SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Thursday September 10, 7 pm and Saturday September 12, 10 am

SCHOOLHOUSE WITH MINNESOTA QUILTERS

Martha Eaves, Paulette Marini, Lisa Stene, Janet Harvey, Anne Marcellis and Sandra Johnson

September means back to school for our children and grandchildren, so why not quilters? We have a great Schoolhouse program planned for you this year. Six members will demonstrate one of their favorite types of quilting, or a tool they will show us how to use.

Martha Eaves uses a Mary Stori technique for “cheater” appliqué, with apologies to Pat Cox. This technique allows her to appliqué with the confidence that she will not have points poking out in odd places. The tools are readily available and Martha will show us at least 2 different types of tools. Paulette Marini and Lisa Stene will demonstrate “Garbage Can Quilts” made from bins of strips. Janet Harvey will teach us how to make fabric portraits. Sandy Johnson will demonstrate English Paper Piecing and Anne Marcellis will show us fun things to do with 9 degree rulers. She will also sell patterns to use with your 9 degree rulers.

There will also be the usual Show and Tell, door prizes, Block of the Month, Fat Quarter Drawing, and treats. We hope you come to learn something fun & new!

AUGUST STUDIO TOURS ~ ANOTHER GREAT SUCCESS ~ THANK YOU!

Thank you, thank you, to Susan Parham, Pam Plocek, Paulette Marini, Peggy Tanler, Lori Allison, and Jill Scholtz for allowing us to come into your studios on August 8th to see how you arrange your creative spaces! Thank you also to the volunteers who helped check tickets and guide people at each home, and to the quilters who purchased tickets and visited each studio. The weather was great, and there were some beautiful gardens and views to enjoy outside several of the studios. Many quilters on the tour made note of tips they can take home to use in their own quilting rooms. Some quilters took pictures of the fabric stashes they saw, to show their family members that other quilters have even more fabric than they do! Most quilters who took the tour left inspired to get more organized in their own studios, and MQ received a little profit to help fund more future education programs, so thanks to all who support this fund-raiser each year.

Next year the studio tours will be in the NW part of the metro area: Anoka, Fridley, Plymouth, Maple Grove, Elk River, etc. We would like sell tickets during the 2016 MQ show in St. Cloud in June, so - quilters in the NW area - please contact me as soon as possible if your studio will be available for a tour August 6th of next year so we can get the 2016 tickets ready by June. Read more and see more photos on page 6.

Kate Eelkema keelkema@comcast.net

If you are receiving your newsletter or other emails in a way that you do not want, or not receiving any emails, please call Debra Svedberg at the office at 612-436-0449 so it can be corrected.
Upcoming Events

September 10th & 12th, Schoolhouse Meetings

Presenters will be Martha Eaves, Janet Harvey, Anne Marcellis, Paulette Marini, Lisa Stone, and Sandra Johnson.

St. Cloud Heritage Quilters will display their Raffle Quilt at both meetings. Tickets will be available to purchase.

Quilting for Others meets right after the Saturday morning meeting.

September 17-19, Fall Quilting in the City Day Retreat, Pearl & Myrtle’s Retreat Center in Anoka MN. We will offer the options of a 1, 2, or 3 day retreat. An email invitation went out to members in August. Sign up online or call Debra in the MQ office, 612-436-0449. Payment is by check or credit card. One day for members $15, non members $20, two days $30 for members and $35 for non members, three days $40 for members and $50 for non members. Lunch and supper are on your own.

October 1 and 3 meetings and October 2 Workshop, Minnesota’s own Debbie Bowles. More details on page 6.

October 15 to 18, Fall Getaway. Invitation coming to your email soon!

More calendar information available on the MQ website: http://www.mnquilt.org/meetings.html
Directions and map to our meetings on the MQ website: http://www.mnquilt.org/location.html

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MQ Board of Directors meetings: Finance Meeting –September 15. Board Meeting– September 22. Board Turnover Meeting- September 26, 9-4. All board and finance meetings are at 6 pm. Please notify Bonnie at president@mnquilt.org if you have an agenda item and/or wish to attend.

DEADLINE for August Newsletter: Tuesday, September 15, 2015. Please send newsletter articles to editor@mnquilt.org.

Highlights from the July 28 Board Meeting

The Board appointed Jean Carr and Rita Culshaw as the 2016 Quilt Show Co-Coordinators. The Treasurer presented the Financials. Cvent costs were discussed. We are getting non-profit rates for every Cvent transaction. The Board approved signing a 3 year contract with Cvent to lock in our rates.

Linda Wines reported that the 2015 Quilt Show made a profit and 7,100 people attended the show. We are looking for the 2017 Show Co-Coordinators.

The Education Directors presented the expenses for the Holiday Brunch. The Board determined that the cost for members to attend the Holiday Brunch will be $25.00. A discussion was held about husbands attending the Studio Tours and what the cost should be. Husbands will get in for the member price for this event. The Board is looking for fundraising ideas. Next Board Meeting will be August 25, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.

Respectfully submitted, Jill Schultz, Secretary
**Message From Our President**

My year as president has gone by fast and this is the last month of my term. I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing your wonderful quilts and having a great show in Duluth. My hope for the future is that we encourage another couple of generations of quilters to keep ourselves growing. Thanks to all the members of the board for their support and service. Thanks also to the many volunteers who help make Minnesota Quilters such a great organization. Thank you to all of you who have given me chicken blocks for my president’s quilt. They will be great fun to put together. Happy Quilting!

Bonnie Ellis

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**Volunteer Corner**

Hello to all our wonderful MQ members. Many thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We need and appreciate all of you, especially Rebecca Finch who has taken over the Public Relations position and Loretta Stone who has agreed to work with us in the Volunteer Coordinator position. 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 1083 volunteer hours on the white slips for the first three quarters 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 us an email 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 new fiscal year starts on Oct 1, 2015 and there will be some positions open. Please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering for a position this coming year. We need you badly!! Remember this is a volunteer organization!

**Current available positions:**

**Membership co-Coordinator, Evening:** We need two people for this. These people 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.

**Volunteer Coordinator:** This person reports to the Membership Directors and is responsible to fill volunteer needs requested by the MQ Board and Standing Committees. The volunteer needs will be posted in the newsletter in the Volunteer Corner and on the MQ website. Monthly door prizes and quarterly prizes will be given at the meetings and a yearly prize will be given at the Brunch. Hours are kept track of on white slips at the meetings. Cathy and I will be happy to show you what we have been doing in this position. Loretta Stone will be working with us too.

**Meeting Hospitality Coordinator, Day:** This person will work with Tina Hollerman to make coffee and set up the treats on Saturday morning. Many thanks to Ruth Herbst for all the time she has given us!

**Librarians Needed**

The library committee would like to invite you to staff the library cart on Thursday evenings or Saturday mornings. The cart is ready for your use with a box of cards from checked-out books and all you need to do is file the cards from books that are checked out and put the cards back into books that are returned. If you can help, please contact Barb Jones at barbarajones14@comcast.net, and thank you so much! Barbara Jones

**Fat Quarter Drawing**

IT CAN'T BE SEPTEMBER ALREADY! I still have so many summer things to do. I never attended a garden tour this year. I have 6 bags of cocoa mulch I never spread because I have to weed the area first. It would be fun to just spread that wonderful smelling mulch and enjoy the wonderful aroma once spread .I never divided my hostas this spring, but then friends say to divide in fall. We'll see how that goes. The one concert we tried to attend at the History center was rained out. And it's FAIR time. I absolutely love the fair, attending at least 3 times. Problem is there aren't too many people who love the fair as much as I do, so I have to bribe them to go with me. Just the Creative Activities building alone could take hours to view to appreciate the efforts of all those crafters. And the food, well that is another thing I love. I could gain more weight at the fair than I could gain during the twelve days of Christmas.

But back to quilting in September. Go wild with plaids, small or large print, any color schemes and let's see what happens with your choices.

Contribute up to three fat quarters (18 x 22) of quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabric in the theme of the month. We'll enter your name in the drawing for that month (one entry for each fat quarter, up to a maximum of three). Attach your name, address and phone number to each fat quarter. Bring them to meetings or mail them to Minnesota Quilters, Fat Quarter Drawing, 1203 5th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414-2030. Fat quarters should arrive before the Saturday meeting. We draw at the start of the Saturday meetings, you need not be present to win. Molly O'Dea
**Minnesota Quilters Gallery Exhibits Openings and American Swedish Institute Exhibit Preparations**

Please attend the two openings of Minnesota Quilters Gallery Exhibits that will take place in September. We plan to feature a couple of little talks by some of those who made quilts for the exhibits. Light refreshments will be served and the company will be great!

**Textile Center Opening Reception**

**Scrap Quilts: Traditional and Radical ~ September 3, 6-8 pm**

3000 University Avenue, Minneapolis MN 55414, Textile Center Phone: (612) 436-0464

Quilters were asked to make a scrap quilt composed of 80% scraps left from previous projects. The results run the gamut from traditional scrap quilt patterns like Pineapples, Irish Chain and Spider Web to radical quilts composed primarily of improvisational piecing. **This show runs until October 23**

**Minneapolis Central Library Opening Reception**

**Minnesota Quilters 2015 Dueling Dahlias Challenge ~ September 16, 6-8 pm**

Cargill Room, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis MN 55401, Public Library Phone: (612) 543-8000

Quilters purchased a packet of three half yards of fabrics from the Kaffe Fassett Collective's “Dahlias” collection. They could create a quilt, article of clothing or accessory of any size from that and other fabrics. The only requirement was that the fabrics from the challenge packet had to be recognizable in the quilt. The diversity of the objects created will blow you away! **This show runs until October 30**

**American Swedish Institute Exhibit Preparations**

Did you purchase a packet of Cherrywood fabrics for the “Hail to Thee Minnesota” challenge? If not, you can still get packets by calling the MQ office at (612) 436-0449 or you can purchase packets at the next Minnesota Quilters meeting. If you already have your packet, please get an early start on your challenge entry so that your quilt has a chance at being used for the American Swedish Institute's Minnesota Quilter poster. To be eligible for the poster your challenge piece must be completed by the time of the March Minnesota Quilters meeting, where we will select the quilt that will be used and photograph it. We will update you with more details about the exhibit as time goes on. Rebecca Finch

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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!

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**MQP Corner**

Gail Bakkom, a longtime member of Minnesota Quilt Project, is also a member of American Quilt Study Group, a national organization. The following mission statement is on their website: “The American Quilt Study Group establishes and promotes the highest standards for interdisciplinary quilt-related studies, providing opportunities for study, research, and the publication of work that advance the knowledge of quilts and related subjects.”

Members who choose to study various quilting-related topics may submit research papers for publication in AQSG’s annual volume *Uncoverings*. It’s an honor to have a paper chosen, and that honor includes being asked to present the paper at the annual AQSG Seminar. Gail’s paper on “Candlewicks”: *White Embroidered Counterpanes in America*, was chosen for publication, and she will be giving a talk at this year’s Seminar in Indianapolis, Indiana. Minnesota Quilters, Inc. and Minnesota Quilt Project are proud to be sponsoring Gail, along with the local Land of Lakes Quilt Study Group, and are included in the list of sponsors for the Seminar.

MQ has a group membership in AQSG, which includes receiving two copies of *Uncoverings*. One copy goes to the Textile Center Library, and the other is in the MQ portable library. So if you would like to read Gail’s research paper, check out the latest issue of *Uncoverings* at an MQ meeting.

To learn more about Minnesota Quilt Project, go to [www.mnquilt.org](http://www.mnquilt.org) and click on MN Quilt Project at the right on the top bar. We would love to have you come to our meetings at 8:30am before the regular Saturday MQ meetings. MQP meetings are in Classroom A on the 2nd floor of St. Lawrence Church, down the hall from the MQ office.
Our mission statement.
The mission of Minnesota Quilters, Inc. is to further the preservation of quilting, to educate, and to document the art and craft of quilting in Minnesota. Established 1978.

3 Paint Chips Quilt Challenge for the December 2015 Holiday Brunch
ed@mnquilt.org

This is a great way to work outside the box and try out different colors. Anything is possible with color! How does it work? At MQ meetings, find Charlette Pittman and get an envelope that contains 3 random paint chips and challenge yourself to make a table runner or a quilt (from baby size to throw size quilt).

The RULES Are Simple!
1. Use the three colors you were given and add one more color of your choice.
2. Black and white may also be used.
3. You must use all three paint chip colors so they are identifiable and clearly seen as one of the colors. The paint chips must be pinned to the bottom of the quilt when brought to the brunch.
4. You may piece the quilt, use machine or hand appliqué, or combinations of all. It may be traditional or art, it is totally your choice. This is your quilt after the challenge.
5. The quilt must be completely finished with quilting and binding.
6. Viewer’s choice judging will take place at the Holiday Brunch. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.

Quilting for Others

We will meet right after the School House Program on September 12. Bring your sewing machine along with any scraps you have that are between 1 1/2 inches to 2 1/2 inches wide. We will be working on Heart Strings Quilt Blocks. Invite a friend or come alone and make new friends at Minnesota Quilters.

Quilting For Others is looking for donations for the following projects:
All donations are tax deductible! Please fill out the in-kind donation form when you drop off your donation.

Tubman Shelter Project on-going needs:
- Quilt backs 80 x 100 inches (backs can be pieced backs, or a donation of 6 yards of fabric).
- Red fat quarters (9 strips for the Heart String Blocks can be cut from a fat quarter). 3 Yards of red fabric (will make enough strips for a twin quilt).
- Muslin - 3 1/2 yards are needed for each twin quilt. 25 yards @ $1.99 a yard (a bolt) with a Joann's 40% off coupon would cost $33.
- Twin quilt tops (do you have an extra quilt top in your studio?)
- Long-armers willing to quilt the quilts.
- Batting for the twin quilts (in a size that will equal 80 x 100 inches).

Minnesota Visiting Nurses Project on-going needs:
- Baby quilts size 45 x 45 inches. A quilt this size can be used a play mat or used by parents to cover a child in a stroller during Minnesota's long winters. The quilt will cover the child and not drag under the wheels of the stroller when using public transportation.
- Donations of batting for baby quilts.

Meals On Wheels Project:
- Winter themed or winter holiday placemats (placemats will be delivered in December).

Quilt Coaching ~ Sue Stein

Do you need an experienced teacher for your group, or a one-on-one coach to help you explore surface design or art quilting? Go to www.susan-stein.com or call 651-303-6858

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September 2015
Debbie Bowles of Maple Island Quilts, Guest Speaker October 1 and 3, and Friday Workshop

Thursday evening: “It Doesn't Always Have to Match”

It's easy to get stuck in a personal rut in quilt making. This lecture and trunk show will provide you with ideas and examples about teaching yourself to take small (or larger) risks in your quilt making - from fabric to design.

Saturday: “Life is not a Straight Piece”

We’ll look at some easy curves and get excited about what can happen when the lines aren’t all straight. Informative fun for all quilters who “don’t do curves”!

October 2, 9:00– 4:00, Workshop: Cutting Curves Techniques Workshop

In this technique workshop you will try out 3 different Cutting Curves techniques that are inventive rotary cut and machine stitched: the Pagodas/Eureka Curve, the Bent Pieces Curve and the Carnival Curves. With each technique you will create a block (s) or segment.

After trying out the techniques each student will receive one pattern of their choice that features their favorite technique and have fun becoming a quilter with curves! There will also be demos of additional curve techniques.

About Maple Island Quilts:

“I began my pattern company in the spring of 1998 and have had great fun designing my slightly unusual and achievable patterns for all of you. I began teaching across the United States and Canada at about the same time. In 2001, my first book, Cutting Curves from Straight Pieces was published by American Quilter’s Society, and then in 2003, my second book, Dancing Quilts from Straight Pieces was published again by AQS. Each year has brought new adventures and allowed me the opportunity to meet so many of you.
2016 Show News  mq2016@mnquilt.org
Quilt Show Co-coordinators are Jean Carr and Rita Culshaw.

We are very excited to be Co-Coordinators of the 2016 Quilt Show and Conference in St Cloud. With the help of our fabulous committee volunteers, we know it will be the best show ever!!! But – we still need some help to make our show committee complete:

- Non-Judged Exhibit – 2 people
- Small Quilt Auction – 2 people
- Special Exhibits – 1 person (The volunteer already in place would love your help!)
- Vendors – 1 person (Join a team already in progress)

As you can see our roster is almost complete. The only person we are missing is YOU!! So please contact us with your choice of committee. It’s a great way to make friends. That’s how we did it!!!

2017 Show News

Be a part of helping to make the 2017 Show in Duluth happen! The most fun job on the show is that of Show Coordinator which can be done by one person or two! We also need to be working on our 2017 Show Challenge and on 2017 Faculty now! If you would be interested in working on any of these committees and want more information about what is involved, please contact Linda Wines, MQ Show Director, at 612.910.7127 or showdirector@mnquilt.org.

Raffle Quilt Proposals

We are accepting proposals for the 2017 and 2018 MQ Raffle Quilts. This is an ideal time for you, your quilting friends, or your quilt group to consider whether you can support the Minnesota Quilters mission by proposing a design, a construction process (for example: one person constructs the quilt or several people construct the quilt), and a finishing process (for example: hand quilted by one or many or machine quilted).

If you think you might be interested, more information is provided on the MQ Website. On the home page, click on the link “Call for Raffle Quilt proposals!” in the Latest News section.

SAVE THE DATES!

2016 Saint Cloud June 9 - 11
2017 Duluth June 8 - 10
2018 Saint Cloud June 14 - 16
2019 Rochester June 13 - 15
2020 Saint Cloud June 11 - 13
2021 Rochester June 10 - 12
Block of the Month - October 2015 - Walk in the Dark

I'm still practicing my half-square triangles this month and with good reason. Don’t look too closely at the sample block because I managed to knock off the tip of the point in several places! I’m going to try again tomorrow. In the meantime, this article needs to be done for the newsletter, so please just mind the directions and forgive my poor sample block. Practice, as they say, makes perfect.

This block is called “Country Road.” When you put four blocks together, you get a lovely hourglass pattern that adds lots of life and movement to the quilt surface. Add a mix of Halloween fabrics and we create a very lively and spooky walk in the dark!

Block Size
Unfinished: 9 ½" x 9 ½"
Finished: 9" x 9"

Materials
(This will be enough to create one block.)
Cut 4, 2 3/8” squares in a dark Halloween print, then divide in half on the diagonal to create 8 right square triangles.
Cut 4, 2 3/8” squares in a contrasting Halloween print. Divide the 4 squares into 8 right square triangles.
Cut 1 8” square in each color, then divide the square on the diagonal to create two triangles.

Directions
Begin with the smaller half-square triangles and arrange in alternate colors to create a shape that looks as shown in this illustration:

Please note that it takes seven light and seven dark half-square triangles (HST) to create this center section. After stitching the smaller triangles together, you will attach the dark triangle on the upper side (the edge with lighter triangles). Press the seams as needed but be cautious about stretching the bias edges as you work.

Now attach the lighter triangle to the bottom (dark) edge of the center section. You will notice that the two larger triangles are slightly longer than the edge of the center section. Simply center the larger triangle on the edge, stitch it in place and then trim the block to the 9 ½” finished size.

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 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 the blocks 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 20 blocks (3 if we have 30+, 4 if we have 40+).

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.

For the past few years Minnesota Quilters has participated in the statewide Minnesota Give to the Max Day. That day is fast approaching so please mark your calendars and consider making a tax deductible donation to MQ on November 12, 2015. Donations are tax deductible and may qualify for a match by your employer, so start thinking about donating now!! More than ever this year MQ needs member support as we have to move in 2016 and will need to incur extra expenses in doing so. Thank you for your past donations, and please consider highlighting MQ to your family and friends on Give to the MAX day or to donate any day, just send in to the MQ office!!

Here’s the Givemn.org page for Minnesota Quilters: https://givemn.org/organization/Minnesota-Quilters
Focus on Minnesota Quilters Business Members ~ Trish Hoskins, Crafty Planet, Minneapolis

Looking for a unique selection of quilting fabrics or supplies for knitting and embroidery? Trish Hoskins is owner of the Crafty Planet in Minneapolis and a new Business Member of Minnesota Quilters. Crafty Planet is a retail store that is known for providing a welcoming environment for sewists of “all skill levels, genders and orientations”. Trish says that they will help anyone interested in learning to sew, knit, embroider and quilt. Most of her customers range in age from 25 to 45 years old. Trish describes her customers as “a younger generation of crafters who are multi-dimensional and like to try new things”.

Trish commented that the store also attracts grandparents sewing for their grandkids, and offers classes for children too. At Crafty Camp, children can choose projects such as bags, pillow cases, head bands and basic skirts. Trish said that she has taught a number of her customers how to sew and they are now taking quilting classes at the Crafty Planet. Quilting, embroidery and knitting classes are held through out the year but are more popular outside of the summer months.

Crafty Planet has been in operation since about 2003. At that time, there was a lack of contemporary fabrics and embroidery designs in stores. Trish wanted to provide “a local outlet for manufactures and designers that I love” and decided to start her own store. The bulk of her fabric inventory is cotton. She plans to continue expanding class offerings and the apparel line of fabrics, especially jersey and knits which are “popular these days”.

Crafty Planet will appeal to everyone who is interested in fabrics that you may not find elsewhere. Trish looks for trends using social media such as Instagram, Pinterest and blogs that appeal to young, urban sewists and the modern quilter. Trish said that she chooses fabrics for the store that appeal to her personally and that she would love to sew. She added, “I won’t buy it if I don’t personally love it.”

The fabric lines offered by Crafty Planet are from manufacturers that quilters will recognize: Michael Miller, Moda, RJR, Alexander Henry, Timeless Treasure and Free Spirit. The fabric can range from reproduction to modern in style. Most of Crafty Planet’s business is through the retail store but fabrics are also available on-line. Currently, Crafty Planet’s on-line retail store is featuring a fabric from Alexander Henry’s “Africa-Mbali” that is quite colorful.

Trish added that she has a somewhat unusual collection of organic fabrics and commented that only a few of the manufacturers make organic fabric and prints such as Cloud 9, Monaluna and Birch. Trish noted that organic fabrics have been on the market for several years and are becoming more popular. The prices for organic fabrics are competitive and range from about $11 to $16 per yard depending on the manufacturer. Crafty Planet has a “Frequent Buyer” program and offers rewards for every $100 in purchases (not including sale items). The computer tracks purchases for you so there’s no need to keep receipts or carry a card. Rewards increase over time with additional purchases.

Trish shared that Crafty Planet’s welcoming environment has unexpectedly facilitated the meeting of “long-lost friends, former babysitters and an amazing number of people who have made connections at the shop”. Trish relayed a story about a teacher at Crafty Planet who became friends with one of the students. The teacher suggested to the student that “there’s a co-worker that you should meet”. The result? The student is now married and has a 5-year-old child. Trish said that there are a “decent number of men” who are sewists and knitters that visit the shop. Trish quickly adds that she “can’t promise a husband”. She commented that her own husband, Matt Devries, likes to “dabble” in knitting and sewing and helps some of the purchasing decisions for the store.

Trish was interested in sewing, knitting and embroidery long before she started Crafty Planet. Her mother was a “big crafter” and taught her to sew at an early age. Trish still has some of her embroidery and applique work that she did when she was a four-year-old child. She took a break from sewing in high school and started beading in college. Trish earned a degree in Russian and Library Science and continues to be a professional librarian. She was married in her 20’s and started sewing curtains and items for the house. Her first sewing machine was purchased from a thrift store. The machine was in good working order but she bought it before information was readily available on the internet. Trish said that it was “trial and error” before she figured out how it worked and that “she hasn’t stopped sewing since”. Her strong advice for buying used sewing machines? Make sure there’s a manual.

Crafty Planet is located at 2833 Johnson Street NE, Minneapolis, MN 55418. Go to www.craftyplanet for more information regarding upcoming classes, patterns, sale items and exclusives. Trish Hoskins can be contacted by email through the Crafty Planet website. Barbara Jackson
August Meetings Highlights

Our Thursday and Saturday meetings, and the workshop on Friday were presented by Lola Jenkins, a Quilt Artist from Oklahoma City, OK. Lola told very interesting stories about her life and her quilting journey. She was entertaining and energetic, she showed us many of her award winning quilts and talked about her somewhat unconventional quilt construction methods. Hearing her and seeing her quilts was great fun!

The Friday workshop was on creating a portrait. Most people used kits that Lola provided. The 20 participants were pleased, the class involved a lot of fast listening, taking notes, cutting and fusing.
August Studio Tours

Lori Allison, Prior Lake

The grass outside Lori’s back entry shows where she, by herself, loads up her big truck for road trips to various quilt shows all over the nation! There is a whole room of Kaffe Fassett fabrics is on the bolts for her business. She has a long arm machine and design wall with active projects. Work space plan fully laid out in an L. Her beautiful upstairs living space is in yellows with quilts and room décor. I want to be on her list of road trekkies!!

Jill Scholtz, Eden Prairie

Jill has quilts spread out in her incredible gardens, and a sewing room designed to be multi-purpose with the design wall attached to a Murphy bed, which will disappear if guests need a bed to sleep on. The beautiful and colorful quilts which were especially attractive were spread around the gardens and sewing room. A ping pong table gets double use when she uses it for fabric layouts.

Peggy Tanler, Eden Prairie

Peggy has a whole suite of rooms in the basement of her town house, each of which has specific uses, including her wine storage/batting room, a double wide ladder that holds finished quilts in plain view, and lots of unique quilts that she long arm quilts for creative customers. She keeps a closet especially for the lineup of quilts that she will quilt.

Susan Parham, Edina

Susan has a unique lower level sewing room and had a fantastic modern New York beauty on her bed. Wooden shelves line the wall of her sewing room with fabric organized neatly by colors. She also works with stones in a mosaic setting, which make the house join the beauty of the outdoor greenery. She has a collection of crazy quilts that she brings out during the Christmas season, and also worked in collaboration with the Mpls. Tribune to recreate one of a local artists drawings in fabric for a special show. (see quilt and Susan above)
Paulette Marini, Minnetonka

Paulette has beautiful gardens surrounding her home. Her studio is in the basement of her home and has many unique built in touches like specialized cabinets with WIDE tops and very organized (well labeled) crates stacked to make shelves holding different types of fabric. She even uses the downstairs bathroom for her fabric crates and makes her own piano key rolls to play with when she feels like “stripping”.

Pam Plocek

Pam has an incredible collection of thread displayed on unique thread holders, lots of sewing machines, old and new, and even a special one for her grandkids to use. Her sewing room looks out on a beautiful backyard scene, and the room has a life of its own filled with her past and present creations. She keeps her quilt books in an adjoining downstairs family room, with more beautiful old sewing machines on the shelves. Lots of lighting and lots of fabric caps off the room.

Thank you quilters for sharing your work spaces, and thank you to all the volunteers including organizer Kate Eelkema for the 2015 studio tour!

Martha Eaves
Show & Tell Quilters:
1. Mary Ann Baraibar
2, 3, 4. Bonnie Ellis
5. Martha Eaves
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20. Janet Malinowski
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**Bulletin Board**

- **July 7 to September 11**, See MQ’s Special Exhibit notice on page 4.
- **September 3 to October 26**, See MQ’s Special Exhibit notice on page 4.
- **September 10-12, Quilt Expo**, Madison, WI, wiquiltexpo.com
- **September 11-12, Prairie Star Quilt Show**, at Bethel Evangelical Free Church, 1125 S State St, Fairmont MN. Trunk show by Lin Hilgendorf on Friday at 11, 3, and Saturday at 11. Featured quilter is Nancy Paris. Quilts, vendors, demos.
- **September 17 to October 31**, See MQ’s Special Exhibit notice on page 4.
- **September 18-19, Heritage Quilters Guild Presents “Trunk Show With Liz Belina”**, silent auction, 6-9 pm, $3. Sat. workshop, “Posies”, 9-4, $30. Associated Church, Owatonna, MN.
- **September 19-20, Apple River Quilt Guild Presents “Celebrating Together”**, St. Joseph’s Catholic Church, north of Amery, WI on Hwy. 46. Friday 9-3, Saturday 10-3, admission $3, under 16 free. Raffle quilts, vendors, guild challenge, small quilt sale, bed turning, lunch on Saturday. Tell them you saw their ad in our newsletter on page 15.
- **September 20 to October 3, AQS Quilt Week Des Moines, www.dmaqw.org**
- **September 25 - 27, Country Quilters Guild Quilt Show in Willmar MN. Willmar Civic Center, 2707 Arena Dr NE.**
- **October 3, Women of the West Guild’s “Minnesota Memories” Quilt Show**, Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church, Plymouth, MN, 9 am-5 pm. Raffle quilt, 100+ quilts, boutique, speakers, vendors. Admission $6.
- **October 10-11, Mixed Sampler Quilt Show** at Webster High School, 7564 W Alder St, Webster WI.
- **October 16-17, Ladies of the Lake Quilt Show**, Redeemer Lutheran Church 3770 Bellaire Ave, White Bear Lake, MN. Many lovely quilts, presentations by Susan Stein, vendors, Boutique and Garage Sale.
- **October 16 & 17, Evening Star Quilters of Mahtomedi present a Quilters’ Country Fair**, a country fair-themed quilt show including more than one hundred quilts on display, a crafters’ garage sale, country market boutique, country fair refreshments, and quilt vendors. Learn about the Washington County Barn Quilt Trail Project from 12-year-old creator Olivia Nienaber. A Quilters’ Country Fair, located at the Mahtomedi District Education Center, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, opens Fri. 9-6, Sat. 9-4. Admission $4.
- **October 24, Windom Cotton Quilters Quilt Show.** Windom Area High School, Windom, MN. Admission $5, 9-4.
- **October 30-31, 2015 Treasures of Tomorrow Quilt Show**, Marshfield, WI. www.piecemakers.org
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