August Meetings

Thursday, August 2, 7:00 pm

Saturday, August 4, 10:00 am

American Jane Quilts

Welcome Sandy Klop, aka American Jane fabric and pattern designer, and author of *A Baker’s Dozen: 13 Kitchen Quilts from American Jane and Quilts for All Seasons…and Some for No Reasons*. Her quilts have been featured on the covers of several quilting publications and her brightly colored fabrics are instantly recognizable – populated with charming children, vintage toys and French motifs. Her design influences include the vibrant tulips grown in her hometown of Holland, Michigan, and her exposure to the rich colors and patterns in the tiles and carpets of the Middle East while teaching art in Saudi Arabia. Sandy now resides in California, but travels the country spreading the joy of her lively quilts and designs.

She believes she is truly living her dream as she designs patterns to feature her new fabric lines, which are produced every six months. So plan on joining us in August to hear “The American Jane Story in Fabric.” I promise you will leave each meeting a happier quilter after being in the presence of her cheerful and energetic quilts.

Because you will only want to see and learn more, Sandy will be offering an all day class for “Pretzel Party” on Friday, August 3, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at MQ. Her teaching is student centered and draws the best from each quilter. Details inside Newsletter, cost for members $50.00 + pattern, non-members $65.00 + pattern. This class will fill fast, don’t delay to fill out the registration form on page 14 to reserve your place at the table.

September Meetings September 6 & 8

Back-to-School with Minnesota Quilters School House.

Bring a notebook, pencils and camera to September’s School House sessions. There will be six ‘seminars’ for you to attend featuring Crazy Quilting, Creating Labels, Tucker Trimmers, Quilt Sticks, Holiday pattern, and Binding 101.

Complete all six and enter drawing for a Quilter’s Backpack full of great supplies.

Please wear your nametag!
Upcoming MQ 2012 Events:

**August 2 & 4** - Sandy Klop, aka American Jane, National Quilt and Fabric Designer

Join us for an entertaining lecture about “The American Jane Story in Fabric” and trunk show. Sandy will be teaching “Pretzel Party” on August 3. See page 14 for the registration form. Visit her website to see the pattern and view her prolific body of work. [http://www.americanjane.com](http://www.americanjane.com)

Patterns will be available for $9.00 by contacting Laura Nagel @ ed@mnquilt.org.

**August 23**—MPQ Documentation. See article on page 17.

**September 6 & 8** - Quilters’ Schoolhouse

Spent too much time at the cabin or in the garden? Then it’s time to get back to class and learn some new techniques. There will be six learning/demo-stations you won’t want to miss.

**October 11-14**—Minnesota Quilters Fall Retreat

Cloquet Forestry Center. See article on page 19.

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**2012-2013 Board of Directors Elected on ballot at Annual Meeting**

- **President Elect:** Kathie Simon Frank and Patty Von Arx to Co-Chair
- **Treasurer:** Kathy Faust
- **Operations Co-Directors:** Mary Pozzini (1 year) and June Kolodzieski (2 year)
- **Membership Co-Directors:** Karen Kopitzke (1 year) and Gail Hanson (2 year)
- **Communications Co-Director:** Kathy Brevig (2 year)
- **Education Co-Director:** Laura Nagel (2 year)
President’s Letter, August 1 MQ Newsletter

Hi Everyone,

I’m very pleased to announce our new roster of board members for 2012-2013. I apologize for the delay in providing this announcement. We had some concerns expressed about the voting process at the annual election. We changed the voting process last year so that those who couldn’t attend the annual meeting would still have the opportunity to vote. Unfortunately, I left the blank ballots in my hotel room on Thursday, so those who wanted to vote had to return the next day. This is completely my error and I agree with the board’s recommendation that we need to be more deliberate in our planning for next year’s election.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

We also had nominations for a co-presidency from the floor which was accepted and placed on the ballot. This creates a problem because our By-Laws were not written to allow for a co-presidency. After much discussion at the July Board Meeting, the board passed a motion that we would allow President-elect, President and Past President to be co-positions. In order to accomplish this, we need to draft changes to the By-Laws and then ask the membership to vote on those proposed changes. This vote will take place at the August membership meetings. The proposed changes will also be available on request to the MQ office. If the change to the By-Laws are accepted, the election of co-presidents will stand; if the change to the By-Laws is rejected, we will need to re-open the search for a new president-elect for the coming year.

ELECTION RESULTS

Let me begin with the roster of existing and newly-elected members to the board.

President(s) Elect: Kathie Simon Frank and Patty Von Arx were elected to serve as co-presidents. After approving changes to the By-Laws, they will begin with a term of office as co-president(s) elect in Oct 2012.

Past President: Wynn Martin will transition into the role of past president. At the meeting it was announced that I would be “acting” president until someone stepped forward to take that role. I’m very pleased to report that Laura Nagel expressed interest in and has been appointed to the role of president for the coming year. This will allow me to simply transition into my planned role as past president.

Secretary: Char Wenger will continue in her role as secretary, with a term expiring in September 2013.

Education: Lou Roos will continue serving as education director. We are looking for a replacement for Laura in this position.

Communications: Pat Curtner will be joined by Kathy Brevig as co-directors of communication.

Membership will be ably co-chaired by Karen Kopitzke (1-year term) and Gail Hanson (2-year term).

Operations will be co-chaired by Mary Pozzini (1-year term) and June Kolodzieski (2-year term)

Treasurer: Kathy Faust was nominated and elected to be our Treasurer for the next two years.

I also want to extend the board’s full appreciation to Yvonne Curran, who steps down from the Past President role and also to Carol Fisher, our director of membership for the past two years. We are so grateful for your contributions during your time on the board.

My final note is that we will also post both Board Meetings and Membership Meetings more prominently in our newsletter and on the website. The Board meets on the third Tuesday of the month but may occasionally be subject to change. I will let the incoming board take care of posting the plan for the coming year.

Thanks everyone. Have a great month and keep on quilting!

Wynn
July Meeting Highlights

Even though the temperature was in the 90°s, Annemarie Yohnk was able to put us all in the Holiday mood with her inspiring slide and trunk show about getting ready for the Holidays. There were ideas for decorating, projects, and group exchanges. Even before the meeting began, members could enjoy the beautiful bedroom tableaux, complete with an antique red and white appliqué quilt as a backdrop, a bed with Christmas quilts, embroidered and patchwork pillows, and a crazy quilted and beaded bear. Annemarie suggested that not all holiday quilts need to be traditional red and green Santas and trees, but could be color schemes or themes that will continue to look good right through winter and into Valentine’s Day! If you are decorating with small quilts or quilted items, it is more pleasing to the eye to group them together in odd numbers, and try to create some vertical elements, so everything isn’t just sitting together on the table. One of her best tips was how to hang quilts without putting ghastly holes in the wall – use sequin or bead pins! They are only ½” long, you can push them into the wall with a thimbled finger, and when removed, you really don’t see the teeny, tiny holes. Now if we can just take her advice and get started on our Holiday projects and gifts sooner rather than later, I know we will all be in a happier place come December!

In keeping with the Holiday theme, we introduced the “Simply Charming” Holiday Challenge. Finished projects will be the highlight of the Holiday Brunch on December 1, 2012. We had 48 charm packs and nearly sold out. At the time of going to press, we have 4 charm packs left in the Blitzen fabrics. Contact Laura Nagel at ed@mnquilt.org if you would like to purchase one for $12.00. Charm Pack must be purchased from MQ for participation in the challenge. After placing a few calls to local quilt shops, the following responded that they are carrying additional yardage in the fabric lines we selected. Quilters Haven in Rosemount, Grubers in St. Cloud and Quilted Treasures in Rogers have both Sentiments and Blitzen. Four Seasons in Maple Grove have Sentiments.

Check with your local shops, as they are receiving new Holiday fabric shipments every day.
July Show and Tell
Block of the Month    September 2012

Schoolhouse Block (based on a traditional block)

It might be easiest if you letter a series of paper plates to keep the pieces straight. These can be re-used for Mystery Quilts or other projects that require sorting!

Fabrics:
Blue for sky:  1 piece 2" x 2" (A)
  1 piece 3" x 3" (B)
  1 piece 1 ½" x 2 ½" (C)
  2 pieces 1 ½" x 3 ½" (D)
  2 pieces 2 ½" x 3 ½ (E)
Green for the grass:  1 piece 1 ½" x 7 ½" (F)
  2 pieces 1 ½" x 2 ½" (G)
Brown for the roof:  1 piece 3" x 3" (H)
  1 piece 2 ½" x 5 ½" (I)
Red for the school:  1 piece 1 ½" x 1 ½" (J)
  1 piece 2" x 2" (K)
  2 pieces 1" x 1 ½" (M)
  1 piece 1 ½" x 7 ½” (N)
  2 pieces 1 ½” x 2 ½” (O)
  2 pieces 1” x 2 ½” (P)
  2 pieces 1 ½” x 3” (Q)
Focus fabric (showing children, teacher, toys, animals, etc.) for windows and door of the school OR a plain dark color:
  2 pieces 1 ½” x 2 ½” (windows = R)
  1 piece 2 ½” x 3 ½” (door = S)
Optional:  1 ½” x 2 ½” gold or bronze for the bell in the tower (T) – replacing C

(You didn’t miss L . . . we don’t have one in this block.)

Directions:
1. For the roof make 2 blue/brown half-square triangles [pieces B & H]. Put them right sides together (rst).
   Draw a line diagonally on the blue square. Stitch ¼” from each side of the line. Cut apart on the line to make 2 squares. Press open. Trim each to 2 ½” x 2 ½”. Set aside.
2. For the bell-tower, make blue/red half-square triangles for belfry using pieces A & K. See directions above. Trim each to 1 ½” x 1 ½”. Set these aside.
3. For the background on the sides of the block, sew together pieces G & D on their short sides. (See diagram.) Set these aside.
4. Bell tower:  Row 1: sew piece j between the two blue/red half-square triangles. Set aside. Row 2: Sew piece C between the two M pieces. Sew Row 2 to Row 1 to make the tower. Now add the sky: sew piece E to each side of the bell-tower center. Measure and trim, if necessary to 2 ½” x 9 ½”. Set this aside.
5. Roof:  Sew 1 blue/brown 2 ½” half-square triangle piece to each side of piece I. Sew bell tower to top of roof section. Measure and trim, if necessary to 4 ½” x 9 ½”. Set aside.  (Cont. on page 7)
6. Construct school building by assembling pieces in the following order: Red piece O to focus fabric piece R to red piece P. Press. Sew red piece Q to the bottom. Repeat, reversed, for the other window.

7. Combine windows and doors:
   Look at the photo or diagram of the block. Sew left-hand window section you’ve just made to the left of the door piece S, then add right hand window section to the other side. Trim this to 3 ½” x 7 ½”.

8. Add landscaping: Sew green piece F to bottom and red piece N to the top above the windows.

9. To the schoolhouse section, sew to each side one of the blue/green pieces [d-g] that you’d set aside. This completes the bottom half of the block. Measure and trim to 5 ½” x 9 ½” if necessary.

10. Finish the block by sewing the schoolhouse section to the roof and bell tower section. Your finished block should measure 9 ½” square. Optional: cut out a bell-shape from yellow-gold fabric [piece t] and applique it into the sky-area of the bell tower.

I know! This block sounds impossibly difficult, but if you follow step-by-step it isn’t difficult and it doesn’t take long to construct.

Hints: Keep looking at the picture of the block.
   Press seams carefully.
   Measure at each step to make sure you’re keeping the dimensions correct.
   Trim where necessary.

If you make two or more blocks at once, you can chain stitch the sections, and that will cut down on the time significantly.

We hope you’ll challenge yourself to make at least one block to put in the drawing -- and be sure to make one for yourself. You won’t be sorry! Imagine: what’s a town without a school? For a Town Quilt, directions can be adapted to make a steeple for a church, plain roof for shops, and chimneys for houses. The possibilities are endless. Let’s see what you come up with for your school.

BOM basics:

Each person may enter up to three blocks each month.

Please include your name on your block(s)! Many of us just use a mailing label.

If you have nice scraps left over, consider including them with your block (pinned on or in a baggie) so that the winner can use them for a border or other finishing touches.

For 2012-13, all BOM pattern directions will sew up as 9” blocks (9 ½” unfinished).

Consider making a block or two in your favorite colors each month to keep for making a sampler quilt.

If you cannot bring the blocks to the quilt meeting, you may mail them to the MQ office. Please allow adequate time for them to arrive before the July Saturday drawing.

Block of the Month, Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 Fifth St. SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414

To help us celebrate more winners, we will draw two names if we have over 24 blocks (3 if we have 36+, 4 if we have 48+). Drawings are held at the Saturday meeting. If the winner(s) are not present, the blocks will either be mailed or left at the MQ office for the winner to pick up. We will call to notify winners. Questions? Contact Kathie Simon-Frank (Kathie@umn.edu) or Jeanne LaMoore (jlamoore@gmail.com).
HELPING HANDS QUILTING CLUB  Founded 1924 in Lake Elmo, MN

Looking for new members

Helping Hands Quilting Club was started by a group of farm wives in the Lake Elmo, MN, area in Feb. 1924. Originally the group helped each other with any project needed, whether cleaning chickens, canning or making quilts for the family beds. Many times the quilts were made out of scraps of fabric from dresses, suits or flour sacks and were made using old blankets as the batting. Since most of the women were farm wives, their children played around and under the quilts and the hostess's husband joined the women for the noon meal. There were also social events, like picnics, when all the families gathered for fun.

The club was set up very formally with Rules and By-Laws. There were even rules about what should be served for lunch. Officers ran the meetings, kept minutes and treasurer's reports in journals that have been passed down over the years. Meticulous records were kept recording expenditures and income. The secretary sent greeting cards to members for birthdays, anniversaries, and sympathy. Certain milestones were celebrated with a gift of a very specific value from the club.

There was a strict order maintained as to whose turn it was to host the meeting and receive help quilting a quilt. New members were probationary for three months while the club members observed her quilting to see if she quilted well enough. After she was accepted, she had to wait a year before she could host. The women spent the entire day quilting, with time out for lunch and a quick meeting. There was a "tradition" or un-written rule that lunch would be served after each side of the quilt on the quilting frame was quilted enough to "turn" it. That meant that the women on both long sides of the quilt had finished quilting a section 12 to 14 inches deep and were ready to roll the quilt onto the long arms of the frame so they would be able to reach a new section. This process of rolling the quilted section would continue toward the middle until all the quilting was completed.

In recent years the rules have become more relaxed. We do hold a meeting, record minutes and treasurer's reports at each gathering. We take turns hosting as it works into our schedules. If the hostess does not have a quilt ready to be quilted, the members are invited to bring their own projects to work on or we set up a charity quilt. We have donated a number of Quilts of Valor to veterans wounded in war. The club keeps a few "fire quilts" on hand in case a local family is forced out of their home due to fire.

The mission of Helping Hands is to promote and teach the art of hand quilting. We are a small club of eight members living primarily in the St. Croix Valley of MN and WI. One of our members moved from the Stillwater area to Golden Valley but continues to meet with the club.

We are looking for a few new members who are interested in hand quilting and who can meet with us on the first Tuesday of each month, excluding July and August. We continue the tradition of meeting in homes, but have relaxed the rules substantially. If you are interested in more information, please contact club president, Bernice Lentz, at 715-549-6486, or Carolyn Allard at 651-439-6646.
Quilt Guild Information Wanted

As a service to quilters, MQ has a quilt guild listing on our website and in our office. This information is long overdue for an update. Many people use this list to send out information about upcoming quilt events and many people use this list to find a local guild to join. If you would like to have your information updated or included on this list, please send it to secretary@mnquilt.org or mail it to the MQ Office at 1203 Fifth Street SE, Minneapolis MN 55414. We would welcome information from neighboring border states, too. If your quilt guild is on our list and has disbanded, please let us know that too, so that we can remove your guild from our list.

The minimum amount of information we need is the name of your guild and a contact person with address and phone number. Ideally, we would like more detailed information such as when and where you meet, how many members you have, web address, e-mail address, etc, but it is up to you how much information you want listed. Thank you in advance for helping us gather this information.

Janice of the Heart of the Woods Quilt Guild in Ely, Minnesota contacted me because she found that several of the guilds listed on our website did not have current information. She was kind enough to send me a list of the returned mail that she received. If your guild is listed here, please send the updated information. These guilds will be removed from our list if updated information is not received. THANK YOU!

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Buffalo, MN

Pelican Pieces
4563 Hy. 53
Orr, MN

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110 W. Broadway
Owatonna, MN

Piecemakers
PO Box 26
Staples, MN

Hands of Friendship
56 211th Street
Litchfield, MN

Piecemakers of Cannon Falls
402 W. Mill Street
Cannon Falls, MN

Pine Needles Quilters
1595 Bass Bay Road
Carlton, MN

High Hoper
4245 12th Ave South
Minneapolis, MN

Quilting Memories
451 Kimberlee Drive North
Baxter, MN

Loon Crafters
26162 Weinkaufs
Aitkin, MN

Rush City Piecemakers
1600 Goose Lake Nai
Stauchfield, MN

Maple Grove Quilters
8539 Shadow Creek Drive
Maple Grove, MN

Common Threads
500 E. Minnesota
Cannon Falls, MN

Going to Pieces Quilters
510 11th Street NW
Chisholm, MN

Quilters Along the Yellow Stone
PO Box 261
Buffalo Lake, MN

Heritage Quilt Guild of Southern Minnesota
110 W. Broadway
Owatonna, MN

Red Hat Specials
14218 Heritage Lane
Apple Valley, MN

To see the complete list go to www.mnquilt.org, scroll down a bit and see “Local Guilds” in the right side column. (Isn’t all of Minnesota “local”?)

MQ MERCHANDISE SALE!

August Thursday and Saturday Meetings

Pick up that darling show bag that you did not get or you may need to buy one for a friend.....50% off show price.

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Char Wenger, MQ Secretary

We would like to recognize MQ members who have had something special happen to them relating to quilting. We know that we have many talented members who enter shows, win awards and exhibit their work. If you have received an award; had one of your quilts juried into a show or been featured in a magazine, etc., please let us know about it so that all of our membership can celebrate with you! Send your information to me at secretary@mnquilt.org or call or mail a note to the office if you do not have e-mail.

JEANNIE SPEARS has informed us that her quilt “Echos and Juniper Berries” has been juried into a new exhibition at the Rocky Mountain Quilt Museum in Golden, Colorado. It will be on display from July 31 until October 27.

Congratulations, Jeannie!

**New/Renewing Memberships – June 2012**

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**New/Renewing Business Memberships – June 2012**

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Crescent Moon Retreat/Cindy Loberg
Jenna Erickson/Madeline Island School of the Arts

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**Guild Lectures**

- **Trunk Shows - 40 quilts**
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**Designs**

*Contemporary Patterns for Novice Quilters Aged 12 & Up*

The 2012 Show Small Quilt Auction information will be in September’s issue.
Picking Up the Pieces

By Laura Nagel, ed@mnquilt.org ©2012

We’ve passed the middle of July, and I feel the urge coming on for a ‘road trip.’ Not to sightsee or head up to the cabin, but find a road that will take me to the most quilt shops in a day. Pick a direction, any direction, because one of the advantages of living in the midwest is there are great shops any way the compass points. Sometimes it ends up being a ‘destination’ route to a favorite shop that I haven’t been to in a while, and that’s the mood I’m in. So this weekend I’m heading south along 35, straight to Iowa and Country Threads – home of the chicken coop quilt shop and the Goat Gazette (if you’ve never picked up one of their quarterly newspapers, you are missing out on folksy quilt news, farm updates, recommended reading, mouth-watering recipes, and the best jokes).

To get started I needed to convince a few quilting friends to join me, as any quilting adventure is no fun alone. One of us will gas up the car, someone else will ice the diet cokes in the cooler, and whose ever turn it was to buy the latest edition of The Quilters Travel Companion (12th ed. is the newest) will check the route to see if there are any new shops along the way. Whenever I use the Companion I make notes along the route we take on the state map in the book (sometimes noting directions, distance or travel time) and then add comments next to the ad for each shop we visit. If it’s more than a day trip, and we find a good restaurant or hotel, I gather a business card and staple it in that section. Then if we go back, or want to pass along the information, it’s at our fingertips. Each time I update the Companion I transfer the information from the old edition to the new. It’s proved very helpful.

My partners in crime, or should I say ‘craft,’ have found that heading to the farthest destination first, and trying to be there when they open, although none of us are morning people, makes the best use of our time. Then we ‘shop’ our way back home. This time our plan is to head straight to Garner, then visit The Quilted Forest shop in Forest City, IA, find a nice place for lunch, and finish our tour in Hayward, MN at the Calico Hutch. Although the men in our lives try to find out when we will be home, we try very hard to avoid giving any definite answer in the hopes they will figure out how to open the refrigerator, turn on the stove, and make their own supper. Sometimes this has even happened!

I like to bring a mini wallet so I’m not lugging a heavy purse around all day, an expandable shopping bag or tote – loved the 2012 MQ Show bag this year, make sure I have coupons or my frequent buyer cards, camera/smart phone, wear comfortable shoes, dress in layers, (but with this heat, if I take any more off they’ll arrest me), and don’t forget the chocolate.

If this sounds like fun, you are so right. And if you haven’t taken the time to do this, what are you waiting for? The biggest shop hop in the state is about to begin on August 3–19. Consider going to a new section of the state and make the rounds, you won’t be sorry, every shop has something unique that you haven’t seen before, you’ll probably run into someone you know along the way, and if not, you’ll meet someone new. Quilters are never strangers.

But wait, I have to go. I just heard the horn; my friends are in the driveway. See you next month.

“Simply Charming” Holiday Challenge

Laura Nagel, ed@mnquilt.org

Were you wondering what the program was going to be for the Holiday Brunch on December 1? Well, you are going to be the program, or rather your entry into the “Simply Charming” Holiday Challenge will be the program/exhibit. Two styles of Moda’s holiday charm squares will be available starting at the July meetings. For $12.00 you can choose one of the charm packs and get your official entry form for the challenge. You need not attend the Brunch to submit an entry. Looking forward to seeing all of your creative ideas as you piece these charm squares into an attractive holiday accessory for your home. Special thanks to Glad Creations for helping sponsor this event.
Quilting for Others

Jean Carr  jeanc@usinternet.com

The show is over for 2012 and now we are busy working on projects purchased in Rochester and maybe even working on Christmas gifts. We have a large quantity of fabric available for kitting so MQ can continue the act of Quilting for Others or Outreach. Would you be interested in helping sort, cut and kit? If so please contact Jean Carr at qfo@mnquilt.org or call 651-442-3009. Kits will then be available for members to take home, sew and either return to MQ or donate to a charity.

Do you know of an organization that could benefit from our donations? Hospital, Shelter, Nursing Home etc. please let me know. Suggestions and help are always welcome.

So far I have delivered 20 dog and cat beds to the Animal Shelter. Thank you for your generosity. Keep saving those scraps. You can make a bed casing, hang it over your scrap can and make them yourself. If you do this and bring them to a shelter, please keep track of how many you have made.

Count your hours! Volunteer hours are an important part of MQ’s 501c3 status. When you are sewing for charity through MQ keep track of your hours and turn them in at a monthly meeting, or via email. Every hour counts.

We also have kits and supplies ready to go for any Girl Scout Troop that would like to learn about quilting.

Volunteer Corner

Nancy Hall, Volunteer Coordinator  volunteer@mnquilt.org

Volunteers are needed for the following:

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.

2013 SHOW COMMITTEE

We have started signing up to be on the 2013 show committee in Duluth. The sign up poster will be at the meetings. Contact Show Director Linda Wines to see what is available.

MQ Sponsors Awards at the Minnesota State Fair

MQ will award a Rosette and a $100 cash prize to the winner of the Sweepstakes award (Best of Show). MQ will award a Rosette and $50 cash prize to the winners in the following categories: Best Machine Quilting and Best Use of Color.

New for 2012 are the same awards for Best Hand-appliquéd Quilt and Best Quilted Clothing. MQ also awards a new or continuing membership to winners in the categories for First Pieced Quilt and First Appliquéd Quilt (this means first ever made, not first ever entered in the State Fair).

In addition, MQ offers $20 to each first place winner in several categories and has matched the State Fair premiums for second and third placings in these categories.

The only requirement for entering quilts is that you are a Minnesota resident.

Volunteers Needed August 23 & 24

Pre-registration for the Creative Activities started May 1. You do not have to pre-register for the Creative Activities, but it speeds up the intake process.

MQ also sponsors a $100 award in the Fine Arts category for fiber art. The Fine Arts exhibit is a juried exhibit and you must register your entries by July 1, 2012.

Check out www.mnstatefair.org and click on Competitions to see more information and all the rules regarding these two competitions. You can also call the Competition Office at 651-288-4417 and request a Rules and Premiums booklet to be mailed to you.

Contact Gail Kieper if you would like to volunteer for MQ in the Creative Activities Building on August 23 or 24.

651-454-5147 or kiepfly@hotmail.com
Bulletin Board

**July 26-August 2** The Sizzlin’ Summer Shop Hop. Call 507-344-0441 for more information.

**August 3-4** Sewing & Quilting Expo, Platteville WI  [www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/sewing_expo](http://www.uwplatt.edu/cont_ed/sewing_expo).

**August 3-17** South East Minnesota Shop Hop. Call 507-364-5130 for more information.

**August 3-19** Quilt Minnesota Shop Hop, [www.quiltminnesota.com](http://www.quiltminnesota.com).

**August 10-11** Heart of the Woods Quilt Show, St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Hall, 231 E. Camp Street, Ely, MN, 10 am to 5 pm.

**August 10-12** Galena Illinois Quilt Festival, [www.galenaquiltfest.com](http://www.galenaquiltfest.com).

**August 27** Minnesota Contemporary Quilters, Textile Center, 6:30 pm. Shelli Ricci, maker of Mermaid Dreams quilt, will tell how she started quilting and how she tries to help others use quilting to heal.

**September 6-8** Quilt Expo, Madison, WI  [www.wiquiltexpo.com](http://www.wiquiltexpo.com)

**September 15-16** Apple River Quilt Guild, Scraps and Strings and Other Things! Vendors, guild challenge, raffle quilts, classroom demonstrations. Homemade soup and pie on Saturday. Sale of small quilted items to benefit Northwoods Homeless Shelter. Sept. 15, 9:00-5:00, Sept. 16, 11:00-4:00. St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, Amery, WI. $3.00 admission. Contact: Nancy Drake at draken@amerytel.net.

**September 20-23** Quilters’ Guild of North Dakota 33rd Annual Indian Summer Quilt Show and Conference. See [www.ndquilts.com](http://www.ndquilts.com) for more information.

**September 21-22** Rice County Piecemakers “Fall Splendor” Quilt Show. Cathedral of Our Merciful Savior Church and Guild House, 191 NW 6th Street, Fairbault. Lunch stand, quilt raffle, bazaar, small quilt auction, vendors, demonstrations, door prizes, bed turning on Friday only 10:30, 2:00 & 4:00. Admission $3.00.

**October 3-7** American Quilt Study Group Seminar. Lincoln, NE  [www.americanquiltstudygroup.org](http://www.americanquiltstudygroup.org)

**October 4-6** Minnesota Charms Quilt Show, Black Bear Casino, Carlton, MN.

**October 11-14** Minnesota Quilters Fall Retreat, Cloquet Forestry Center. See article on page 19.

**October 13-14** Mixed Sampler Quilt Guild “Stars of the North” Quilt Show, Siren WI. Siren High School, 24022 4th Ave. N. Vendors, raffle quilt, silent auction, demos, bed turning, and quilt appraisals. Admission $4.00, 12 y.o. free.

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  You can also put any quilt related announcement on our FB page:  [www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters](http://www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters)

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### !!!MQ Membership Alert!!!

Let’s get to know one another!

Starting in October we are asking all members to wear a name tag, preferably their MQ membership card, but other name tags that are visible would be acceptable.

If you have forgotten or haven’t a name tag we will have temporary ones available for a quarter!

If you need a lanyard or a plastic name tag holder we will have some available at a nominal price.

Visitors will be identifiable by a red paper arm band or ribbon – make it a point to say HELLO!

New members will have a star on their membership card/badge - WELCOME THEM WARMLY!
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Sandy Klop of American Jane will be teaching her pattern “Pretzel Party”.
Friday, August 3, 9 am to 4 pm.
Cost is $50.00 for MQ Members and $65.00 for non Members.

Supplies to bring: Pretzel Party Pattern, Sewing machine, Basic sewing and Rotary cutting supplies and Fabrics of your choice (see pattern for suggestions). Feel free to bring a lunch and beverage or make a quick trip to any of the 80+ restaurants in Oinkytown across the street. For questions call Laura Nagel (612) 618-9199 ed@mnquilt.org

Pretzel Party Quilt Class Registration Form

Your name: __________________________ Email: __________________________

Phone: (any phone numbers that will help us get a hold of you if necessary) __________________________

Home mailing address: ______________________________________________________

Write a check to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. You must purchase the pattern for this class. You may add $3.00 to the registration fee if you cannot find the pattern at the MQ meetings, your local quilt shops or online quilt shops.

Mail check and this form to:
Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 5th St SE, Minneapolis MN 55414-2030
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FOR SUPPORTING MINNESOTA QUILTERS!
Be part of the 35th Annual Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Show & Conference Committee!

Show Dates are: June 13 - 15, 2013
Location: DECC, Duluth MN

This is a great experience for all who are a part of creating our wonderful annual quilt show and conference. It’s a great way to work together to make each show be consistent in some things but unique in others. We welcome creativity and fun. Almost all committees work best with two people co-chairing them to share the ideas and responsibilities – so urge a friend to join the committee with you, or make a new friend by signing up with someone you don’t know.

To thank you for your volunteer show committee participation you will receive:

- 2013 Show registration fee waived
- Priority registration for the 2013 show
- At-cost ticket for the Friday event
- Volunteer show pin
- 1 year free MQ membership renewal
- Priority registration for the 2014 show

Committees where help is needed:

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If you have any questions about these committees, or want to help Make the 2013 Show Happen, please contact me! Linda Wines, MQ Show Director, showdirector@mnquilt.org, 612-910-7127

Please be a part of recording the history of Minnesota Quilts!

MPQ is looking for those of you who would like to volunteer one afternoon or early evening to help with the MQP documentation entry of the Minnesota Quilt Project so that it can be accessible by all on the internet. Thursday August 23rd is the date and 2:30 pm is the time. We’ll be at the library of Eagan High School, enter using door “C”. You do not need to bring your computer, all you have to do is show up!

Have you seen the huge online collection on MQ’s website? You can find “MN Quilt Project” on the right of the buttons across the top.

Here is the direct link to the gallery: [http://www.quiltindex.org/minnesotaquiltproject.php](http://www.quiltindex.org/minnesotaquiltproject.php)

Rice County Piecemakers Present

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MINNESOTA QUILTERS FALL GETAWAY

October 11 - 14, 2012
(Thursday noon – Sunday noon)
U of MN Forestry Center, Cloquet, MN

Fall Getaway Cost: $230 MQ Members (Double Occupancy)
$260 non-members (Double Occupancy)

The fee is Non-Refundable unless we fill your spot.
All rooms: two twin beds with a private bathroom (shower – no tub) in the room. Private room: Add $30
Limited handicap-accessible rooms are available upon request.

Fee includes:
- 3 Nights Lodging (Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
- Meals (Thursday dinner through Sunday breakfast)
- Demonstrations

You may check-in after noon on Thursday, October 11 (to use the sewing rooms only).
Lodge rooms will be available after 3:00 p.m.

To register: You have two choices -- On August 6 at 10 am the MQ website using a credit card or by sending a
check made out to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and mailed to MQ’s office (Link on website is not up until
later, all MQ members will receive an email invitation when it’s ready).
~or~

Mail this completed form and a check payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc. to:
MN Quilters – Fall Getaway
1203 5th St SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414

***Registration must be postmarked NO EARLIER THAN August 6, 2011***

Confirmation of registration will be sent early September with an information packet containing demo
information, supply lists, retreat information, maps etc.

Questions? Contact: Diana Callahan, 952-835-9245, dianac5437@aol.com or
Carrie D’Andrea, 952-835-5890, cadandrea@comcast.net

Name: ___________________________ Phone: ___________________________ MQ#: ___________________________

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City/State/Zip ___________________________

Roommate Name: ___________________________

OR Select roommate based on my preferences:

δ Stays up late δ Gets up early δ Gets up late δ No preference

δ Other (please indicate)

Are you interested in participating in the Quilts of Valor (making lap size quilt(s) to be donated to military personnel?) ______Yes ______No
**Fat Quarter Drawing**

The fat quarter drawing for August will be STRIPES, STRIPES and more STRIPES! 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!

**Membership**

We are in need of an evening person to be a membership check in at the Thursday meeting from 6-7 pm. We also need a Saturday morning person 9-10 am. What a wonderful way of getting to know the names of the membership as they check in.

I have used my opportunity to memorize names to faces and I can now recognize other members very easily now. Please consider this opportunity and email us.

~ Carol

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Heart of the Woods Quilt Show August 10 - 11
St. Anthony’s Catholic Church Hall
231 E. Camp Street, Ely, MN 55731, 10 am to 5 pm.
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AUGUST MEETINGS
August 2 – 7:00 pm
August 4 – 10:00 am
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