Quilt Show Preview

January Meetings
January 8, 7 pm and January 10, 10 am
St. Lawrence Church

Ring in the New Year with the preview party of MQ’s 37th Annual Quilt Show and Conference. This year we will be heading up to the North Shore - destination Duluth. Meet our fabulous show committees as they tell you all about the special events, exhibits, faculty, classes, and opportunities for you to participate before, during and after the show.

To get ready for the party, take out your new 2015 calendars and write in the meeting dates, Thursday January 8th at 7 pm, and Saturday January 10th at 10 am. Read your registration booklet, highlight the classes and events you are interested in, and be prepared to mark a few more after the presentation. You can book your hotel room anytime, plan on staying at least one night, as this show cannot be done in a day, but the sooner the better, especially if you want to be within walking distance to the DECC. And don’t hesitate to bring a friend to the meetings - there are no guest fees at the January meetings.

The highlight of the evening will be the 2015 Faculty and Class presentation revealing all of the fantastic projects that are just waiting for you to register.

Faculty bios and class descriptions will be described and there will be displays for each teacher with samples of their work, projects and supply lists. You won’t want to miss this.

(Remember - this will also be available on our 2015 Show website www.mnquilt.org/mq2015)

This month we will reverse the order of the meeting to allow members and guests time to ask questions and view the samples of the class projects during break. Announcements, Show & Tell, door prizes and other drawings will occur after the break.

There will be MQ and Show merchandise available as well as a few remaining 2015 Challenge Packets. If you haven’t purchased your Raffle Quilt tickets these will be available, and please sign up for a date to take the Raffle Quilt to your local guild meeting where you can sell even more!

Can you tell I’m excited? You will be, too, after you see what’s ahead for you in Duluth in 2015!

Laura Nagel, Show Coordinator

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Sue Poser ~ 2015 Quilter of the Year

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Upcoming Events

January 8 & 10, 2015, 2015 Quilt Show and Conference Preview!

January 10, Quilting For Others Workshop following MQ morning meeting, come sew!

February 5 & 7, Presented by Minnesota Quilt Project

March 3 & 7, MQ Meetings

March 12-14, MQ Retreat in Anoka, sign-up begins January 27

April 9 & 11, MQ Meetings

April 12-15, Retreat at Camp Wapo in Amery, WI, sign-up begins February 25

MQ Board of Directors meetings: Finance Committee Meeting– January 20,
Board Meeting– January 27. All meetings are at 6 pm. Please notify Bonnie,
president@mnquilt.org if you have an agenda item and/or wish to attend.

Deadline for February Newsletter: Tuesday, January 13, 2015. Please send
newsletter articles to editor@mnquilt.org.

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Bring Guests!
Each time you bring a guest to a monthly meeting, your name will be entered in the annual March drawing for a free membership renewal. Spread the word!

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Highlights from the November MQ Board Meeting

The Board discussed the long admission lines to get into the quilt show and approved the proposal to charge an extra $1 for a pre-purchased admission ticket if people don’t want to stand in line.

Minnesota Quilters Inc. received approximately $2,010 from the GiveMN fundraising event. There were 29 donors.

Final approval for grant requests was made. Grants will go to Blaine Community Quilters, Bundles of Love in Andover, Lake Area Quilters in Alexandria, Quilt Dreamers in Apple Valley, Lakeland Public TV Station, Burnsville Senior Quilters, Pioneer Public TV Station, Comfort Quilters of Chisago, Eagan Woman’s Day Celebration and Naomi Family Residence Quilting Project.

The Board discussed possible new locations for next year’s Holiday Brunch.

The fabric for the 2016 Challenge will be Cherrywood and there will be two prize categories – quilts and non-quilts.

St. Lawrence will have a management company to oversee the boiler. If we have a heating issue, we are to contact the church. Someone will be available if we have a problem in the future.

The nominating committee has met and is contacting people for the open positions on the Board. If you or someone you know would like to serve on the Board of Directors, please send an email to nomcom@mnquilt.org.

The next Board Meeting will be January 20, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. in Classroom A.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Schultz, Secretary

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Facebook!
Join the fun with over 1,900 others on our Facebook page (that’s more than twice our membership). www.facebook.com/MinnesotaQuilters
Holiday Brunch

Thank you to the Holiday Brunch Committee for the delightful party. The decorations were beautiful, food was delicious, and the warmth, friendship and laughter was wonderful. Sue Poser, owner of Gruber’s in St. Cloud was introduced as the 2015 Quilter of the Year.

Seventy Christmas stockings were made for St. Joseph’s Children’s Home, and a large selection of gifts and stocking stuffers were collected. Kathy Faust won the most votes for her stocking made like a figure skate, silver blade, laces and all. She received a $50 gift certificate to her favorite quilt shop. Sally Lajon won the “Get Those Holiday Brunch Quilt Blocks out of Your Stash” challenge. She also received at $50 gift certificate to her favorite quilt shop. Kathy Brevig won a basket full of sewing items in the year-end volunteer drawing. Seventeen people exchanged quilt blocks.

Thank you Holiday Brunch committee: Sally Lajon, Arlene Albrecht, Kara Albrecht, Sharon Peterson, Tina Holllerman, Beth Coulombe, Ruth Herbst and Pamela Plocek.
December Show and Tell

February Meetings ~ Minnesota Quilt Project, February 5 & 7

“Letter” quilts that incorporate letters visible from a distance have a long history and remain popular. A recent blog from the Temecula Quilt Company ran a tutorial for letter blocks: http://temeculaquiltco.blogspot.com/2014/08/back-to-school-little-letters.html

Gail Bakkom will present her research on the alphabet or letter quilt genre. If you have a quilt to share, please contact Gail at gbakkom@earthlink.net.

Pat Cox has collected log cabin quilts for many years. She will share quilts from her collection in February. Please plan to bring your special log cabin quilt for show and tell.

All are welcome at MQP meetings at 8:30 am in Classroom A prior to Saturday MQ monthly meetings.

Carolyn Silflow

Spring 2015 Retreats and

a New Spring Getaway!

The Spring Quilting in the City Retreat will be on March 12 -14 at Pearl & Myrtle's Day Retreat Center in Anoka MN. The change in venue is due to services during Lenten season at Saint Lawrence. We will offer the options of a 1, 2, or 3 day retreat. An email invitation will go out to members on January 27 and to non-members on February 3. If you do not want to sign up online simply call the MQ office and staff will get you signed up! You can pay by check or credit card. 612-436-0449

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate this retreat, if you are interested please send an email to ed@mnquilt.org, or talk with Charlette Pittman, coordinator for this retreat.

The Spring Get Away Quilt Retreat will be held at Camp Wapo in Amery WI, Sunday April 12 - Wednesday April 15. Registration for the Spring Get Away will be coming in an email in February 2015. The cost for the retreat is $165 for members and $175 for non members.

We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate this retreat, if you are interested send an email to ed@mnquilt.org or talk with Sharon Peterson, coordinator for this retreat.

“Sharon Peterson”

Quilting for Others ~ Workshop Saturday, January 10

Following the Saturday morning Minnesota Quilters meeting on January 10 there will be a Quilting For Others Workshop. Bring a bag lunch, sewing machine, supplies and scraps. We will be working on Heart String Blocks for quilts that will be going to Harriet Tubman Women's Shelter.

QFO donations for November 2014 included 17 pet beds to the Golden Valley Humane Society and 13 baby quilts to Minnesota Visiting Nurses.

Thanks to all who made pet beds, baby quilts, heart string blocks. Thank you to those who sewed the blocks together, to the longarm quilters who donated their quilting time and machines, and thanks for the donated fabric for quilt backs and bindings!

Sharon Peterson

“Gail Bakkom”

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Carolyn Silflow

“Sharon Peterson”
Nominations for MQ Board
nomcom@mnquilt.org

Are you curious how MQ is run or would you like to have some say in the decisions that are made? If yes, then please consider running for a Board position. We have a wonderful organization, and it remains so because of all the great volunteers. Please consider helping out your guild and become a board member.

Here are the Board positions that need to be filled. They begin on October 1, 2015:

President-Elect – three-year commitment - 1st year president-elect, 2nd year president, 3rd year past president. This can be a shared position. The President-Elect assists the President and oversees the Scholarship and Grant programs. This position is also a member of the finance committee.

Secretary – 2-year term- The Secretary takes the minutes at the Board meetings and supplies a newsletter article summarizing the board meetings.

Co-Education Director – 2-year term – shared position with continuing director Charlette Pittman. The Education Directors organize monthly meetings and arrange for lectures/workshops. They oversee the Holiday Brunch committee, Fall Getaway committee, and in-town retreats. They write newsletter articles to keep membership informed of upcoming monthly programs.

Co-Communications Director – 2-year term - shared position with continuing director Karen O’Brien. The Communications Directors oversee the newsletter, State Fair, website and other means of communication and technology.

Co-Operations Director – 2-year term – shared position with continuing director Suzanne Fisher. The Operations Directors oversee insurance, MQ equipment, volunteers and building/office management. The Operations Director is also a member of the Finance Committee.

Co-Membership Director – 2-year term – shared position with continuing director Mary Ann Baraibar. The Membership Directors oversee all aspects of our membership, including planning activities to recruit new members and working with the Membership Coordinators at the monthly meetings.

For the complete job descriptions please click the following link. http://www.mnquilt.org/mqboard/index.html

If you are interested in any of these Board positions please send your name, phone number and email to nomcom@mnquilt.org and a member of the nominating committee will contact you.

Volunteer Corner
volunteer@mnquilt.org

Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you, especially Rebecca Finch for taking the Gallery Exhibit Coordinator position. Thanks Rebecca!

All volunteers need to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. Since our fiscal year started on October 1, 2014 you have turned in 322 volunteer hours on the white slips for the first quarter of this year. This does not include the Board or Show Committee. Keep up the good work!

If any of you are interested in the following positions or have questions about them please send an email to volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to us at the meetings. If you would like to volunteer for any position that is not listed, please let us know. Our fiscal year started on Oct. 1 and there are still some positions open. Please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering for a position this year.

Current available positions:

Historian: The historian keeps a scrapbook of newsletters and any interesting articles or information about our organization. If you like to scrapbook this might be the position for you. For more information see Martha Eaves, President Elect, at our next meeting.

Membership Co-Coordinator, Evening: We need two people for this. The membership coordinators work with the board membership directors to set up the membership table on Thursday night and help check in people. For more information see Anne McCandless at the membership table at our next meeting.

Meeting Co-Coordinator, Evening: This person helps the other meeting coordinator run meetings and hand out door prizes. For more information talk to Sue Sandager at the meeting.

Message From Our President
president@mnquilts.org

A whole new year to quilt. Wow! Maybe this year I will get at those old unfinished projects, or throw them out. But something on the internet caught my attention...”It's amazing how long it takes to make a quilt you're not working on.” Maybe this will be the year we will all be more productive. Happy Quilting. ~ Bonnie Ellis
2015 RAFFLE QUILT ~ STARS ON THE WATER

This beautiful quilt was on display at the Holiday Brunch where many people stopped to admire it. We will have postcards with a picture of the quilt at the January MQ monthly meetings. A postcard and raffle tickets can make a great hostess gift, or when you need something for the person who has everything.

Thanks to Sandi Irish of the Irish Chain who donated her skills and time. She designed, pieced and quilted “Stars on the Water” and did a phenomenal job. The fabric is by Cherrywood.

Raffle tickets are $2.00. We can only take checks or cash. Tickets will be available for purchase at the MQ monthly meetings and during the 2015 MQ Quilt Show and Conference in Duluth. You may also request tickets by calling the MQ office at 612-436-0449 or by e-mail at quilter@mnquilt.org. Tickets can be picked up at the office or mailed to you.

We encourage you to contact the office to check out the quilt and take it to your local guild. This helps promote the June show and sell raffle tickets. Mary writes, “My personal plan is to buy tickets every month and then win the quilt. I really want it!”

Thanks for making plans to buy raffle tickets. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. uses the proceeds from the raffle quilt to support its mission to celebrate the art of quilting. The raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, June 13th, 2015 at 4 pm at the DECC in Duluth, MN.

YOU NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN.
If you have any questions, please contact rafflequilt2015@mnquilt.org. Thank you for your generosity in making this fundraiser a success.

Fat Quarter Drawings

Another year and another calendar for those darling fat quarters we have been saving for just this purpose. We hope you will join us for the fat quarter exchange this year. Print this note so that when you are shopping or digging in those bins you will remember us each month. So here goes:

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<td>Bright reds with tiny prints, dots, mottled or any other motif</td>
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<td>Green, again with any detail, whether bright, dark, avocado, or kelly</td>
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<td>Plaids. Go wild here if you like, large or small, and any color scheme and we’ll see what happens.</td>
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<td>Orange and black are the choices, but guess what, they don’t have to be related to Halloween!</td>
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<td>For our last month we have selected stripes of any kind, width or color. Have fun with it.</td>
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~ Molly O’Dea

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Minnesota Quilters 2015 Show ~ Duluth ~ June 11-13

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Small Quilt Auction ~ Martha Eaves (St. Paul), Doris Kraemer (Eagan)
Special Exhibits ~ Paulette Marini (Minnetonka), Lisa Stene (Eden Prairie)
Vendors ~ Sue Rutford (White Bear Lake), Doug Rutford (White Bear Lake)
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Website ~ Pat Curtner (St. Paul), Karen Kopitzke (Afton)
Show Director ~ Linda Wines, showdirector@mnquilt.org

IMPORTANT DATES

Advance Registration (See pages 33-35 for more information *)
Members Only: Begins January 16, 2015
General: Begins February 1, 2015
Deadline: May 1, 2015 (mail-in); May 15, 2015 (online)
Non-Judged/Youth Exhibit/President’s Challenge (see pages 11-12 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 18, 2015
Judged Exhibit (See pages 13-17 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 18, 2015
2015 Challenge Quilt (See page 7 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 25, 2015
Scrap Quilt Challenge (See page 7 for more information *)
Entry Form Submission Deadline: April 15, 2015
* Page numbers listed refer to the 2015 Show Registration Book
MARK YOUR CALENDARS
January 15, 2015: Advance Registration for MQ Members Begins
February 1, 2015: Advance Registration for Non-Members Begins

Online Registration is Encouraged:
Go to the MQ website at www.mnquilt.org
Click 2015 Show Button.
On the summary page, click the “Advance Registration” button on the lower right and follow the online instructions.
Enter your information and selections on the form.
Complete your payment information.
Click the “Finish” button.

Prefer to Mail-In Registration:
Fill out the registration form found in your registration booklet.
Keep a copy for your records.
Make your check payable to Minnesota Quilters, Inc.
Mail to the MQ office.

For questions contact the Registration Chairs at registration2015@mnquilt.org

Small Quilt Auction
sqa2015@mnquilt.org

Another Fun New Year’s Resolution: Donation to Small Quilt Auction for 2015 Duluth Show!

Can you believe that a New Year is upon us? What a great time to put new effort into giving and sharing of your quilt skills and your creativity…what a great way to do so by donating a small quilt, or other creative quilting endeavor to the MQ Small Quilt Auction. What would you bid on? Then make that item for the Small Quilt Auction. Always make the same type of small item? Why not make something different this year to hone your skills and broaden your quilting options? Duluth is a seaport…why not some sea-related items? The quilting world is full of wonderful quilt blocks created from inspiration of the sea. The majesty of the pines of the North woods are also invoked by our Duluth setting.

As mentioned in earlier articles, we start collecting items for the show at the January meeting, or you can mail them to the MQ office, attention Small Quilt Auction. Keep things small…keep things creative. If you do NOT want your item to be selected for the “buy-it-now” table, or feel it should have a specific price if put out on that table, please attach a note. And speaking of notes, don’t forget to put a tag on your quilt so the buyers will know who created their quilts!

You are welcome to donate multiple pieces and for each item you donate by the May meetings. Your name will be put in a drawing in May for a $50 certificate to your favorite quilt store! There will be only one “early bird” drawing this year so we can maximize the profit we earn for MQ from these donations. We will gladly accept donations right up to the Tuesday hanging of the show, so all your non-early bird donations are still greatly appreciated. In the past, Duluth has been a predictably generous audience for small quilts so let’s not disappoint them!

Finally, if you have any questions, please contact Martha or Doris by phone through our members’ phone list or by email to sqa2015@mnquilt.org. Thank you in advance for all of your generosity…it is what makes MQ work as an organization!

Martha Eaves and Doris Kraemer

NEW YEAR KICKOFF: A FEW THINGS TO THINK ABOUT NOW
doorprizes2015@mnquilt.org

1. Are you cleaning out your sewing space and looking for a new home for some gently used items?
2. Did you receive extra gifts during the holidays that you would like to pass on?
3. Did you see a good sale on an item that would be a fun door prize and you just happened to buy it?
4. Do you have some gift cards sitting around that you never seem to use but you know someone else might appreciate? If so please consider making a donation for the door prizes to be given out at the MQ show in Duluth. We will have a box labeled “Door Prize Donations” near the check-in table at each meeting.

Many, many thanks from the Doorprize Committee! Remember someone will be really happy to win a prize that you generously donate.

Nancy Broshat and Carla Kilkelly
Jeanne and I love the process of planning for each block of the month. There is a certain routine to the process: the block needs to link to the season, it needs to be “not too hard” to complete and there needs to be an eye candy effect. When you look at the block, I want you to say, “Ooh, I want to make that.”

We also know that it’s not always easy to find time to sew the block. Each month slips by and MQ members are busy with many other projects. I often hear you say, “Oh, I meant to make a block. I really liked this one. Maybe next time.”

So here we are, mid-winter, and looking at February. How can I pull at your heart strings and make you want this month’s Block of the Month? How about this?

This lovely quilt pattern is a free download from Linda Jenkins and Becky Goldsmith at www.pieceocake.com. Just look for the free patterns and then find the “From the Heart” pattern.

There is a twist to this month’s block. You can use appliqué, fusible appliqué or any other method you might choose to create the block. The directions for the block are well described on the website, so we won’t recap them here.

Block Size: 8 1/2 by 8 1/2 unfinished

Will you commit to make this unforgettable block? I think we could get just a bit more participation if we ask you to COMMIT TO MAKING THE BLOCK. So, we will be asking you to sign up at the meeting on the Block of the Month registration form. Then we will send a reminder to everyone who registers, so you don’t forget.

There are two color ways: Homespun Kaffe and Traditional Red & Cream. The example shown on the website shows the quilt block in a mixture of homespun plaids, stripes and Kaffe Fassett fabrics. We think that this will look equally good in more traditional colors, so you get to choose.

Will the lucky winner get enough blocks for a quilt? Or just enough for a table runner? That’s up to you.

Let’s have fun! ~ Wynn and Jeanne

Special note from Wynn: Okay, so this little block is a good example of an experiment that failed. It’s raw edge appliqué and a “first” attempt at something I don’t usually do. I just don’t like raw edge appliqué. It’s fast (which was my primary goal today) but the edges are raw, the stitching is clunky and little threads always leak out at the edges. Many quilters like that effect but it’s not for me. I want my edges to be clean and crisp. I’ll plan to do another version in turned edge appliqué for the meeting. Wish me luck!

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 scraps left over, consider including them with your block for the winner’s use (a border or other finishing touches).

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 meeting.

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+).

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.

Minnesota Quilters Future Show Dates & Locations - Save the Dates!

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* Tentative
The old saying goes "Out with the old, and in with the new," and that's just what I'm planning for 2015. Instead of worrying about my old UFOs, I'm looking forward to NEW FOs.

Just think about all the new fabrics, patterns and techniques that are on the market and waiting for us at our local quilt shops - it's mind boggling. And your favorite shop is probably having a special New Year's sale just to get your quilting year off to a great start. So raise your glasses and make a toast to the new year and new projects.

This is the time to think about fresh starts - rearrange your quilting space or supplies, sort through your fabrics, make a list of the quilt gifts you'd like to make this year, maybe even some new holiday wall hangings or table runners for yourself. Any thoughts about a legacy quilt? Maybe you've already made that outstanding one-of-a-kind quilt that you will be remembered for, but if not, this could be the year to at least plan it and possibly get it started.

What about some goal setting to make sure you actually do accomplish your quilting objectives, and they are not just good intentions that remain unfulfilled at year's end?

I think I've mentioned the idea of 52 Finishes. Each week on Friday, write down which quilting task you completed. It can be anything you want it to be, large or small. Maybe you finally found the missing pattern you've been searching for, or you selected the fabric for your background. Did you make a label, bind a quilt, finish a block, whatever it is, write it down - it's done! If you need more explanation for this process, see Glad Creations' website. They even have a print out of all the 2015 Fridays.

Not into weekly accountability, how about once a month? Last year my quilt group decided to list 12 projects that they would like to tackle. Sometimes it was just washing the fabrics, or deciding how to quilt the project, other times it was putting the finishing touches on an old UFO. Whatever you want goes on the list of twelve, numbered 1-12. Each month we drew a number and everyone checked their lists to see what project they would be working on. It was fun and challenging, and we really got something done each and every month.

It worked so well that this year we are trying it again with a different twist. Instead of listing 1-12, we are creating our list by the month. That way we will know what we are doing and when. So if we have a wedding or baby quilt with a specific due date, it will come up on the list in a timely fashion. One member plans on starting a new quilt dividing the project into monthly installments to make sure she stays on track.

However, if my conscience dictates that I should work on an old UFO instead of starting something new, I will approach the project with a renewed attitude and interest. Do I need six more blocks to finish the top? Well, those six blocks will be new. Is it time to finally decide on borders for a late quilt gift but can't find anything that really matches? I'll just grab the top and head to the nearest quilt shop and that border fabric will be new. If all else fails, I will select a new candy bar to munch on while doing my duty to eliminate a nagging UFO. After all, nothing renews enthusiasm like chocolate.

So let's all make a resolution to start putting some 'new' into our quilting year now. I assure you it will be easier than staying on a diet or promising yourself to exercise every day - and lots more fun.

~ Laura

Glad Creations Blogpost about starting “52 Finishes” at the beginning of 2014:
http://www.gladcreationsquilts.blogspot.com/2014/01/52-finishes.html

And Glad Creations Blogpost about ending “52 Finishes” at the end of 2014 and starting new for 2015:
http://www.gladcreationsquilts.blogspot.com/2014/11/52-finishes-how-did-i-do.html
MY CHILI

2 Tbsp. margarine   1/3 tsp. pepper
3/4 c. chopped onion 1 Tbsp. chili powder
1/8 tsp. garlic powder 1 (No. 2) can kidney beans
1 lb. ground beef 1 (No. 2 1/2) can tomatoes
1 Tbsp. flour 1 (6 1/2 oz.) can tomato puree
1 tsp. salt

Heat margarine in large, deep kettle. Chop onion and cook until yellow. Add meat, sprinkle with combination flour, salt, pepper, chili powder and garlic powder; cook until meat is brown.
Add drained kidney beans, tomatoes and tomato puree. Cover.
Simmer for about 1 hour. Serves 4.

Note: Good to take along on a picnic.

This recipe of Helen Kelley’s is from the 1982 Minnesota Quilters, Inc. Piece Meals Cookbook.

Avoid long admission lines at the show; Pre-purchase your admission tickets!
Details on page 27 of the Registration Book coming in your mail box soon.
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### Bulletin Board

**February 7-8, Quilt Show Presented by Plum Creek Quilters at Sargent’s Nursery**, 3352 N. Service Drive, Red Wing, MN. Pieced, appliqué and vintage quilts, quilters’ rummage sale, door prizes, challenges, vendors. Sat. & Sun. 9 am–4 pm. $3 admission.

**April 14-May 8, Dakota County Star Quilters 20th Annual Quilt Show**, Dakota County Historical Society Museum, 130 3rd Avenue North, South St. Paul, MN. [www.dakotahistory.org](http://www.dakotahistory.org)

**April 14**, Lecture, “Capering with Creativity and Our Quilts” by Wendy Butler Burns, 1 pm and 7 pm. Tickets are $10 and includes entry to the museum. Class with Wendy Butler Burns, April 15, $35. Contact Trisha at [trisha2041@yahoo.com](mailto:trisha2041@yahoo.com) about tickets to the lecture or the class.
Library Committee Reminder!

Books checked out in November are due for return in January!!

MQ 2015 Quilt Show and Conference Faculty Bios:

Wendy Butler Berns is a quilt artist, teacher, and lecturer from Lake Mills, Wisconsin. Fabric and sewing have been a part of Wendy’s life for 50 years, ever since fourth grade 4-H.

As a published, award winning quilt artist and teacher who found her passion for quilting in 1993, Wendy’s quilts are noted for their bold use of color, unusual fabrics, and a combination of unconventional techniques. Her quilt designs are original and fluctuate between traditional with a twist and contemporary art quilts. They are inspired by her desire to capture the colorful yet changing world around her—whether it be a garden landscape, an endearing family member or as a statement to cultivate greater compassion and preserve our natural world’s future.

She is the 2009 recipient of Jewel Pearce Patterson Scholarship Winner Honoring Quilt Teachers and has previously taught at Minnesota Quilters’ annual show. We welcome her back and encourage those who have not benefitted from Wendy’s engaging instruction in landscape, portrait and quilt embelishment to register for one or more of her classes. Her students always praise her ability to help them achieve results that they never thought they could.

www.wendybutlerburns.com

Paula Nadelstern makes quilts on the same block in the Bronx where she grew up. A New Yorker through and through, she finds her fabric-focused life an inherent paradox contrasting the traditional image of quilt making as part of a simple, make-do, rural way of life with her own complex urban-shaped space. Based on historians’ suggestions that the block-style method of quilt making evolved in response to the cramped quarters of early American life, Paula believes that being limited to a 40 inch kitchen table for work space shaped the direction of her kaleidoscopic piecework, causing her to rely on intricate detail and inherent symmetry, and to invent a shape that makes the most of limited space.

Her quilts have achieved international recognition for their innovative and complex designs. She was honored by inclusion in the Twentieth Century’s 100 Best American Quilts, has received numerous awards, authored five books, and designs textile prints exclusively for Benartex, Inc.

‘Kaleidoscope’—the very word promises surprise and magic, exploding light and color, form and motion. Her goal is to harmoniously integrate the idea of a kaleidoscope with the techniques and materials of quilt making. Paula is looking forward to inspiring Minnesota quilters as she teaches you how to accomplish her magical piecing techniques.

www.paulanadelstern.com
Minnesota Quilters just learned that we cannot renew our lease when it expires in September 2016. The church has plans for the spaces we currently occupy. Bonnie Ellis, MQ President, appointed a Search Committee to begin to look for new space for our office, membership meetings, classroom, and storage. The Committee consists of Suzanne Fisher, Martha Eaves, Kathie Simon Frank, Anne McCandless, and Mary Ann Baraibar.

Before beginning the search, the committee would like to hear from our membership. Please answer the following questions and send your response to ops@mnquilt.org, or mail your responses to the MQ Office before January 15, 2015.

We seek your input and appreciate your suggestions.

Where do you live? (mark one)
___Inner city Minneapolis? __________ or St. Paul? __________
___Northern suburb Which? ______________________
___Southern suburb Which? ______________________
___Eastern suburb Which? ______________________
___Western suburb Which? ______________________
___Other. Where? ________________________________

How many miles do you live from our present meeting space at St. Lawrence Church in Minneapolis? __________
How many miles are you willing to travel to an MQ meeting? ________

How do you get to meetings?
___Drive?   ___Take public transportation?   ___Ride your bike?   ___Other?

Please indicate your first (#1), second (#2), and third (#3) priorities that the Search Committee should consider when choosing a new space:
___Distance I must drive
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___Office, meeting space, classroom and library space in same location
___On a bus line
___Lots of parking
___Well-lit parking
___Treats at meetings (That is, should we try to get a meeting space with a kitchen?)
___Space for In-Town Retreats

Do you know of any suitable space(s) that we might consider? If so, where and who should we contact
____________________________________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________________________________

Optional:
Your name:______________________________________________________
Phone number:___________________________________________________
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Thank you for helping us understand the will of our membership! We look forward to hearing from you. Please respond by January 15, 2015.
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