December Holiday Brunch

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 am to 12 pm
College of St. Thomas, Binz Hall
2110 Summit Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55105

Attire is Holiday Casual

Once again, the Holiday Brunch will include the block exchange, ornament exchange and the stocking project. There will be prizes and the delicious food we all enjoy at this event. Members of the Mahtomedi Evening Star Quilters will share quilts they made from the fabrics they collected on a recent trip to France.

See directions, map and details for the stockings, block and ornament exchanges on pages 6 and 7.

November Highlights

Laura Nagel and Lou Roos  ed@mnquilt.org

There were 196 people at the November meetings and everyone had a parking spot!

Mary Lou Weidman was greeted with a warm Minnesota welcome at the Thursday evening and Saturday morning meetings. As announcements began, people were still arriving and we had to set up more chairs! What a great response to our speaker and our new location. Mary Lou entertained us with her “Journey as a Quilter” stories and passed on several words of wisdom along the way.

Here are a few for those who were not able to attend:

Because Mary Lou’s passion is story quilts, quilts that tell a story about something in our own life, she asked us to think about a grandmother who handed down a legacy of 20 quilts. Nineteen were perfectly executed traditional patterns, all seams meeting, all points showing; but one was different. One had folksy characters and images that told the story of an event in her life. Fabrics were bright, some design elements wandered into the borders, and scale was not a priority. When the family gathered at her funeral dinner to choose a quilt to remember her by, which one do you think they all wanted?

Another story was about a professional speaking engagement where she was the third and final speaker. The previous two professional quilters had talked about their creative ‘process’ as it applied their quilts. Mary Lou thought long and hard about her ‘process’ and not wanting to lie to the audience, she told the story about a quilt she was working on. It was lying in sections on the floor and she knew something wasn’t quite right, so she asked her son and his friends what they thought – but her son was so embarrassed that he and his friends left the house. Along came her daughter with two friends, and pretty much had the same response when asked for their advice.

~ Mary Lou Weidman, Grandma’s Kitchen

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From Your President

Hi Everyone!

December 2011

It’s November 9th as I write this (behind schedule but working hard to get caught up). The November meetings were terrific and I really enjoyed attending Mary Lou Weidman’s class. Turns out I can find pleasure in applique after all. As a beginning quilter, it’s always fun to try something new and that’s especially true when the new project seems to be modestly attractive. Of course, now the class is over and we’ll have to see how long it takes to get it done.

The highlight of the weekend though was having a few new faces step forward and ask about volunteer assignments. I know at least one more person is going to help out on the show committee (maybe more), and a couple were going to call Deb about short-term assignments. We made a big plea for volunteers at the meeting so I really appreciate your response.

For those who weren’t at the meeting, here’s my central message: We need you. Minnesota Quilters is in sound financial shape (we could have a bigger bank account but overall we feel confident). We are confident about the upcoming show but we are seriously worried about our need for additional help. We need show volunteers, meeting volunteers and volunteers for the board. In just ten months my tour of duty as president will end and we don’t know who will step into that role.

The board also has ambitious plans for fund-raising and state-wide outreach through the Minnesota Quilters Forum but both initiatives are stalled until someone steps forward to say, “I can help.”

So yes, I know you’ve heard this pitch before. We are a volunteer-driven organization and without a strong list of volunteer resources we can’t make commitments for future events. I can also say that volunteering has been the best way to meet new friends and truly understand the spirit and intent of Minnesota Quilters. We are here to educate and celebrate the art of quilting. I hope you will join us soon with just one volunteer activity. I promise, you’ll have fun.

Enjoy your Thanksgiving holiday and I hope to see you at the December brunch.

Warm regards,  Wynn

Heidi’s Caramels  (shared by Laura Nagel)

Those who attended Mary Lou Weidman’s class enjoyed a day of fun working with whimsical shapes as they embellished a Christmas Wreath wall hanging. As part of the class, everyone was asked to bring a Holiday recipe to share. Here’s one we thought you’d like.

1 Cup butter (2 sticks real butter)
1 Box brown sugar (2 ¼ cups)
Dash of salt
1 Cup of Light Corn Syrup
1 Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
1 tsp. Vanilla

Melt butter in saucepan; add brown sugar and salt, mix well. Add syrup, then add milk slowly, stirring constantly. Stir and cook over medium heat stirring constantly until temperature reaches 245°. Take off burner and add vanilla, mix well. Pour into 9 x 9 glass pan. Let cool, then cut to size. May be wrapped in waxed paper.
Correction:
The link for the business membership of Freedom From Fibro was incorrect. Here is the correct link:

www.freefromfibro.com

The MQ Board needs you!

We have immediate openings for the following Board positions:

- President Elect
- Treasurer
- Operations Co-Director
- Membership Co-Director

Please check the MQ website for the job descriptions at:

http://www.mnquilt.org/MQBoard/index.html or contact Debra at the office for details. Applications will be accepted through Dec 31.

As you may already know, MQ is run by the hours our gracious volunteers give. I believe the saying is “Many hands make light work”, or “The more the merrier!”.

We need to keep track of all these hours and we offer drawings to win prizes for each hour the volunteers donate.

Nancy Hall, our Volunteer Coordinator, takes down all the hours. She makes sure that every volunteer has her name in the basket to be drawn for prizes.

Please notify her immediately if you have volunteer hours that you have donated!

Email Nancy at volunteer@mnquilt.org
Thank you!
Volunteer Corner by Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator (volunteer@mnquilt.org)

Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you. Be sure to record your hours on the white slips at the meetings. A special thank you to Jean Borrett for volunteering as day membership co-coordinator. If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please send me an email volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to us at the meetings.

Current available positions:

PHOTOGRAPHERS

We need one or two photographers to take pictures at both meetings for the newsletter.

DOOR GREETERS

We need one or two at each meeting to greet people as they come in the door.

Meeting Coordinators Evening

This is a very important position as they make the meetings run smoothly. We are still looking for one more person to work with Sue Sandegar.

2012 AND 2013 SHOW COMMITTEES

As noted in this newsletter, we still need a few volunteers for the 2012 Show Committee and it’s not too early to sign up for the 2013 (Duluth) Show Committee. The sign up posters will be at the meetings. Contact Show Director Linda Wines at showdirector@mnquilt.org to see what is available.

WANTED: FUND-RAISING COMMITTEE

Are you good at networking? Planning events? Grant-writing? If you enjoy any of these activities please volunteer to join the fund-raising committee which will begin meeting in January. Time commitment is variable depending on the role you wish to play. Contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

WANTED: STRATEGIC PLANNING MEMBER LIAISON

The MQ Strategy team meets 8 times per year to plan MQ's future. This year the strategy team will explore 1) fund raising, 2) volunteer recruitment, support and recognition and 3) growing our membership. Our next meeting is Tuesday December 13, 2011 at 6:30 pm at St. Lawrence. Decembers meeting will focus on budget and fund-raising. If you want to help on these planning efforts, please contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

WANTED: MQ FORUM LIAISON

Minnesota Quilters wants to create a community of guilds called the MN Quilters Forum. This outreach effort is intended to encourage networking and help guilds work together to bring affordable quilting education (and celebrations) to local communities. We need one or two persons to act as liaison(s) for this important new effort. If you like networking and helping to set up regional classes, please contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org
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As a last hope, she caught her husband on his way to bed and asked him what he thought, and not wanting to say the wrong thing, he didn’t say anything helpful.

All this time the family dog had been lying on the floor watching the parade of unenthusiastic critics. Mary Lou turned to the dog and said,

“I wish you could talk,” and turned off the light and went to bed. The next morning she came downstairs and looked at the quilt pieces, and there in the middle of one, the dog had left his ‘calling card.’ “And that,” she said, “was the block that needed fixing, and that’s my process!”

Needless to say there was lots of laughter and plenty of exclamations as she showed her eclectic trunk show of amazing quilts – and yes, each one had a great story.

Mary Lou left our guild with a challenge; let’s see if we can accept it.

1. **Pay a compliment or say ‘Thank You’** to someone you ordinarily wouldn’t visit with. Compliments can be very healing, and Thank Yous can mean so much to someone who thinks she or her work is not appreciated.

2. **Share a skill** with someone who would like to learn something you already know how to do well. We all have a talent that should be passed along.

3. **Share your stash!** Not a one of us is ever going to run out of fabric, but there might be someone who needs what we have, so share. And then you can go out and buy yourself some more (according to Mary Lou).

4. **Buy a blank greeting card**, write a *handwritten* message to an acquaintance or someone who contributes to your world, or a person you would like to get to know better.

It gives us all something to ponder as we approach the New Year and start thinking about making resolutions. You may continue to follow Mary Lou’s stories on her blogs and chat room:

**MARY LOU** and **CHERRIES TOO**  marylouweidman.blogspot.com/

**MARY LOU AND WHIMSY TOO**  marylouweidman-marylou.blogspot.com/

**MARY LOU AND YOU**  groups.yahoo.com/group/marylouweidman/
Disappearing Nine-Patch Block

General Description: This quilt is great for an old-fashioned “I spy” quilt. The corner fabrics in each block are made with focus fabrics. Find bright fabrics showing flowers, fish, hearts, foods, trains, houses, etc. – anything you think has eye-appeal! You can use motifs from the same fabric as long as they are cut from different-looking parts of the fabric (“fussy cutting”). For example, if there are several cats on your fabric, cut several – a different cat on each 3 ½” square. The bright blue sashing and bright red cornerstones (or setting squares) will work with almost any focus fabric.

Step 1: Cutting Directions

Cut the following for each block:

(4) 3 ¾” x 3 ¾” squares of focus fabric (A).
(4) 3 ¾” x 3 ¼” squares of bright blue fabric (B). This will be the sashing in the final block.
(1) 3 ¼” square of bright red (C). This becomes the cornerstone.

Step 2: Sewing

Sew these nine squares into a nine-patch (3 squares by 3 squares) with the C block in the center and the focus fabric squares on the outside corners. This block should measure 10 ¼”.

Step 3: Cutting the Block

Cut this block exactly in half vertically through the center of the blue and red squares. You’ll have two rectangles that measure 5 1/8” x 10 ¼” (See figure 2 below)

Cut these two rectangles exactly in half horizontally. You will have four squares now that measure 5 1/8” x 5 1/8”. Trim these along the red/blue sides to 5” x 5”.

Step 4: Arranging

Turn these 5” blocks in various directions. You can see that you can arrange and rearrange them in different ways. There are many possibilities! Leave them un-sewn so the winner of the blocks can choose a setting (s)he likes best. If you were to sew the pieces back together, the finished block will be a 9 ½” square (unfinished).

The quilt’s overall pattern will emerge as the 5” units are combined into the larger blocks and arranged side by side.
Block and Ornament Exchange
Holiday Stockings for a Cause

The block and ornament exchanges are treasured activities 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 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 3 per participant), and she/he will receive, in turn, one bagged block for each ticket.

A few guidelines for the blocks:
- Use good quality cottons and only submit a block that you would love to keep for yourself.
- Please submit blocks that are more complex than not, with multiple pieces.
- Measure pieces carefully, so the block ends up 12-1/2” square.

Appliqué blocks are welcome, but please know that you 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.

**STOCKINGS FOR A CAUSE.**
The Brunch committee is organizing a service project and will be donating Christmas Stockings to the St. Josephs Home for Children. Patterns and directions for the stockings are available on the MQ website and will be available at the November MQ meetings. We also need items to fill the stockings. Please purchase items suitable for infant through teen ages. If you are unable to shop for stocking stuffers, cash contributions will be accepted at the office or the November meetings and the Brunch. Everyone will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite stocking and the winner will receive a quilt shop gift certificate. You can only win if you participate!

Questions: ed@mnquilt.org
Directions to the University of St. Thomas - Binz Refectory
St. Paul, MN 55105
(651) 962-6150 or
(800) 328-6819, Ext. 2-6150

If you are familiar with the area, simply use your favorite route to reach the corner of Cretin and Grand. Go west past the Anderson Parking Facility and watch for the entrance to the street level parking lot. Turn left into the lot and proceed to the Binz Refectory at the south end of the lot.

From the west: East on I-94, exit at Cretin Avenue. Go right (south) about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the east: Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the North: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E to Exit I-94 going west. Take I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the North (35W south of the 35E split): Take 35W south to Hwy 36 East. Follow Hwy 36 east to Snelling Ave and go South. Follow Snelling to I-94 and go West I-94 west to the Cretin/Vandalia exit. Go left (south) on Cretin Avenue about one mile to Grand Avenue. Take a right at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.

From the south: When I-35 splits into 35E and 35W, follow 35E. Take 35E north to the Randolph exit. Make a left on Randolph (crossing over 35E) and follow Randolph for approximately two miles to Cretin Avenue. Make a right on Cretin Avenue and go approximately 1.5 miles to Grand Avenue. Take a left at the Grand Avenue stop light. The Anderson Parking Facility will be on your left. Drive past the parking facility and watch to your left for the entrance to a large parking lot. Turn left into the lot. Binz Refectory is the low building at the south end and the entrance faces the parking lot.
# Lodging Information

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. has blocked hotel rooms with special room rates. It is important that you request the “Minnesota Quilters” room rate when you make your reservation. If you receive a lower rate at any of these hotels, please inform the MQ Show Director at showdirector@mnquilt.org.

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* Shuttles are provided to Mayo Civic Center from certain hotels.

**Note:** Parking rates vary by hotel; please check with each hotel directly for the most accurate information.
2012 Show News!
Rochester MN, June 14-16

We’ve had wonderful response from enthusiastic members who stepped up to join the fun of serving on the 2012 show committee. But we still have a few committee opportunities for you to participate.

Door Prizes: This is a fun committee to be on. You send solicitations to potential door prize donors, get to be the first to see and touch the wonderful prizes as they come in, send acknowledgements to the donors, and get to determine which of the prizes are used for which events. Our office staff will assist you with the mailings.

Registration: This committee’s responsibilities have been drastically reduced with the use of online registrations. Your duties are now mainly needed just prior to or at the show itself, preparing name badges, ensuring the show bags for pre-registrants are stuffed with their contents, as well as selling open class, lecture, and available event tickets at the show.

Special Events: This committee will focus on the two special events: The Thursday evening event, and the Friday Awards Banquet. Many of the plans for these events are already in place, but there are some implementation tasks that we need you to help us with, so your work would be mainly the preparations that make these two events rewarding for all who attend them.

Volunteers: We need one more person to help schedule volunteers who offer to help us out at the show.

2013 Show News!
Duluth MN, June 13-15

Many activities are already underway for the 2013 show. We have some key positions that should be filled as soon as possible.

Show Chair or Show Co-Chairs: Those who have served in this position have all reflected on what a great experience it was. Yes, you are involved in planning and decision making for a whole year, but you also reap the rewards of helping to create a wonderful quilt show experience for 8,000-10,000 attendees who all love quilting. Your show director now works side-by-side with you the whole way and has assumed many of the less glamorous aspects! The sense of accomplishment you will experience is very rewarding.

Raffle Quilt: If you’ve ever wished our raffle quilt was different, then now’s your chance to help choose the design and get the quilt created. You can limit the participants to a few, open it up to any and all who wish to be a part of this, or anything in-between. A different committee will be responsible for selling the raffle tickets.

Challenge: You get to determine what fabrics and rules will inspire quilters to want to participate in this challenge. Selecting and obtaining the fabric, printing up the rules, accepting quilted entries, hanging the exhibit, overseeing the judging of the entries, and ensuring quilted items are returned to their owners are the highlights. Note: The fabric and rules need to be determined before the 2012 registration book is mailed, so you will do some activities NOW and then sit back and wait a year and a half for the rest of the activities.

Don’t forget that for serving on a Show Committee, you earn these benefits: Registration fee waived for your show, priority registration, at-cost ticket for the Friday Event, and a free 1-year MQ membership extension!! You’ll also get priority registration for the show following yours.

To be a part of these shows or to get any additional information on any of these opportunities, please contact Linda Wines at showdirector@mnquilt.org or call her at 612.910.7127.
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Search continues for Quilt Show Scholarship Candidates

Scholarship application deadline is December 15, 2011.

Are you a new or beginning quilter? Would you like a chance to attend the Minnesota Quilters’ 2012 Quilt Show and Conference in Rochester, Minnesota? If so, Minnesota Quilters, Inc. offers a scholarship for beginning quilters. Minnesota Quilters exists to celebrate and promote quilting.

This scholarship is offered in honor of our Charter Members because 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: 1) Priority registration, 2) Registration fee paid (multi-day pass, show bag and pin), 3) Registration for 2 3-hour classes or 1 6-hour class, 4) Registration for three lectures, 5) Banquet and Award Ceremony ticket, 6) Single hotel room for two nights, 7) One year membership to Minnesota Quilters, Inc.

To be considered for this scholarship you must meet the following requirements: 1) quilted less than three years, and 2) started fewer than 3 large quilts or 4 wall hangings.

The scholarship application consists of the following: 1) 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, 2) Photos of two of your quilts and/or wall hangings, with a description of each. The quilts do not need to be finished, 3) Completed scholarship entry form (found below), and 4) Your name and address included on the essay and pictures.

Scholarship applications should be mailed to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Scholarship Committee, 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. The application form may also be found online at the show website at www.mnquilt.org. Please contact Yvonne Curran, Past President, at pastpres@mnquilt.org if you have any questions.

Minnesota Quilters 2012 Scholarship Entry Form:

Name:________________________________________________________________________________

Address:________________________________________________________________________________

City:_________________________________________ State:____________ Zip:______________________

Home Phone #:_________________________Email:_____________________________________________

2012 CHARTER MEMBERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR BEGINNING QUILTERS!

Scholarship application deadline is December 15, 2011.
Moving is always so much fun! It’s when you discover just how huge some of your project backlog is. For MQP, it’s not unfinished quilts—it’s unfinished documentation entry. The information about the move coincided with our annual strategic planning meeting and forced us to take a long look at things.

What we found was something we knew but tried to ignore. The backlog of documentations that need to be entered into the Quilt Index just never seems to dwindle. We decided that we had to get these items entered before we documented any more collections.

The Documentation Entry days had really helped a lot so we decided to schedule some for the winter months. Several of you have been trained in Quilt Index entry and know it’s not difficult—it just takes some time. All you need to help us out is a laptop and a smile. We take care of training and chocolate.

The schedule has various days and times to make it easier to work into your schedule. The times are when someone from MQP will be available to train and answer questions. You may come and go as you need. Here’s the plan for the winter months—

**Saturday, January 21, 2012, 9 am – 3 pm**
**Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 4 – 9 pm**
**Saturday, March 24, 2012, 9 am – 3 pm**

*And finally, many thanks to those who have helped in the past and are continuing to work away at these as their time permits.*

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**Quilting for Others**

Contact: Paulette Marini, cpmarini@msn.com

Minnesota Quilter’s mission statement says that we are to “nurture the future of our time-honored traditional craft.” I can think of no better way to accomplish this than to teach our younger generation how to create a crib size quilt. Our organization supplies the fabric, batting and supplies needed to do the work. I just need enthusiastic people to work with groups of our youth and their moms.

This is how it all works:

- I create packets of partially cut “kits”.
- The organization, such as Girl Scouts, arranges for a site for the program.
- The organization arranges registration
- We arrange for sewing machines, usually from Associated Sewing, St Paul.
- I show up with my volunteers
- We work with the youth and teach them how to create a quilt

Please contact Paulette for additional information.
**Bulletin Board**

**December 2**

MQ members are invited to celebrate Susan Stein’s lifetime commitment to fiber art as she receives the Spun Gold Award. The presentation will be held at the Textile Center Friday December 2, 6:00 pm dinner and 7:00 pm program. To honor Susan, please bring a dish to share in place of a gift. Please RSVP by Monday, Nov 28th to 612-436-0464 or info@textilecentermn.org

**December 3**

Minnesota Quilters Annual Holiday Brunch at St. Thomas. Sign up at www.mnquilt.org

**January 5 (Evening) and 7 (Day)**

**Minnesota Quilters Show Preview**

Join your 2012 Show Committee at the Show Kick-off meetings on January 5 and 7, 2012. We are taking a different path with our show promotion this year--get ready for a mini-version of the show to really whet your appetite for the classes, lectures, activities, and other fun events at the "real" show in June. Hear from some teachers, win some door prizes, bid at a small quilt auction, and more! Priority registration for classes is only one of the great prizes you can win.

Keep an eye on the MQ webpage and our Facebook page for more exciting show information as we get closer to the summer fun that will be the 34th Annual Minnesota Quilters' Show!

**February 2 (Evening) and 4 (Day)**

Signature and Friendship Quilts.

**March 3 (Saturday only)**

Minnesota Quilters Meeting at Eagan High School Quilt Exhibit & Lecture by Celine Perkins.

**April 12 and 14**

Minnesota Quilters Meetings “Real Men Quilt”.

If you are a member of another guild and have an event coming up you can have it listed here by sending the information to editor@mnquilt.org

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**Fat Quarter Stroll**

Who: All Treasure Seekers (aka You!)

What: Yo, Ho! Ho! It's a Fabric Stroll! (aka Fat Quarter Stroll)

When: Thurs., June 14 - Sat., June 16

Where: Selected local merchants AND featured show booths

Why: Because it’s a fun way to build your stash, seek out the riches of Rochester, and have an adventure worthy of a pirate!

How Much: $20 with pre-registration / $23 at the door while supplies last

How it works:

- buy a passport (Pre-register... we may sell out. Then you’d have to walk the plank.)

- visit the 10 points on the passport’s treasure map

- select a fat quarter “jewel” & get a stamp on your passport (just like a Shop Hop!)

- return your completed passport by 1:00 p.m. Saturday to get a free pattern and to enter a drawing for a basket of booty (“Shiver me timbers!”)Arrgh - we'll see ya there matey!
Fat Quarter Drawing

The fat quarter drawing for January will be red, pink and white fabrics. The October winner of the fall fabrics was Mary Pozzini. The November Holiday fat quarters were won by Sally Mortenson. The December meeting is our Holiday Brunch. There will be no fat quarter drawing for December. 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 complete name, address, and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring fat quarters to meetings or mail them to Minnesota Quilters, 1203 5th St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030. 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 contact:
Arlene Albrecht (arleneevon@gmail.com) or Sally Lajon (justsal@wh-link.net).

Join the fun, we would love to draw your name!
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