December Meeting Notes

Saturday, December 5
10-12 Doors open at 9:30 am
Brunch served at 10:30 am

University of St. Thomas, Binz Hall, St. Paul Campus

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

I hope to see many of you at the MQ Holiday Brunch for fellowship, fun, and good food! Again this year we are creating Christmas stockings to distribute to St. Joseph’s Home for Children. If you can't make it to the brunch and still wish to participate in this project, please contact Sue Rutford at ed@mnquilt.org to get a pattern for the stocking or to arrange to drop off a stocking or stocking stuffers. We gathered over 90 stockings last year and I hope we can exceed that this year. What's more rewarding than helping to bring joy to a child at Christmas?

Some of the 97 Christmas stockings made by Minnesota Quilters last year.

UPCOMING 2010 MEETINGS

We'll kick off our 2010 program year with our Show Meeting. Join us at the evening and day meetings to hear all about the teachers, events, and activities at the 2010 show in St. Cloud. February and March are still in the planning stages, and in April we will celebrate our MQ Birthday. A popular event at the birthday meeting has been the 5 by 10, in which 5 different quilters present 10 of their quilts. Please contact me if you'd be interested in being one of the presenters. You can present at one or both of the meetings.

MQ is your organization, and we want to bring speakers, events, and topics that you want to see and hear. If you've heard of an interesting teacher, have a fun idea, or just want to make a suggestion for a meeting topic, please contact me. We are also considering "taking it on the road," which means moving our meeting space to some different locations, especially as the light rail project on University Avenue gets started. Suggestions for meeting locations are also welcome. - Sue Rutford, Education Director
What does quilting mean to you? Does it mean hand piecing and hand quilting? Machine piecing and machine quilting? Appliqué? Using paints, beads, threads and embellishments? Do you make quilts for friends, family and/or service projects or do you make quilts to be entered in local, state and national shows? Do you use commercial patterns and kits or do you create your own patterns? Do you consider yourself a traditional or contemporary quilter?

Why am I asking all of these questions? MQ’s mission statement reads in part: “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.” The point is to make quilts in the way that YOU enjoy. We all love the feel of the fabric, cutting it up and sewing it back together to make a thing of beauty and warmth or something to hang on a wall or a creative wearable. In other words – a thing of art!

My mother-in-law’s last quilt was made of log cabin blocks and she used fabric from old brushed cotton clothes. She was not happy with the outcome, because she thought that quilts should be made with small, calico prints. I love that quilt. It is very graphic and it made me realize that every quilt is a work of art and should be treated as such, just as the weaver’s or knitter’s treat their pieces as art. They are all an expression of ourselves using fiber materials.

In a diverse and inclusive quilting culture, everyone should have the opportunity to add value to Minnesota Quilters and to feel valued for who they are and what they contribute.

The Board wants everyone who quilts to feel welcome in our organization. We all have ideas to contribute and share. Quilters have been sharing patterns and ideas for many generations. Quilting would have died out long ago without the sharing.

I challenge you to challenge your ideas on what quilting is and what it means to you. Go to the library and pick up a book or magazine that celebrates the opposite of your chosen quilting style. Look for similarities – the thought and love that is put into each piece – you should be able to feel the connection. You may not necessarily want to make a quilt that is opposite of your chosen style, but we can all appreciate the time, effort and thought that goes into making any quilted piece. They are all works of art in their own right.

The Board continues to work on our strategic plan and trying to come up with new ways to include and embrace everyone’s interests. Our Education Director has already presented a diverse offering of meeting topics. We will need input and volunteer hours from many members over the course of the next few months as we explore our diverse quilting culture. I hope you come along for the journey to make MQ the best state guild we can be.

I wish you all the beauty and warmth of the holiday season, however you choose to celebrate. I hope to see many of you at the Holiday Brunch!

“What I make with my hands, I give with my heart.”

- Char Wenger
**Notes From the Secretary**

Please help Minnesota Quilters stay in the know about our membership. In the case of the passing of any of our members, we would like to send our condolences to family and to acknowledge our loss. Additionally, we’d like to know when our members have reasons to celebrate, especially for quilt-related reasons.

Please send any news to Karen O’Brien at secretary@mnquilt.org or to the MQ Office.

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**President’s Quilt Block**

MQ has a tradition of presenting our president with “thank you” blocks for their year in term. Char has defined her block: 6”, 9” or 12” cat blocks.

Past president, Mary Brandt, likes stars made with batiks, with the star being dark and then a light background. The size can vary, 6”, 9” or 12”.

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**November Membership Meeting Notes**

Our November meetings featured a couple of interesting and informative presentations by Margo Krager of Reproduction Fabrics. The Thursday Night program, “Furs on a Stick,” featured the history of fabrics used as trade goods, while the Saturday program was all about the beautiful blues of Indigo fabrics, “From Egyptian mummies to American Cowboys.” Margo had fabric samples and handouts to go with her talks, and they were beautifully illustrated by quilts from Patricia Cox’s collection. Thanks to Margo, to Pat for loaning her quilts, and to the Minnesota Quilt Project folks for arranging this lecture meeting! Check out Margo’s website at www.reproductionfabrics.com for more information and her historical fabric reproductions.

Thanks to **Anne Tiller** for stepping up to the **Evening Hospitality Coordinator** position—without her we wouldn’t be having beverages at our evening meetings! Please look for treat sign-up sheets at the evening meetings, but don’t think you must sign up first to bring treats—if you feel moved to bake (or even stop at the store), feel free! Thanks also to **Lou Roos** for returning to the **Day Meeting Director** position that she so ably held last year. The Day and Evening meeting coordinator and elect positions are only one year long, so please consider stepping into one of these volunteer jobs next fall.

One additional reminder that we have an OVERFLOWING Lost and Found box of items that have been left behind at our shows, at our meetings, and the Fall Getaway (a hat and gloves). If you lost an item in the last couple of years and you haven’t checked for it already, it may be stashed in the office. Sue Rutford will be available at the January meetings to help you locate your missing items (or email Sue at ed@mnquilt.org with a description of your missing item). Anything that’s left after the January meetings will either be turned into door prizes (there are some orphaned fabric purchases) or taken to a suitable donation agency.

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**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS THE 1ST OF THE MONTH FOR THE FOLLOWING MONTH.**

Ads and articles may be sent to:
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MQ Business Manager  
3000 University Ave SE  
Minneapolis, MN 55414  
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December 2009
October Board Meeting Highlights

AQSG Seminar 2010 Update. Gail Bakkom made a presentation regarding this upcoming event. MQ is already sponsoring the Welcome Reception. Gail asked for, and received, some additional non-financial help from Minnesota Quilters. They would like to use MQ’s name to rent space at the Textile Center; to ride on MQ’s insurance for a display and sale of Helen Kelley’s quilts; to accept raised funds for the group in the name of “Minnesota Quilters”; and to have an AQSG table at MQ 2010. The AQSG Seminar will be held October 14-17, 2010, and will be headquartered at the Sheraton in Bloomington, at the junction of I-494 and Highway 100. More information will be forthcoming as plans proceed. Look for articles in the MQ News.

Logo Team Report. The Board reviewed logos currently under development by the team. The goal of the team is to come up with a set of logos for consideration by the general membership. The logos will be presented in an upcoming MQ News, possibly in January 2010.

Treasurer’s/Finance Report. The Treasurer, Miki Peine, and the Finance Committee are busy working with board members to develop the year’s budget. The budget should be ready for review and approval by the Board at the November Board meeting. A bid was submitted to the Board to bring our collection of Quilter of the Year pictures up to date. Richard Frank, husband of Kathie Simon Frank, is willing to print, mat, and produce the final framed pictures, with no extra charge to MQ other than the cost of the frames. The offer was gladly accepted. Miki reiterated that it is an important financial policy to look for 2-3 bids for purchases made for MQ. Finally, the Board is pursuing having audited financial reports on the MQ website.

Show Coordinator’s Report. Linda Lysdahl asked the Board to decide the risk level they would want to take when guaranteeing hotel room sales in Rochester. The Board felt comfortable only with the least risky option available. Linda also proposed that the method of counting admissions at the annual show be analyzed and documented. Vendors like to know the total number of admissions, as do auditors and membership. We need to have a clear, logical, and consistent way of calculating admissions. The Board will be discussing this issue and should come to consensus at the November Board meeting.

Show Reports. Jill Schultz and Jan Walstrom (MQ 2010 Show Chairs) discussed parking and busing issues in St. Cloud. A shuttle bus will be provided from the Civic Center to the banquet venue. There may be a shuttle bus running during the day from hotels to the Civic Center. Parking passes will be sold; there will be a link on the MQ website. The passes, and the parking spots obtained with the pass, will be on a first come, first served basis.

President’s Report. Cvent, the new membership and registration system, is coming to life! An email will be sent to all members, asking them to check their personal information and get set up on Cvent.

Education Report. This year’s Fall Getaway was a lot of fun! Planners of next year’s Getaway are Rita Culshaw and Jean Carr.

President Elect’s Report. So far there have been no applicants for the 2010 Charter Members’ Scholarship. The deadline is being pushed to January 1. The Board approved a request of $150 for Goldstein Museum of Design membership. President Elect Yvonne Curran will pursue putting MQ on GiveMN.org, a fund-raising portal site. There is no cost to MQ to be on the site, and it is meant to facilitate fundraising.

Strategic Planning. Wynn Martin will do the link-up between MQ members who have volunteered to help with MQ’s Strategic Plan and the Board member who “owns” the area of volunteering.
**Block of the Month**

by Joanne Holzknecht

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

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November BOM winners: There were 75 Batik Square Within a Square blocks entered,
Judy Renmoe won half and Sally Lajon won half.

* For the January meeting drawing. *

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**NORTHWIND**  9"  (9 ½" unfinished)

Fabric: one light blue print and one dark blue print

Cut:  5 - light blue triangles from 3 ½" strip using the EASY ANGLE cutting tool
      5 - dark  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "  "
      OR cut 3 - 3 7/8" squares and sub-cut as shown (you will have 2 extra
      triangles with this method)
      1 - 6 7/8" X 6 7/8" sq. of each lt. and dk. print and sub-cut as shown, this
      too will give you extra triangles
      OR if you have the larger sized EASY ANGLE cutting tool, you can make
      your cut from a 6 ½" strip

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Just what does MQP do? When someone says they study old quilts, many of us have a picture in our minds of wizened up people sitting in a musty, dusty room under an oversize bright light peering at a quilt fragment with large magnifying glasses. Now, that may be the case in some instances but not in MQP!

The primary objective of MQP is to document existing quilts. That means quilts from the beginning of time up until this minute. Anyone who has looked at even a few antique quilts knows that there are questions you would love to ask the quilter. When the quilter is long gone and turned to dust, questioning is difficult.

Documenting today’s quilts means we can also document the quilters and stories of the quilts. Just think. In 75 years, someone may find my grandson’s baby quilt, be able to access its documentation and learn that it has Soccer balls instead of baseballs because my son doesn’t like baseball. Or perhaps the story of how many strawberry fabrics were purchased before I found the perfect one for my red and green quilt.

Whether we are providing documentation information and forms for personal documentation, providing opportunities at shows and meetings for MQP to document, or setting up private documentations of collections, all requires volunteers. MQP volunteers don’t have to be textile academicians or history PhDs. All they need is an interest in quilts and a willingness to learn. You learn how to use the forms efficiently when you are documenting a large number of quilts. And, you get to be up close and personal with some fantastic antique objects and incredible new ones.

If you’re interested in joining the fun, you can meet with us at the Overflow Coffee Shop across from the Textile Center at 8:30 before the monthly Saturday MQ meeting. Stop in!

WE DID IT!

For five years, MQ members have heard about and helped with the work MQP has done to get the data we have collected into an online database. There were many times when it seemed like a futile exercise. Imagine our surprise when it actually happened!

The Minnesota Quilters documentation is now on line at the Quilt Index sponsored by Michigan State University. The Quilt Index can be accessed internationally. Our documentation is in some impressive company such as Michigan State’s collection, the University of Nebraska’s and many others you will recognize.

All of the information collected prior to publishing Minnesota Quilts is there. We will soon be caught up with the backlog of about 300 quilts yet to enter. If you want to take a stroll through the collections, you can do so at quiltindex.org.

Fat Quarter Drawing

Ruth Herbst won 8 Plaid fat quarters that were collected at the November meeting. Congratulations!

There will not be a Fat Quarter Drawing in December.

Themes for the next few months are:
- January: Dots, Dots, Lots of Dots
- February: 30’s fabric
- March: Birds

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 drawing for that month (one entry for each fat quarter, up to a maximum of 3). Attach your name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring fat quarters to meeting or mail them to the MQ office, 3000 University Avenue SE, Mpls, MN 55414 should arrive before the Saturday meeting label the envelope “FQ Drawing.”

We draw one name at the beginning of the Saturday meetings. You need not be present to win. Questions or theme suggestions, please contact Carolyn Minor at 651-439-7139 or cminor@winternet.com.
The block and ornament exchanges are a treasured activity at the MQ holiday gathering. Long-time participants have gathered many blocks, and the goal of many is to gather enough blocks to make a special quilt, full of memories of MQ friends and happy holiday parties.

**Block Exchange.** To participate, bring a 12-1/2" (12” finished size) block in holiday colors/fabrics, or with a holiday theme. Use either a (1) white (or white-on-white), or (2) cream/tan background fabric for the block background. This exchange is sort of a “mystery” exchange because the blocks will be put into paper bags, the participant will receive a ticket for each block submitted (maximum of three per participant), and she/he will receive, in turn, one bagged block for each ticket. A few guidelines for blocks:

* As with the MQ Fat Quarter Drawing, a good rule of thumb is to only submit a block that you wouldn’t mind getting back yourself. Use good quality cottons, probably avoiding novelty prints.
* Please submit blocks that are more complex than not, with multiple pieces.
* Measure and piece carefully, so that the block ends up 12-1/2” square.
* If you need ideas for a block pattern, please visit the Textile Center Pat O’Connor Library and take a look at the many holiday magazine issues or books that the library has. One possibility might be a star block.
* Appliqué blocks are also, of course, welcome, but please know that you might not (probably won’t) receive an appliqué block in return. Bless your heart for spending appliqué-time on an exchange block!

**Ornament Exchange.** Bring a handmade quilted or quilt-related ornament to exchange. You can bring up to three ornaments to exchange. As with the block exchange, you will get a ticket for each ornament that you bring and ornaments will be placed in paper bags so the ornament you receive will be a surprise.

After the exchanges are made, Doris Harelond and Karen O’Brien will find a way to let you share and display the blocks and ornaments so that everyone can get a good look (this is almost as much fun as actually getting them for yourself!) Our exchanges will certainly help to get our holiday creativity flowing early in the holiday season.

**Homemade Stockings for a Cause**

The Brunch committee is organizing a service project and has decided on donating homemade christmas stockings to St. Joseph’s Home for Children. We will provide a pattern of a stocking and some simple instructions. You, the generous sewer, will supply the fabric and design of the stocking. We are in need of approximately 60 stockings (we made more than 90 last year!) and anyone can participate. We will have a drawing for a gift certificate for all people that donate a completed stocking. The stockings will be displayed at the brunch and the attendees will vote for a viewer’s choice and a prize will be awarded.

Anyone interested in donating items to fill the stockings can contact Sue at ed@mnquilt.org.
Delivering 2010 Show Registration Book Assistance

We Would LOVE Your Assistance!

Hello wonderful members! Our 2010 quilt show will be presented at the January 7 and January 9 MQ meetings. We will have our Registration books available for pick up and if you would be willing to deliver some of those to your neighborhood quilt shops we would really appreciate it!

Also, if you are traveling around throughout Minnesota after the Registration books are out and you notice that a particular quilt shop does not have any books, please let us know so we can send a few.

Thank you so much!

Jill Schultz and Jan Walstrom
Your Very Busy But Happy Show Co-Chairs

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Door Prizes for MQ

It’s Fall and time to clean out that sewing area. Think of door prizes for MQ. We need new or nearly new items related to quilting.

Donations may be brought to the Thursday or Saturday meetings or you can mail them to:

Mary Pozzini
305 Darrell Ct.
Stillwater, Mn. 55082

Please label each donation with your name, address, dollar value of the item and a label stating “MQ Door Prize.” We will make sure each door prize is acknowledged. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law.

Questions? email us at doorprize10@mnquilt.org

Thanks so much, Mary Pozzini and Char Simonet.

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2010 Small Quilt Auction

Each year at MQ’s annual show and conference, the Small Quilt silent auction raises money to support quilt education on public television and grants for special products and programs. Many of you have made items for the small quilt auction in past years. We invite everyone to consider making a small quilt for the Small Quilt Auction in June 2010 in St. Cloud.

We accept small quilts and other fabric items. Where can your imagination take you? How about a fabric bowl, apron, purse or tote bag, doll, wearable art, or lap quilt?

Donations will be accepted starting in January 2010. Please carefully pin your name, address, phone number, and title to each item. Also, please attach a permanent label on the back or bottom of your item with your name, the quilt’s name, and the date, or sign and date it.

For each item you donate between January and May, we’ll enter your name into a monthly prize drawing. We’ll also give you a lecture ticket for each piece contributed.

Please note. Donations should be brought or sent to the MQ office in the Textile Center:

Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
c/o Small Quilt Auction Committee
3000 University Avenue SE, #102
Minneapolis, MN 55414
2010 Show Faculty by Mary Brandt and Cheryl Plourde, 2010 Faculty co-chairs

The January general meetings are an opportunity for MQ members and friends to get a close up look at samples, books and supply lists from the classes being offered at the 2010 Show. Plan to attend one of these meetings to help with your decisions when you register for classes. If you have taken a class from one of our faculty, own one of their books, or if you have made a quilt based on one of their patterns or classes you have taken, please bring it to the January membership meeting and share with everyone.

Faculty List
Kathie Alyce www.waterfallquilts.com
Charlotte Warr Andersen www.cwaquilts.com
Maggie Ball www.dragonflyquilts.com
Sandy Bonsib www.sandybonsib.com
Karri Carr www.newleafstitches.com
Augusta Cole www.augustacolequilting.co,
Pepper Cory www.peppercory.com
Kay Capps Cross www.crosscutsquilting.com
Krista Day
Nancy Eha www.beadcreative.com
Beth Ferrier www.applewd.com
Flavin Glover www.flavinglover.com
Brenda Henning www.bearpawproductions.com
Kathleen Moorhead Johnson www.augustwindquiltdesigns.com
Nancy Mahoney www.nancymahoney.com
Cathy Miller www.singingquilter.com
Vikki Pignatelli www.vikkipignatelli.com
Janett Rice www.janetricefiberart.com
Tracy Trevethan www.tracytrevethandesigns.com
Laura Wasilowski www.artfabrik.com

Two 2010 Quilt Show Hotels Added to List

Hotels with shuttle service to and from hotel and Civic Center
Hampton Inn & Suites
145 37th Avenue N
320-252-5900
www.hamptoninn.hilton.com
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In Memory of Irene Bjorklund

It is with great sadness that I wish to inform you that Irene Bjorklund passed away on October 20th, 2009 at age 78. Her memorial service was held on Oct. 24th in New Brighton. (Obituary in 10/22/09 Star Tribune)

Irene has been a long time MQ member and has volunteered for the organization in so many areas, from transcribing oral histories for the Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP), to serving on the MQ Board as Secretary and Membership chair, and on many annual show committees. She was always there to help, support and add her knowledge and experience to the mix and she will be sorely missed.

I met Irene over 10 years ago and was always amazed by her patience and willingness to share her knowledge of quilting. I never knew or asked her age but she had the energy of three people half her age. If there was a new technique, tool or fabric out there, Irene knew about it. She went to many quilt shows, was a member of (if memory serves) as many as 7 small quilt guilds, attended quilt retreats and functions and still managed to be a prolific quilter. She loved life and it showed!

She was also a great manager and had a real head for business and could find a good way to get just about anything done. After attending her memorial service, it was quite apparent that she was also a very adept wife and mother and her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will miss her greatly. Luckily, they have good memories and many of her quilts to remember her by.

I will miss my friend and remind you all to cherish the friendships you make through quilting and other endeavors. Don’t forget to make that phone call or send a note when you can as the sentiment will always be appreciated.

Susan MacLennan
Irene’s friend and MQ member

P.S. One of the groups Irene joined was Brooklyn Center Friendship Quilters, to which I also belong. The group has enjoyed her company for the past 10 years and wanted to do something special to honor Irene. We have been collecting funds that will be donated in Irene’s name to Minnesota Quilters. If you wish to add to this donation, please contact me at 612-522-4864 or at randsmacullen@.ResponseEntity[null]Mcom

Bulletin Board

**MQ Community Service Project** This is a reminder to everyone who picked up fabric and/or patterns to make walker bags, pillowcases, wheelchair quilts or bed shawls. We so appreciate all of the pieces that have been turned in to date. They are turning out beautifully and each will make someone very happy. The first distribution of these items will take place in December. We would like to have as many items as possible to spread joy during the holiday season, so please continue to bring your finished pieces to the monthly meetings, including the Holiday Brunch in December. Can’t get yours done by then? We plan to continue this program for several months so bring items in as you complete them. Make one item or several, your participation in this project is a great help. Thank you! Lou Roos and Patty Von Arx.

Questions? Contact Lou at r_loos@hotmail.com or Patty at pva13@comcast.net

**The Brain Injury Association of Minnesota is looking for a quilting focus group.** The purpose of the focus group is to help the Association plan and move forward with an idea for an ongoing group-quilting project held on site. There are many questions and things to consider and we would like to consult with a group of quilters who know the complete process and can shed light on what we may not know. Anyone interested in being part of the focus group should contact Anna Karena at 612-877-7911 or e-mail her at annak@braininjurymn.org.

**MQ is looking for places to hold our monthly meetings** while the Light Rail Construction is going on in front of the Textile Center. Requirements are: chairs for 200, ample, safe, well-lit parking, good sound system, good lighting, and kitchen facilities. If anyone has any suggestions, please contact Sue Rutford, Education Director, at ed@mnquilt.org.
Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters’ 2010 Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud, Minnesota? If so, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship for beginning quilters.

Minnesota Quilters exists to celebrate and promote quilting. In honor of our Charter Members, we believe that one way to encourage and inspire new quilters is to give them a chance to participate in a great quilt show and conference by offering a scholarship. Please note that the scholarship winner is chosen based on the submitted essay – we do not judge on the quality of the quilts made. The person chosen to receive the scholarship will receive the following awards:

- Priority Registration.
- Registration fee (multi-day pass, show bag and pin).
- Registration for 2 3-hour classes or 1 6-hour class.
- Registration for three lectures.
- Banquet and Award Ceremony ticket.
- Single hotel room for two nights.
- One year membership to Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

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

- Quilted less than two years.
- Started fewer than 3 large quilts or 4 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 wall hangings, with a description of each. The quilts do not need to be finished.
- Completed scholarship entry form (found below).
- Your name and address included on the essay and pictures.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to:
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
Scholarship Committee
3000 University Ave. SE #120
Minneapolis, MN 55414

Form may also be found at: www.mnquilt.org/mq2010

Scholarship application deadline extended to January 1, 2010.

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**Minnesota Quilters 2010 Scholarship Entry Form**

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2009 Fall Getaway Highlights

Thirty-nine women enjoyed a wonderful weekend at the Cloquet Forestry Center, October 15 through 18. The fall colors were at their peak. We had very good food and plenty to eat catered by Jim N’Jo’s Katering. On Friday, many of us braved the chilly weather and enjoyed a forest tour guided by the Center’s Director and learned about the programs and research done at the Center.

We had a great turnout of participants in the Quilt of Valor event. Twenty wonderful quilters helped make a quilt for wounded military personnel. Terry Atkinson, a local quilt pattern designer from Elk River, donated twenty “Lucky Star” patterns to be used for the Quilt of Valor efforts and each participant received a copy of the pattern. This quilt will be sent for distribution where it is needed. Thank you to Terry and all ladies who participated.

The ladies also had the opportunity to make a Mystery quilt this year designed by Linda Kosfeld. Once again, Linda provided us with clues throughout the get-away resulting in a beautiful wallhanging or tablepper. Thank you Linda for all your time spent in designing the pattern and sharing your talents.

After a grand show and tell on Sunday morning we packed up and said good-bye for another year.

Jean Carr and Rita Culshaw have volunteered to coordinate the retreat for 2010. Keep an eye out for the dates in the MQ newsletter and join us for another great retreat. Thank you to all who attended. We had a great weekend!

Pictured holding the Quilt of Valor quilt are left to right: Carol Jacobson, Virginia, Cary D’Andrea. Standing in back left to right: Connie, Kathy Yano, Rita Culshaw, Char Wenger, Linda Taylor, Diana Callahan, Jean Carr, Marilyn Orlich, Marla Muckala, Virgi, Cathy Erickson.

New Membership Management Software

As MQ members, you have been asked recently to confirm your membership on our new software. Many of you are probably wondering why we needed to make a change from the old program.

There were many things the old software wouldn’t do for us. The one most obvious and most important to members was the lack of an invoice before you clicked the Pay button with no option to return to the show registration form. Some of you are also aware the software didn’t always add and subtract properly. This issue alone accounted for nearly 80% of show refunds. The new software provides costs up front and allows for changes either before or after you pay.

Some of you have already renewed your membership using the new software and we will admit there were a few glitches. The discovery of those now means that show registration will go smoothly and we thank you for the feedback when you found them.

One thing renewing members have asked about is that the e-mail confirming their membership renewal refers to welcoming them to an “event.” The software was designed for meeting and seminar management so it uses those sorts of terms. It’s fun to find that renewing your Minnesota Quilters membership is no longer just an activity but an event!
Volunteer Corner

Having recently attended MQ’s Fall Getaway near Cloquet, I personally benefited from the volunteer efforts of two enthusiastic coordinators, Susan Shoaff and Linda Taylor. These two members provided the opportunity for attendees to quilt, eat, talk, laugh, meet new people, and connect through our common passion—QUILTING. Besides gaining personal enjoyment, those who made a block for the Quilt of Valor saw the rewards of many volunteers working together. The quilt came together before our eyes. It was gratifying to imagine a worthy military person receiving the beautiful batik quilt.

Next year’s Fall Getaway coordinators, Rita Culshaw and Jean Carr, are already gathering ideas for the 2010 Fall Getaway.

Thank you to Lou Roos who volunteered to continue sharing her friendly leadership skills as Day Meeting Director.

We continue to ask volunteers to contribute “blocks” of time to help support our organization. The following jobs are known as standing committees and “off board” positions.

**Evening Coordinator-Elect**
This volunteer or two will help the evening coordinator, and the following year will fill the evening coordinator’s position. For further information about this position, contact Sue Rutford, Education Director, at ed@mnquilt.org.

**Day Coordinator-Elect**
This volunteer or two will help the day coordinator, and the following year will fill the day coordinator’s position. For further information about this position, contact Sue Rutford, Education Director, at ed@mnquilt.org.

**Volunteer Coordinator**
This person facilitates requests for volunteers by informing the general membership, through newsletter, announcements at meetings, etc. For further information about this position contact Kathleen Winters or Jill Schultz at ops@mnquilt.org

All of these positions are for one year. We encourage job sharing whether a friend or new acquaintance.

Email Marilyn Orlich, Volunteer Coordinator at volcoord@mnquilt.org to post future volunteer needs.
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Textile Center Liaison News

**Author Bag Lunch Event**

**TEXTILE CENTER PAT O’CONNOR LIBRARY**

*Tuesday, December 15, 12 noon to 1 pm*

Kristal Wick will talk about her latest book, *Fabulous Fabric Beads*. Bring your lunch and listen to Kristal show and tell the art work in her new book, and answer any questions you may have. Her book explores the infinite possibilities of beadmaking using mixed-media techniques. Wick teaches you more than 30 ways to design spectacular fabrics, make handcrafted fabric beads and embellish them in unique ways, plus create one-of-a-kind jewelry. Kristal includes an inspirational gallery of her work. Wick’s instructions for the projects are clear, concise, and illustrated with photographs and step-by-step directions.

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Feast your senses on Textile Center Shop & Gallery’s annual holiday sale, with mouth-watering textile art and a healthy serving of fiber. This tasty buffet includes garments, accessories, linens and textile home décor from over 150 local and national artists. Do some holiday shopping or just window-shop: this is a real feast!
MQ Strategic Plan Needs Volunteers

by Wynn Martin

The Minnesota Quilters strategy team is working hard to put the 2009 plan into effect. If you haven't read the plan, copies can be obtained from the MQ office or by contacting Wynn Martin at marketing@mnquilt.org.

You can learn more about MQ's future by attending the strategy planning meetings that will take place at 8:30 am each month, right before the Saturday MQ Meeting. The strategy team will meet at the coffee shop across the street from the Textile Center.

Wynn is still looking for more helping hands on several projects. If you can spend some time on this important assignment, please let us know. Here are just a few of our most immediate needs:

1. Attend a one-hour meeting to review current membership benefits and recommend /revise a new membership fee structure. Or simply send an e-mail to marketing@mnquilt.org telling us what you think are the greatest benefits of membership.

2. Brainstorm ways to have more fun and meet more people at the monthly meeting.

3. Help define membership goals for the coming year.

4. Help find alternative meeting locations while the light rail construction takes place.

5. Identify ways that MQ can do more for quilters in greater Minnesota (non-metro membership).

The immediate task is to read the action plan for each item and determine how to make that action item happen. Your recommendation will go to the Board for approval, and then the fun begins!

In working on the strategy plan, I've gotten to know many of my fellow quilters. I can only say that I am WOW'ed by the willingness I've seen within this organization to lend a helping hand and get things done. Please call soon. Our future depends on your support.

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