Holiday Brunch
Saturday, December 6, 2008 10 am - 12 pm
University of St. Thomas  Binz Hall, St. Paul Campus

Join your MQ Friends for a delicious Holiday Brunch. Bring lots of items for show and tell, especially any holiday quilts, holiday gifts and any holiday block exchange quilts. The block and ornament exchanges are a treasured activity at the MQ holiday gathering. Your brunch ticket includes a “make-it-take-it” project.

The Brunch committee has organized a service project to donate homemade Christmas stockings to St. Joseph’s Home for Children. Anyone interested in donating items to fill the stockings can contact Patty at ed@mnquilt.org.

January Meeting Notes
Thursday, January 8, 7:00 pm
Saturday, January 10, 10:00 am

2009 Quilt Show Faculty
"Great Lake, Great Quilts"

2009 Quilt Show Faculty
JoAnn Belling- IA
Wendy Butler Burns- WI
Barbara Broshous- CO
Susan Cleveland- MN
Kate Eelkema- MN
Lynne Erbach- IL
Daphne Greig- BC
Dianne Hire- ME
Sandi Irish- MN
Lyric Kinard- NC
Susan Purney Mark- BC
Kathy McNeil- WA
Cindy Thury Smith- MN
George Siciliano- PA
Virgina Siciliano- PA
Anita Shackelford- OH
Tricia Spitzmuller- MN
Susan Stein- MN
Larkin Van Horn- WA
Cathy Wierzbecki- WA
Barbara Vlack- IL
Lectures by Carol Schwankl & Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP)

The January general meetings are an opportunity for MQ members and friends to get a close up look at faculty samples, books and supply lists from the classes being offered. Make sure you attend one of these meetings to help with your decisions when you register. Remember, registration starts for MQ members in the middle of January.

If you have taken a class from one of our teachers, own one of their books, or you have made a quilt based on one of their patterns or classes you have taken, please bring and share with everyone.
Notes From the President

Greetings to all, by the time you read this Thanksgiving will be over. We will be in the final few weeks before Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa. It is definitely a time of giving, whether it be presents gaily wrapped, toys for the Toys for Tots drive, food for the food shelves or just a gift of time. We spend time with friends and family or we can spend time with the less fortunate by giving of our time at a soup kitchen or shelter. But don’t forget to give to yourselves. When we get too busy it puts stress on us and that makes for an unhappy day. So take time for yourself, sit at your sewing machine, or start some holiday baking, put on some holiday music and relax. It will make the season so much more pleasant. And don’t forget some fun; come to the Holiday Brunch on December 6th.

My other thought for this month is regarding sharing – we as quilters need to share more. There is a good way to do this but it will take a lot of communication and cooperation between many of our members. In this tight economy we are all finding that the expense of bringing in a good teacher to our guild meetings it getting very expensive. A month or so ago I was advised of a group of guilds that were meeting to address this issue; the sharing of costs to bring in a teacher who would appear at more than one guild during her/his trip. I brought the idea to the board and they all agreed it was a good idea and we would like to propose the idea to all statewide guilds.

It might mean changing the date of your regular meeting to coincide with another near-by guild but wouldn’t it be worth it? If you are reading this, would you personally be willing to bring this issue up at your next guild meeting and then let one of the board members know the response? Then, hopefully, we could create a committee that could coordinate this great effort, but we would then need willing workers to do this. Please let the Board of Directors know your feelings on this and, if they are positive, we will proceed. - Mary Brandt

Small quilts shared at November meeting Show & Tell by Yvonne Curran, Doris Kramer, Patty Von Arx and Karen O’Brien.

President’s Block MQ has a tradition of presenting our president with “thank you” blocks for their year in term. Mary has defined her block: Stars made with batiks, with the star being dark and then a light background. The size can vary, 6”, 9” or 12” finished.

Past president, Linda Wines, is fond of cows and is looking for cow blocks for her quilt.
MQ News

Documents your Quilts - Starting in February!

Beginning in February, volunteer members of MQP will be available at Saturday MQ monthly meetings held at the Textile Center to assist you in documenting your finished quilt, no matter when the quilt was completed. We’ll even provide the camera for the photograph.

This documentation will be performed during the coffee break and immediately following the meetings. It takes about 10 minutes per quilt to complete. The data from this documentation will be entered into the MQP data base for eventual inclusion in the national quilt database.

We urge you to take advantage of this service, or go to www.mnquilt.org/mqp to do your own documentation.

November Survey results

Question 1: How many quilt groups/guilds do you belong to?
   None - 13.6%
   One - 18.2%
   Two - 27.3%
   Three - 36.4%
   4 or more - 4.5%

Question 2: Have you ever participated in making quilts for service project type organizations?
   Yes, Regularly - 41%
   Yes, Several times - 27.3%
   Yes, Occasionally - 13.6%
   Yes, Once - 4.5%
   No - 13.6%
2008 Fall Getaway Recap

Trish Timms, Char Wenger, Kathy Yano, 2008 Fall Getaway Co-Chairs

Thirty-six women and one man (yes, we had a male retreater this year and it was NOT David Shattuck!) enjoyed a wonderful weekend at the Cloquet Forestry Center, October 9 through 12. The drive up on Thursday was glorious with the fall colors at their peak. We had very good food and plenty to eat catered by Jim N’Jo’s Katering.

On Friday a few us braved the chilly, wet weather and went on a wagon ride through the forest guided by the Center’s Director, Ron Severs, and learned about the programs and research done at the Center.

The winners of the late nighters was Patty Von Arx and Debbie Craig for staying up until 4:00 a.m. The winner of the early risers was Judy Bowers at 4:00 a.m. (Did you pass each other on the sidewalk?).

We had some grand show and tell on Sunday morning after which we packed up and said good-bye for another year.

Julia Laabs, Linda Taylor, Susan Shoaff and Sharlene Wimpfheimer have volunteered to coordinate the retreat for 2009. So, mark your calendars for October 15-18, 2009 and join us for another great retreat.

Thank you to all who attended. We had a great weekend!

Mystery Quilt - Patty Von Arx (barely see the top of her head), Carol Wedding, Sheila Newcomb, Paula Gaboury

Mystery Quilt - Linda Taylor and Mona Piepenberg

Carol Nielson and Carol Wedding
One of the things that Minnesota Quilters, Inc. supports is the ribbons/rosettes and monetary prizes awarded in the quilt competition at the Minnesota State Fair. Below are the winners in each lot supported by MQ. Those winners who are also members of MQ are noted with an * beside their name. This year, MQ awarded $1,362 to the winners.

**Sweepstakes ($100 and rosette)**
Carol Schwankl*, Bloomington

**Minnesota County Sweepstakes**
First Place ($100): Kathy Shier*, Apple Valley

**Crib Quilt**
First Place ($20): Maxine Zappa, Crystal
Second Place ($10): Miriam Reller, Maplewood

**Pieced Quilt, Hand Quilted by Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Carla Kilkelley*, Richfield
Second Place ($10): Mark Fokken, Marshall
Third Place ($8): Mary Ann Teske, St. Paul

**Pieced Quilt, Machine Quilted by Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Nancy Sammis, Isle
Second Place ($10): Karen Puffett, Minnetonka
Third Place ($8): Carla Kilkelley*, Richfield

**Pieced, Quilted by Someone Other than Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Beverly Hunnicutt*, Minneapolis
Second Place ($10): Terry Krysan*, Lakeville
Third Place ($8): Carla Kilkelley*, Richfield

**Appliqued, Hand Quilted by Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Victoria Miller*, Northfield
Second Place ($10): Kathy Munkelwitz*, Isle
Third Place ($8): Karen Golden, Woodbury

**Applique, Machine Quilted by Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Pamela Streed*, Minneapolis

**Applique, Quilted by Someone Other than Exhibitor**
First place ($20): Sandra Mielke, Ham Lake

**Mixed Technique, Quilted by Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Julie Idzorek*, Saint Louis Park
Second Place ($10): Emmy Storholm, Bemidji
Third Place ($8): Donna Hemming, Shakopee

**Special Surface Design, Quilted by Exhibitor**
First Place ($20): Susan Webster*, Apple Valley
Second Place ($10): Lynette Scherber, Brooklyn Center

**Scrap Quilt**
First Place ($20): Debra Archer, Maplewood
Second Place ($10): Karen Puffett, Minnetonka
Third Place ($8): Pat Johnson, Coon Rapids

**Commemorative Quilt (Hand or Machine)**
First Place ($20): Debbie Grasley, Shoreview
Third Place ($8): Linda Schissel, Park Rapids
(no second place awarded)

**Commemorative Quilt by 3 or more people**
First Place ($20): Charlotte Wenger*, Coon Rapids
Second Place ($10): Kay Getting, Cass Lake
Third Place ($8): Joanne Shepherd, Minneapolis

**Crib Quilt, Hand Quilted**
First Place ($20): Kyle Winden, Minneapolis
Second Place ($8): Karen Golden, Woodbury
Third Place ($6): Judy Leonard, St. Peter

**Crib Quilt, Machine Quilted**
First Place ($20): Susan Pettigrew, Robbinsdale
Second Place, ($8): Yvonne Knoepfel, Rochester
Third Place ($6): Betty Sampson, Minneapolis

**Pieced, Hand Quilted**
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Second Place ($6): Pat Current*, Apple Valley
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Minnesota State Fair Winners

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**Pieced, Machine Quilted**
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- Second Place ($6): Deanne Weber, Northfield
- Third Place ($4): Mary Zaloker, New Brighton

**Appliqued, Hand Quilted**
- First Place ($20): Janet Nelson, North St. Paul
- Second Place ($6): Pam Botten*, Prior Lake
- Third Place ($4): Carrie D’Andrea*, Bloomington

**Appliqued, Machine Quilted**
- First Place ($20): Jeanne Back*, Alexandria
- Second Place ($6): Sharon Dunford, Rochester
- Third Place ($4): Marge Greenfield, Fridley

**Mixed Hand or Machine Quilted by Exhibitor**
- First Place ($20): Carol Schwankl*, Bloomington
- Second Place ($6): Debra Archer, Maplewood
- Third Place ($4): Arlice Olson*, New Brighton

**Mixed Technique, Hand or Machine, Not by Exhibitor**
- First Place ($20): Pat Current*, Apple Valley
- Second Place ($6): Gayle Barhel, Mahtomedi
- Third Place ($4): Edith Lejonvarn, Plymouth

**Special Surface Design, Hand or Machine Quilted**
- First Place ($20): Elizabeth Lanzatella*, Minneapolis
- Second Place ($6): Kim Klocke*, Rochester
- Third Place ($4): Denise Boos, Lakeville

- An example of a Sue Stein design in the beginning stages.

- The design as completed.

Sue Stein at November membership meeting describing her design process.

**Garment, Pieced or Appliqued, Hand or Machine Quilted**
- First Place ($20): Janet Harvey*, Elk River
- Second Place ($8): Lisa Dietz, Golden Valley
- Third Place ($6): Betty Sazama, Savage

**Quilt-on-a-Stick**
- First Place ($20): Debra Archer, Maplewood
- Second Place ($8): Pam Botten*, Prior Lake
- Third Place ($6): Shelly Skindellen, Spring Valley

**Quilt made by a Group, Senior Citizens**
- First Place ($20): Gloria Lund, Woodbury
- Second Place ($10): Andrea Soule, Princeton

**Pieced or Patchwork, Senior Citizens**
- First Place ($20): Kathy Munkelwitz*, Isle
- Second Place ($10): Lucille Fokken, Canby
- Third Place ($8): Betty Sampson, Minneapolis

**Quilt, Applique, Senior Citizens**
- First Place ($20): Betty Sampson, Minneapolis
- Second Place ($10), Mary Jean Miller, Mahtomedi

**Quilt, Any other type, Senior Citizens**
- First Place ($20): Linda Mehwerth, Foley
- Second Place ($10): Mary Jean Miller, Mahtomedi
- Third Place ($8): Miriam Reller, Maplewood

**Quilt, Single bed size, Senior Citizens**
- First Place ($20): Mary Fignar, Shoreview
- Second Place ($8): June Roberts, New Brighton
- Third Place ($6): Gloria Lund, Woodbury

**Quilted article of clothing, Senior Citizens**
- First Place ($20): June Griep, Prior Lake
- Second Place ($8): Mary Jean Miller, Mahtomedi
- Third Place ($6): Lois Brekke, Lanesboro

**Best Hand Quilting ($50 and rosette)**
- Victoria Miller, Northfield

**Best Machine Quilting ($50 and rosette)**
- Susan Webster*, Apple Valley

**Best Use of Color ($50 and rosette)**
- Beverly Hunnicut, Bloomington

**First Pieced Quilt (MQ Membership)**
- Arlice Olson, New Brighton

**First Appliqued Quilt (MQ Membership)**
- Sandra Mielke, Ham Lake
October 2008 Board Meeting Highlights

- Introduction of Wynn Martin, volunteer Marketing Coordinator. She introduced herself to the Board, and provided an overview of the process the Board will follow to analyze the survey results received during the 2008 Show and Conference. The Board will do Strategic Planning with the help of Wynn to ensure that the guild's mission and its activities are in sync.

- It was reported that the profits from the 2009 Show and Conference will need to be $94K to cover budgeted Show expenses.

- To help with expenses for the Banquet at the Show, Board Members and Show Committee Members will pay $20 towards their banquet tickets, rather than receiving them free.

The Board approved three grants: 1). Lakeland Public Television (Brainerd area) received a $2K grant for quilt-related broadcast underwriting. 2). Duluth Public TV received a $1,800 grant for quilt-related broadcast underwriting. 3). Lakes Area Quilters (Alexandria) received a $500 grant for creating quilts for Habitat for Humanity.

MQ is still looking for candidates to Chair the 2010 Show in St. Cloud

The budget discussion began but it was determined that it was too big an issue to be able to complete during a Board meeting. A second meeting time was established to continue the budget discussion.

The Board discussed ways to improve the profitability of the MQ Show and also add more to the value of being an MQ member. One item that may be implemented with a future show is to have non-member prices for classes be increased over member prices. (This will not occur with the 2009 Show).

MQ Garage Sale  

Are you up to your eyeballs in stash, unfinished projects, old books, patterns and other assorted quilting stuff?

Would you like to make room for NEW STUFF?

Would you like to make some money toward paying for the new stuff or tucking a bit away to use at the MQ Quilt Show?

If so, this notice is for you. We are beginning planning to have a MQ GARAGE SALE for quilters and others in March of 2009 and we need to know if you are interested in renting a table to sell your stuff to other needy quilters (who don’t have enough of their own stuff).

This would be a one-day event on Saturday, March 7, 2009 and you would rent a table ($20 full table - $10 half table), bring your items for sale pre-marked and take care of your own cash receipts.

The full details are being worked out but if you are interested in selling some of your “overages”, please call or e-mail your interest to:

Susan MacLennan
612-522-4864
randsmaclennan@msn.com.

Be sure to leave your name and a phone number if you call (and address if not in the MQ Directory) so I can contact you with additional information. Otherwise, keep your eye on the newsletter for additional updates.
Door Prize Search

Vicci and Karen, 2009 door prize co-chairs, are hoping for a deluge of wonderful door prizes to give away at the 2009 MQ Show in Duluth.

We could really use your help! Please look around your sewing space for:
§ Kits you haven’t opened, and know you’ll never make;
§ Unused patterns;
§ Nice quilt-shop-quality fat quarters that might happen to be in wonderful colors outside of your personal palette;
§ A special pincushion; § Quilting gadgets; § Batting;
§ A batch of quilt-related stationery;
§ Quilt books (new, or seriously just-like-new).

Also, feel free to BUY something and donate it as a 2009 door prize!

Bring your donations for the door prize committee to Thursday or Saturday meetings between now and May 2009, or mail them to:
Vicci Mattsfield
21300 Furman St NE
Wyoming MN 55092

Note: please make sure that each donation is clearly labeled with your name and address, dollar value of the item (new this year), and “2009 Show Door Prizes.”

We’ll make sure to acknowledge each donation when it is received. We also ask each door prize recipient to send their thanks after the show. We look forward to your contributions!

2009 Scholarship for Beginning Quilters in Honor of Doreen Speckmann

If you are a beginning quilter or know of a beginning quilter who could use some encouragement, please consider sending in an application for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Doreen Speckmann Scholarship. MQ believes that the best way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in a great quilt show and conference.

The person chosen to receive the scholarship will receive the following:
• Registration fee
• Registration for two 3-hour classes or one 6-hour class and registration for three lectures
• Banquet and Award Ceremony ticket
• Single hotel room for two nights.

To be considered for this scholarship, you must meet the following requirements:

• Have quilted less than two years
• Have started fewer than three large quilts or four wall hangings

The scholarship application consists of the following:
• An essay containing between 300-500 words. The essay should explain what quilting means to you and what you would like to learn during the quilt show and conference.
• Photos of two of your quilts and/or wallhangings, with a description of each. The quilts do not have to be finished.
• Completed scholarship entry form (will be in the registration book and available on-line).

Please watch for more information in the registration booklet and online. Application deadline is February 15, 2009. Please contact Char Wenger, President-Elect, at preselect@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.
2009 Small Quilt Auction

by Jan Walstrom, 2009 Small Quilt Auction

Now is the time to think about what you can donate to the Small Quilt Auction for the June, 2009 Show. The money raised is used to support the educational mission of Minnesota Quilters.

We accept small quilts and many other fabric items. Where can your imagination take you? Some examples are: Fabric Bowls, Aprons, Purses, Dolls and Wearable Arts.

Donations will be accepted starting in January, 2009. Each item should have the makers name, address, phone number and title of the item safely pinned to it.

Donating between January and May will enter the donor’s name into a monthly prize drawing. A free lecture ticket will be given to the donor of each item.

Items may be brought to MQ meetings or mailed to the MQ office, care of Small Quilt Auction Committee.

Please mail to:
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.  
C/O: Small Quilt Auction Committee  
3000 University Ave SE, #120  
Minneapolis MN 55414  

(Please note: This year donations should not be sent to the committee members homes.)

Library Lines

by Martha A. Eaves, MQ Librarian

We recently added new books to the MQ collection in the Textile Center library. Among them was Quilt Pink for Hope edited by the American Patchwork and Quilters Magazine. For someone like me who loves pink, this is a book that brings pure joy. But it has a serious purpose, too, in that all of the quilts portrayed in the book were put together as a nation-wide fundraising event to fight breast cancer . . . including neighbor Canadian quilters as well.

Unlike most quilt books, this one is larger in size so that it appears like a 12” quilt block. What this does for pictures is really stunning. They seem like real quilts rather than just pictures, and the photography is fantastic. There are a total of 215 pages in the book, and 43 of those pages are full size pictures of the quilts.

These quilts include donated quilts from all over the country and have five submissions from Minnesota:  
- Crown and Cross [page 49], submitted by Calico Hutch, Hayward, MN.  
- Courage, Hope, Friendship [page 57] and  
- One Heart [featured on page 85] submitted by Silver Lane Quilting, Inc., New Brighton.  
- Pink Log Cabin Together [page 53] and  
- Big Heart [page 91] both submitted by Glad Creations, Minneapolis.

Opposite each picture is a story by the quilt makers describing their personal connection to breast cancer and the need for a cure. Sometimes the quilt is dedicated to a particular person but often as not, there are a number of people whose loss is acknowledged and memory related by the quilt. Many of these memories include the connection of the loved one lost to breast cancer to quilting. The book is worth reading just for the stories alone.

However, the second half of the book is devoted to quilt block patterns used in the quilts. One of my favorites is the butterfly on page 95 submitted by a Virginia quilt group.

Attention Linda Wines! There is a great paper pieced pink cow on page 103 submitted by Modesto, California quilters. Opposite the pattern are photos of the block in grids so you can easily picture its use. Some of these grids are not in pink, just for those of you who prefer orange or green or purple. Finally, on pages 194-203 are small pictures of quilts made up with the quilt blocks.

This is a really inspiring, and fun, book. We have two copies now in our library so check it out.

Textile Center Library

www.textilecentermn.org

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## December Survey

Cindy Wilson and Yvonne Curran, Communications CoChairs

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| Do you have a dedicated sewing space? (ie, you don’t have to move your sewing machine to eat or entertain) | 1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Am not sure how it works but would like to |
| Do you check out publications from the Textile Center Library? | 1. Yes  
2. No  
3. Am not sure how it works but would like to |

Each month, we’ll ask a few survey questions, and publish the results in the next newsletter. You can take the survey by going to www.mnquilt.org, clicking on the Member Login button, then selecting Community/Polls (you don’t need to log on to do this). Or, you can email your response to Cindy at comm@mnquilt.org or fill in the survey below and mail it to Cindy Wilson, 17868 Impala Path, Lakeville, MN 55044. We hope you will have fun with the surveys! If you have ideas for future surveys, contact Cindy at comm@mnquilt.org.

Please take the survey before December 6!

- The survey becomes active on November 17 and expires December 6 so that we can get the results into the January MQ News.

## Fat Quarter Drawing

Forty-four wonderful earthenote Fat Quarters were submitted for the November drawing.

The lucky winners: **Mary Pozzini** and **Carolyn Minor**, each took home 22 fat quarters. Congratulations!

We all love Fat Quarters so plan ahead for the January theme as you are out shopping.

- There will be no drawing in December.
- January’s theme is blue and white prints.

Our drawings are a wonderful way to add to our stash. Contribute up to three fat quarters (approximately 18” x 22”) of quilt-shop quality 100% cotton fabric in the theme of the month and we’ll enter your name in the Fat Quarter Drawing for that month (one entry for each fat quarter contributed, up to a maximum of three). Please be sure to attach your name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter.

Bring your fat quarters to the Thursday evening or Saturday morning meeting or mail them to the MQ office, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414 so that it arrives before the Saturday meeting. Please label the envelope “FQ Drawing.”

We draw one name at the beginning of the Thursday night and Saturday morning meetings (Saturday only drawing if we have fewer than 10 FQs on Thursday). You need not be present to win.

The Fat Quarter Committee members are: Carolyn Minor, Arly Fuhr, Jill Schultz, Patty Von Arx, and Janet Watt.

If you have questions or theme suggestions, please contact Carolyn Minor at 651-439-7139 or cminor@winternet.com
Block of the Month

by Joanne Holzknecht

Any Questions or Comments Contact:
Joanne Holzknecht
2618 65th Ave N.
Brooklyn Center, MN  55430
sewsewjo@iphouse.com

November BOM winner:  Karen Koehle
won seven Grape Basket blocks.

* For JANUARY meeting *

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH  8" (8 ½” unfinished)

Fabrics:  Background use 4 different cream to light tan prints
          Center is black solid or tone on tone print

Cut:  4- backgrounds 4 ½” X 4 ½”
      4- black 2 ½” X 2 ½”

Place small black squares in the corner of larger square and sew at an angle as shown in diagram.  Trim off excess fabric and press.

Boy, wasn't that block fast and easy to make?  Do you have time to make another one?

Volunteer Corner

by Marilyn Orlich, Volunteer Coordinator

Incentives for volunteering include: meeting new members, serving others, and gaining self satisfaction. Beyond intrinsic rewards, when you enter the volunteer drawing at the monthly meeting, you may win a prize!  It is just a little “thank you” on behalf of our organization!

MQ Calendar of Events

Evening general meetings are on
Thursdays and begin at 7:00 pm.
Saturday meetings begin at 10:00 am.
Board meetings are the 3rd Tuesday
of the month, starting at 6:30 pm.

December 6:  Holiday Brunch –
            University of St. Thomas
January 8 & 10:  2009 Quilt Show
                Highlights
February 5 & 7:  Celine Perkins of
                “Perkins Dry Goods” patterns

General Meetings are free for MQ
Members and $3 for non-members.
Workshops require an additional fee
for all attendees.

Volunteer Corner

Thanks to Karen Kopitzke, who
stepped up after last month’s
newsletter request to fill the
Member Clicks Show
Registration Coordinator position.

Thanks to Helen Smith Stone for
volunteering to be the new MemberClicks Membership coordinator.
Meet a Minnesota Quilter - Doris Kraemer

One of the very hard things about being in a large quilt guild like Minnesota Quilters is getting to know people, particularly if you are joining by yourself and not with a group of friends. This is not just a problem you may experience. Almost any of us, who comes to the group alone, rather than with a group of friends, has experienced this aloneness. That is why I would like to introduce you to Doris Kraemer, Minnesota quilt member # 5596.

Doris made her first quilt while living in California before she had any kids. It was a large block machine appliqué alphabet pillow quilt. It still needs binding; the fabrics are from the 70's. She remembers fondly, "I'd like to take it apart and remove all the stuffing. I think you'd suffocate under the weight of it. I burned up a presser foot doing all the satin stitching.” Now doesn’t this sound familiar!

She did not do much again until about 10 years ago when she took a class from Laura Nagel. She was, and still is, suffering from some health problems so having a project to work on [a friendship block quilt for her sister] provided a positive activity and because there was no specific deadline, a joy that she could pick up and put down. She specifically joined MQ so that she could learn more about quilting and socialize.

When asked how many sewing machines she owns, Doris replied: “two Janome's that I use, one Touch and Sew that I never use and a Serger that I need to learn how to use.” Her good sense of humor is one of her innate quilting traits. She sews on the kitchen table because of the great view of the backyard. And like many of us, longs for the day when she will have her own sewing room and can leave the sewing machine up all the time.

Doris’s favorite colors are cool colors, blues, purples, but she likes a variety of patterns. Currently she likes batiks and Asian fabrics the best. Because of the health issues, she usually does not do her own quilting unless it is a small quilt. She has lots of good ideas in her head, and tries to participate in projects where others are helped. If she is able to come to a show, you will recognize her as the one who has packed the most bags of things, and the most treats. The downside to this is if you are her roommate, you get to carry these things!

She also is a good volunteer for MQ, picking tasks that she can do or help do with a partner. And she is one of the luckiest people I know—frequently winning the fat quarter drawing, the door prize drawing, sometimes even the block of the month drawing when she puts in only one block! I met Doris when I sat next to her at an MQ meeting—I had to leave early and she offered to hold my door prize ticket. She later called me and said I had won! [I really doubt that it was my ticket that won now that I know her but at the time, she swore it was!]

Doris says the most boring thing in making a quilt is doing the binding. Her advice for a new quilter: “Don't start a stash, begin by buying fabric for one quilt at a time.” But then she laughed: “good luck following that advice!” And one more thing, be friendly to people alone at the meeting; you never know who might soon be one of your best quilting buddies!

This author talk was the first of what is planned to be a series of author lunches. The event was a great success and it was a lot of fun! Textile Center provided the “Three Cs” (coffee, cake, and cookies) to supplement our lunches. Keep an eye on this column to find news of more author “brown bag lunches” at Textile Center.

Karen Searle is one of four artists showcased in a new exhibit at the College of St. Catherine, entitled “Vanishing: The Wonderland of Aging,” which runs from October 26 to December 19. For more information, see stkate.edu/gallery, or call 651-690-6644.

In the Galleries…

**HOLIDAY SHOW AND SALE** – November 1 through December 30
The show features Sara Langworthy in the Community Gallery and over 100 accomplished artists offering unique handmade, but practical and affordable gifts. Gifts range from $5 to $500, a selection to fit every budget. Free and open to the public.

In the Library, the Upper Midwest Bead Society continues their show of all kinds of beautiful beaded items.

**Classes and Workshops** - visit http://textilecentermn.org/education.asp to see the exciting line up of fall classes. New open studio times in the dye lab, lace making & pattern drafting.

News - see http://textilecentermn.org/newsblog.asp.

Parking - Thanks to our cooperative neighbor to the east, parking is available in the small lot immediately to the east of the Textile Center parking lot, after 5pm and on weekends. This parking is only available after 5pm on weekdays. Do not park in the Nano-Systems’ lot, two doors to the east.

Meed the Board President Mary Brandt

The President of MQ is responsible for overseeing the Board of Directors, the annual Show and Conference and the Minnesota Quilt Project. That may sound very lofty but in reality it just means the President runs the monthly board meeting, takes the reports from the show committee chairs and MQP and presents them to the board. After that it is a group effort; the President does not work alone but is part of a great group of volunteers that works together for the good of all.

I have been a member for 7 years and on the Board of Directors for 6 years. I have worked on the show for 6 of those 7 years, one time as show co-chair, once as faculty, twice as helper to the chair of non-judged (before we had co-chairs) and the rest just as a slave.

I took my first quilting class in 1986 with the intention of making a Double Wedding Ring quilt. It hasn’t been done yet, but many others have been. I started my long arm quilting business in 1999 and I still love doing it even though it cuts into my own quilting time. I have been married for 29 years to Roger, am mother to 5 sons, grandmother to 13 (10 granddaughters and 3 grandsons) and great grandmother to 3 (2 boys and 1 girl). Hobbies are quilting, of course, reading, riding bicycle, camping, hiking, cross country skiing in the winter and traveling, which I don’t get to do enough of.
WANTED: Someone who specializes in quilt restoration and repair. Please contact Becky at 612-436-0449.

WANTED: Donations of African-looking fabric to make 8 quilts for the children at the Strongheart House in Liberia, Africa. The program is designed to help exceptional young people who are either displaced or orphaned by war or other circumstance develop into resourceful, compassionate, innovative problem-solvers and leaders that can affect significant social change. See www.strongheartfellowship.org Your leftover fabric will provide comfort for these children. Thank You. Please contact Susan Manning at sue.manning@mplsoffset.com or call 763-757-1336.

New Spirit School, a K-8 public school in Frogtown (an inner city neighborhood in St. Paul,) is starting a quilting club for interested parents and community members. Donations of fabric, thread (any kind) and used sewing scissors would be most appreciated. If you have something you wish to donate, please call Andrea E. Johnson, home phone 651-439-3544, daytime phone 651-225-9177, or ajohnson@newspiritschool.org. Thank you.

POTHOLDER DONATIONS Metro Meals on Wheels is looking for donated potholders. If you would like to donate knitted, crocheted, or sewn potholders as holiday gifts, mail or deliver the potholders to Metro Meals on Wheels, 1313 5th St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414, by December 5th. Contact: Ruth Torkelson at 612-759-6897 or intern@meals-on-wheels.com.

Theatre Unbound needs Quilters Theatre Unbound is looking for volunteers to help make several quilts for our April 2009 production of the ever-popular musical Quilters. Volunteers can help with everything from organizing sewers, actual quilt making, to teaching cast and crew about quilting. No amount of help is too small and all volunteers will receive free show tickets to see your handiwork on stage. If interested, please contact Stacey Poirier at 612-207-3659.

International Quilt Festival/Chicago call for entries. Every year we hear that quilters would like to see more traditional quilts at our shows. We are giving you a chance to put your work into our show. The Traditional Treasures paperwork can be found on our website at www.quilts.com under contest and call for entries. Deadline for entry to Traditional Treasures is January 16, 2009.

2009 Fall Getaway, October 15-18, 2009 Save the date for the 2009 Fall Getaway. Put it on your calendar and plan to join us for a weekend of fun, food and relaxation. 2009 Fall Getaway Co-Chairs are Julia Laabs, Linda Taylor, Sharlene Wimpfheimer, and Susan Shoaff.

Congratulations! Minnesota Quilters member, Victoria Miller, won the $10,000 Best of Show prize at the Des Moines AQS show in October. The design for this quilt is a Patricia Cox design and was inspired by an 1850 quilt from Canada made by a Mrs. Miller. Victoria thought that “Mrs. Miller’s Quilt” would be a perfect name for this quilt.
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