February Meeting Notes

Thursday, February 3, 7:00* p.m.
Saturday, February 5, 10:00* a.m.

Minnesota Quilt Project will present two programs at the February meetings. Thursday evening features a Powerpoint presentation of Helen Kelley’s work as observed by Gail Bakkom during the documentation of Helen’s work by MQP. You’ll see Helen’s work in a new light as we examine the body of her work for themes and characteristics.

Helen loved flamingos and used them in several of her pieces.

Saturday morning will feature a power point presentation of “The Red-Green Phenomenon,” a study of the 1840-1860 popularity of the use of red and green in quilts. You see date inscribed pictures of these quilts as you gain an understanding of the factors that led to their popularity and have an opportunity to examine examples from Pat Cox and Gail Bakkom’s collections. If you have any of your own, please bring them for show and tell.

*Coffee and treats will now be served before each meeting to allow more time for socialization among our members. Coffee will be ready at 6:00 pm on Thursdays and 9:00 am on Saturdays. Wear your name tags/membership cards so we can get to know each other.

January Meeting Highlights

I hope many of you had the opportunity to enjoy the 2011 MQ Quilt Show Preview on Thursday and Saturday. After the dedicated committee members were introduced, we had a ‘guided’ tour of the Show Website, learned about the ease of online registration, and saw a faculty slide show highlighting this year’s talented faculty and the classes they will be offering. All in all, a very motivating evening & morning. Add to that the 2011 Show Merchandise was available in the lobby and by the end of each meeting, many of our members were sporting a stylish vest, tank top or polo shirt.

If you weren’t able to attend our January meetings, please treat yourself to a warm beverage and a few minutes of screen time to browse the MQ 2011 Quilt Show website http://www.mnquilt.org/ where you will find all of the events, faculty, photos and descriptions of their classes, and online registration. If you have any questions, there are email addresses for each of the committee members who will happily provide you with answers.

And don’t forget – this is YOUR show, please consider entering a quilt into the judged or non-judged exhibit. We love to see what you’ve been working on.

Laura Nagel, Education Director
Notes from the President

As I am sitting here and writing this letter, it is snowing outside and very cold. It is hard to believe that summer will be here before we know it and so will our show in St. Paul. The January kick-off meetings went so well. I would like to take this time to acknowledge and say thank you to the entire show committee for all the work they have been doing and will continue to do. I would especially like to acknowledge two very good friends of mine who are the Co-chairs of our show- Lou Roos and Kathy Brevig. They both have been putting in many, many hours preparing for the show and they have many more hours ahead. You guys are great.

As the committee continues to work on the show, take time to look at the registration book and if you have not already registered, please consider doing so. If you cannot attend the show, perhaps you might consider buying/selling raffle tickets. If you have not had a chance to see the raffle quilt, go on-line to our MQ web site www.mnquilt.org and see it for yourself. I would like to give a very special thank you to another close friend of mine, Kathie Simon Frank, for coordinating the development and construction of this quilt. And thank you to everyone who had a part in making this quilt. It is so beautiful. I am in awe every time I see it.

As we continue with our year I am asking for nominations for Outstanding Volunteer for 2011 (details p.10) and for Quilter of the Year 2012 (details p.7). If you have nominations for either of these please send them to me at president@mnquilt.org or to the MQ office. Your input is important to me.

On another topic, most of you know that our Show Coordinator, Linda Lysdahl, has resigned and is going to a different job. We wish her well in her new endeavor. The Board of Directors are working with the Show Chairs and our interim office manager, Linda Wines, to ensure that everything is done. This will be a challenge for all of us, but we will band together and work through it. As always, if you need to go to the office, I recommend that you call ahead to make sure that someone will be there.

Stay warm and happy quilting, Yvonne

President’s Quilt Block
MQ has a tradition presenting our President with “thank you” blocks for their year in term.

Yvonne has defined her block: 6”, 9”, or 12” Christmas blocks.

Past President, Char Wenger’s is: 6”, 9”, or 12” cat blocks.
Notes from the Treasurer

Hello Members,

It’s certainly quilting weather now. I had hoped to have a quilt ready for binding so I could surround myself with its warmth while stitching.

We are nearly four months into the new (fiscal) year that began October 1st, and I am pleased to report that cash flow has been steady with enough funds coming in each week to pay the bills. We’ve had two events, the Fall Getaway and the Winter Brunch. In each case the revenue is slightly larger than the expense which helps cover unallocated expenses such as supplies, office rent and staff wages.

The Fall Getaway earned $9134, direct expenses were $8034 so the net gain before allocated expense was $1100. The Holiday Brunch earned $2817, direct expenses were $2142 so the net gain was $675 before allocated expense. Generally there is a small cushion built in to cover costs for less than full attendance. This year both events were sold out. Lesson for next year: sign up early!

An updated budget will be presented to the Board of Directors at its next meeting and a summary of that budget will be provided here in the March issue and online. Meanwhile, there’s only a few hours left of stitch-in-the-ditch and I will soon be cozily binding away.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Weston, Treasurer
treasurer@mnquilt.org

Open Board Positions – Term 2011 - 2013

Are you curious as to how MQ is run or would you like to have some say in the decisions that are made? If so, then please consider running for a Board position.

Here are the Board positions that need to be filled:

**President-Elect** – 1-year term (three-year commitment). The President-Elect assists the President and oversees the Scholarship and Grant programs. The President-Elect is a member of the Finance Committee.

**Secretary** – 2-year term. The Secretary takes the minutes at the Board meetings.

**Education Director** – 2-year term. The Education Director organizes monthly meetings and arranges for lectures/workshops. Oversees the Holiday Brunch and Fall Getaway. Write newsletter articles to keep membership informed of upcoming programs.

**Communications Director** – 2-year term. The Communications Director oversees the newsletter, Outreach, website and other means of communication and technology.

**Operations Director** – 2-year term. The Operations Director oversees insurance, MQ equipment, volunteers and building/office management. The Operations Director is also a member of the Finance Committee.

**Membership Director** - The Membership Director oversees all aspects of our membership, including planning activities to recruit new members and working with the Membership Coordinators at the monthly meetings.

These nominees will be voted on at the June Annual Meeting to begin their terms on October 1, 2011.

If you are interested in any of these Board positions, I will be happy to send you a copy of the job description. Please contact Char Wenger, Past President at 763-757-7888 or pastpres@mnquilt.org.

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MQ Office Hours
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Visitors should call first to insure staff is present.
Upcoming 2011 Events by Laura Nagel

In February Minnesota Quilt Project members will present two programs: a retrospective on Helen Kelley’s quilts, and Red and Green antique quilts.

In March the evening meeting will be on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Eagan High School. Page Johnson will lecture about machine quilting designs and techniques and bring beautiful examples of her work. In addition, the annual Women’s History Quilt Exhibit will be on display in the Library, along with vendors and refreshments. March 5th Saturday meeting will be at the Textile Center. Page will repeat her presentation for the regular Saturday morning meeting at the Textile Center. Again, guests are welcome with no charge – so please bring one!

March is MQ Membership Month and all members are encouraged to bring a non-member quilting friend to the meeting. There will be two drawings of a quilt shop gift certificate and a one-year MQ membership for members who bring a guest, and non-member guests. Take advantage of this opportunity to introduce someone new to our organization – there will be no guest fees at this meeting.

April will find us celebrating yet another MQ birthday with several of our members bringing a “Quilter’s Dozen” of their favorite quilts to share. As always there will be delicious birthday cake and punch – so don’t miss the celebration.

MQ is your organization and we want to schedule speakers, events and topics that you want to see and hear. 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. Let me know if your guild would like to host an out-of-metro MQ monthly meeting. Feel free to contact me at ed@mnquilt.org.

MQ Event Cancellation Policy

In the event that MQ needs to cancel a meeting, event, or class due to weather or other unforeseen problems, please check the following: MQ website, WCCO website, or call the MQ office and listen to an updated message 612-436-0449. When school is cancelled for Minneapolis public schools, events will not happen at the Textile Center.
Eagan High School’s 16th Annual Quilt Exhibit

**Quilted Dreams** is Eagan High School’s 16th annual quilt exhibit honoring Women’s History Month. Hours: M-F 9-3 from March 1 - 18, 2011, in the EHS Library at 4185 Braddock Trail, Eagan. **CLOSED** weekends and March 11 for Teachers’ Workshop. Admission is free.

On Wednesday, March 2, featured quilt artist **Page Johnson** will present a free lecture at 7:00 p.m. on “Quilting Makes the Quilt.” Beautiful examples of her artistic machine quilting will be on display along with 70 additional quilts. This event will also be the MQ March evening meeting. There will be quilt vendors and refreshments. Doors open at 6:00 for viewing and shopping, lecture at 7:00.

For more information call Laura Nagel at 651-683-6933 or visit our website at [http://www.eagan.k12.mn.us/librarynew/quilts/index.html](http://www.eagan.k12.mn.us/librarynew/quilts/index.html)

For more information about our guest speaker, go to [http://www.thequiltingpage.com](http://www.thequiltingpage.com)

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**January Show & Tell Highlights**

MQ charter member, Jeannie Spears, shows a quilt project titled “Yum! A Farmer’s Market Fantasy” made from a challenge with her guild in Lakewood, Colorado. Jeannie was in Minneapolis for an extended holiday visit with her children’s families. The second quilt that Jeannie showed was based upon a photograph she took while visiting the Grand Canyon. If you would like more information about how she did them, you can visit her blog at [www.softfabricphotos.com](http://www.softfabricphotos.com).

Sandi Irish showed two quilts that are being featured in the Fons & Porters magazine.

Bonnie Bosma was a busy woman with several show and tell quilts, however this “game quilt” that she made for her grandson was especially eye-catching.

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**Ribbon-winner at the 2010 Minnesota Quilt Show was Ohio Lone Star pieced by Judy Loftgren and quilted by Page Johnson**

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Teacher Feature

Every month through May we will be featuring several teachers who will be on the 2011 MQ Show Faculty teaching classes June 15 - June 18. This month we want to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to the three teachers who came to our January meetings: Shelly Stokes, Rick Petersen and Bonnie Lundorff.

Shelly Stokes has become famous for her work with Shiva Artist’s Paintstiks, which will be featured in her Friday full day class, “Design Magic for Paintstiks on Fabric,” and Saturday’s afternoon class “Paintstik Pizzazz.” You will be amazed by how easy it is to use Paintstiks, and you will be impressed by the results. Check out Shelly’s website, www.cedarcanyontextiles.com to learn more about Design Magic, her newest book.

Before Paintstiks came into her world, Shelly dyed a lot of fabric and taught classes on the subject. She became an expert on mixing colors, and she will be sharing that expertise with us in her Saturday morning class, “Color Mixing for Paints and Dye.” Liquid acrylic paints will be used in class, and you will have fun making swatch sheets similar to those pictured to the left.

Rick Petersen will be teaching three doll making classes: “Journal Doll,” a full day class Thursday; “Whimsical Fairy,” a full day class Friday; and “Cloth Body Doll with Polymer Face and Hands,” a full day class Saturday. An example of the Cloth Body Doll is to the right.

Many people took Rick’s classes when he was on the faculty four years ago, and we all had the same reaction: “This is really fun!!” He gives you simple step-by-step instructions for making the polymer clay faces, and even if you’ve never attempted anything like this, you will have excellent results. It’s worth taking a class just to see the polymer faces, each unique, on the tables when you go for a lunch break.

Bonnie Lundorff is the owner of Willow Wood Market, a quilt shop and design studio near Bemidji. Bonnie’s expertise is in wool applique and needle felting, and she will be teaching you those skills in two classes. “Playing with Wool Project #1,” is a morning class on Thursday in which you will design a wool candle mat or wall hanging, and learn how to do needle felting embellishments. “Playing with Wool Project #2,” a morning class on Friday, results in a Poinsettia wall hanging with various embellishments. Wool is very satisfying to work with, and the projects make wonderful gifts. Bonnie’s website is www.willowwoodmarketdesigns.com

For more information about these classes and all of the other classes being offered at the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 33rd Annual Quilt Show and Conference, go to www.mnquilt.org/mq2011 and click on “Classes” under the Show Information tab. If you’ve never taken a class before, this is the year to try one. If you have taken classes, you know it’s well worth your time to take more!
Shop Early Shop Often

If you attended one of the January meetings we hope you had a chance to check out the 2011 show clothing merchandise. We truly believe there is something for everyone. You can choose from a dark khaki pebble fleece vest, a royal blue ¾ length sleeve polo shirt, or a dusty aqua scoop neck tee. Quantities are limited and we encourage you to purchase early and take advantage of “pre-show” pricing and discounts. If you purchase two different items you will receive $5 off your total order or if you purchase all three items you will receive $10 off.

Clothing will again be available for sale at the February meeting. We will also be posting pictures of the apparel on the show web site with information on how to order in advance of the show. Your purchases promote Minnesota Quilters and help support the 2011 Show. We, on the Merchandise Committee, thank you for that support.

Wynn Martin & Lynn Heuton

Quilter of the Year

As of a MQ Board decision in July, 2005, the Quilter of the Year award is open to nominations from the MQ membership and voted on by MQ membership at our annual meeting. The QOTY is honored at the Annual Quilt Show and Conference.

The Quilter of the Year Award was established in 1997 to honor a Minnesota quilter who has:
- dedicated time and talent to the preservation and promotion of quilting;
- has made a significant impact on the quilt community, both locally and nationally;
- has a collection of personal and professional quilt work
- must live or work in Minnesota or have done so with the previous five (5) years

Past Recipients have been:
- 1998 Helen Kelley
- 1999 Gladys Raschka
- 2000 Shirley Kirsch
- 2001 Patricia Cox
- 2002 Jean Humenanski
- 2003 Susan Stein
- 2004 Eunice Hill
- 2005 Lynette Jensen
- 2006 Claudia Clark Myers
- 2007 Sharon Hultgren
- 2008 Darlene Zimmerman
- 2009 Sharlene Jorgenson
- 2010 Susan Cleveland
- 2011 Marcia Stevens

ATTN: People who never forget their cameras & Newspaper readers/clippers!

If you have taken pictures from Oct. 1, 2010 - Sept 30, 2011 at MQ meetings and/or events, of quilt shows in your area, or of your quilt guild hard at work.

We’d love to have copies for the history collection of MQ.

Have you clipped articles from the local paper which show quilters, shows, raffles, projects, etc.? We’d love to have copies of these things too.

Please email items to kresj@comcast.net. Please also identify pictures as best you can. News articles can be scanned and emailed or mailed to the MQ office to the attention of the historian.

By Kathryn Ross, MQ Historian, 2010 - 2011
2011 Show Registration

There are a couple of things that are new to show registration this year. One is the refund policy. In the past, we have had a policy but it wasn’t really followed. It was worded as we “may” refund only a portion of the registration. This year, the refund policy was reviewed and it was decided that if we have a policy, we should follow the policy. Then the question was raised, “Do we need it?” The answer was a resounding “Yes!” The commitments to classes, lectures, special event venues, classroom space, and a host of other things are all made by mid-April. These commitments are based on the registrations at that time. Quite often, the difference between a “yes we can” or a “can’t do it” decision can be a single registration. By stating and enforcing a refund policy, we can offset the expenses if someone has to cancel out.

We also know that life does happen. So the second thing that is new this year is the optional cancellation insurance—sort of like travel insurance. If you purchase the insurance when you register, your cancellations are covered up to June 1, 2011. After that, we are so committed that we can’t possibly give a refund. But, if you find out in mid-May that there is no way you can attend the show but you have the insurance, you can cancel and receive a full refund for your classes, lectures, and special events.

Of course, we want to see you at the show starting with Meet the Teachers and we hope to have to push you out the door at 4:00 on Saturday. Sign up early to get your preferred classes, get your insurance, and enjoy the anticipation.

Karen Kopitzke & Miki Peine, Registration Co-chairs

Challenge Quilt Packets

It’s not too soon to begin your challenge quilt for the June 2011 quilt show. Pick up your challenge packet available in three colorways—or get one of each! You can purchase your challenge pack at any of the meetings. Or stop by the MQ Office during normal office hours.

2011 Show Committee


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**Door Prizes Needed**  
*by Mary Pozzini and Linda Taylor, Door Prize co-chairs*

MQ is seeking quilt-related donations (books, patterns, notions, fabrics, and tools) to be given out at the June show and conference, special events, and MQ meetings. Donations should be new or near new and be something you would like to receive. Bring your donations to Thursday or Saturday MQ monthly meetings between now and May 2011, or mail them to:

Mary Pozzini  
305 Darrell Ct.  
Stillwater, MN 55082

Donations should be clearly labeled with your name, address, dollar value of the item and a label stating “MQ Door Prize”. We will make sure to acknowledge each donation when it is received. Contributions are tax deductible. If you have questions, please email us at doorprize11@mnquilt.org

*Thanks so much, Mary & Linda*

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**2011 RAFFLE QUILT:**

*“Shakespeare In The Park”*

40 enthusiastic MQ members attended the first 2011 Raffle Quilt Committee planning meeting in March 2010 to begin collectively making the next raffle quilt. They selected Judy Martin’s design “Shakespeare in the Park,” and chose restful blues, greens and creams from their stashes to make this dramatic queen-size quilt (100” square). The blocks include Virginia Reel, Star-Within-A-Star, and smaller eight-pointed stars around the quilt’s perimeter. Jan Schmidt, an accomplished long-arm quilter from Coon Rapids, custom quilted it.

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. uses the proceeds from the raffle quilt to support its mission to celebrate the art of quilting. Raffle tickets are $1 each and are available from the MQ office, at MQ meetings and will be available during the Annual Quilt Show and Conference. Please pay for your raffle tickets with cash or checks; we are unable to accept credit card payment for them.

To request raffle tickets, please contact the MQ Office at 3000 University Avenue SE, #120, Minneapolis, MN 55414 or by phone 612.436.0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. You may also order Raffle Tickets as a part of your pre-registration.

MQ members will be able to check out the quilt to take to your guild or show to sell tickets. Please contact Cathie Goset raffle11@mnquilt.org to let her know when you want it. The person that returns the most ticket stubs with payment by June 1, 2011 will be awarded a $100.00 gift certificate from a quilt shop of his/her choice. We are tracking ticket sales for this opportunity for you.

The drawing will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2011 at 4 pm at the St. Paul River Center. You need not be present to win. Thank you for your help in making this fundraiser a success. Good luck!

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Pictured below is “Shakespeare In The Park,” the 2011 MQ Raffle Quilt
Volunteer Corner

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 Nancy Broshat our new Meeting Hospitality co-Coordinator Evening. 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 me 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.

Co-Meeting Coordinators Evening
These are very important positions as they make the meetings run smoothly.

2012 And 2013 Show Committies
We have started signing up to be on the 2012 show committee in Rochester and the 2013 show committee in Duluth. The sign up posters will be at the meetings. Contact President Yvonne or Cheryl to see what is available.

Meet And Greet At Textile Center Events
We would like to have the MQ office open any time there is a Textile Center event. We will be making a list of volunteers that would be willing to help out at such events as gallery openings, the garage sale, etc. It would most likely involve evenings and weekends. Karen O’Brien, the Textile Center Liaison would be the person asking for volunteers as we find out about Textile Center events. If you enjoy meeting and greeting people, this position might be just perfect for you.

Office Helpers
We are also making a list of volunteers that would like to help Linda in the office with mass mailings, answering the phone, etc. on an as needed basis. If you would like to be on this list please contact Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator. volunteer@mnquilt.org

2011 Outstanding Volunteer

We are looking for nominations for our Outstanding Volunteer of the Year. This is a special recognition of a member who exemplifies the spirit of volunteerism at Minnesota Quilters not only this past year, but in their time as a member. This award is presented at the April meeting. Send nominations to any Board member or to quilter@mnquilt.org.

Minnesota Quilters 2012 Raffle Quilt Project
Jackie Northrop and Judy Bowers have agreed to coordinate the development of the 2012 Raffle Quilt. We have made great progress so far. The response to help with sewing the blocks was overwhelming. They were all distributed at the January MN Quilter’s meeting. The blocks are due back at the February MQ Saturday morning meeting. We will have a work day in the Textile Center after the Saturday morning meeting. Several members have agreed to bring irons, rotary cutting equipment, sewing machines (could use a few more machines), and a design wall. We plan to work with the completed blocks, square up the blocks to the same size, use the design wall to plan placement, start sewing the top together, and plan final borders. A plan to finish the work on the top will be developed before the end of the work day.

Machine Quilter needed!! We are recruiting a machine quilter to quilt the 2012 Raffle Quilt. Your time is donated; however you will receive recognition as the quilter on our advertising. We need you to contact us by March 1st. The plan is to complete the quilting by May 1st. Please contact Jackie Northrop or Judy Bowers at 612-436-0449 (please leave message) or rafflequilt2012@mnquilt.org with your ideas, donations, and availability to help with this project. We are looking forward to a fun time as our committee works together on this project. Thanks to everyone who has helped in any way!!!
Block of the Month – March 2011

Kathie Simon Frank (kathie@umn.edu) & Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com)

Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.
For 2010-2011, all BOM patterns will sew up as 12” blocks (12½” unfinished).
We suggest that you make an extra block in your favorite colors to keep. At the end of the year, you’ll have enough blocks for your own sampler quilt.

Picket Fence

From Once More Around the Block by Judy Hopkins pg. 97 (Martingale and Company, 2000).

Fabrics: Choose one dark green, one medium green, one gold, and one cream – solids or small prints. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows:
A = (1) gold square 6 7/8” square, cut on diagonal to make (2) triangles
B = (1) medium green square 6 7/8” square, cut on diagonal to make (2) triangles
C = (2) cream squares 4½”
D = (2) dark green rectangles 2½” x 4½”
E = (2) dark green rectangles 2” x 6”

Assembly:
Sew 2½” x 4½” dark green rectangle (D) to cream square (C). Make 2.
Sew larger dark green rectangles (E) to the C + D pieces (follow diagram below)
Sew gold and medium green triangles (A + B) together
Join an A+B unit to a C+D+E unit to make the top row.
Join the other A+B to a C+D+E unit to make the bottom row.
Sew the top and bottom together, using pins to line up the center point.

*** Suggestion: Consider contributing some of your cutting scraps along with the block for the winner to finish the top, add a border, etc.

Quick Tip: Make time for quilting! Whether you schedule sewing dates for yourself or grab a smaller chunk of time each week, give yourself the gift of time to enjoy fabric and the creative process.
Bulletin Board


The exhibit at the Q Gallery of the Franklin Arts Center is free and open to the public on Tuesdays thru Fridays from noon to 4PM, January 11 thru February 11, and 10AM to 2 PM, January 8, and February 12. Carolyn Abbott will present a demonstration of different silk screening techniques at 1PM, January 8, at the Franklin Art Center 1001 Kingwood St., Brainerd, MN.

Fat Quarter Drawing

Arly Fuhr won the homespun Fat Quarter drawing. Congratulations to Arly! February’s drawing will be for cool batiks (purples/blues/greens). We hope you will check your stash and participate in the fun. So you can better plan to join in the upcoming month’s themes are:

- March - civil war
- April - pastel florals
- May - blue & white
- July - Christmas in July
- August - warm batiks (golds, browns, oranges, reds).

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 contact Cathie Cartwright (lincolnc123@sbcglobal.net), or Lorna Wainwright (imgrama@mindspring.com).

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

Quilt Index Entry Day

As many of you know, MQP has our documentation information on the Michigan State University Quilt Index (www.quiltindex.org). However, we have file drawers full of paper documentation that needs to be entered—and we keep on documenting. We seem to get one document into the index and document two more quilts at the same time! The documentation is wonderful but the backlog is intimidating.

We have decided to have a Quilt Index Entry Day on Saturday, February 19, 2011, from 9:00 to 3:00. The plan is to have everyone who is interested bring their laptop to the MQ office where we have internet access. We will have a short training session for the newbies and then each of us will grab a pile of forms and start entering! We hope to make a significant dent in the piles.

ANYONE who would like to help is welcome—all you need is a laptop and an interest in quilts. We do need to know who is coming so we can get access to the entry side of the Quilt Index for you. If you are interested, please contact Karen Kopitzke at MQP@mnquilt.org or call the MQ office at 651-436-0449.

We think this will be a fun time for everyone involved. You won’t have to stay for the entire time unless, of course, you’re having so much fun you don’t want to leave—as much as you can give us will be appreciated.

MQP Quilt Documentation Sat., Feb 5

MQP members will be present at the Saturday meeting in February to document quilts brought by MQ members. Because time is limited for this activity at the meeting, MQP would appreciate hearing from you prior to the meeting if you want to bring a quilt for documentation. Send a message to mqp@mnquilt.org.
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
33rd Annual Quilt Show & Conference Hotel List
June 16 – 18, 2011 (Classes start June 15)      Saint Paul, MN

Minnesota Quilters, Inc. has blocked hotel rooms with special room rates for the 2011 Annual Quilt Show & Conference participants. Please mention “Minnesota Quilters” when making your reservation to receive the special room rates. Rooms are blocked during the week of the show. Make your reservations early! Remaining rooms will be released on May 10, 2011.

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651-292-9292  
Parking additional per 24-hour period  
Rooms blocked from Wed, Thurs, Fri  
The Saint Paul Hotel combines turn-of-the-century beauty with modern grace & convenience. Overlooking Rice Park just a few blocks from RiverCentre.

**Holiday Inn St. Paul East**  
2201 Burns Ave  
Saint Paul, MN  55119  
(651) 731 - 2220  
1 - 800 – HOLIDAY  
www.holiday-inn.com/msp-i94east  
$119.00  
Discounted rate excludes breakfast.

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Saint Paul, MN  55101  
(651) 224 - 5400  
www.embassysuiteshotels.com  
$139.00  
Rate based on availability during the week of the show  
Limited guest parking additional per day  
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(651) 227 - 8711  
www.bestwesternstpaul.com  
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