Featured speaker for March MQ meetings

March 6, 2008 - Jennifer Chiaverini: The Stories and Stitches of Elm Creek Quilts (Slideshow, Q&A)

March 8, 2008 – Jennifer Chiaverini: The Stories and Stitches of Elm Creek Quilts (Reading, Q&A)

Jennifer Chiaverini is the author of the Elm Creek Quilts novels as well as three collections of quilt projects inspired by her series. Over 1 million copies of Jennifer’s novels have sold since the publication of The Quilter’s Apprentice in 1999. Several of her novels have appeared on the New York Times Bestsellers List, and all of her novels remain in print in hardcover, a remarkable achievement in fiction publishing.

Jennifer is the designer of the Elm Creek Quilts fabric lines from Red Rooster fabrics, and her short fiction (The Fabric Diary) has appeared in Quilter’s Newsletter Magazine beginning in the Sept. 2007 issue. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame and the University of Chicago, she has taught writing at Penn State and Edgewood College. When she is not writing or quilting, Jennifer enjoys spending time with her family, long-distance running, and playing soccer. She lives in Madison, Wisconsin with her husband and two sons.

The website has a link to patterns for Sylvia’s Bridal Sampler, a quilt described in the novel The Master Quilter.

Jennifer’s books will be available for purchase at both the Thursday and Saturday meetings.

Read more about Jennifer at her website http://www.elmcreek.net/
Board of Directors

President
Linda Wines
president@mnquilt.org

President - Elect
Mary Brandt
preselect@mnquilt.org

Secretary
Kathie Simon Frank
secretary@mnquilt.org

Treasurer
Wendy Warfield
treasurer@mnquilt.org

Communications Directors
Pam Ronan and Cindy Wilson
comm@mnquilt.org

Education Directors
Debbie Craig and Paty Von Ars
ted@mnquilt.org

Operations Directors
Sue Sandager and Char Wenger
ops@mnquilt.org

Past President
Paula Gaboury
ppres@mnquilt.org

Standing Committees
Minnesota Quilt Project - Co-Chairs
Pat Cox and Gail Bakkom
mqp@mnquilt.org

MQ2008 Quilt Show Co-Chairs
Kathleen Winters and Pam Ronan
mq2008@mnquilt.org

Editor
(in training)
ViolaRae Kassing
editor@mnquilt.org

Submissions due by the 1st
If I receive an email I will respond if only with a "RECEIVED" else I did not receive your email and so please try again!

From the President

April 3rd and 5th Meeting:

April is the month to celebrate Minnesota Quilters 30th Birthday. Please join us in honoring the recipient of the MQ Outstanding Volunteer Award. This annual award recognizes the outstanding contributions of a MQ member who has been a loyal volunteer over time and across responsibilities. Come to the April meeting for a little birthday cake and to find out who will be the second recipient of this award.

Linda is on vacation this month!

Word is that our president is fond of COWS and is looking for cow blocks for her quilt!
Fat Quarter Drawing

Congratulations to Maria Zavala for winning 24 fat quarters of with the theme: the dark night sky (moon, stars, comets, etc.) at the February meeting.

March theme-stripes.

April theme—butterflies.

Join others who want to build their stashes with interesting fabrics. Contribute 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 securely attach your name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter.

The March drawing features stripes—all colors, widths, straight or wavy. Bring 1, 2, or 3 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 they arrive before the Saturday meeting. We draw one name at the beginning of the Saturday morning meeting. You need not be present to win.

Plan ahead: find some beautiful butterfly fabrics for April’s drawing!

The four members of the Fat Quarter Committee are: Kathie Simon Frank, Arly Fuhr, Carolyn Minor, and Janet Watt. If someone who regularly attends Thursday night meetings wants to join the committee, you will be most welcome. Contact Kathie Simon Frank at 612-379-4253 with your questions.

Minnesota Quilt Project is sponsoring two events this month. Both will give you opportunities to explore quilts in different ways. Jennifer Chiaverini is the speaker for the March meetings and will help us understand how quilts and her writing are related. And the exhibit "A Quilt Dialogue: Antique to Modern" at the Minnetonka Art Center (March 6 to April 10) will explore contrasts and similarities between styles, fabrics, and methods of 12 pairs of quilts. Make a date with a friend and visit this lovely gallery while these quilts are on display. Check their web site for hours and location.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. QUILT STAND POLICY

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. owns five (5) telescoping quilt stands. This is the official quilt stand policy approved by the Board of Directors as of December, 2007.

1. The quilt stands may be used for Minnesota Quilters meetings and events and by Minnesota Quilt Project members for their events.

2. The quilt stands may be used by other groups only at the Textile Center during regular Minnesota Quilters membership meetings for raffle quilts or for special events held at the Textile Center.

3. Requests for quilt stand usage must go through the Operations Director(s), Education Director(s), Daytime or Evening Directors.

4. The quilt stands will be kept locked in the Textile Center basement with other Minnesota Quilters stored items.

5. The quilt stands must be checked out and back in by the Operation Director(s), Education Director(s), Daytime or Evening Director(s). The quilt stands only need to be checked out and in if they are being used away from the Textile Center.

6. Contact
   Operations Director(s)
   ops@mnquilt.org
   Education Director(s)
   ed@mnquilt.org
   Business Manager
   quilter@mnquilt.org
   or 612-436-0449
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.

Textile Center
A national center for fiber Art

Currently at the Textile Center Joan Mondale Gallery “Beads of Whimsy” running March 7- April 12. Co-presented by the Textile Center and the Upper Midwest Bead Society, this show is a fine example of high caliber beadwork. The show features jewelry, wearable beadwork, wall art and sculptural pieces each with a playful spirit that characterizes a whimsical show. This is a must see for those of you who incorporate beading into your quilts.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the Textile Center’s Annual Garage Sale, April 11-12. Help the textile center’s annual budget by cleaning out your sewing area and donate those unused items to a fellow textile enthusiast who will use them. Donation day Thursday April 10, 5-8 pm and Friday April 11, 9am –5pm. Items should be marked with the price. Then shopping begins Friday April 11, 6-8 pm with the preview event, admission $25. Sales continue Saturday April 12, 9am -4 pm and ends on Saturday with the $1 bag sale from 3-4pm. The Textile Center is looking for volunteers for all 3 days call 612-436-0464 to help. I hope you can attend!

Remember the Textile Center offers wonderful classes through the year. For more information on all the Textile Center events see the web site at www.textilecentermn.org.

For Sale: Grace quilt frame with a Juki TL98E. $1,500. Contact Lori at 651-777-1280 or dlbyb@mninter.net.
A Group of Volunteer Women...
By Martha A. Eaves

Over the past months, I have been asking if people would send in recollections of their early involvement in MQ as a “prequel” to our 30th Anniversary. If you have been following this column, I have gotten a few takers! Well, I decided to add my own recollections. I am member number 913. Back when MQ was young, the newsletter used to list the name and address of every new member, so you can find me in the January, 1982 newsletter along with 11 other newcomers. Perhaps like others, I had attended some earlier meetings as a guest, and I remember my first meeting well.

The prior year, I had taken a class in quilting at a shop in Richfield and the teacher there stressed that you could not be a “quilter” unless you did everything by hand. Of course, we did not have rotary cutters yet, and scissors and templates made out of cardboard were taught. [I had a tin template of my grandmothers which she used to make all her many Lone Star quilts, but that was considered unusual!] I also had a sewing machine, but when I had asked in class if we could piece by machine, my teacher [whom I am sure was a charter member of the quilt police] drew in a breath of horror!

Coming to my rescue outside of class was Sue Stein. Sue had a quilt shop on Snelling Ave, and from visiting that shop, I learned that people really did use the sewing machine to put quilts together. Sue invited me to my first MQ meeting, which was held in the Richfield library. What an incredible event it was for me: I do not recall who the speaker was, but I was overwhelmed by the Show and Tell [Does this sound familiar?] Women of all ages and skill levels shared their work and explained what they did. The library was hauled in from someone’s trunk, and the books laid out on tables in the back of the room. And of course, there were treats!!

Although I joined up in January 1982, I could not always come to meetings. But just knowing the group was there, and that I had people who shared my love of fabric and tops. And even occasionally when I had something completed, those same people wanted to see it, kept me involved with the group. I am proud to be number 913 in MQ! So what is your story??
Non-Judged - Challenge - Children's Quilts

Non-Judged, Challenge, and Children’s Quilts: Drop-Off Information

Quilts must be received at the shops by Friday, June 20, 2008. Please do not use these drop-off locations for Judged quilts.

The dates for dropping off your quilt are June 13 - June 20, 2008. You may bring it to one of the quilt shops listed below. Please telephone ahead, reconfirming shop hours and letting them know you’ll be dropping off your quilt.

Drop-Off Locations

All In Stitches
501 North Main Street
Highway 63
Stewartville, MN 55976
Phone: 507-533-8897

Colorful Quilts & Textiles
2233 Energy Park Drive
Suite 400
St. Paul, MN 55108
Phone: 651-628-9664
colorfulquiltsandtextiles.com

Eagle Creek Quilt Shop
332 Second Avenue W.
Shakopee, MN 55379
Phone: 952-233-3774 www.eaglecreekquiltshop.com

Four Seasons Quilt Shop
4172 Lancaster Lane North
Plymouth, MN 55441
Phone: 763-557-5899

Gruber's Quilt Shop
Highway 15 & Third Street

Waite Park, MN 56387
Phone: 320-259-4360

Quilt Cove
1960 Cliff Lake Road
Suite 134
Eagan, MN 55122
Phone: 651-452-8891

Quality Sewing Machine Center
1111 Civic Center Drive NW
Barlow Plaza
Rochester, MN 55901
Phone: 507-288-9051

Quality Sewing Machine Center has recently been added to the list of drop-off sites for Challenge and Non-Judged entries. Quality will be vending at the show and is offering drop-off entry owners a 20% discount on any regular priced item in the store the day the entry is dropped off.

MQ News
March 2008
Page 6
As of January 1, 2008, you will be able to update your email address, change your phone number or indicate a second address, all online. This information is secure and will never be shared.

Go to www.mnquilts.org and click on the Membership Management link. You will find nominations for Volunteer of the Year 2008.

The MQ Board is looking for nominations for Volunteer of the Year. Nominate someone who you think has been an outstanding volunteer for our organization. This person will be honored at our April 2008 general meetings. Please send your nominations ASAP to any of the current Board Members or to ops@mnquilts.org or call Char Wenger at 763-757-7888. I will first see a log in page. If you’re a member, use your membership number and the first four letters of your last name as a log-in. Your id and password is on the label of this newsletter, they include your MQ member number and your zip code.

You will then be taken to your profile. We urge you to change your id and password to something you will remember. If you forget your id or password you can send an email to comm@mnquilts.org and we will send you the information. Remember, we’re all volunteers, so sometimes response might be a little slow.

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!

Mariners Compass Quilt on chair sews up in about 4-5 hours!
www.quiltsmart.com
1-888-446-5756

Mary Pat “Mattie” Rhodes, Quiltsmart Founder and President
MQ News

The views expressed herein are not necessarily those of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Although every effort has been made to provide timely and accurate information, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. shall have no liability to any person or entity with respect to liability, loss, or damage caused or alleged to be caused directly or indirectly by the information contained in this newsletter. This publication is intended to provide generalized information only and not to render professional advice.

No part of this publication may be reproduced, stored in a retrieval system or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise without prior written permission of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. © 2006 Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

Submissions are due by the 8th of the month preceding publication.

--------- Advertising Rates ---------

Effective March 1, 2004

Classified Ad
Horizonal Only 3.5" x 2"  $10/3 lines
Business Card  $20/mo

1/4 Page Ad
Vertical Only 3.75" x 4.75"  $40/mo

1/3 Page Ad
Vertical Only 2.5" x 9.5"  $50/mo

1/2 Page Ad
Vertical 3.75" x 9.5"  $50/mc
Horizontal 7" x 4.75"  $75/mo

Horizontal Back Cover $90/mo
with additional color  $175/mo

Full Page Ad 7.5" x 9.5"  $150/mo
Call for other sizes.

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:

Rebecca McPeek
MQ Office Manager
quilter@mnquilt.org
3000 University Ave SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

MQ Office: 612-436-0449

Dear Quilters,

It is with a heavy heart that I must announce -

The Quilted Shingle is CLOSING!

Due to the time restrictions of caring for Charlie (suffered a stroke in October 2004) and our overly large house (caught in the housing market meltdown), I have been unable and quite frankly, unwilling to make time for the shop. Charlie comes first! Since Charlie and I were partners for the shop, when he fell ill I lost my enthusiasm and my heart for the shop. This is unfair to my loyal customers.

So the time has come to close the brick and mortar shop and move forward to the future. I have enjoyed this experience (mostly) and especially enjoyed meeting so many quilters! At this time, the online shop will remain open.

Effective immediately, we will be selling our inventory, fixtures and samples. Check the website for complete details regarding the close-out discounts.

www.thequiltedshingle.com

Examples of Close-out Discounts

$3.00/yard - select fabrics
$6.00/yard - select fabrics
20% discount - other fabrics, books, patterns, thread, notions, kits
Some items with greater discount

Our Handi-Quilter 16 with Stitch Regulator (new in mid-June) - $6495.95

6' folding tables - $10/each
ONLINE REGISTRATION

In less time than it takes to wind a few bobbins and thread your machine, you can register for Quilted Jewels, the 2008 MQ show! What will take a bit longer is deciding which of the inspirational classes, fun events and great food you’d like! Once you’ve perused the Registration Booklet and made your choices, they can be selected with the click of a computer key.

Registration instructions begin on page 55 of the Registration Booklet. Registering online is simple and even fun, as the choices are there for you to see. It’s easy as buying fat quarters during a Fat Quarter Frenzy! Page 57 of your Registration Booklet will show you pictures of what the computer screen will look like and pages 58-59 present a worksheet that you can manually fill out if you like and take to the computer when you register. Several payment options are included, too. Perhaps the best feature of online registration is that you will automatically know if your desired class is available.

Registrants can also order show merchandise at the time they register, ensuring its availability and saving time and commotion on show day. If you pre-order merchandise, it will be available to pick up from the merchandise table at the show. In addition, registrants will receive a pre-order discount for challenge packets and fat quarter stroll passports. So don’t forget to peruse the great selection of merchandise, pictured on page three of the online registration form.

If online registration isn’t possible, you can still send in your registration manually. Just follow the instructions on page 55 and send your registration form to the address listed on the same page. If you have any questions about online registration, you can contact Jean Carr or Sue Crouse at reg08@mnquilt.org.

Got Quilt Top? Quilt 2 finish

Kim Swanson and Cindy Conrad

Computer-Guided Machine Quilting

612-483-6204
Robbinsdale, MN
Prior Lake, MN

Heritage Quilting
Long Arm Quilting and Weekend Retreat
Jean Livingood
Detroit Lakes, MN
218.847.2402

www.heritagequiltingonabbeylake.com
heritagequilting@arvig.net
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

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 $3.00

MQ 2008
Show Hotel Info
If you know you will be attending the show and 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
Site of both the Fashion Show Thursday night and the Banquet Friday night.
Kahler Inn and Suites $79 – 99
Rochester Marriott $139
Holiday Inn Express Sold Out
Holiday Inn South $84.99t
Radisson Sold Out
Hilton Garden Inn Sold Out
Best Western Soldiers Field $79
They will provide a shuttle

In order to get these rates, 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

Pam Rosan and Kathleen Winters, 2008 Show Co-Chairs mq-2008@mnquilt.org

MQ Quilted Jewels Challenge 2008

Every year the guild has a special exhibit/contest that involves making a project with fabrics that reflect the theme of the quilt show. This year the fabrics were chosen with pearls and jewels as our theme. This goes along with the 30th Anniversary theme of the show. There are three categories, wall hanging, garment and dimensional. The fabrics are made available at the previous years quilt show, this gives you a year to create a special piece. This year, since we sold out of fabric packs early, we have added a special “Anniversary Amnesty Challenge”. Since many members claim to have unfinished challenge packets from other shows, you are invited to finish and enter these in a special category. The only thing we require is that the original entry form be included with the entry. These will be judged and awarded prizes at the same time this years challenge is judged. So whether you have a new packet put together for this years show or a “classic” from the back of your closet, get busy and make your entry for the “Quilted Jewels” show in Rochester!

PS…a Pam Geerdes has a challenge packet she would like to sell, her number is 507-288.7454.
DOOR PRIZES
for
2008 SHOW

We will take your donations now and up until the show begins. Of course, we’d rather have them sooner than later, so we know what we’ve got. You may bring your donations to Thursday night and Saturday morning MQ meetings. Or you may send items to co-chair

Rita Culshaw at
13322 Pierce Street NE,
Ham Lake, MN 55304.

Please be sure to attach your name and address clearly to each item so that we can acknowledge your gifts. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. We are grateful for your generosity!

Sincerely, Kathie Simon Frank

Why do they need that picture anyway?

Being on the committee for Non-Judged is so much fun… and not that complicated. One of the fun parts is seeing all those entries. But before I was on the committee I couldn’t figure out why they wanted a picture. Then a very smart person (Ellen Carter), explained. It’s nice to be able to group and arrange the quilts so that they flow and coordinate.

We will literally lay the pictures out on the floor so that we can group and coordinate them. After all we (and you) want them to show to their best advantage.

We will have a wonderful “display home” for each of your quilts. This way, your quilt will be treated with the utmost respect and quickly hung.

But we also know that it is not convenient to have someone hold up your quilt and have a picture taken. Well this is no longer an excuse!

For all of you good little quilters who are industriously working on your quilts for the show, the Non-Judged Quilt Fairies will be at the MQ meetings in March and April to take pictures of your entries and help you fill out the form. Yes will have a supply of the forms at the meetings.

How easy can that be? We are making sure there are no obstacles. So as Bob Barker would say…”Come on DOWN!”

Sincerely, Ellen Carter, Lynette Disrud and Mary Lueders - Non-Judged Show Committee
DOOR PRIZES for 2008 SHOW

It's amazing how many things I keep finding in my little sewing room--things I'd forgotten I had, including a book that duplicates one I already had, and a kit I won as a door prize last year that I'll never make. I've also got some brand new rubber-fingered gloves to wear for machine quilting, but the pair I use is in perfect condition. I'm turning all these items into door prizes for other people this year. I've also just e-mailed my sister to ask what she's got stashed that she's willing to donate. I bet you and your friends and relatives have things like that in your home studios, as well.

If you're willing to part with them, Rita Culshaw and I would love to have them! We are so grateful to all the generous people who have already contributed a variety of door prizes for the MQ annual show and conference in Rochester in June. People love to win something, and they are going to be so happy with all the wonderful books, patterns, fat quarters, and other items that we are collecting to award to volunteers, students in classes, and attendees at the annual meeting, the fashion show, and the banquet. Just wait 'til you see what we have for you!

We will take your donations now and up until the show begins. Of course, we'd rather have them sooner than later, so we know what we've got. You may bring your donations to Thursday night and Saturday morning MQ meetings. Or you may send items to co-chair

Rita Culshaw at
13322 Pierce Street NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304. Please be sure to attach your name and address clearly to each item so that we can acknowledge your gifts. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. We are grateful for your generosity!

Sincerely, Kathie Simon Frank

Appraisals, Documentation—What's the Difference? And Do I Care?

These two terms, "appraisal" and "documentation" seem to many people to be interchangeable. That is not a good thing for the quilt owner because these are two very different and very important things.

Appraisals
If your house burned down, what would your insurance company consider to be the value of your quilts? Insurance companies consider quilts and blankets to be the same thing. Without a signed appraisal, your quilt would receive the same valuation as the fleece spread you bought at Wal-Mart last week.

Appraisals are performed by certified appraisers who analyze the value of the quilt based on workmanship, time needed to make the quilt, age, and current market values. At the end of an appraisal, the owner receives a signed appraisal document showing the value for insurance purposes. This document with a photograph of the quilt should be stored with your other important papers. A fee is usually charged for appraisals.

Documentations
Do you have a quilt that has been handed down through the generations? How would you feel to find this quilt used as a barbeque cover? This happened in my family and it happened because the importance of the quilt was not communicated to the family member who owned the barbeque.

Incredible Hand-dyed Wool, Patterns and Kits

Lisa J. Wood
Gail Gilson Pierce
Contact us at: 715-477-0056 or sales@woollylady.com
www.woollylady.com

YOU'RE GONNA WANT SOME OF THIS
Our hand dyed wool fabric, patterns and kits will knock your socks off.
Documentation of the quilt could have made the difference.

When a quilt is documented, a team of experts goes over it thoroughly and records several pages of information describing the quilt. At the same time, information is gathered about the quilt maker and the quilt’s history. Photographs are taken of the quilt. The owner receives a copy of this documentation.

In addition to providing as complete a record as possible to the owner and their family, the data is added to a national database to be used by researchers. It is amazing what can be learned about women and their lives from the way a quilt back was put together or whether the quilter left her knots showing!

So-- Do you want an appraisal, a documentation, or both? The Minnesota Quilt Project will be offering both opportunities at the 2008 show. You may request an appointment using the electronic registration process or complete a paper form. The paper request for Documentation (lots of information—no valuation) is in the Registration Book. The paper request for an Appraisal (a signed insurance valuation) is in this newsletter.

MQP QUILT APPRAISAL APPOINTMENTS AT THE 2008 SHOW

In the past several years there has been an alarming increase in quilts being lost, stolen or damaged in transit to, from, and at quilt shows. These losses are not always covered due to the lack of an appraised value.

- Are you aware of the value of your work?
- Do you have quilts (old and new) in your collection that have not been valued?
- Do you wonder what the replacement cost would be for one of your quilts?

These days, it is important that quilts, old and new, be valued for insurance purposes so there is proof of value should your quilt become lost, stolen or damaged. Members of the Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP) have agreed to do quilt appraisals by appointment only at the Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference in June 2008.

Our very knowledgeable and experienced MQP members, Patricia Cox, Gail Bakkom and AQS certified appraiser, Eunice Hill, will assess and value your quilt(s). You will receive a signed appraisal reflecting the valuation of your quilt at the end of your appointment. This, along with a picture of your quilt, should be kept with your important records for insurance purposes.

The cost will be $25.00 per quilt, payable at the time of your appointment.

NOTE: All payments will be made payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. All funds will benefit the Minnesota Quilt Project. MQP is a Standing Committee of Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

For an appointment, go to the MQ Show registration web site or complete the appointment request, below. Appointment requests must be submitted by May 1, 2008.

Paper requests only should be mailed to: Patricia Cox, 6601 Normandale Road, Edina, MN 55435

Confirmations will be sent out by June 1, 2008, and will indicate the date, time and location of your appointment.

MQP QUILT APPRAISAL APPOINTMENT REQUEST

NAME: ____________________________

______________________________
Quilt Dreamers 15th Annual “Bag Lady” Quilt Show on Saturday March 15, Noon – 4pm at the Galaxie Library in Apple Valley (14955 Galaxie Av. Apple Valley, MN 55124). Please join us on National Quilting Day for this fun event. There will be a small quilt auction, and a display of quilts the group donates to kids along with special project quilts and other quilts the members have made. Admission is FREE. If you would like to join our quilt group or have any questions, please call Liz at 651-322-5016

Pathways to Spring Quilt Show

Presented by Peace Quilt Guild and Pieceful Hearts Quilt Club
April 25, 2008 10:00 am – 7:00 pm
April 26, 2008 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monticello Community Center
505 Walnut Street
Monticello, MN

Quilt exhibit, two raffle quilt drawings, antique quilting display, door prizes, boutique, quilted-items silent auction, challenge exhibit, viewers choice awards, service project quilts, vendors.

April 6-27, 2008 Piecemakers Quilt Guild is sponsoring “Tea Cups and Thimbles” quilt show. There will be a “Vintage Stars” Raffle Quilt and over 75 quilts to view. It is Handicap Accessible and free parking. Hours are Tuesday thru Sundays 1 pm til 5 pm.

Owatonna Arts Center
435 Gardenview Lane
Owatonna MN 55060
www.owatonnaartscenter.org

For further information contact:
Eleanor Simon
507-451-5752
507-451-0533
PO Box 154
Owatonna, MN 55060
klems@charter.net

May 15th-17th
Orange City, Iowa (NW Iowa) has a Tulip Festival. In > conjunction with the festival the Sioux Prairie Quilters Guild hosts a 3 day quilt show. This year’s theme will be Thread’s of Tradition. It will feature antique quilts, traditional quilts and contemporary ones. Admission will be $3.

Hours:
Thursday/Friday 10 - 8
Saturday 10 - 6

The Museum of International Folk Art is pleased to inform you and your members we will be bringing the exhibition
Gee’s Bend Quilts & Beyond: Louisiana Bendolph, Mary Lee Bendolph, Thornton Dial & Lonnie Holley to Santa Fe, New Mexico November 16 2007 to May 11, 2008.
A link to your website is included with exhibition on the Museum website:

http://www.internationalfolkart.org/exhibitions/quilts.html

Thank you!

Laura Lovejoy-May
Special Events Manager
Museum of International Folk Art
On Museum Hill
PO. Box 2087
Santa Fe, New Mexico 87504-2087
Direct Line: (505) 476-1203 FAX (505) 476-1300
http://www.internationalfolkart.org

Santa Fe International Folk Art Market
July 12 & 13, 2008
http://www.folkartmarket.org
April 9, 2008 Ann Zemke will be speaking at the Inver Glen Library. She tells the story of her Grandmother beginnings as a railroad orphan. She uses a quilt she designed and made about the orphan trains.

Inver Glen Library
Inver Grove Heights MN
Blaine and 80th St
7 - 9 pm April 9, 2008
contact: Sharon Masloski
sharonmasloski@aol.com

"Quilts from the Heart"

Biennial quilt show by Forest Lake Memorial Quilters April 18-19, 2008 Forest Lake, MN at *new location* Faith Lutheran Church, 886 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake, MN. 55025. Friday, 9 am to 6 pm; Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. Quilt raffle, fat quarter raffle, demonstrations, boutique, vendors. Serving lunch and coffee. Admission is $3.00. www.memorialquilters.org

Willow River Piecemakers
Quilt guild is a quilting club in New Richmond, Ws. The members meet on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at St Luke's Lutheran Church on 365 West River Drive. Their goals are to share the enjoyment of quilting and to help in the community. Club members make Caring Quilts for people in crisis, such as illnesses, tragedies and natural disasters. WRP are also making military quilts for community men and women who are serving in the military. Members also attend a yearly retreat and invite instructors in to learn new quilt patterns.

Fabric Markers
------the Quilter’s Choice

Water-erasable! Marks can be easily removed with a damp cloth.

Item# 108, white ink
Item# 106, blue ink.

Free Shipping when order 6 markers or more.
California Res. add 8.25% tax.
Make your check/money order payable to:

Kopha International, Inc.
18322 Kevin Ct. Northridge Ca 91325
Toll free:1-888-350-4888 e-m: kopha@verizon.net
From the Editor

Now that I have worked at getting the MN Newsletter out for four months I have managed to get some of the kinks worked out. Now I am asking your help to make it a less time consuming job!

Deadlines:

It is necessary for the deadline for submissions to be the first of every month. If I allow any exceptions then the newsletter will not be sent out in time for people to receive it before the meetings.

Submission

Form:

When you submit an article, please give it a unique name. It is very difficult to work with 27 “for the newsletter” articles, or “Quilt Show”!

If you will put the month – the title for the article – your initials you will have a unique name!

Examples:

Mar President’s msg lw
Bulletin Willow River Show vsk

Submitting ads

Pictures:

The printer requires high resolution to print clear pictures/ads. If you are scanning, 400/500 dpi works best. Just send the file to me without zipping it. I can handle large files!

Did I Receive Your submission?

Articles: I respond to all email, if only with “Received”. If you send something and do not get a response, please send it again because it did not get to me!

If I do not receive the email then I cannot put it in the newsletter. If you have a “spam” filter you will need to add me to your approved list if you want acknowledgement of your having sent an article to the newsletter.

How do I select pictures for printing:

I print all the pictures out in black and white. Then I pick the ones that stand out, working my way down as I can fill in ‘white’ space. I attempt to use pictures that relate to the article on the page. I try not to print pictures that are uncomplimentary.

If you see a picture that you like, ask me for a copy. I have it in color! (Although I accidentally deleted the color file of the Christmas Brunch pictures!)
Mq News
Monthly Advertising Rates

Mq News is the newsletter for Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 1200 copies are published and distributed to members 11 times a year. The newsletter is posted on the MQwebsite, www.mnquilt.org, without advertising.

All submissions are due by the first of each month. All advertising fees must be included with any submitted advertising. All ads (except classifieds) must be submitted as high quality JPEG electronic files. Please contact the Editor to place an ad or submit an article or item.

editor @ mnquilt.org

MQ News Editor
3000 University Avenue SE Suite 120
Minneapolis MN 55414

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>AD SIZE</th>
<th>Monthly</th>
<th>6 Months Pre-pay Discount</th>
<th>12 Months Pre-pay discount</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Monthly -10%</td>
<td>Total $54.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Classified</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
<td>$54.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3 lines / 30 words / 200 char</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Additional Lines</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
<td>$9.00</td>
<td>$54.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Business Card</td>
<td>$20.00</td>
<td>$18.00</td>
<td>$108.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3.5&quot; X 2&quot; Horizontal Only</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/4 Page</td>
<td>$40.00</td>
<td>$36.00</td>
<td>$216.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vertical Only</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2.5&quot; X 9.5&quot; Horizontal Only</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vertical or 7&quot; X 4.75&quot; Horizontal Only</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2 Page</td>
<td>$75.00</td>
<td>$67.50</td>
<td>$405.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Vertical or 7.5&quot; X 9.5&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Back Cover Horizontal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Back Cover Horizontal spot color Horizontal</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Full Page</td>
<td>$150.00</td>
<td>$135.00</td>
<td>$81.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7.5&quot; X 9.5&quot;</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
April’s Block
Picket Fence

Fabrics:
- Background - white on white on tone
- Triangles - light grey print
- Stripes - black print

Cut:
- Background
  - 2 - 3 1/2” X 3 1/2”
  - 1 - 5 7/8” X 5 7/8”
    - subcut as shown in diagram
- Light grey
  - 1 - 5 7/8” X 5 7/8”
    - subcut as shown in diagram
- Black
  - 2 - 2 1/2” X 3 1/2”
  - 2 - 2 1/2” X 5 1/2”
Quilted Living: The Next Generation
A House Tour and a Quilt Show

March 7th & 8th 2008
Eagle Creek Quilt Shop
invites you to our
2nd Annual Quilted House Tour
at the home of Nick & Melissa Kelso
in Shakopee MN
Featuring a spectacular Hot Chocolate Bar
& an exclusive free pattern.

The show will include the work of three internationally known quilt artists:
Frieda Anderson, Debby Bowles & Pam Dinndorf
$10 per person - registration required - 952-233-3774
MQ is a volunteer, non-profit organization dedicated to the celebration of quilting. Our activities and events are structured to honor the past, celebrate the present, and nurture the future of this time-honored, traditional craft in all its forms.

DIRECTIONS: Minnesota Quilters is located at the Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Mpls. From WEST (On I-94, exit at Univ./280), take the right-hand fork. Turn left onto Univ. Ave. and continue west for 0.7 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.

PFAFF Performance 2056

- High-resolution Touch Screen—shows information on every stitch!
- Only from PFAFF: IDT—Integrated Dual Feed (built in walking foot)!
- Even fabric feed from both top and bottom
- Fabulous stitch package of over 207 stitches including beautiful, antique quilt stitches!
- 4 different alphabets, 50 different memories!
- Tie-off, needle up/down, single stitch, free motion, patchwork and twin needle programs
- Lift presser foot easily, with the electronic knee lift or with automatic presserfoot lift!
- Two Years all parts & Labor FREE
- Unlimited FREE Owner’s Classes
- In-House Factory Trained Technicians

Reg Price: $3,099
Sale Price: $2,199
10% OFF ➔ $2,199 - $220
FINAL Price $1,979

Associated Sewing
Sewing Fun Starts Here since 1957!

St. Paul
690 Snelling Ave No
651-645-9449

Bloomington
8567 Lyndale Ave So
952-884-0400

St. Cloud
44 Division
320-654-1580

Maplewood
3000 White Bear Avenue
651-773-0056

Check out our website for information regarding new sewing machines and special Demonstrations
www.associatedsewing.com

Celebrating 50 Years of Business