

MINOT PRAIRIE QUILT GUILD

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November/December 2010

Thursday November 4, 2010--Refreshments served at 7:00

Thursday December 2, 2010--Potluck at 6:30

Meeting starts at 7:15 pm

LOCATION: Vincent United Methodist Church

1024 2nd Street SE, Minot, ND

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From the President

THIS NEWSLETTER WILL BE YOUR LAST FOR 2010.

Keep it handy as it contains information for the months of November AND December.

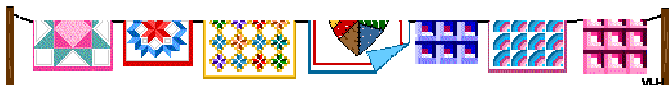
Aren't we having terrific fall weather! The cold temps and frost have nipped the flowers and our gardens, but that lets us focus our thoughts on indoor activities - and quilting! I'm sure those UFOs are hoping you'll complete them in time for the holidays - or dare we start to think about projects for next year's Festival.....

November is traditionally the month to present our community service quilts to local charities. Lynn has four charities this year that will be attending our meeting to accept the completed quilts. I want to thank everyone for their many contributions to this year's efforts.

Are you a new 2010 member to the guild? If so, we are holding a special informational session just for **YOU** prior to the November meeting. The topics discussed will be how to square up your quilts and how to prevent those wavy borders. The session will be from 6:30 to 6:45 p.m. in the small choir room.

Raffle ticket sales have been going very well. I would encourage everyone to bring their ticket stubs and money to the Nov. meeting. You will still have an opportunity to sell and/or purchase additional tickets until the beginning of the December meeting. With only about 450 tickets left, it is conceivable that we could exceed 4,000 sold tickets! Great job, ladies!

As we continue to try and solve our guild's storage dilemma, we'd like to let everyone know we are still in need of a "climate-controlled" storage space for the articles previous housed in the church basement. We will discuss this matter further at the November meeting, but briefly, if anyone is aware of a space that would have the approximate size of an 8 x 12 foot area, please contact me ASAP with the details.



As stated above, this is the last newsletter for 2010 and it contains information for December's meeting as well. With that in mind, I would like to just remind the board members who are not serving in their same capacity next year to please turn in the embroidered name tag, any file materials, and their 2010 yearly report at the November meeting. These items will be passed on to the new board chairs. Secret Pals will be revealed in December, the raffle quilt winner will be announced, as well as the winners for Block of the Month and Challenge to Change.

Our meeting in December will begin at 6:30 because of the pot luck and the festival brochures will be handed out. It would be so much fun to see all the Christmas projects, either completed or still "in progress" at our December show and tell.

As always, let's "go green". See you all on November 4th AND December 2nd.

Luanne

October 7, 2010 Guild Meeting Minutes

Shop hop to Prairie Rose Quilt Shop, Bernina Plus, and the Quilted Bean, were enjoyed by all! Thanks to Carmen, Julie/Pam, and Mardi for letting us shop.

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Speaker Connie Sundby began our two-part program for the evening. She is a 7-yr. cancer survivor, and spoke on the "Tough Enough to Wear Pink" program that she was instrumental in organizing and partnering with the YMCA. Her motto is "Check Yourself on the Front – Pat Yourself on the Back," it may save your life!

Msgt. Tracey Buechler from the Minot Air Force Base was introduced as the second part of our program. She spoke about the breast cancer auction and luncheon coming up on October 29th at the MAFB. The guild presented her with four "pink" quilts, a table runner, and tote/purse for the auction. Contact Becky Spies for a ride and to gain entrance to the Base if you are going to the luncheon.

President Luanne asked all in attendance to raise their glasses for a celebration toast to the IRS. MPQG is now officially a 501(c)(3) public charity. The guideline brochure was presented to Treasurer, Sally Mosser.

President Luanne began the business meeting with the introduction of our six guests: Peggy Lentz, Beatrice Rhodes, Gina Denny, Laura Neal, Mare Pignet and Vivian Young. There were a total of 50 members present.

Hostesses were introduced. The question this month is: will you dress in costume for Halloween, and if so, what will you be. The hostess winner was Lynn Sys.

Name Tag drawing was won by Gladys Lowell.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the newsletter was made, seconded and voice vote carried. Sally presented her Treasurer's report. It was noted that a list of nominations was printed in the newsletter. We are still looking for a Membership Chairman. Jean Knutson asked the membership for a co-chair to the Vice-Presidency. Jan Hinzpeter volunteered to co-chair.

BUSINESS:

Pres. Luanne reminded the membership that Festival Hospitality (Patty B.) is requesting "happy" bug fabric – no worms or spiders. The minimum size would be a 6 inch square.

Library Chair, Sandy Duchscherer, introduced 15 new books that are ready for checkout.

Sharon Torgerson gave a Festival report. All systems are "go" at this time.

We received a thank you note from Home on the Range for Boys and Girls for the quilt that the guild donated for their upcoming auction. A small gift was included with the thank you for Gladys Lowell who quilted and bound the quilt prior to donation.

Pres. Luanne gave a report for Comm. Service Chair, Lynn Heald. There are many quilts that need to be quilted and bound before the meeting next November. Some of these quilts, and others that need borders, etc., are on the back table and members were encouraged to take them home and complete them.

Raffle Chair, Marjorie Arnold, gave a report on the sale of tickets. We sold 1,060 tickets at Hostfest. It was noted to the membership that we are missing the risers. If anyone has them, please return them to the storage area.

Pres. Luanne reported that we will not have the basement storage area in the church once the remodeling is completed. A request was made for suggestions to this problem.

The secret pal gifts were distributed.

BOM Chair, Roberta Flannigan, presented the new block. Janice Talley won the BOM drawing.

Hospitality sign-up sheets are at the membership table. Please sign up for a month if you have not already done so.

Historian, Rosie Armstrong, stated she is moving to Rugby and that Patty Brethem will take over the duties of Historian. Rosie has our history book updated through Hostfest and encouraged members to look it over before leaving the meeting.

Show & Tell: There were four members showing. There were also 6 community service quilts presented.

Artfest is October 18th and Pres. Luanne has a \$5 coupon for admittance that is available to any member attending.

November hostesses were asked to meet with Patty after the meeting.

Next Festival Board meeting will be October 21st at 6pm. Next Board meeting will be October 21st at 7pm.

Next Guild meeting will be November 4th.

The representatives of the quilt shops talked briefly about new patterns, fabric and classes at their shops.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 pm
Lynn Sys, Interim Secretary

October Guests

Peggy Lentz
Beatrice Rhodes
Gina Denney
Laura Neal
Mare Pignet
Vivian Young

October Show and Tell

1. Gerry Burns 4 Table runners
2. Lorraine Hansen Bed throw
3. Judi Green Halloween wall hanging
4. Nancy Fry Felted wool from Hostfest
Six Community Service quilts were also presented

October 21, 2010 – MPQG Board Meeting

Members Present: Luanne Duchsherer, Kathy Gregg, Jennifer Feller, Roberta Flannigan, Merry Green, Lynn Heald, Nita Korgel, Sally Mosser, Carol Kraft, Deb Frost, Lyla Kraft, Patty Bretheim, Janice Talley, Sandy Bacon, Sandra Duchscherer and Bonnie Deutch.

Motion by Becky, seconded by Nita, to accept the minutes of the September board meeting as printed in the newsletter. Voice vote carried. Treasurer Sally reported on expenditures and income for the past month stating the guild has a balance of \$8,624.37.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Newsletter: Deadline is October 25th. Due to the absence of both Carol and Deb over Thanksgiving, we will have the November and December newsletters combined. Carol stated she purchased the forever stamps.

Programs: There will be a session for new members prior to the Nov. meeting hosted by Pam Abrahamson on squaring up quilts. Merry stated that Jackie Slagle will do a demo on the Crickit. Merry will also send thank you notes to the shop hop participants which will include a survey form.

Membership: Becky reports that this position for 2011 remains open. Efforts continue to fill the position.

Library: Sandy reported that there remain a number of library books still not returned. She will publish the list again in the newsletter, as well as making phone calls to those members.

Publicity: Janice reported that our coverage of the shop hop in the Minot Daily was minimal; however, the TV stations did carry all the information on their community calendars.

Comm. Service: Lynn stated the charities for this year's quilt distribution are: PATH, Domestic Violence, Minot Area Homeless Coalition and Faith United Methodist Church. We have approximately 50 quilts to distribute. We will have tables reserved for the representatives from these groups that attend our meeting.

Festival: Jennifer reported that everything is on track.

Hospitality: November's meeting is taken care of. We will do a potluck for the December meeting with A-K bringing.

Block of the Month: Roberta showed the November block and explained the contest for the December meeting. The categories and rules/guidelines will be printed in the newsletter and announced at the Nov. meeting.

Saturday Sewing: Discussion was had concerning having education during the Saturday sewing dates, along with completion of Community Service projects. This will be discussed further.

Secret Pal: Reminder that members should bring for their Secret Pal in November, but in December their gifts should be for the person that has given to them all year.

Raffle Tickets: There remain approximately 440 tickets for distribution to the membership. 1,060 tickets were sold at Hostfest.

Name Tags: Chairpersons were reminded to return their embroidered name tag if they are not continuing in their position next year so that it can be passed to the new chairperson.

Tax Exempt Status: Bonnie discussed our filing obligations now that we are tax exempt. Motion made by Nita, seconded by Becky to allow for an expenditure for assistance from Brady Martz to file our 2009 return.

Off-site storage: Luanne and Becky discussed their findings concerning alternate location sites and storage space. It was decided that we will stay at VUMC and continue to look for climate controlled storage space to house the guilds belongings.

State Fair: Plans are being made to meet with State Fair representatives concerning judges. More information should be available at the November board meeting.

NDSQC: No final determination as to available funds has been made by the State Council at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Luanne Duchsherer, Interim Secretary

NOVEMBER PROGRAM: Jackie Slagle will demonstrate the CRICUT machine which accurately cuts out shapes and letters from fabric.



NOVEMBER SERVERS: Servers for November are as follows: Maggie Mack, Donna Nason, Evelyn Presky, Irene Ost, Donna Vangsness, and Marge Arnold. Special thanks to Irene, Donna and Marge for volunteering to help our short November birthday list. They plan to serve pumpkin pie.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2011 BOARD MEMBERS

Proposed officers for 2011

PRESIDENT

Becky Spies

VICE-PRESIDENT

Jean Knudson

And Jan Hinzpeter

SECRETARY

Susan Melgaard

TREASURER

Sally Mosser

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Chair: Audrey Lundy

Co: Vonnie Dehnke

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Chair: Roberta Flannigan

Co: Lyla Kraft

EDUCATION & PROGRAMS

Chair: Merry Green

Co: Bev Cushing

HISTORIAN

Chair: Patty Bretheim

HOSPITALITY

Chair: Judy Slater

Co: Sylvia Rau

LIBRARIANS

Chair: Bonnie Deutch

Co: Nancy Fry

Jeanette Wold (seasonal, she's a snowbird)

MEMBERSHIP

Chair:

Co:

NEWSLETTER

Chair: Carol Kraft

Co: Deb Frost

PUBLICITY

Janet Sabol

We extend our condolences to Carol Kraft whose little grandson (Sawyer Gullickson) passed away on October 12, 2010. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

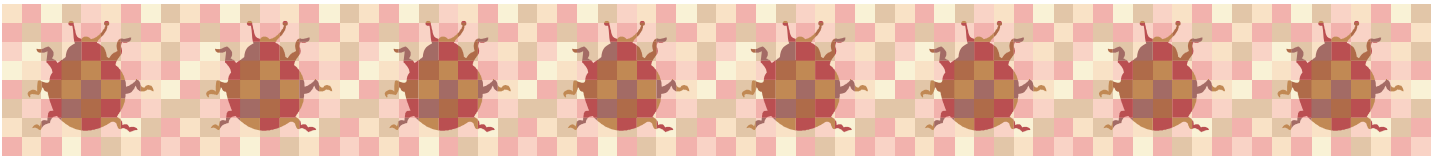
NEW MEMBER CHALLENGE CONTINUES: Calling all Minot Prairie Quilters, to accept our "NEW Member Challenge". Bring guests to a meeting between August 5th and December 31st and position yourself to receive a gift if your guests elect to join the Guild. We have much to offer new members. Members make new friends and visit with old friends, take part in lectures, programs and Show & Tell at our regular monthly meetings, participate in learning experiences like Block of the Month, and be able to register at our annual Quilt Festival early, as well as check out Quilting books, patterns and materials, on a regular basis, from our Guild Library. Our Membership Dues are a good value too SO ask a friend to join us at a meeting real soon. If you are a member who brought one of the 20+ new members to a meeting already this year please see Kathy or Bonnie.

COMMUNITY SERVICE QUILT GIVE A-WAY: It is that time of year again, to be giving our community service quilts to local service organizations. This year we will be giving quilts and teddy bears to the Domestic Violence Crisis Center, PATH, Minot Area Homeless Coalition and Faith United Methodist Church. There is a great need in the community and these organizations are very thankful for our donations.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and talent to our community service quilts. As our labels say we are "wrapping the community in warmth and comfort, one quilt at a time." Thank You!

NO PARKING: There will be four reserved parking spaces in front of the church the evening of our meeting. Spaces are being reserved for our representatives receiving community service quilts. **Please DO NOT park in these four spaces to make loading vehicles easier.**

The November board meeting will be the last of the year. All outgoing AND incoming chairpersons are asked to attend the meeting on Nov 21st to make transfer of files and information easier.



“Catch the Quilting Bug” Bites by Jennifer Feller

The plans have been made for another exciting Festival. Please mark your calendar for our 18th annual Minot Prairie Quilt Festival on March 18, 19 and 20, 2011 as we welcome Sally Schneider from Albuquerque, New Mexico and Gathering Friends, Kathryn Squibb and Deborah Jacobs, from Bird Island, MN. The class selections are wonderful and we're sure you won't be disappointed. The conference catalog goes to print in early November and our Guild members should plan to attend the December meeting to pick up their catalog. Don't forget you pay your Guild dues for 2011 right away so can register at the January 2011 meeting before we open it up to the public. That's one of the great perks for being a Guild member. Please volunteer to be a teacher's helper in a class or lecture, work a shift at Registration, Quilt Show entrance, sell raffle tickets, our Tea Room or the Flea Market. Other areas we need help in are quilt judge scribes, hanging quilts for our beautiful quilt show and tearing down after the Festival is over. We need your help to put on another great show. As the saying goes, "Many hands make for light(less) work" or something like that. Don't forget to get started on the challenge quilt for this year. The theme is "Catch the Quilting Bug" of course. Any questions, please feel free to email me at jennifer@minot.com

Festival News Reminder

1. The hospitality committee is still in need of any "Happy Bug" fabric i.e. butterflies, lady bugs, etc. **Not** worms, beetles.... Minimum size is 6 inches square. Questions? Call Patty Bretheim at 838-0589.
2. Now is the time to start planning your entry for next years festival quilt challenge. In keeping with the theme, "Catch the Quilting Bug", the challenge will be to create a quilted item featuring lady bugs. **The rules allow for lots of choices and are as follows:**

Lady Bug Quilt Challenge for 2011 Festival

Any size or type of item-any technique-any quilting method (must have three layers held together with quilting).

Lady bug(s) may be on the fabric(s) chosen and/or created using appliqué, or any other technique chosen by the entrant.

Item will be judged on originality, overall appearance, color and design, construction, quilting and finishing. This challenge category will be eligible for "Viewer's Choice Award" also.

PAST DUE LIBRARY BOOKS

There are still 26 books that are overdue from our library. Please check to see if you have any of the below listed books. We would like to have all the library books checked back in by the December meeting. Please check out the library books one month at a time, that way everyone has a chance to enjoy them. If you need the book for another month you can recheck it out.

The Judges Task-Patricia J. Morris
Watercolor Quilts
Quilting Patterns Miniature Collection
101 Full Size Blocks & Borders by Better Homes & Gardens
One Block Says it All-Tony Phillips & Juanita Simonich
Mastering Machine Appliqué
The Art of Classic Quiltmaking
Quilts for Girls and Boys-Barbara Roberts
Quilts for Guys-C & T Publishing
Minnesota Hot Dish-Atkinson Designs
Helen's Copy & Use Quilting Patterns-Helen Squire
Two Hour Mini Quilt Projects-McKenzie Kate
Americana Quilts-Sandy Bonsib
Contemporary Classics by Liberty Homestead

Wild Birds-Carol Armstrong
A Perfect Union of Patchwork & Appliqué-Darlene Christopherson
Shadow Redwork with Alex Anderson
Easy Quilting with Denim-Pearl Krush
More Quilts for Baby-Ursula Reikes
Small Wonders-Elizabeth Hamby Carlson
Doing Good Better
Treasures from Yesteryear by Sharon Newman
Simply Stars-Alex Anderson
More Nickel Quilts-Pat Speth
301 Country Christmas Quilt Blocks-Cheri Saffiote
Log Cabin Fever-Evelyn Sloppy



NEW MEMBER SPOTLIGHT-JACKIE SLAGLE

Jackie was born in SE Iowa, raised in Minnesota. She spent 5 years in the Air Force (New Mexico & Philippines) prior to coming to Minot. She has been a member of the Minot Prairie Quilt Guild for one year. Jackie has held no offices in the quilt guild however, as with all members “new or old” we are hoping she will be willing to serve on the Quilt Guild Board. Jackie belongs to the “Sowers of Love” quilting group at Vincent United Methodist Church. When asked how she got interested in quilting she said that her grandmother sewed and quilted a lot. Jackie always admired what she did and saw how everyone always liked getting one of her quilts. So she decided it was time to stop being afraid of not being able to do as good as her grandmother and just try it. Jackie stated “I think she is looking down from heaven smiling”. She learned how to sew in high school and taught herself how to quilt. The Double Irish Chain is her favorite quilt because it is part of Jackie’s ancestry. Her favorite patterns are: paper pieced, pieced, appliqué, art, landscape & traditional. Jackie makes about one quilt a month and gives them to those who have or have had cancer, graduations, baby gifts and other special reasons. Jackie has done both machine and hand quilting. She preferred making bed quilts but is now starting to enjoy making wall hangings. Jackie makes them for her church and also takes them on mission trips for gifts. Her favorite colors are anything bright but it also depends on what she is making. When asked what she likes the

most about the Quilt Guild she said it was meeting new people, seeing what others are making, and learning new techniques and hints. Jackie has taken a couple of classes taught by Merry Green (“A very good and patient teacher”). So far Jackie has not attended any shows/festivals/retreats outside of the local area but hopes to be able to in the future. She loves to look for new quilt shops when travelling. Her husband is very tolerant and understands how much joy quilting and fabric brings to her. Jackie says her worst mistake in making a quilt was putting the squares in wrong side up! Other interesting facts about Jackie: “I have just sent my daughter her first quilt kit. I cut it all out for her as I thought it would not be as overwhelming. She is loving it and going at it hard”. Jackie is a fabric-aholic.... And does not think she will seek treatment anytime soon!

RAFFLE TICKETS

JUST A REMINDER! Please remember to turn in your ticket stubs and money at the November meeting for the raffle tickets you have sold so far. We can continue to sell tickets till the December meeting. Please contact Sharon Strube or Marjorie Arnold for more tickets. Let’s see if we can sell over 4000 tickets! We will be drawing for the raffle quilt during the December meeting. We thank you for your hard work

NOVEMBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH: November’s BOM is “Winter Child”. Roberta had handouts at our October meeting. If you would like to make this block and did not get the handout, please contact Roberta or Lyla.

DECEMBER BLOCK OF THE MONTH: December’s block of the month is any size block with any type of house. It can be pieced, appliquéd, etc.

2010 Block of the Month Review

January: Streak of Lightning

February: Sweetheart Chain

March: Spools

April: Crazy Egg

May: Basket Block (any basket block you choose)

June: Dimensional Flowers

July: State Fair Block

August: Summer Star

September: Joiner Block

October: Moon Over the Mountain

November: Winter Child

December: House (any house you choose)

December is Block of the Month Quilt Show time! You must use one or more of the 2010 Blocks of the Month and your finished product should be one of these categories:

1. Bed size quilt
2. Throw or baby quilt
3. Wall hanging
4. Table runner
5. Pillow or tote bag
6. Something else?

DECEMBER PROGRAM: Christmas Party . . . We have some “fun activities” and prizes planned for our Christmas Party. Just come and enjoy the fun and games.

Secret Pals will be revealed at the December meeting, the raffle quilt winner will be announced, as well as the winners for Block of the Month and Challenge to Change.

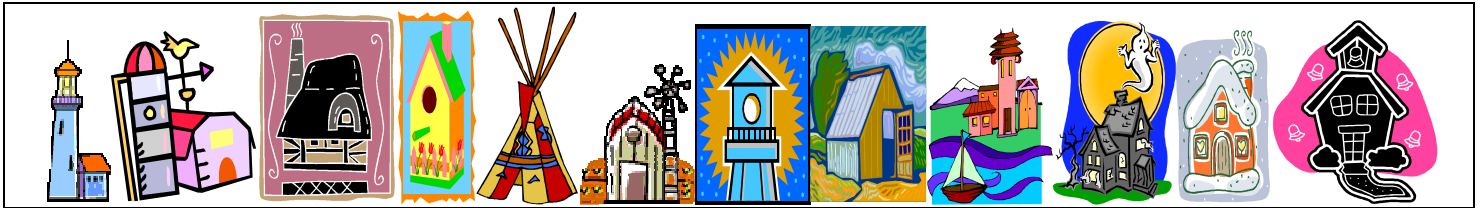


DECEMBER POTLUCK: December will be the traditional potluck with members whose last name begins with the letters A-K bringing the food. **Potluck starts at 6:30.**

DECEMBER SERVERS: The December birthday members will assist with serving. Rose Bischof, Linda Ihmels, Deloris Lee, Jean Parrish, Jackie Slagle, Donna Vangness are the December birthdays.

2011 BLOCK OF THE MONTH **“Year of the Houses”**

For 2011 the Block of the Month will be a house each month: This can be a school house, bird house, play house or any “house” block you like. You may do the same house block each month, just changing the fabric and accents. You may also choose to do a different house block each month. At the end of the year you will have 12 blocks to put in a quilt, wall-hanging, etc.



Let’s be creative with “BOM”. It will be fun seeing the different “house” blocks each month.



Secret Pal Reminder to bring a gift for your Secret Pal in November, **but** in December the gift you bring will be for the person that has given to you all year.

Remember: Annual Dues if paid before January 1 2011 are \$18 or \$20 after.

FEATHERED FIBERS by Caria Barrett



What Machine Quilters REALLY Think



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

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