Minnesota Quilters Meetings
Thursday May 3, 7 pm
Saturday, May 5, 10 am

May Meetings
Diane Rose, Merle Pratt, ed@mnquilt.org

Pam Dinndorf of Aardvark Quilts, who is well-known for her classes on color theory and improvisational quilting techniques, will be speaking at our member meetings in May. She will present two terrific trunk shows.

On Thursday evening, May 3rd, she will present Colorific with quilts from her first book featuring ideas for color and print choices. On Saturday morning, May 5, she will present another trunk show titled Parallel Lines, which features the process of exploiting the powerful potential of striped fabrics. All of these promise lots of eye candy.

Pam will teach a workshop on May 4th from 9:30-4:00 titled Mandala Floor Pillow. The e-mail to register for this class has been sent. This pattern is a stunner.

May Quilters Garage Sale
Linda Huntzicker, Kathy Grinsteiner
doorprizes@mnquilt.org

MQ will have a quilters’ garage sale before the Saturday meeting in May. The sale begins at 8 am. Come early, bring money—cash or checks only. (No credit cards.) Shop for treasures for your sewing room, gifts for your quilting buddies, and supplies for charity projects.

We will need volunteers to help set up, staff the sale, and pack unsold items after the garage sale.

Quilt Show Registration Deadline
Thursday, May 31 – deadline to register for or to add classes and lectures, to purchase challenge packets and banquet tickets for the show in June.

Log in at www.mnquilt.org/mq2018 to begin. Assistance is available at registration@mnquilt.org or quiltentryhelp@mnquilt.org.
Upcoming Events
May 3 & 5, Member meetings
May 4, Pam Dinndorf workshop 9:30 am—4 pm
May 22, MQ Combined Board and Finance meeting, 5 pm
June 14-16, 2018, MQ Quilt Show & Conference, St. Cloud, Minnesota
December 1, MQ Holiday Brunch

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

DEADLINE for June Newsletter: Tuesday, May 8. Please send newsletter articles to editor@mnquilt.org. Later submissions may be saved for the following month's newsletter. The newsletter deadline is Tuesday after the Saturday meeting.

Minnesota Quilters Vision Statement
Minnesota Quilters will be a state-wide leader in providing creative quilting education, activities, and mentoring through a welcoming multi-generational community of quilters with various skills and abilities.

Adopted by Minnesota Quilters at the February 2018 board meeting.

President’s Greeting Adrianne Lemberg, president@mnquilt.org

Minnesota Quilters are busy making final show plans, whether finishing a quilt entry, gathering materials for a class they are taking or working as part of the committee to complete the final details for a successful 2018 show. It’s an exciting time. Show registration continues to be open through May 31st.

Minnesota quilters sure are a generous lot as demonstrated by the amazing number of show and tell that end with “I’m donating this to the Small Quilt Auction or Quilting for Others or Prior Crossing.” Thank you for that.

May meetings feature Pam Dinndorf of Aardvark Quilts. We’ll also have a garage sale—a chance pass on unwanted items and immediately restock. Look for more information in this newsletter.

Board Meeting Highlights, March and April Sharon Lawrence, secretary@mnquilt.org

The MQ bookkeeper received a new computer.
A donation of an Accuquilt has been received and will be demonstrated in July and auctioned with sealed bids in September. This brand new machine has loads of die cutters.
The Minnesota Historical Society presented MQP with a grant of $1750.
Vendors have provided new sewing machines for all classes at the MQ show and for the Quilting for Others area at the show. Attendees have the opportunity to test drive a new machine and possibly purchase it at a reduced price.
The slate of candidates for the board is being put together for this year’s annual meeting by Past President Rose Allen.
Membership has 968 current members; there is still time to reach our 1,000-member goal before the June show. Invite your non-member quilting friends.
April Meeting Highlights

April was the 40th birthday of Minnesota Quilters! Everybody loves a birthday party, so we celebrated. On Thursday evening we had the multi-talented Sandi Irish present a trunk show of some of her beautiful quilts and patterns.

On Saturday morning Bonnie Ellis presented a history of MQ, followed by brief but informative round-robin style presentations by Sue Stein, Nancy Eha, Sue Rutford, Paige Johnson and Carol Adleman. At both meetings we honored our founding mothers and enjoyed birthday cake.

A Brief History of Minnesota Quilters by Bonnie Ellis, thanks to Helen Kelley, Sharon Bobgan and Martha Eaves who wrote things down and what I can remember.

In 1978, forty years ago, our quilt tools were a needle and thread, scissors, cardboard for making patterns, a pencil, and a metal-edged ruler. Patterns were from old newspapers or hand-me-downs. But we were interested in making quilts.

Several things had sparked an interest in the quilt revival. In 1973 the Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C., showed an exhibit of quilts on the walls and called it art. Known as women's handiwork by many and not valued much, this is the first time women were honored for these skills. In 1976 the Bicentennial drew interest in all things old, including quiltmaking. That summer several charter members attended a quilt show in Warren, Michigan. The next year an international quilt symposium was held in Lincoln, Nebraska. During that time Pat Cox, Helen Kelley, Jeannie Spears and I were teaching quilting. We met together and decided we needed a quilt group. Eventually joined by others, we met both as teachers and as a group. Minnesota Quilters was born.

We met for a short time at the St. Paul YWCA until the Y wanted us to pay for a membership. We decided we wanted our own group. Our first general meeting was in June, 1978, at Norma Ahlquist’s home in northeast Minneapolis. Her program was on the use of color. Helen Kelley was asked to be president; Agnes Leer and Norma Ahlquist, vice-presidents; Kay Bailey, secretary-treasurer; Nellie Bredesen, historian; Marcie Ryan, membership; Helen Meehan and Trudy Finden, telephone callers; and Bonnie Ellis, public relations. Dues were $10.

The first year we had a booth at the State Fair, made vests, had a newsletter typewritten on white paper, and a holiday party. The first pattern in the newsletter, kites and spider webs, was submitted by Agnes Leer. One of the first newsletters used the term quilt-a-holic.

In January our first show was chaired by Jeannie Spears and Pat Cox. The first mention of using a computer to design a quilt was in 1980. We had our 500th member in 1981. In September, 1982, dues went to $15 per year. In 1985 we published a quilter’s resource directory, and that new tool, Olfa cutter, was demonstrated. Hmong women showed us how they appliqued, using polyester-covered cotton thread. They peeled off the polyester layer and used the thin thread that was left for their incredible stitching.

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The Minnesota Quilt Project was established in 1987. In June we moved the meetings to Machinist's Hall. For our tenth anniversary in 1988 we had a luncheon and dinner meeting, and an MQ hankie was given to all. We had 975 members.

By 1996 we had 1400 members. In 1997 the U.S. postage stamp featured a quilt block. We celebrated our twentieth birthday with a panel of original members. In 1999 the first Quilter of the Year was named – Helen Kelley, a charter member who had been our first president.

Living charter members are Carol Adleman, Pat Cox, Lyda DeHaven, Bonnie Ellis, Trudy Finden Harper, JoAnn Holtznecht, Shirley Kranz, Agnes Leer, Carol Laitala, Marci Ryan, Jeannie Spears, Susan Stein, and Pat Emmings.

Deceased are Marilyn Shimek, Helen Kelley, Norma Ahlquist, Kay Bailey, Sharon Bobgan, Nellie Bredesen, Ann Degen, Donna Hear, Helen Meehan and Elaine Strese.

Having begun with 23 charter members, MQ has had many presidents, volunteers and great service projects. Thanks to all of you for making Minnesota Quilters what it is today. It’s great to be a part of something that has lasted so long.

Volunteer Corner

Nancy Hall, Loretta Stone, Mary Tague, volunteer@mnquilt.org

Our volunteers are wonderful, and they have a good time. Please join us if you can! Thanks to all of you who volunteered this past month. We ask that all volunteers continue to record their hours on the white slips at the meetings. Not only do you get a chance at a door prize, but we need your hours to give to the bookkeeper for our audit at the end of the fiscal year. Thanks so much to all of you who turn in hours on the slips each month. You turned in 511 hours for the first quarter of this fiscal year. Congratulations!

If you are interested in the following position or have questions about it, please e-mail volunteer@mnquilt.org or talk to us at the meetings. Our new fiscal year started on October 1, 2017, and there is one position open at the current time. Please let us know if you would be interested in volunteering for a position this year. Do you like to visit new quilt shops when they open? If so, this might be the position for you. Let us know. This is a volunteer organization and we need all our wonderful volunteers!

Currently available position:

Business Member Coordinator: This person contacts quilting businesses to become members of our organization. I am sure many of you like to go to quilt shops. For more information contact Barbara Jackson at meyer98@comcast.net.

If you are interested in any other positions, please let us know. We would love to be able to find something for you to help with at meetings.

Quilting for Others

Linda Wines, qfo@mnquilt.org

In April the Friday Quilting for Others workday had a great turnout of very productive quilters. Aileen Lively finished this Baby Quilt, and Gail Smith made this twin-sized quilt for Harriet Tubman.
Remember Me... Stories about Minnesota Quilters

Agnes Leer, who is a Minnesota Quilters founding mother, remembers that as a young child she sat with her grandmother as she made quilts. Years later Agnes decided that she would like to make a quilt with the fabric she had left from dresses she had made for her three daughters. As she describes below, that was when her own personal quilting journey began.

It was 1969, and there were no quilt shops or books readily available to me. One day at my in-law’s home I saw a North Dakota Farmer’s magazine that had quilt patterns and small quilt books that you could order. That was my start in quilting.

I ran out of clothing fabric scraps and went to J.C. Penny’s to find cotton fabrics, which were only 36” wide and cost about $1.69 per yard. At about that time I saw an article in the St. Paul paper that there was a group of women meeting at the YWCA for quilting. I joined that group but soon thereafter we were told we had to be YWCA members to use the room. We decided to continue the group but to meet at member’s houses. We met at Norma Alquist’s home, and that was really the beginning of Minnesota Quilters. I have learned so much from those great ladies in those early years. I eventually was asked to teach a quilt class at the Community Education programs in Rosemount and Lakeville, and I also taught a class at a quilt shop in Apple Valley.

I have made more than 100 quilts and really enjoy doing the handwork. I love both hand-quilting and appliqué. Many of my first quilts were my own patterns and personalized for each of my eight grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Each member of my family has a least one quilt that I made, as do many of my friends. I have a few quilts left and use them on the beds in my home. The one in the attached picture is one of my favorites and is used in my guest room. It is hand-quilted. I also have made many banners for my church. Through quilting I have made many wonderful friends and learned so much from them.

The excitement of finding a pattern and choosing the fabric can lift my spirits. Then the process of getting started with the cutting and sewing and the excitement of seeing a finished project and being asked “who gets this one?” makes my life so fulfilled. At present I am making a quilt for my great-granddaughter. I miss going to MQ meetings but at 91 years, I no longer drive to the Cities. I also spend my time knitting and reading. I wish to all the members of MQ “Many Happy Hours of Stitching.”

Minnesota Quilt Project Corner

Carolyn Silflow, mqp@mnquilt.org

The Minnesota Quilt Project is planning its booth for the MQ show in St. Cloud. In honor of the 40th ruby anniversary of MQ, the booth will feature a display of antique quilts: “Red and White Quilts Through Time.”

Plan to see the quilts and to shop the collection of vintage quilts, tops, blocks, and quilt books for sale.
MQ Show and Conference Registration

Jan Schmidt, Char Wenger
registration@mnquilt.org

There is still time to register for the Quilt Show in St. Cloud. The deadline for Registration and changes to your registration is May 31. If you purchased cancelation insurance, this is the last day to get any refunds. Also, if you find at the last minute that you are unable to attend, you still can transfer your registration and classes to someone else. Contact registration and we will see that the changes are made.

After May 31, we will print out and assemble the packets that you will pick up at the advance registration area in St. Cloud. No need to pick up the registration before you attend class, just stop by advance registration to pick up your show bag, pin and three-day pass before you go to the show floor.

New this year is that admissions will be open on Wednesday from 4 to 7:30 pm to sell tickets to the Sneak Preview and single day admission tickets for any day at the show. Advanced registration will continue to sell tickets for lectures, classes that are not sold out, and sneak preview. Registration opens at 7:30 am Wednesday through Saturday. On Wednesday registration closes at 6:00 pm. Check the show book for closing times for other days. See you at the show.

MQ Challenges

Jude Edling, challenge@mnquilt.org

2017-18 Rubies Challenge Call For Entries

The deadline for entering the 2018 Rubies challenge was April 20th, and your project needs to be turned in at a May MQ meeting or delivered to the show by noon on Monday, June 11th. Challenge items may also be delivered to the MQ office from May 29 through June 1 during office hours. There is still time to make something for the challenge exhibit.

2018-19 Global Inspiration Challenge

Register for the show and pre-order the 2019 Global Inspiration challenge bundles of luscious Cherrywood fabrics in Deep and Bright hues of red, yellow, blue and green. Even though bundles will be for sale at the show, quantities are limited. Please pre-order. Among the many benefits of registering online for the show is that your pre-ordered bundles will be happily waiting for you at Advanced Registration where you pick up your show bag and show materials.

The Global Inspiration challenge is a celebration of the world of textiles, quilting techniques and embellishments. It's also a celebration of our amazing world of creatures, cultures and climes. Begin with the four Cherrywood fabrics and add one to four international fabrics. Let your imagination join with your Global Inspiration to create something marvelous for the 2019 MQ show in Rochester.

Small Quilt Auction

Lynnette Wass, Carla Kilkelley, smallquiltauction@mnquilt.org

Greetings from your friendly Small Quilt Auction ladies. When we first began to request small quilts, we were anticipating a white Christmas. Now that it's after Easter, snow has worn out its welcome, but the donation of your little quilts certainly has not. They are eagerly anticipated along with the show that's only a month away. Hopefully you are inspired by the arrival of spring to try something new on a small scale and send it our way. The sale of these little beauties funds our grant program and supports quilt programming on public television.

We gratefully thank those who have already contributed their handiwork, and there is still plenty of room for yours. You can bring your quilts to the May meetings, mail them to the office, or drop them off at the show. We will be hanging them on Wednesday afternoon before the Sneak Preview. Remember to sign or pin your name to your pieces as there will be prizes for workmanship.

Happy quilting!

Bus Tours to the Quilt Show

Virginia Gleason, Margaret Lundberg, bustours@mnquilt.org

Hello Minnesota Quilters. Consider organizing a tour bus to the MQ Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud in June. Go to the mnquilt.org website to find the tour bus incentives. Saturday is a good day to visit the show. One the Learning Stage that day we'll offer a special talk of Barn Quilts around Minnesota.
Faculty Preview

Coming to the 2018 Minnesota Quilters Show in St. Cloud…Kimberly Einmo

Kimberly Einmo is an author, award-winning quilter, designer, international instructor and quilt judge. She has written six best-selling books published by the American Quilter's Society and has hosted five popular online courses on Craftsy with more than 112,000 students from around the world.

Her monthly column “Kimberly's Korner” is printed in American Quilter Magazine. She has written dozens of articles and featured projects which have appeared in numerous publications. In addition she has appeared on television and radio programs such as America Quilts Creatively and the American Quilting and Patchwork Radio Show. She has won many prestigious awards including Best Modern Quilt for “Fire and Ice” in 2014.

She has visited almost every U.S. state and has travelled extensively to lecture and teach. She headlined at the Prague Patchwork Meeting in the Czech Republic three years, and she has taught on more than two dozen quilting cruises, such as to Alaska, the Caribbean, Mexico and Europe. Most of all, she loves to meet quilters and to share her joy and passion with everyone.

Kimberly is teaching four classes and delivering one lecture at the Minnesota Quilt Show in June

Lone Starburst—Design a unique Lone Starburst variation quilt. All it takes are forty 2½” strips from a purchased precut bundle or strips cut from your stash, plus one background fabric. The diamond design possibilities are practically endless. Kimberly will teach you how to strip-piece and cut diamond building blocks from strips using her EZ Jelly Roll Ruler with no Y- or set-in seams.

Lotsa Dots—Dots are hot. Learn Kimberly’s new signature technique to create this eye-catching quilt. With a little preparation you’ll be able to dive right in and use the Accuquilt GO! cutter in class to quickly and accurately cut your squares and circles to construct this clever quilt. Kimberly will show you how to take your simple circles from ordinary to extraordinary with her new, signature, twin needle machine applique technique.

Good Morning Sunshine—Do a little prep work before class to be ready to spend the day learning new techniques, trying out the ease of the Accuquilt GO! Cutter, and sewing a stunning, modern variation of a Dresden plate quilt.

Celebrations Mystery Quilt—Whether you enjoy the intrigue and suspense of not knowing the final outcome or if you have never had the courage to tackle making a mystery quilt before, Kimberly's mystery quilt classes and patterns are perfect for you. She designed the entire process to be simple, fun, and stress-free so you can take as much risk as you like with your fabric selections or risk nothing at all.

Lecture—Creative Spaces: Turn Your Sewing Room into a Creative Studio Your sewing room should be a place where you feel happy and inspired to create. As a military wife with 15 moves under her belt, Kimberly has set up sewing studios in each of her homes and is excited to share what she’s learned for making the most of the space you’ve got. Thursday – 1:00 pm
MQ Show Merchandise

Have you checked out our new merchandise? We have several new items this year, including a jacket and cardigan embroidered with the Minnesota Quilters logo, as well as new shirts imprinted with this year’s show design. These and other MQ items can be purchased at our monthly meetings and will also be available at the 40th Anniversary Quilt Show and Conference in St. Cloud. We are accepting mail orders for selected merchandise. For the first time ever, you can purchase the 2018 MQ shirts, cardigans and jackets using the MQ Merchandise by Mail link on the home page of mnquilt.org. Click the line, print the MQ Order Form and follow the instructions for completing and mailing to the Minnesota Quilters office.

To All Judged Quilt Entrants

You have registered your quilt, but have you registered for the quilt show? If you are planning to come in person and see all of the quilts in the show, it is a good idea to pre-register. Why? If you pre-register, you receive the special show bag and pin when you arrive, plus your name badge and tickets to any lectures, classes, or special events that you registered for are waiting for you at the Advanced Registration desk. Inside your packet will be an “Entrant” ribbon to attach to your name badge, as well as a free ticket to the “What Were the Judges Thinking?” lecture at 9:00 am on Thursday.

If you find a ribbon on your quilt, stop at the Show Director’s desk to get a “Winner” ribbon to add to your name badge.

We encourage you to pre-order a ticket ($10) for the Sneak Preview from 6:00 to 9:00 pm on Wednesday so you can be part of the Celebration of the Award Winners. Join us at the Learning Stage at 7:00 pm for the “Unveiling the Mystery of the Judging Room” presentation - two new activities for the 2018 show.

After you register for the show, start thinking about packaging and shipping or delivering your quilt to Minnesota Quilters. Here are a few points to remember:

- The bag or box you use for shipping or delivery should be sized appropriately for your quilt.
- The bag or box your quilt is in should be strong enough to withstand handling during shipping and drop off.
- You are responsible for insuring your quilt to and from the delivery sites. Minnesota Quilters provides insurance for your quilt only after it is received and is in the possession of Minnesota Quilters.
- Follow the instructions outlined in the entry letter you will receive. Entry letters will be mailed by April 28.
- If you are shipping your quilt or dropping it off at Gruber’s, write the entry number on the box or bag.
- If you have questions, e-mail Kate Eelkema or Melissa Griggs at judged@mnquilt.org.
Charming City Stroll  
Mary Jane Heng, Kathy Reisinger, stroll@mnquilt.org

If you haven’t already registered for the Charming City Stroll, there is still time to do so. For $19 you will receive a Passport to take to ten designated businesses near the convention center. At each business your Passport will be punched, and you will receive a metal charm. After you have visited all ten shops, you will have an assortment of ten different metal charms, each with a quilting or sewing theme. When your Passport is completed, bring it to the Charming Stroll table and receive a fabric charm pack.

This year, in keeping with MQ’s Ruby Anniversary, we chose a red and white fabric line, The Little Things, designed by Robin Kingsley of Bird Brain Designs. As a special anniversary bonus you will also receive a cute “ruby” charm to attach to your scissors.

2019 MQ Quilt Show and Conference  
Brenda Lyseng, showdirector@mnquilt.org

Are you interested in serving on the 2019 Show Committee? There are lots of different positions available. Some are more intense earlier in the year, and others are busy closer to the show. Our work on the next show begins right after the current show ends.

The 2019 show will be held in Rochester which hasn’t hosted Minnesota Quilters for several years. Be part of the inner workings of the show, get behind the scenes, and learn what needs to be done to produce a successful quilt show year after year, mostly created by your fellow quilter volunteers.

Contact Brenda Lyseng at showdirector@mnquilt.org for more information.

President’s Invitational  
Adrianne Lemberg, president@mnquilt.org

Several Minnesota Quilter members have shared their quilts for Prior Crossing at recent meetings. These quilts will make up the President’s Invitational show exhibit. The bed-sized quilts (mattresses measure 55” x 80”) may have a touch of ruby to honor MQ’s 40th year. MQ logo labels for the back of each quilt are available at our membership meetings. If you have questions or need a quilt label, please contact me by e-mail at president@mnquilt.org. Please note that no hanging sleeve is needed for these quilts.

There are a few ways to deliver your quilt. If you are coming early to help set up the show in St. Cloud, you may deliver your quilt directly to the quilt drop off area near the volunteer desk. Otherwise, quilts will be collected at the May meetings. Also, MQ member Dee Legvold thoughtfully offered to transport Prior Crossing quilts. You can find her at The Quilting Page in Eagan. After the show each quilt will be donated to a young person living at Prior Crossing in St. Paul.

Non-Judged Quilt Entries  
Wanda Shelton and Kathleen Winters, nonjudged@mnquilt.org

Thank you for entering your quilts in the Non-judged exhibit. We expect to mail out the entry letters and tags for your quilts and their bags by May 10th. The letter will have instructions about delivering your quilt to a participating shop or to the show. If you are delivering your quilt to a participating shop, the time to do that is from May 29 through June 2 only. Confirm the shop’s hours before you go there.

Note that the Stillwater Sew with Me shop has an updated address since the registration book was printed. The new address is 1250 Frontage Road, Stillwater.

Missing Quilt →

If you have any information about this MQ member’s missing quilt, please contact the MQ office at quilter@mnquilt.org or 651.224.3572. Thank you!
April Show & Tell Quilts

Many of the quilts shown at the April meetings are here and on the following page. Thank you to Ellen Wold and Carrie D’Andrea for taking these photos.

Quilts may not be shown if no photo was taken or if:

1-the quilter’s name on the sign-in sheet was illegible, 2-the description could not be reliably matched to its photo, 3-the quilter did not indicate permission for MQ to print the photo, or 4-the quilter did not sign in on the sheet.

If you want a photo of your quilt included in the newsletter, you must print your name legibly, describe what your quilt looks like so it can be matched with a photograph, and indicate permission for MQ to include the photo of your quilt in the newsletter. Thank you.

Becca Brackett—two quilts

Carol Adleman—two quilts

Darci Read—two quilts

Elisa Frederick

Faye Bodenhamer—three quilts

Jan Shaffer

Karen Ohlson
Notes from the MQ Office… We use a lot of office supplies in the MQ office, and sometimes our members donate extra supplies. If you come across something at home that you don’t need, here’s a list of what we use.

Envelopes. Have you ever received mail from MQ in a colored, oddly shaped, or windowed envelope? A few years ago a member worked at an envelope company. When their office moved, they gave away boxes of new envelopes. She called and asked what I could use. We are just now starting to run out of those envelopes and will soon be out of #10’s which are the standard 9.5" x 4.25" business envelopes (non-window). We prefer the self sealing type so we don’t get paper cuts on our faces from licking the flaps. Just kidding, if they are the licking kind, we tape them closed. Which brings me to the next item.

U.S. postage stamps. We use the first class fifty cent stamps, the Forever stamps, and the two-ounce stamps.

Chocolate. All three employees accept chocolate.

If you wish to drop something off, please call the office first at 651-224-3572.

We want to thank all of you. We wouldn’t have jobs at MQ if it weren’t for you. All of your donations and volunteer time for MQ events and the annual Quilt Show & Conference make it possible for us to work at MQ. Thank you.

Brenda, Debra and Renae
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