February Meetings

Thursday, February 2, 7:00 pm
Saturday, February 4, 10:00 am

Come to the Thursday evening and Saturday morning MQ meetings to discover the stories behind Signature quilts. We will be exploring, through a Power Point presentation, the varied reasons signature quilts appeared in the middle of the 19th century. These quilts hold a special place in quilt history, bearing witness to the connections between people, within communities and to history as recorded on their surfaces. Images of the period when signature quilts were first popular, the innovations that prompted their popularity, patterns used for these quilts, and styles of signatures, will be explored. Stamping as well as ink drawing and verse writing will be examined. We’ll follow this trend of signature quilts from the mid 19th century to the present, exploring the statements women have made with their needles.

Please bring your antique or modern signature quilts to share. Each has a story to tell!

This program is presented by MQP, the Minnesota Quilt Project. Please consider one of your New Year’s resolutions to be documenting your quilts. Members of this group will be available to answer questions about the process.

Coffee and treats will 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. Please wear your nametags or membership cards so we can get to know one another.

Minnesota Quilters

2012 Show Faculty

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Debbie Caffrey
Darlene Christopherson
Susan Cleveland
Kathy Delaney
Pam Dinndorf
Ann Fahl
Chris Hoover
Page Johnson
Debby Kratovil
Laura Murray
Maxine Rosenthal *
Jane Sassaman
Sally Schneider
Lucy Senstad
Barbara Shapel
Pat Speth
Darlene Zimmerman

* 2012 MQ Quilter of the Year
Upcoming 2012 MQ Events

February 2 and 4 - Signature and Friendship Quilts presented by MQP.

March 3 - Saturday Only, no Thursday meeting. Minnesota Quilters Meeting at Eagan High School. Quilt Exhibit & Lecture by Celine Perkins.

April 12 and 14 - Real Men Quilt and April 14 Volunteer Recognition Breakfast!

May 3 and 5 - Every Barn Tells a Story with Ann Zemke and Diane Entriken

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; or contact Debra at the office for details.

Mystery Quilt by Mail
Designed by Gwen Lundgren

January – October
Receive a clue each month
$60 by mail/email or $80 in-store class
Register at Quilter's Haven
651-322-7071

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Hey everyone!

How are you? Did you attend the January meeting? If so, I think you will join me in being just thrilled with the broad selection of classes that will be offered at the annual show and conference in June. Registration books will appear soon at quilt shops throughout the region and I hope you will take time to sign up for a class.

This month the Board will receive our annual audit of financial records for the preceding year. I have to tell you that managing the budget (especially without a treasurer!) is a daunting task. Our annual budget is nearly $500K and it takes careful teamwork by every committee to make sure we attain positive results at year end.

You might be amazed to find out that it takes half a million dollars to stage a 3 ½ day exhibition with classes, vendors and quilt exhibits. Our hope every year is to spend what we need to and then work hard to stir up excitement so that we get as many attendees as possible. With your response, we cover our program expenses and then try to set enough aside to help us prepare for the next year’s show. This process has been especially challenging during these tough economic times and I think the past year’s effort is well worth a round of congratulations to all who helped out.

I promise to provide more financial details in the coming months but please feel free to review prior audits on the website if you want a better understanding of all we’ve accomplished in past years. In addition, this newsletter includes a brief recap of everything we accomplished last year, at the show, at our meetings and through our many outreach efforts. Thanks to Yvonne Curran, our past president for writing a great review of 2011, on pages 9-10.

I also received a lovely email note from a non-member with a great idea for a new volunteer initiative. Here’s a quick excerpt from her note:

“I have read "MN Quilters Action Planning 2011-2015" report at your website about how difficult it is to get a sufficient number of volunteers involved.

I am not a member of MQ yet, I moved to Minneapolis only a year ago. However, I have some suggestions: What about involving art students from universities or colleges in Minneapolis/St.Paul area as volunteers and possibly offering them an internship? They would get valuable practical experiences, young people would be exposed to the "quilting world" and as a result a new generation of quilters or quilt lovers or textile artists may be created.

It is just an idea I got as I was reading the report. I hope it could help in some way." 

I love this idea and think it would be wonderful if someone would step forward and start a new initiative to engage college students in a volunteer activity to support quilting education in Minnesota. MQ would likely be able to fund a grant if the right suggestion was made. Information about our grant process is available on our website and if you might be that volunteer, please give me a call.

As always, the future of quilting depends on you and me.

All the best for the new year!

Wynn
**Important Dates**

Advance Registration
- Members Only: Begins January 16, 2012
- General: Begins February 1, 2012
- Deadline: May 1, 2012 for mail in.
- May 15, 2012 for online

Judged Exhibit
- Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 16, 2012

Non-Judged/Children’s Exhibit
- Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 30, 2012

2012 Challenge
- Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 30, 2012

Door Prizes
We all love to be the lucky recipient of a door prize. A door prize says “Thank You for being here” or “Thank You for volunteering.” MQ gives these door prizes throughout the year: at the show, at the guild meetings, to volunteers, and other special events. Please consider donating a door prize. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization which qualifies your donation as tax deductible.

Door Prizes can be delivered or sent to Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 5th St. SE, Minneapolis MN 55414-2030. Upon receipt we will acknowledge your donation, and you have the opportunity to let us announce you as the donor when it is awarded.

If you have any questions about door prizes, please contact us at:

doorprizes2012@mnquilt.org.
Registration for the Minnesota Quilters, Inc. 34rd Annual Quilt Show and Conference

Current Members of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. will be able to register beginning January 16, 2012. You should have received your Registration book by January 1, 2012.

We know that life does happen so remember you have the opportunity to purchase registration insurance. If you purchase this insurance ($20) when you register, you will receive a 100% refund for classes, lectures, and special events as long as you cancel before June 1, 2012. This insurance will not cover the registration fee, the insurance itself, box lunches, or merchandise.

Online registration is in real time so you will know immediately whether or not you are registered for the class.

Class sessions, lectures, events, and merchandise will calculate automatically as you add items, and you will be able to see the total before you pay.

You can make changes to your registration yourself any time before March 31, 2012. After that, you will need to email your changes in writing to registration2012@mnquilt.org or mail them to the MQ office. We do not accept verbal changes simply because it is too easy to mishear the instructions. If it’s written, we know what to do.

You will be able to register for others. You will be able to purchase as many tickets as you like for lectures and special events. So, if you want to bring guests, just buy them a ticket.

The check-out process is easy and secure. Once you complete your order and payment information, you simply click the Finish button and then wait patiently. All those banking computers need to talk to each other and this can take several seconds. Once the gears on the screen have disappeared, you will know all has gone properly and you will receive a confirmation email almost immediately.

If you don’t have access to the internet, don’t worry, you can still register by sending your completed form and payment into the MQ office. Just be sure to select a 2nd choice in case your first choice is filled. Mail-in registrations must be received by May 1, 2012.

Call for Volunteers for the Show

It takes many volunteers and busy hands to put together and present our nationally known show!

The 2012 Committee is hard at work. Please think about volunteering for the open spots on the committee or for shifts at the Show. Our committee will be offering you many opportunities in the coming months, before the Show, to sign up and help us present our fabulous Quilt Show. And remember, 2 hours of Volunteering at the Show gives you a chance to win a Sewing Machine. More 2 hour shifts, more chances! Thank you!

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 implementations 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.

The 2013 Committee wheels are already turning! The 2013 Faculty, Raffle Quilt, and Challenge committee work is under way. Now is a perfect time for you to choose from lots of committee spots that make having our show in Duluth such a rewarding experience. We especially need a Show Chair – someone who likes putting all those great ideas of what a quilt show should be into practice. You don’t have to do this alone – you can have a co-chair to work with you and the Show Director does much of the behind-the-scenes detail work.

For questions about volunteering at the 2012 quilt show, contact Jan Walstrom at volunteers2012@mnquilt.org.

For questions about open show committee spots, Linda Wines, Show Director, at showdirector@mnquilt.org or 612.910.7127.
2012 Raffle Quilt

MQ 2012 Raffle Quilt -- “Frosted Window Panes”
Designed by Brenda Riddle
Pieced by many Minnesota Quilters
Quilted by Carol Schwankl

The 2012 raffle quilt is a hand-appliqued and pieced 84” x 84” quilt in creams, teals and reds made using a pattern from Acorn Quilt & Gift Company.

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 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030 or by phone 612.436.0449 or email quilter@mnquilt.org. You may also order raffle tickets as a part of your advance registration.

You can check out the raffle quilt to take to your guild or show to sell tickets. Please contact the raffle quilt committee to let them know when you want it. The email is rafflequilt2012@mnquilt.org.

Small Quilt Auction

At each annual show, Minnesota Quilters offers over one hundred quilted and quilt-related items in a silent auction. The proceeds are used to support the Minnesota Quilters education mission.

We offer table runners, table mats, wall hangings, purses, wearable art, dolls, bowls, and pillows. All donations for the silent auction are welcome beginning January 1, 2012. To each item, please attach your name, address, telephone number, and title of work with a safety pin. Each month (Feb, March, April) one name will be drawn as the winner of a $25 gift card to a favorite quilt shop. Then at the end of May, all donors will be eligible for a wonderful big prize which will be announced in the MQ Newsletter.

Bring your donated quilted items to a Thursday or Saturday MQ meeting or mail to:

Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
1203 5th Street SE
Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030
January MQ Meeting Highlights

Not only were the January 2012 Show Preview meetings informative, but they were entertaining as well, as several of our talented members impersonated the show faculty members who were unable to attend to promote their classes. A special thanks to the teachers who presented in person: Susan Cleveland, Page Johnson, Chris Hoover and Maxine Rosenthal were at the meeting on Thursday evening and JoAnn Belling, Page Johnson and Maxine Rosenthal were there on Saturday. We really appreciated your personal invitation to take your classes.

Many tempting samples of class projects were displayed around the meeting hall, accompanied by a teacher profile, class description and supply list. If you were there, you know it will be hard to decide which class to take. If you weren’t able to attend, please visit the MQ website for the 2012 Show and view the projects and additional information that you will need to make your selection.

After the presentation, the 2012 Show Committee was introduced and we were visited by two swarthy pirates who captured our interest in the Fat Quarter Stroll, just one of many special events planned in Rochester.

During break and after the meetings people were buzzing around the samples, standing in line to buy the new MQ merchandise – great choices ladies – and signing up for raffle tickets – what a beautiful quilt for some lucky winner. For more details, read the show-related articles in this Newsletter and visit the website. Looking forward to seeing you in Rochester.

Fat Quarter Stroll Pirates– Jeanne LaMoore and Louise Somers.

Chris Hoover showing her Hana Highway quilt.

Show and Tell Photos
Block of the Month – March 2012

COURTHOUSE STEPS

Fabric: Choose a color family and select 1-3 distinctly light fabrics and 1-4 distinctly dark fabrics. Please use pre-washed cotton.

Cutting: For each block, cut pieces as follows (or use strips to width and cut after sewing):

Light: (2) 1 ¾” x 2”
(2) 1 ¾” x 4 ½”
(2) 1 ¾” x 7”

Dark: (1) 2” x 2”
(2) 1 ¾” x 4 ½”
(2) 1 ¾” x 7”
(2) 1 ¾” x 9 ½”

Assembly: Sew the two smallest light pieces onto the center square using a scant ¼” seam. Press all seams outward. Continue to sew from the center out, alternating darks and lights (see diagram). This pattern doesn’t lend itself to chain sewing unless you are making multiple blocks at a time!

If you are unsure about your accuracy, you may cut strips of fabric 1 ¾” wide. Sew them onto the previous section, then cut to size. The squares should measure 4 ½” square, 7” square, and 9 ½” square.

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.
- It’s fun for the winner of the blocks to see who made them.
- 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 Saturday drawing.
- 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).

** The January “Disappearing 9 Patch” Blocks were won by Shirley Jones and Sally Lajon. Each quilter won 16 (plus 1 extra) blocks.

Fun fact: We had 15 different winners (3 of whom won twice) of over 200 blocks in the first twelve month that we have done BOM!
Minnesota Quilters’, Inc. (MQ)

Year in Review
October 1, 2010 - September 30, 2011

Board of Directors:

President: Yvonne Curran
President Elect: Wynn Martin
Past President: Char Wenger
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Communications Co-Directors: Jean Carr and Karen Kopitzke
Education Director: Laura Nagel
Operations Co-Directors: Jill Schultz and Mary Pozzini
Membership Director: Carol Fisher

Standing Committees:

Minnesota Quilt Project (MQP): Co-Chairs: Pat Cox and Carolyn Silflow: Organized in 1987, the original purpose of MQP was to identify and document quilts that have a Minnesota connection. Their accomplishments during the year include:

Holding Quilt Discovery days for the public to bring their quilts to enable documentation of Minnesota made quilts.

Continuation of the cataloguing of quilts that have been documented by MQP members.

MQP had a booth at the 2011 Quilt show and performed quilt documentations and quilt appraisals.

MQP hosted the American Quilt Society Seminar in the Twin Cities.

Teaching Others to Quilt: Coordinator Paulette Marini: This program was formerly known as the Girl Scout Program in order to broaden the scope of assisting those who are novice quilters. This program has a budget line and is funded by MQ.

2011 Quilt Show and Conference, St. Paul MN, June: Show Chairs: Lou Roos and Kathy Brevig and Quilter of the Year: Marcia Stevens

III. Grant Program Grants are provided to organizations to enable MQ to support the mission of educating others about the significance of quilts and their creators. With the budget of $10,000 for grants, MQ has provided grants to:

- Bundles of Love
- Community Quilters
- Quilts of Valor
- Textile Center Library
- St Josephs Home for Children
- Lakeland Public Television
- WDSE TV Channel 8
- Eagan High School’s annual Women in History exhibit
- Minnesota Quilters Scholarship for Beginning Quilters

IV. Donations MQ provided donations to organizations to further the mission of MQ. Donations were made to:

- Minnesota State Fair Goldstein Museum
- Minnesota Quilters Scholarship for Beginning Quilters
- Textile Center Library
- St. Joseph’s Home For Children

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V. Educational Programs

- Annemarie Yonk: Antique and vintage doll quilts and antique redwork
- Lori Allison: “Contemporary Patterns for Novice Quilters”
- MQP: Retrospective about Helen Kelley’s Quilts by her family
- Page Johnson: “The Quilting Makes the Quilts”
- Jean Carr, Mary Drabik, Julie Idzorek, Marcia Rocheleau, Terri Krysan: Quilters’ Dozen
- JoAnn Belling: “The Quilting Journey” and “Art Quilts and Their Embellishments”
- Suzanne Fisher: Old fashioned Bed Turning
- Sue Rutford, Megan Sherwin, Kathy Brevig, Nancy Wick, Jan Schmidt, Dianne Conners, Martha Eaves, Suzanne Fisher: Schoolhouse

VI. Financial Condition:

Full financial statements are available for review in the MQ office. MQ has an audit done by an outside accountant. As of this report the audit was not finished, but with extreme care on the Board and show committee’s part MQ was able to break even on Show expenditures this year. We did incur added costs associated with the move that resulted in a small negative balance. The full audit report will be available for your review in the office and online.

VII. Significant Changes/Progress

The MQ office moved from the Textile Center to the St Lawrence Neuman Center. There is now plenty of parking. New employees were hired after reorganizing the jobs based on the needs of MQ. They are:

- Office Assistant - Debra Svedberg
- Bookkeeper - Doris Hareland
- Show Director - Linda Wines

Revised and re-implemented our Business Membership.

To further our reach to members who live outside the Metro Area, The Quilters’ Forum has been implemented. It is still in the beginning stages.

Membership declined from 760 on October 1, 2010 to 623 as of Sept. 30, 2011

Budget is looking better with lots of hard work by the Board and the Show Committee and the Show Chairs.

Business Members: Mill End Textiles—Kitty Bitney; Heavenly Patchwork Quilt Shop—Kay Derner; Crafty Corner Quilt Shoppe—Ken Jansen; and The Quilted Dog—Mary Thompson.

~ End of Year in Review ~
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. Also to Gail Hanson and Marilyn Orlich for volunteering as co-evening meeting coordinators with Sue. If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please talk to me at the meetings or send me an email at: volunteer@mnquilt.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP CO-COORDINATOR EVENING

This person will help Paula at the front table checking memberships and giving out door prize tickets at the evening meeting.

2012 AND 2013 SHOW COMMITTEES

We still need a couple of 2012 committee volunteers and we’ve started signing up for the 2013 committee in Duluth. 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 would 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 take on. Contact Wynn Martin at president@mnquilt.org

Wanted: Strategic Planning Member Liaison(s)

The MQ Strategy team meets 8 times per year to plan MQ's future. This year the strategy team will explore: 1) fundraising; 2) volunteer recruitment, support and recognition; and 3) growing our membership. If you want to join a few members 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
**Quilting for Others**

Contact: Paulette Marini at 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. When the quilt is completed it is donated to a shelter, hospital, police, etc.

This is a great project to do with a friend; it is a fun and fulfilling day!

**Fat Quarter Drawing**

The fat quarters for February will be greens. The fat quarter colors for March will be pastels.

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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You can also put any quilt-related announcement on our FB page: www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters

**MQP Corner**  mqp@mnquilt.org

Do you enjoy learning about the history of quilts and the stories they tell? If so, you might want to participate in the Minnesota Quilt Project, a permanent subcommittee of MQ. MQP was formed in 1987 to research and document history of quilts and their makers. This group published the “Minnesota Quilts” book in 2005. MQP continues to document quilts, now entering the information into the “Quilt Index”, an online national database. Any MQ member is welcome to take part in MQP activities. Come to a meeting and find out what MQP is all about. Meetings are usually held at 8:30 am in the lobby of the Newman Center, before the Saturday MQ meeting. You can reach us by sending a message to mqp@mnquilt.org.

The Documentation Entry days have 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!*

**Contest Opportunity:**

*Create Your Style Art Quilting Design Contest with Swarovski Elements*

Applications must be submitted by June 1, 2012.

For details google: Art Quilting Design Contest 2012

**FOR SALE:** Viking Megaquilter

18 x 8, new, stand is 10’ Inspira stand. $ 7,000.00

Contact Jean at 651-354-2958
Thank you to our New and Renewing Members!

Polly Anderson        Vernida J Grant                      Janet Myers
Sandra J Bartelma     Dorothy Hagen                          Judy A Nelson
Mary Ellen Calderwood Nancy J Henderson                    Susan Nelson
Kathryn S Cherrier    Julie R Idzorek                           Laurie Olson
Judith A Christianson Janet Jacobsen                        Denise L Ostrom
Paula Christopherson  Sandra C Johnson                       Marlyce Payne
Arlene Cochran        DeSmith Lindeen                           Kathleen Potter
Cecilia Dahl          Kathryn F Lovgren                        Janice Ringer
Janell Dahms          Elaine Magnan                              Linda Rodeck
Mary R Drabik          Diane Marcotte                         Joyce R Ruppert
Susan Feist           Linda Moskalik                            Christina Sobel
Jane M Fieber          Kathy R Mruz                              Liz Tarr

Contributions-December 2011

Anonymous                          Elaine Magnan
Kathleen A Brevig                    Wynn Martin
Rita M Culshaw                       Karen L O’Brien
Yvonne Curran                        Molly J O’Dea
Jane M Fieber                          Sue Sandager
Kay Harrell                             Charlotte Wenger
Karen Knoll                             Linda Wines

MQ Grants

The Helen Sieben Quilter’s Group in Burnsville made 505 quilts last year! Among the many places they provided quilts are Fairview Hospital, Minnesota Veterans Hospital, Fairview Nursery, District 191, St. Josephs Home, Armful of Love and the homeless. The Board is pleased to award them a grant for $300.
ATTENTION QUILTERS!

Crafty Corner Quilt & Sewing Shoppe
Worthington, Minnesota
Call 1-800-SEW-MORE
Visit us at www.craftycornerquiltandsewingshoppe.com

18th Annual trip to Paducah
Quilt Show

Ken is planning Crafty Corner’s 18th annual trip to Paducah Quilt Show by Deluxe Motor Coach. He has secured rooms in Paducah at the Drury Inn during the quilt show; at the Drury Inn in St. Peters, Missouri on departure and the Drury Inn in St. Joe, Missouri on the return trip. Drury Inns are noted for their free evening snacks and super-hot breakfasts!

Price: $649.00 (two to a room) - $500.00 deposit
Price: $595.00 (three to a room) - $445.00 deposit
Price: $545.00 (four to a room) - $400.00 deposit
Includes 5 Nights Lodging and Transportation

April 23-28, 2012
Return home approximately 2:30 p.m. on the 28th.

Advertisement by Crafty Corner Quilt and Sewing Shop, a Minnesota Quilters Business Member
President’s Quilt Block
MQ has a tradition of presenting our President with “Thank you” blocks for their year term.
Wynn would like any red and white block.
Past President Yvonne Curran would like any 6”, 9” or 12” Christmas block.
## Silver Sponsors!

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<td>109 Avon Ave S PO Box 359</td>
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## MQ Member Reminders

### Minnesota Quilters Quilt Show and Conference Registration Book

By now most of us have received our registration books and they are being distributed to quilt shops around the state. The book has a wealth in information about the show, far more than we can print in this newsletter or tell you about during our meetings. Check your book for classes, exhibits, lectures, entry forms, competition rules, faculty information, and all things related to the 2012 show.

### Minnesota Quilters Web Site and Facebook Page

The MQ website has all things related to Minnesota Quilters including show news, upcoming events, contact information, links, and Member Management instructions. Go to [www.mnquilt.org](http://www.mnquilt.org). Our Facebook page has announcements, comments and photos.

### Do you hand quilt for hire?

Debra at the office would like to have a list of members who hand quilt for hire to give to people who call in. Call Debra at 612-436-0449 or email her at quilter@mnquilt.org.
Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
34th Annual Quilt Show and Conference
June 14-16, 2012
Mayo Civic Center, Rochester MN

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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<td>TF: 800-533-1655</td>
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<td>TF: 800-533-1655</td>
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<td>Mini Suite: $107.00 (+tax) 1/2/3/4 occupants</td>
<td>Complimentary shuttle service to Mayo Civic Center</td>
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**DoubleTree by Hilton** (former Radisson)

150 S Broadway
507-281-8000 or

Std Room: $112.00 (+tax) 1/2 occupants
2 blocks from Mayo Civic Center; Skyway accessible * Parking $6.00/day

**Hilton Garden Inn**

225 S Broadway
507-285-1234 or

Std Room: $109.00 (+tax) 1/2 occupants
3 blocks from Mayo Civic Center; Skyway accessible * Parking $6.00/day

**Hampton Inn**

1755 S Broadway
507-287-9050

Std. Room: $109.00 (+tax) 1/2/3/4 occupants
Limited shuttle service
Complimentary breakfast

**Ramada Hotel**

1517 15th St SW
800-552-7224

Std. Room: $94.00 (+tax) 1/2/3/4 occupants
Poolside: $109 (+tax) 1/2/3/4 occupants
Complimentary breakfast & shuttle service to Mayo Civic Center
Highway 35 W
Exit: 
# 18
4th St SE
University Avenue

Not visible in the image.

The entrance to the parking lot via a GPS is:
1208 6th St SE, Minneapolis
There is also overflow parking across the street in the lot on the corner.

Pass this to a friend. Mail to: Minnesota Quilters, Inc., 1203 5th St SE, Minneapolis MN 55414-2030

MINNESOTA QUILTERS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Member Information

Member name, or gift recipients’ name (please print):

Address:

City: State: Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Membership Level


Payment Information

This membership is New Renewing Gift

I would like to make an additional donation of: $

Check Cash Visa Mastercard Discover

Credit Card No.:

Expiration date:

Name on credit card (please print):

Phone:

Signature:

Thank you for becoming a Minnesota Quilters, Inc Member!
COMING SOON!

150 PARKING SPOTS!

COME SEE OUR NEW LOCATION!

NEXT MEETINGS:

February 2 and 4

See map on page 19!

1203 Fifth Street SE
Minneapolis MN 55414

Our entrance is on 6th Street