphy:
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Learn from the person who developed the thread calligraphy technique! Nancy will teach you how to set up your workspace, prepare your fabric and begin to do your own writing in thread. Students will learn the basics of calligraphy, script, how to reproduce computer fonts and someone else's handwriting. Students will learn the thread calligraphy technique using different stabilizers as well as a variety of fabrics which include: fleece, flannel, t-shirt and terry cloth. This technique is simple to do yet yields elegant results and students may end up with a small finished project that they have done the thread calligraphy technique on.

Class fee: $45.00
Supply fee (to be paid to Nancy at class): $25.00 (includes book: “Calligraphy with Thread” and Stabilizer Variety Pack)

Note: If you already own the book, bring it to class and your supply fee will be $7.95.

Friday, September 7, 2007 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (lunch: 12-1)

SUPPLY LIST:
1. Regular sewing machine (in Good Working Order) with these features:
   1. Zigzag Stitch (with adjustable width option)
   2. Drop Feed Dogs
   3. Free Motion Foot
2. Ruler (12” wooden or plastic)
3. Masking Tape (Nancy will have available for use)
4. Fabric: 6-12 fabric strips approximately 6-8” wide and 12” long (any solid or mottled fabric is okay) students are also to bring similar size pieces of fleece, flannel, t-shirt and terry cloth OR garments such as a t-shirt, sweatshirt and a small towel to letter on.
5. Pins
6. Bobbin Thread (2-3 filled bobbins using bobbin thread)
7. Thread (Rayon, Cotton, Metallic – thread color to contrast the color of fabric strips)
8. Needles: Metallica or topstitching (new one so it is nice and sharp)

OPTIONAL ITEMS:
9. Quilting gloves (gripper kind of gloves)
10. Zip lock bag – quart or gallon size

To register, complete information requested below, enclose a check payable to Minnesota Quilters for $45 and mail to: Becky McPeek, 3000 University Avenue SE, Suite 120, Minneapolis, MN 55414. If you have questions please call Patty at (612) 865-4471 or email her at pva13@comcast.net.

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MQ News
Workshop Registration

Sharon Hultgren

"Getting A Round To It"

Sharon has written numerous books and has taught quilting classes throughout the country. On November 2, she will hold a workshop at the Textile Center. Sharon has created a series of quilting accessories, such as the EZ angle, that have made quilting projects so much easier and more enjoyable. In this class Sharon will be using one of her latest tools, the "Easy Circle". Come join Minnesota Quilters 2007 Quilter of the Year and see how EZ it is to work "in circles".

Class fee: $45.00

Friday, November 2, 2007  9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (lunch: 12-1)

SUPPLY LIST:
1. Regular sewing machine (in Good Working Order)
2. Fabric: 8 fat quarters contrasting colors and patterns
3. Basic sewing supplies
4. Basic cutting supplies
5. Easy Circle Tool (can be purchased from Sharon for $15.00)

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