September Program Notes

September 6 at 7:00 p.m.
September 8 at 10:00 a.m.

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. Nancy is the author of two books, Calligraphy With Thread, and Quilts With A Message.

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. Space is available to participate in the Friday September 7th Nancy's Thread Calligraphy class for a hands on workshop. Registration form on p. 18.

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MEETING CHECKLIST
✓ Name Badge
✓ Show & Tell Quilts
✓ FQ and/or BOM
✓ Library Books Due

Upcoming Program

October 4 & 6
Sue Rutford: Journal Quilts
Sue will give you a look into the world of journal quilts—who makes them and why, their history, and what's so great about them, anyway!

What is a Journal Quilt? One journal quilt project defined them this way, “a free-form exercise in creativity, specifically planned to encourage quilters to stretch and grow by trying new methods; by experimenting with color, image, composition, materials, and/or technique; by keeping an informal journal to record the influences and by showing the further influence of time on an artist’s creative development and personal progress.” Another journal quilt project described a more personal approach, a journal quilt is a small quilt that you make to document an event in your life, an emotion that you are feeling, a time of year, something you would like to remember, a new technique or maybe a series of quilts exploring a theme of your choice.

August Program Highlights
Audree Sells Tells All!
Full story on page 16 & 17
Transitions. We all go through them. Some transitions are tougher than others, but hopefully, when we get through it, we will have learned something significant. This is my last president’s newsletter article. I’m going to miss writing to you each month. September is the month the MQ Board transitions. Our newly elected Board members are meeting with the current Board members whom they will replace on October 1st. I’m so excited about the new members coming on to the Board. But along with the new members transitioning on to the Board it also means saying good-by to others. I’m going to miss Gail Hanson, our current Past President, and Mary Brandt, our President Elect, and I came on the Board together several years ago and we’ve experienced many transitions over that time. It’s been a wonderful and interesting ride. I’m also going to miss Wendy Warfield as our Treasurer. She has brought us through many transitions to get us really well prepared with our financial policies and procedures and has worked extremely hard to ensure that we are ready for our upcoming audit. Wendy and Gail have worked tirelessly to make MQ an organization that is efficient and complies with our 501c3 status. Thank you both for all you have contributed to MQ. I want to thank all the current Board members for your many contributions, hard work and dedication. Thanks to Becky McPeak and Linda Lysdahl for their valuable assistance. I am in awe of past Boards who didn’t have the support of Becky and Linda. I don’t know how you got it all done. I also want to thank all the members of MQ for the support, feedback and for stepping up to the plate when asked.

So, now I’ll be transitioning. I’ll have a lot more time to do things like…..quilting. I have received some very beautiful star blocks and I can’t wait to get them transitioned into a quilt. Again, thanks for giving me the opportunity to grow as your President of MQ.

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.

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

October 4 & 6: Speaker: Sue Rutford - Presentation on 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: "Getting A 'Round to It"
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

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Library Lines

by Nancy Mambi, Textile Center Librarian


Using beautifully illustrated photographs and step-by-step directions she demonstrates how to machine embroider flowers on silk. Her aim is to create embroidered flowers using free motion embroidery using the needle as a pencil or brush in order to create the scene so that each flower is unique. Her design elements come from the photographs of her garden and its flowers, and the countryside of England. She would love to sew in the garden without a photo, but the cord won’t reach that far out. She picks the part of her photo with the most contrast, rhythm, negative shapes and balance. This will be the area where she concentrates her free motion efforts. After picking that part of the photo, she sketches the outline of the scene on 8 mm Habutia silk, and then she draws in the flowers using machine embroidery stitches. She has sixteen pages of illustrations of the flower stitches she achieves with straight and zigzag stitches. She has twelve pages showing how she works on silk before the stitching.

Alison Holt has written another stunning book well worth studying or using for reference. Both of her books are available in our library.

MQP Update

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 (coxxx052@tc.umn.edu) for more information.

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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.
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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

WANTED – Editor for MQ Newsletter

Effective in October (November issue), MQ needs a volunteer who is interested in creating the monthly newsletter. This person must have good communication and computer skills, experience producing a newsletter or other publication, and be willing to commit at least 15-20 hours per month to working on the newsletter (including attending one or both general meetings). MQ News is produced using Adobe PageMaker, however, Adobe InDesign could be used. Experience with either program is desirable but not necessary. MQ will provide either software. The editor reports to the Communications Director, Pam Ronan, the new co-directors in October will be Cindy Wilson and Pam Ronan.

If you are interested in this position and have the skills and time, or know someone who might be, please contact Pam at comm@mnquilt.org or 763-745-0535.

Program News

by Patty Von Arx & Debbie Craig

It’s hard to believe that it’s already August, as a new fiscal year will begin in October, Debbie and I are busy trying to organize for the upcoming year. Charlotte and Judy our Day and Evening Directors will be completing their positions in September, so we are having an organizational meeting on Thursday September 13 at 6:30 at the textile center in the MQ office. Anyone interested in helping out with our membership meetings is invited to attend. If you would like to volunteer but are unable to attend the meeting please call Patty at (612) 865-4471 or email us at ed@mnquilt.org. We are also having a meeting to begin work on the Holiday brunch on Tuesday September 18th at the Textile Center at 6:30 in the MQ office. If you would like to volunteer to help with the brunch but are unable to attend the meeting please contact Debbie at (952) 544-6341 or email us at ed@mnquilt.org.

Space is still available in both the September workshop (Nancy Kazlauckas - Thread Calligraphy) and the November Workshop (Sharon Hultgren – Getting A’round to It), please send in your registration forms as soon as possible if you’d like to attend either of these events. We hope you enjoyed all of Audree Sells’ quilts and stories and we look forward to Nancy Kazlauckas’ upcoming lecture.
A Group of Volunteer Women...

By Martha A. Eaves

The No.3 Newsletter, published in September 1978 and called Minnesota Quilter News reveals the continuity of this wonderful group of volunteer women we call The Minnesota Quilters. The first participation in the State Fair is described: 40 volunteers led by Pat Cox and Jeannie Spears demonstrated how to put a quilt on a frame: “...The backing was nailed to the frame; filling put on; and the top then stretched on; the whole then being pinned every three inches with size 0 brass safety pins. All this took less than an hour...”

At the State Fair itself, four MQ members were winners:

- JoAnn Holzknecht—blue ribbon for wall hanging
- Carol Laitala—blue ribbon for quilt
- Agnes Leer—ribbon for quilt
- Rita Shimota—Minnesota Sweepstakes quilt

I know that there are many stories that brought us to MQ and that keep us together. The group did some things to help them have an “identity” and to encourage getting to know each other. Each member was encouraged to make a name tag that could be read at least 36 inches away [a good idea even though most of the members were younger women since many of that same group have aged with the group]. The other identifying element was an aqua vest, with the MQ emblem embroidered [by hand!] on the back of the vest and a loon and lady slipper on the front.

I am including a copy of the directions here. As the directions said, use a vest pattern of your choice but add the embellishment indicated as a minimum. Wouldn’t it be fun to have these “updated” vests for the 30th Anniversary Show?!?

**Making the Minnesota Quilter’s Vest**

* All who are going to be hostesses or any MQ member is urged to make an aqua vest with the emblem appliqued in the back in white. You may use any pattern you wish for the vest.

This is a summary of the November meeting by Carole Adelman, Cook Rapids.

1. **what pattern to use?**
   Choose one flattering to you. Consider the technique you will use: lined only, some piece work, all quilted?
   Extra yardage is required if you plan to use self-fabric binding 1 1/4”.
   35-65 blends are best because they’re wash and wear.

2. **Lay out pattern on brown wrapping paper and if you are quilting it, add 1/2 inch to seams. Then draw on your quilting pattern or patchwork to see that it fits.**

3. **Cut lining fabric even larger than top pieces. It is easier to cut off more than to come up short.**

4. **Filling—use bonded polyester.**

5. **Applique—be sure to put a layer of extra fabric behind the Minnesota state symbol so the seams don’t show. Lettering can be traced before the applique is sewn on.**

6. **Quilt no closer than 5/8 inch to edges and put pieces together “Quilt as you go”!**

Some suggested quilting designs: lady slipper, loon, snowflakes.

Maybe you would like to put on a patchwork pocket such as leg cabin or a strip of patchwork down the front. Let your imagination and personality come through.

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**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.
October 6 Drawing
Big "T"
9 1/2" Unfinished
by Joanne Holznecht

BIG T 9" (9 1/2"

Fabric: Background - light cream, ecru or ivory tone on tone
Dark or bright blue tone on tone or small print
Light to medium blue print

Cut: 1 (A) background 4 1/4" X 4 1/4" and sub-cut as in diagram 1
2 (B) " 3 7/8" X 3 7/8" " " " 2
2 (B) med. blue " " " " " " 2
4 (C) background 2" X 3 1/2"
1 (D) med. blue 3 1/2" X 3 1/2"
4 (E) dark blue 2 3/8" X 2 3/8" and sub-cut as diagram 2

Sew together as shown.

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

Norma Forbord won 27 Flag Variation blocks at the August meeting.
September's drawing will be prints with words. 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: October - Autumn (Halloween & Thanksgiving) prints. FQ drawing coordinators are Kathie Simon Frank and Karen Zalewski.

Dear Minnesota Quilters,
Thank you for the beautiful quilt. I love it. Special thanks to the women who made it. It’s wonderful.
Robin Watson

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General 2008 Show News

The turnover meeting went very well. We hope members of the ‘08 committee have all had a chance to chat with their 2007 counterparts either in person, by phone or email. The 2007 committee has a wealth of information that is helpful for future shows.

If anyone has comments about our shows in general, please send them to mq2008@mnquilt.org.

A few items to add:
> RochesterFest will be held the same week as our show. This is a great opportunity for those attending RochesterFest to come to our show and see how talented quilters make those beautiful “blankets”.
> The hotel link is at the MQ website. Click on the show link on the main page to get to the show pages. Online reservation is easy to use and allows you to make reservations for a hotel quickly.
> The vendor application is also online at the MQ show pages.

And what about the Ruby Red Converse High Tops!!!!

Kathleen and Pam, 2008 Show Co-Chairs

MQ 2008 Show Hotel Info

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.

- Kahler Grand Hotel $89
- Kahler Inn and Suites $79 – $99
- Rochester Marriott $139
- Holiday Inn Express $89
- Radisson $99
- Hilton $99
- Best Western Soldiers Field $79
- (They will provide a shuttle)
- Holiday Inn south $84.99
- (They will provide a shuttle)

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.mnquilt.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 Romau 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.

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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, ruftpolly@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 glitzy 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: ½ -1 yd fabric for yo-yo’s, ½ yd fabric for backing that blends w/yo-yo fabric, ½ 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.

Karen K. Stone chose Jill Robinson’s “Sitting Pretty”

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Kim Swanson and Cindy Conrad

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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.

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

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Credit Card #_________ - _______ - __________- ___________ Exp. Date: ____/____
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
DULUTH 2009: What’s In A Name?
by Mary Brandt

Have you considered being part of the committee for the 2009 show in Duluth? It is time to choose a theme and a logo. These items are usually taken care of by the incoming Show Chairs, but in their absence, the job becomes the responsibility of the Board of Directors. Now is the time to make the decision and take charge, be the one whose creativity is used to pick a name for the Duluth show. We already have many people interested in various jobs on the show committee but no one yet who has decided to be the “chief”.

If you are interested, please contact any board member or write a short letter to the board letting us know you would like to be considered for the job. Remember, we now have the expertise of Linda Lysdahl, our Show Coordinator. Having Linda on board makes the job of Show Chair much more manageable. Doing this job with a friend also makes the job easier and much more fun, and yes there is fun along with all the work.

If the Board of Directors has not had any interest by September 10th, we will work on a theme and logo at our annual board retreat. So step up, be brave, take the plunge, and make the choice to lead in 2009.

Names of Past MQ Shows
provided by Martha Eaves


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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.
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.

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Sept. 8-9 Hastings, MN  Civil War Weekend at the LeDuc House, Hastings MN. Civil War history comes alive with re-enactor soldiers at drill, work and play, plus special programs 10-5 p.m. Quilt display of over 3 dozen reproduction Civil War quilts. Outside events are free, guided house tours are Adults $10, Seniors $9 and Students $5 (quilts are indoors).

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, antique quilt bed turning, demonstrations of EQ6, needle turn applique, paper piecing, pressing, crazy quilting, redwork, binding, flying geese, trip around the world, and Hawaiian quilting throughout. Boutique & raffle quilt. Plymouth Creek Center Hwy 55 & Plymouth Blvd just West of I 494. 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Saturday only. Contact: Judy Ocle 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 Hacahn 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 govtruck@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

October 26 & 27 Prior Lake, MN The Daystitchers present their first-ever “Miniature Quilt Showcase” 100 quilts. Hours 10a – 4p Prior Lake Public Library, Hwy 13 & Eagle Creek Ave (21). Admission $1 donation to Friends of Library.

October 26-27-28 Marshfield, WI “Treasures of Tomorrow” Quilt Show at the Marshfield Middle School, 900 East 4th Street. Piecemakers Quilt Guild would like to invite you to send quilts ($5 per entry), classes from Carol Buske and/or Kladine Hanson, quilt appraisals. Over $4000 in prize money! Vendors, food and more. Information at www.piecemakers.org or www.visitmarshfieldwi.com 800-422-4541 or 715-384-3454. Pat Harnmeke, President

November 3 & 4 Hudson, WI Patchwork Harvest Quilt Show. Sponsored by the Hudson Heritage Quilters - More than 200 quilts. Antique quilts, a quilt raffle (proceeds to foodshelves), a small quilt silent auction, vendors, guest lectures - Darlene Zimmerman & Celine Perkins — both days, and refreshments. Sat. 10 to 5, and Sun. 11 to 4. Hudson Middle School, 1300 Carmichael Road. Information at www.geocities.com/hudsonheritagequilts

Be sure to email your quilt show information to the MQ newsletter editor as soon as you finalize your event dates. The only requirement is that it be quilt related, not for profit and open to the public. MQ reserves the right to reformat and edit the content for length.

Snapshot of quilts from the Sisters, Oregon Outdoor Quilt Show held annually in July.
August Program Highlights: Audree Sells Tells All
by Lori Allison

Audree brought her wonderful sense of humor to her presentation(s) for the MQ monthly program meetings. She also brought an assortment of beautiful fabric cards and said, “Fine, if you don’t want to buy them, but do look at them for their inspiration.” One of Audree’s academic interests was in art although she was told that “you can’t make a living as an artist.” Following her 35-year teaching career, she is, indeed, making a living as a quilt artist with her pictorial quilts appearing in a myriad of hospitals and clinics. Medical personnel say that her quilted fabric pictorial quilts are more soothing to patients than ordinary paintings or artwork. This is probably not news to a quilter, however. Audree says she was inspired to begin quilting many years ago upon seeing a Baltimore Album style quilt made by Pat Cox. She designed her own Baltimore Album-style quilt, entered it into the Paducah show and was selected to become a permanent exhibit at the American Quilting museum in Paducah. She says she doesn’t enter shows anymore – because she started at the top and is now working her way down. Audree is in awe of the many fine competition quilters and she says, “I don’t enter competitions anymore – I can’t stand to lose.”

Audree displayed many quilts during her talk including one that commemorated the extraordinary 1987 St. Paul Ice Castle. She hand quilts almost everything she makes. She says she is not a perfectionist. Audree shared her “secret” that she loves vintage quilts and to recreate vintage quilts. To that end she showed several creations from the Kaffe Fassett book, Museum Quilts, including the clamshell quilt that was a bugger to assemble. Audree quips, “Don’t try this if you want to go to heaven.”

Audree says she may have started quilting too late. And as she looks around the room, she indicated that many of us may have started to late as well!

Among the “Tips & Warnings” that Audree promised to share with program attendees are that you should not buy too much of any fabric because you wind up using it in too many quilts and then they begin to all look alike. Her warning is “don’t sit too much; it broadens you.”

Audree invited program attendees to come and observe – or help quilt — at the Scott/Carver Thresher Days in Jordan, MN where members of the Chaska guild will be hand quilting their raffle quilt on an old fashioned frame in a log building. Pictured.

Audree Sells and members of the Chaska Quilt Guild hand quilt the guild raffle quilt at the Jordan, MN Thresher Days August 4, 5 & 6. The raffle quilt is adapted from a pattern by Lori Smith.
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Sharon Resvick, member of the Chaska Quilt Guild, demonstrates her hand quilting technique to an observer at the Jordan Thresher Days.
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: Metallic 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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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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Name: ________________________________________________________________

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DIRECTIONS: Minnesota Quilters is located at the Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Mpls. From WEST (On I-94, exit at Unv/280, take the right-hand fork. Turn left onto Univ. Ave. and continue west for 1.7 miles. Textile Center is on the left). From EAST (On I-94, exit at Huron Blvd. and merge onto Huron Blvd. SE. Turn right onto Washington SE/MN 122. Turn right again onto Univ. Ave. SE and continue east for 0.5 miles. Textile Center is on the right).

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