



JUNE MEETING

Saturday, JUNE 23, 2007 - 9 A.M. (NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)

South Suburban Evangelical Free Church
12600 Johnny Cake Ridge Road
Apple Valley, MN

Located two blocks north of the corner of McAndrews (County 38) and Johnny Cake Ridge Road. Go in the side door located on the East Side of the building. Turn right and walk until you see the stairs. You may go up the stairs or take the elevator located to the right of the stairway. Turn left from the stairs or elevator and then turn left into the hallway and go to room 255.

President's Report

Hello!

THE JUNE MEETING – IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

First, before anything else, I need to announce a **change in the date for the June meeting**. It will **not** be the usual 3rd Saturday of the month due to the Minnesota Quilters Show. **Instead we will meet the following Saturday, June 23.** Time and location (9 a.m. at the South Suburban Evangelical Church) will remain the same.

I hope this change won't cause any inconvenience. I took a chance and changed it due to the number of members who will be taking classes or otherwise involved in the Minnesota Quilters' Show, which is in St. Paul this year.

If you haven't attended one of these shows before, I wholeheartedly recommend it. And, since it's close to home this year, it's a great opportunity. The show itself is incredibly inspiring, and the chance to visit all of those vendors all in one place is actually one of my personal favorites!

Something I thought could be fun for the July Show-and-Tell would be to bring any items you worked on during a class at the MQ Show.

Looking forward to the June meeting! See you then! Cindy

Please visit our new website at: www.prairieland.net/QuiltDreamers/

July meeting: Saturday, July 21 – at the church
July newsletter deadline: Thursday, 7/12/2007

June Birthdays

QD members celebrating birthdays this month: Pat Current (6/2), Marge Tarr (6/4), Susan Ude (6/4) and Zee Ebeling (6/27). YAHOO!

Food for the June Meeting – Liz Tarr

Brrrr.... I'm freezing today, just went to find a sweatshirt and even SOCKS! But I'm optimistic that by the time we meet we will be hot. Then we will be wanting a variety of SALADS and BREADS (and of course some DESSERTS). Hope that everyone that is going enjoys the Minnesota Quilt Show. Hopefully I will see many of you there.

The Summer Challenge – Cindy Wilson

The Summer Challenge was unveiled at the May meeting. The details are purposefully fairly vague, so that you can throw some creativity at it. The size should be that of our kids' quilts (approximate 40 x 50 or in that general vicinity). You can use a pattern from the office Quilt Dreamers' Pattern Book, or a pattern of your choosing. It must include one or more animals, which can be accomplished either with an animal print fabric, a design that forms an animal, appliquéd animals, etc.

To help make it fun, there will be prizes! The first prize will be a \$30 gift certificate to Quilter's Haven in Rosemount. I will personally provide this gift certificate, so the funds will not come out of our Guild budget. (And I won't be eligible for this top prize.) Additionally, a few very gently used items (books, rulers, etc.) will be given away, and as your name gets called during the drawing, you can select your favorite item! If you complete a top, your name will go into the drawing once. If you completely finish the quilt, your name will go into the drawing twice. HAVE FUN with this challenge!

Potential Field Trip

We have a potential field trip! The Willow River Piecemakers Quilt Guild in New Richmond, WI is having their "Showcase of Quilts 2007" show Saturday and Sunday, September 29-30. It would be approximately a one-hour drive. If we carpooled in a handful of cars, we could go as a group and wear our Quilt Dreamers' outfits. The show includes vendors, a raffle and a silent auction. Admission would be \$3.00 each.

I'm thinking that the Saturday date would probably work best for most of us, but I want to put it up to a vote. Let me know via e-mail to Cindy Wilson at CLW@charter.net if 1). You'd be interested in going on the field trip, and 2). If you would be interested, which day would be your preference? The date will be picked based on responses.

Special Projects – Valynda Machen

July Special Project Update: If you weren't able to attend the May meeting, be sure to pick up your cutting instructions at this month's meeting for our July "Wicked Quilt Projects". Samples of both the "Wicked Easy" and "Wickedly Easy" quilts will be available for viewing. Special note to those of you making the "Wickedly Easy" quilt: make sure your fat quarters are a full 18 x 21 BEFORE you begin cutting. If they are not, you will have trouble with the cutting instructions.

November Special Project Update: We will also have a sample of our November Quilts of Valor project available at our June meeting, thanks to Zee! If anyone has yardage of black tone on tone or white/off-white tone on tone fabric that they would like to donate for this project, it would be greatly appreciated.

Outreach Report – Gwen Lundgren

This month ten quilts were delivered to Dakota County Social Services/Foster Care. And I am playing telephone tag with two other locations. It is fun to deliver quilts and hear how much they are appreciated.

Quilt Layering Update – Joyce Fagerness

This group continues to amaze me! Another 21 quilt tops were turned in at the May meeting and we layered 18 of them. Three kits were taken in May.

We are in need of quilt backs: Our selection of fabric for the backs of the quilts is growing smaller so we saved a few tops for next time hoping that something better would come in that would be more pleasing than what we have to work with. So if you have any fabric that you don't want any more, we will be glad to take it off your hands. We can also use fabric that is wider than 42". Remember that pieced backs are acceptable!

Thanks to those of you that gave me some new ideas for easy patterns for kits. I appreciate it. I haven't had time to try them out yet but maybe I will before we have our June meeting since it is a week later than normal. Remember, I am always looking for new ideas that are easy to cut: strips, squares and rectangles.

It sounds like we have a few exciting challenges coming up this summer: the animal blocks, the Wicked Easy Quilts and the Wickedly Easy Quilts. I always find it interesting there is one pattern and several people make it using their choice of fabrics. No two quilts are the same! And sometimes they are put together in a little different way and the pattern changes. I like the challenge of figuring out where the blocks are and what size pieces were used.

See you on the 23rd! – Joyce

Alzheimer's Research Auction

QD member Cindy Wilson made two small wall hangings to be auctioned by Ami Simms on her website to raise funds for Alzheimer's Research. One of those quilts, "Warm Breezes", will be on auction starting June 1. You can check out this month's auction quilts at www.amisimms.com/quiltauctions.html.

2007-2008 Quilt Dreamers Monthly Schedule

To help everyone with planning, here is our schedule for the year. There may be an extra meeting or two added, so that we can all work on our own projects for an afternoon. Are there months that would work best for people? For instance, what do you think about October, to allow us to prepare for holiday gifts?

June meeting: Work on kid's quilts

July: a special project lead by Valynda. The project can be used for kids or for Quilts of Valor

August, September and October meetings: Work on kid's quilts

November: a special project lead by Valynda. This will work well as a Quilt of Valor project

December: Our annual Holiday Party

January and February: Work on kid's quilts to display at the Show in March

March: The Big Show!

Current and Upcoming Events

May 26 through September 3, 2007 – "Quilt National 2007" - Athens, Ohio

Dairy Barn Cultural Arts Center, 8000 Dairy Lane, Athens, Ohio.

Hours: Tuesdays-Wednesdays, 11am-5pm; Thursdays, 11am-8pm; Fridays through Sundays, 11am-5pm. Admission: \$5 general; \$3.50 students & Srs. (65+); Free under 12.

Go to <http://www.quiltnational.com/qn07when.htm>

The exhibit will be open on Monday, May 28th [Memorial Day] and Monday, September 3rd [Labor Day]. The exhibit will NOT be open on July 4th.

June 13 – 16, 2007 Minnesota Quilters Show - "Land of 10,000 Quilts"

St. Paul RiverCentre, St. Paul, Minnesota

Exhibits and Vendors: June 14-16, 2007, Classes begin: June 13, 2007

July 13-14, 2007 – "Quilts on Lake Bemidji", Bemidji MN

Sponsor: Headwaters Quilters

Hampton Inn, 1019 Paul Bunyan Dr. South, Bemidji

7/13: 3pm – 8 pm; 7/14: 10am – 5pm; \$3.00 admission. Vendors, silent auction and 2 raffle quilts. EMail: mcmaster@paulbunyan.ent

2007 – 2008 Quilt Dreamers Officers

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2008 Quilt Show Committee

Co-Chairs...Carol Ogden & Shawn Mothershead
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Auction...
Kids' Quilts...
Welcome Table...
Publicity...
Food...
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QD Shirts...Joyce Fagerness

Bumper Sticker wisdom - "Things get better with age - I am approaching magnificent."