April Meeting Notes
Thursday, April 1, 7:00 pm
Saturday, April 3, 10:00 am

Happy Birthday MQ! Minnesota Quilters traditionally celebrates its birthday in the month of April. We were founded in 1978 by a dedicated group of women—our charter members. We celebrate their contributions and honor our 2010 Outstanding Volunteer and enjoy a parade of quilts with our yearly feature, “5 by 10,” in which five of our members display and speak about a group of their quilts.

Calling for 2011 Raffle Quilt Makers

The MQ Board is calling for volunteers. Until recently, a committee of MQ members made the raffle quilt each year. We want to get back to that tradition for the 2011 show in St. Paul.

We are looking for MQ members with all kinds of interests and skills. Help us choose the fabric (and donate some from your stash); press it; cut it; sew it into blocks, borders and a back; sandwich, quilt, and bind it. In other words, we want MQ members to make a wonderful quilt from start to finish. There’s a role for everyone from the very beginning quilter to the most experienced. Come join the process.

What do you get in exchange? What better than to share your love of quilting? This is your opportunity to work together with like-minded quilters. You get to express your creativity and put your piecing and quilting skills to good use. And then you get the satisfaction of seeing your handiwork and creativity appreciated by all those who invest their money in raffle tickets. Finally, sales of raffle tickets for the quilt will raise money for the educational projects that MQ sponsors and supports.

A group met after the March meeting and selected a pattern that is being considered by the MQ Board. Once the MQ Board has approved a design, we can begin.

There’s a lot to do! If the MQ Board approves the design we’ve suggested, after the April meeting, we’ll select fabrics and begin to cut the pieces for the quilt. If you wish, bring creams and blues and greens from your stash and be prepared to contribute some fabric toward the raffle quilt. If you want to help cut out the pieces, bring your cutting board and rotary cutter, plus scissors, too.

Come help us make this beautiful raffle quilt. The next 2011 Raffle Quilt meeting will be Saturday, April 3 in the Textile Center auditorium, from 12 noon until we get our business done (no later than 4 pm). If you have questions about the 2011 raffle quilt and this process of making it, please contact Kathie Simon Frank at kathie@umn.edu or 612-379-4253.

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Notes From the President

I always look forward to our April member meetings. It is MQ’s birthday and we celebrate in two special ways. First of all, we enjoy seeing the wonderful quilts that our members show off during the 5 by 10 presentations. It is fun to see how a quilter’s work has changed over the years.

Also, at our April member meetings we will be honoring our Outstanding Volunteer. As I write this, I do not know whom that person will be as the Board will be voting at our March Board meeting. However, I know that whomever we are honoring will be truly deserving of the honor. Please join me in congratulating that person and thank them for their tireless volunteer contributions to MQ!

I want to thank another volunteer, Jean Carr. Jean has graciously stepped forward to fulfill the Communications Director position through September of 2011. Please thank Jean for taking on this very important Board position.

There are always volunteer positions that need to be filled. Please check out the Volunteer Corner in the newsletter and on our website to see what positions are open. MQ depends on our volunteers to keep us going strong!

The Show is only about 2 ½ months away. I hope everyone has registered and plans to attend the Show and all that the Committee has worked so hard to offer. I also hope you have signed up for a class or two, the banquet and the Thursday evening get together. We also need quilts to be entered, both judged and non-judged – the deadlines are looming, so get those entries in soon!

Please introduce yourself to me at any MQ event. I would like to meet as many of our members as possible during my tenure as President. Also, please feel free to let me or any Board member know your ideas, concerns and/or questions. The Board is here to serve you.

“Quilts are like friends, a great source of comfort.”

- Char Wenger

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”.

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 call her at 651-489-2285.

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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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**Quilting for Others**

How would you like to have a positive influence on a new generation of quilters, feel really appreciated, and have fun at the same time? All you have to do is spend a few hours helping Paulette Marini, Cissy Holland and Deb Walstrom Riske as they guide a group of Girl Scouts participating in the MQ sponsored Quilting for Others program.

Quilting for Others was started by Paulette in 1999 when she was on the MQ board and there was a project with the University of Minnesota’s Children’s Hospital. It’s funded by Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and open to any youth group that wants to learn to quilt, but so far just Girl Scouts have taken advantage of the opportunity. Almost two thousand girls have learned how to make a quilt block, put them together with their friends’ blocks, layer the top, batting and backing, sew, turn and tie, resulting in more than 250 quilts donated to the hospital.

This is an anonymous testimony from a volunteer because I know I speak for everyone who has helped these generous women. The next opportunity to help is April 10, in Blaine. Check the Bulletin Board or call Paulette, 952-938-5652 for time and place. You won’t have to bring anything other than a positive attitude because Paulette brings everything except the sewing machines, and those are provided by a very generous store.

It took me years to volunteer because I didn’t want to be responsible for a ten-year-old using a rotary cutter, but the girls are required to wear a protective glove while cutting. It’s actually safer than helping adults! So volunteer for this amazing program and see the future of quilting in action.

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**January and February Board Meeting Highlights**

At the January meeting, the MQ Board selected the winner of the Charter Members’ Scholarship for 2010.

A grant of $400 was made to assist with the annual Women’s History Month exhibit at Eagan High School.

A grant of $250 was given to Quilts of Valor to purchase batting for quilts.

A grant of $250 was given to the Alexandria Area Lake Quilters to help them in their Habitat for Humanity project (they make quilts for the beds in the newly-built home).

At the February meeting, Textile Center President Jean McMahon addressed the Board and offered support and ideas for fundraising.

Results from the MQ Survey, taken during the February general meetings, were shared with the Board. There was much positive feedback from members. The survey results will be shared with the membership. The intent is to keep the conversation of “What MQ means to me” going forward.

Results from the Logo Survey were presented. No clear choices for a new logo have arisen. The Strategy Committee is planning to meet again to discuss their next steps.

Next meeting of the MQ Board is March 16. Guests are always welcome!
2010 Show Sponsors
During these difficult financial times, where does our organization find more than $23,000 to award to the winning quilts at the show? How does MQ afford to host such “special” special events? Where do the door prize sewing machines come from?

Each year, generous companies make a commitment to our show by becoming sponsors. Each sponsor gives MQ a cash donation that we use toward quilt awards and special events at the show. Without these donations, the show would be very boring!

Please help MQ honor our 2010 sponsors by stopping by their booths and saying, “thank you for sponsoring this show.” Sponsor booths will have a sponsor banner hanging over the aisle. You can also show your appreciation to our sponsors by bringing them chocolate. A sweet treat and a thank-you any time of day will bring a warm smile from the generous people who make our show possible.

MQ extends a heart-felt thank-you to the following companies:

**Platinum Level sponsors**
These sponsors have given MQ a cash donation and a door prize sewing machine to be given away at the show. Some of these companies are also donating classroom sewing machines for students to use at the show.

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These sponsors give a cash donation of $1,000 to be used toward cash awards for winning quilts or special events at the show.

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- Quilting Books Unlimited
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- Superior Threads
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- Charlie’s E-Z Mat Cutters / OLFA distributor
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- Colorz for Quilts
- Designer Fabrics
- Easy Quilter
- Fabri-Quilt, Inc.
- Fabric Town
- Front Porch Quilts
- Gathering Friends Quilt Shop
- Glad Creations
- Gunflint Lodge
- Irena Bluhm Designs

**Textile Center News**
Mark your calendars for Textile Center's annual Garage Sale (The BigOne), going on April 16th and 17th. Volunteers for the Garage Sale can sign up now!

Registration is open for the ARTWEAR SYMPOSIUM! June 2-8. Workshops, seminars, runway show, and more!

In the Joan Mondale Gallery:
"METAPHORIC FIBERS: Untamed Knitting and Crochet" March 5 - April 17.
The artists featured in this exhibition take the traditional art of knitting and crochet beyond function into art abstraction.

In the Community and Library Galleries, it's the "ROWAN 30th Anniversary Exhibition: A Retrospective," March 5 - April 17.

WINTER CLASSES are on the website! Don't like to go out after dark? Textile Center is offering new DAYTIME classes for winter. Textile Center's Summer Camps for Kids are now on up on their website! They have 33 different camps for ages 6-16. Kids can learn how to sew or knit. Spend days in the dye lab. Make cuddly creatures or design their own fashions. Weave, spin, dye, sew, felt, knit, embroider, paint, braid, bead and design their own summer fun! Camps are held June 21 - August.

Textile Center shop and gallery hours are: M-Th, 10-7pm; F-S, 10-5pm; closed Sundays.

Go to www.textilecentermn.org for much more information about each of the above highlights!
Sharing Your Quilts in the Non-Judged Exhibit By Martha Eaves

About this time of year, we are all enjoying the fact that we are quilters. What other creative activity can you have that calls you to sit in the sunshine of your south windows, preferably with a fire going in the fireplace, with books, magazines, your sketchbook, or your already pieced quilt on your lap putting in those first stitches to hold the piece together? We went to the retreats last fall; we went to the quilt shows and the quilt meetings; we got a new stash of fabric or threads for Christmas. Now we can alter our immediate environment from the dregs of winter and sew!

And here is the good part, the Non-Judged Quilt Exhibit of the show in St. Cloud is there for you! Having a deadline for the Non-Judged Exhibit entry [May 1, 2010] helps you to focus; the wonderful piece or pieces that you are working on do not have to wait in the closet for finishing by your grandkids.

Having a deadline helps you to share—wasn’t that one of your New Year’s Resolutions . . . This year I will share more and procrastinate less? Having a deadline helps us with the conversation starter at coffee with our quilting buddies—“I am half-way done with my piece for the show” or “I am on the binding of my piece for the show; what do you think about using a stripe?”

I remember the first time I ever got the nerve up to put a full size quilt into the MQ show. It was a quilt that I started in a class with Doreen Speckmann, so you know that it had a lot of joy in it from the very beginning. I did not want to be judged (I’ll admit that I was afraid of what the judges might say). But I did want to share my work and I did want to see what my piece would look like hanging with a group of others. During the show, it was tempting to “lurk” where the quilt was hanging so I could hear what people said --and that was just plain fun. It was not the greatest work or a particularly complicated pattern; but it was colorful and gave out a happy feel, and maybe most importantly, it was done. And I watched people snap a picture or do a sketch and say to themselves, “I could do that” and they could.

When I see that quilt now, in its use as a TV throw for my grandkids, I know that it has gone full circle. The kids [and dog] love the quilt because it is soft and colorful and their mom is not afraid to wash it. The purple sashing is fading. But my satisfaction of having shown it in the Non-Judged Exhibit has never faded.

I hope you will join in with showing quilts of your own this year in the Non-Judged Exhibit. Melissa and I can hardly wait to receive your entry forms.

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- Favorite recipe handouts
- Each shop has designed a creative layout for the quilt blocks using fabric that represents their shop. Layout patterns and optional fabric kits will be available for purchase.
- 5 Grand Prizes! – 4 sewing machines donated by Valley West Sewing, A-1 Sewcraft, Bear Patch Quilting Co. and The Sampler plus a Gift Certificate bundle ($500.00 to spend at each shop).
- 10 second prizes – each shop will be contributing a unique gift basket ($200.00 value each).
- Visit all 10 shops to qualify for these great prizes!
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  • Fabric Town · Glad Creations Quilt Block · Quilt Cove ·
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**2010 Small Quilt Auction**

Each month we’ve received more and more beautiful small quilts from you for the Small Quilt Auction! We’re now a third of our way to our goal of one hundred items to help raise money to support the education projects that Minnesota Quilters sponsors. In exchange for your generosity, we will display your donation in a special section at the show! For each item you donate, we’ll give you one ticket for a lecture at the show and we’ll enter your name into a monthly drawing for a gift certification to a quilt shop of your choice. Your name stays in the drawing until the beginning of June 2010. The winner of the February drawing was Carol Graves.

We’d love to see what you have to donate. It may be a baby quilt or a doll quilt, a handsome tote; something to decorate the house—a runner, a fabric bowl, a wall hanging; or an item of clothing. We appreciate all small quilted items, anything you choose to contribute.

If you want your copy signed, we will be available to do so.

At 2 o’clock we’ll have a special toast thanking all of our customers.

Buses and large groups welcomed.

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**2010 Show Registration**

Registration for Quilting in the Quarry is well underway. There are still many good classes that have openings.

**Registration Desk and pick up your badge, bag, pin, merchandise and any tickets that you do need, which will be waiting for you there.**

If you have ordered something for which you need a ticket, such as a box lunch or lecture, we will have them for you.

Just remember, if you register online, everything is online until you arrive at the Registration Desk at the show. If you register with paper, we will send you your supply lists and receipts, but your Badge and other items will still be picked up at the show.

We are really looking forward to a great show, and seeing you all there.

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Please be sure to label your quilt with your name, the title of the piece, and the date and city where the quilt was made. Successful bidders like to know who made the quilt they bid on. So that we may enter you into the drawing and send you a lecture ticket, please securely pin your name, address, phone number, value of the piece, and its title to the back.

Bring items to Thursday or Saturday meetings, or mail them to Minnesota Quilters, c/o Small Quilt Auction, 3000 University Avenue Southeast, Minneapolis, MN 55414.

Thank you so much. We look forward to seeing your fine work in our small quilt auction.
2010 Show Volunteers

2010 Show Volunteers—We Need YOU!

Did any of the volunteer job descriptions whet your appetite last month? Here are some other volunteer opportunities at the Show.

If you like to be really busy, volunteer to work in the Registration Booth. You must have a pleasant personality (of course, all quilters have that!) and be able to handle the pressure of long lines of people waiting to be helped. It’s fast paced, but a lot of fun.

For a quieter job, you may want to volunteer to work in the Information booth, package/machine check, and even the volunteer check-in table needs helpers.

We need lots of people to do the “grunt work.” People who are not afraid to climb a ladder to help hang the quilts or help a vendor unload their wares onto a dolly and assist them with the unloading at their assigned booth. You’ll get an early view of what’s at the Show.

We would appreciate everyone signing up to volunteer in advance, but if you are not sure what you would like to do or find yourself with some unexpected free time, please stop by the Volunteer table and we’ll be happy to give you an assignment.

Remember for each TWO hours (only TWO short hours) that you work; your name is entered into the daily door prize drawings and also for the grand prize drawing for the Pfaff sewing machine.

Thank you in advance to all those who volunteer to work at the Show. Feel free to contact us with any questions you may have.

Carolyn Minor and Arly Fuhr
2010 Volunteer Co-Chairs
volunteers10@mnquilt.org

2010 Door Prizes

Spring is here! Time to clean out the sewing room, sewing area, closets. Organization suggestions: PILE 1- Unusable “what was I thinking when I kept this.” PILE 2- Free Stuff, someone might be able to use this. I bet someone is making strip quilts for donations to a charity. PILE 3- Perfect for a MQ door prize (new or near-new) and I know that I am never going to use it and someone else can. For example: fat quarters of fabric, patterns, kits, books, rulers or a new gadget to share. PILE 4- MINE TO KEEP.

Door Prizes may be mailed to:
Mary Pozzini, 305 Darrell Ct, Stillwater, MN 55082

You may also bring door prizes to Thursday and Saturday MQ monthly meetings. Door prizes may also be dropped off at the 2010 Show at the volunteer table.

Please label each donation with your name, address, dollar value of items and “2010 Door Prizes.” Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by the law. Every donation will be acknowledged when it is received. We deeply appreciate all contributions.

If you have questions, please contact us at doorprize10@mnquilt.org. Thank you for reading this and thinking about donating a door prize.
Quilting For Others event on Saturday, April 10 at Christ Lutheran Church, 641 - 89th Avenue NE. Call Paulette Marini at Paulette at 952-938-5652 for more information.

Memorial Quilters of Forest Lake 15th biennial quilt show, “Spring Splendor”, April 16-17 Faith Lutheran Church, 886 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake, MN. April 16, 9 am-6 pm and April 17, 9 am-4 pm. We feature over 200 quilts on display, quilt raffle, fat quarters raffle, demonstrations, vendors and boutique. $3 admission. See www.memorialquilters.org for more information.

30s for 30 QUILT BLOCK CHALLENGE The American Quilt Study Group (AQSG), a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving the history of quilts and quiltmaking, is turning 30! We invite you to join the celebration by participating in a nationwide block challenge called “30s for 30.” For every 30 blocks received, one person’s name will be drawn to win those blocks. To learn more about AQSG and our annual Seminar, please visit our website at www.americanquiltstudygroup.org. Happy quilting!

- Blocks must be 12-1/2” square (to finish to a 12-inch block) and made of either 1930s reproduction fabrics or vintage 1930s fabrics. Fabrics must be 100% cotton. Please preshrink all fabrics.
- Blocks may be any design and any color combination, in keeping with the 1930s fabrics.
- Send your blocks to the address below, along with a donation of $3 for the first block, and $1 for each block thereafter sent at the same time. Block donations from groups are welcome. Any funds collected in excess of those needed to complete the project will be donated to the AQSG Endowment fund.
- The blocks will be photographed and the photos will be posted on the AQSG website, along with the maker’s name and state (or country).
- Blocks will be compiled into sets of thirty. At Seminar 2010 in Minneapolis (Oct. 14-17), we will have a drawing for the various sets. For each block that you send, your name will be entered once into the drawing. You do not need to be present to win.

Send your blocks and payment (checks made payable to AQSG) to: AQSG ’30s for 30 c/o Paula Pahl, 9204 Sugarstone Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130. Be sure to include your name, address and phone number. Questions? Contact Paula at the address above or email: paulapahl@q.com; phone: 303-204-2821.

Trunk show with Claudia Clark Myers, Saturday, May 1 Sponsored by The Library Friends of Cook County in Grand Marais. 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall at St. John’s Catholic Church, 10 E. 5th St., Grand Marais. Claudia’s new book A PASSION FOR PIECING is available for purchase (cash or checks only). No charge for the show, but advance reservations are requested by e-mailing booklovers@boreal.org. In the subject line, put CCM reservations and indicate your name and the number of people in your party in the body of the e-mail. Please cancel via e-mail if unable to attend, as space is limited.

Education News

We’re always looking for suggested meeting topics and speakers, so please send any ideas you may have to ed@mnquilt.org, or call Sue Rutford, Education Director, at 612-759-0660. All ideas welcome! We’re talking about another garage sale (date still undetermined), and a look at the studios and sewing spaces of local folks. If you have a sewing room, studio, or quilt storage idea you’d like to share—or if you have a friend who’s too shy to share—please contact Sue at the email or phone number above. We did this presentation quite a few years ago and it was lots of fun to see the variety of work spaces—good and bad, big and small—that quilts are being created in!

Thanks to the volunteers who have stepped up as Day and Evening Directors and Directors-Elect. We just can’t emphasize enough the importance of volunteer support for EVERYTHING we do.

Happy Birthday! Happy Spring! - Sue Rutford
Volunteer Corner

We continue to ask our members to step forward to commit time to help our organization. We encourage job sharing to lighten the task.

2011 MQ Show Chair(s)
One or two motivated, organized people to chair the 2011 MQ Show in St. Paul. You will get help from Linda Lysdahl, our Show Coordinator and the Board of Directors, plus all the wonderful people that sign up to fill the Committees. Prerequisite – major role at past MQ Shows or similar life/job experience. Submit a letter/resume to Char Wenger, President at president@mnquilt.org or via regular mail to the MQ Office, Attention President.

Evening Coordinator-Elect
This volunteer will help the evening coordinator, and fill the coordinator position the next year. Contact Education Director, ed@mnquilt.org for more information.

Volunteer Coordinator
This person facilitates requests for volunteers by informing the general membership, preparing notices for the newsletter, making announcements at meetings, etc. Enthusiasm and willingness to serve are prerequisites.

I agreed to the job only one month after joining MQ, so can boldly assert that veterans and new members are equally capable! Contact Kathleen Winters or Jill Schultz at ops@mnquilt.org for further information.

Business Membership Coordinator
MQ launched a new Business Membership initiative that needs a leader. Business Members offer special discounts to MQ members who show their MQ membership cards. We need someone willing to check in with our current business members, and encourage new business members. Contact Cindy Wilson at prairiemn@yahoo.com for background information.

March BOM winner: Deborah Werle won 46 Batik Star blocks

Back of the Month

* For the May meeting drawing. *

CHORE TIME 8" (8 ½" unfinished)

Fabric: for background use cream, ivory or ecru print (same throughout)
use several different 30’s reprints for design

Cut: 16 - triangles background fabric from 3” strip, using the Easy Angle cutting tool
16 - 30’s reprints

OR
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$2,000
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Blue Cross Blue Shield for Kathleen Winters
Darla Keller via Network for Good
Debra Sandhoff
Kathy Faust
Land O' Lakes for Char Wenger
Sandy Beltran through Truist
Sharlene Whimpfheimer through Ecumen

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Kathie Simon Frank
Kathy Brevig
Margaret Wright
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$1-$49
Diann Pierce
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Jane Mary Fieber
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12-4 Yard Collections of Fabric

20 Percent Off Regular Priced Fabric
(One Yard Minimum)

Twelve Participating Shops

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All Shops Open: Monday - Friday 10 - 6 | Saturday 10 - 5 | Sunday 12—4,
Fat Quarter Drawing

At the March membership meeting, 29 bird fat quarters were collected. Carolyn Silflow went home with 15 and Ruth Herbst took home 14. Congratulations!

Future themes:

April - Think summer       May - desserts/sweets

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 meetings or mail them to the MQ office, 3000 University Avenue SE #120, Mpls, MN 55414. Fat quarters should arrive before the Saturday meeting. Label the envelope “FQ Drawing.” We draw one name at the start of the Saturday meetings. You need not be present to win. Questions or theme suggestions, please Cathie Cartwright, Adrianne Lemberg and Lorna Wainwright.
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Address:

City: State: Zip:

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Membership Level

$40 Regular receive MQ News via postal mail
$35 Email receive MQ News via email
$30 Volunteer year-long volunteer position
$15 Student under 18 years old

Payment Information

This membership is New Renewing Gift

I would like to make an addition donation of $:

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Credit Card No:

Expire date:

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