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January 25 2016 Meeting - Add Cyanotypes to Your Toolbox 6:30 p.m. Textile Center



Simple or complex. On paper or fabric. Making and incorporating cyanotype images can add a whole new dynamic to your art. Doroth Mayer will tell you about its history—the first female photographer used the process, the materials you need, and different techniques you can use to achieve the results you want. Mayer has been making cyanotypes from her photos for 20 years. Printing the cyanotypes on silk organza, she then integrates them into her fiber/mixed media work. Her piece *Amazing Grace* received 4th place award in Textiles at the 2015 Minnesota State Fair.



February 22, 2016 Meeting - And How About Those Bindings?!

6:30 p.m. Textile Center

Jeannie Spears has nearly 30 years of experience as a Certified Quilt Judge and will happily share what she has learned. If you like, bring a small quilt of your own to assess as she talks about judging quilts. She'll even give you some tips about those pesky bindings.



From the MCQ Chair - Zeeda Magnuson

Happy 2016!

I am very excited about what this year has in store for MCQ members. One reason for my excitement is the great group of board members. These talented women have stepped up to bring us all wonderful programs, special events, exhibits, retreats and tools to keep us informed on the events. Please get to know and thank the board members for their service. Their energy and enthusiasm keeps the organization running very well. As a member, consider volunteering sometime in 2016 at a MCQ event or becoming a board member, it is a fun way to give back to MCQ.

The beginning of each year is also time for reflection. I don't know about you, but 2016 really snuck up on me! With the great weather we had well into the holiday season, I was convinced I had more time to finish projects before the end of the year. I hope you were able to get your projects finished and are ready for what 2016 offers.

For me, 2015 was a year of entering quilt competitions or "challenges." One of those challenges extended over seven months. Those who participated received the monthly inspiration on the first day of the month and had to have a 20" X 20" block completed (quilted and bound) by the last day of the month. By the third month, I was wondering what I had gotten myself into. However, I persevered and it was so inspiring to see what could be accomplished under such a deadline, and to see all of the blocks posted as the months passed. Approximately fifty quilters participated in the challenge.

I encourage you to take part in a 2016 challenge. "Changing Times" is MCQ's 2016 special exhibit unveiled at the annual Minnesota Quilters Show in June. All of the quilts submitted will travel to various sites for approximately a year. Being part of a challenge or exhibit is a great way to have your work shown, and you will provide inspiration to other quilters.

I also encourage you to bring your quilt friends who are not already MCQ members to join us for a meeting. It would be great to grow our membership in 2016. A greater membership means building the quilting community.

I hope the winter of 2016 will seem short with the late start. I am excited and privileged to serve as Chair of MCQ and look forward to each meeting with great anticipation.

Cheers, Zeeda

Do you ever wonder what it's like to install an MCQ exhibit?



Here's Barb Bonifas and Joann Nordin installing the Inside Outside Upside Down exhibit in Lakeville. It's a fun activity and volunteers are appreciated. BONUS: you get to handle the beautiful pieces of art as they are arranged.

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Next Board Meeting:
February 2, 6:30 pm
at Sharon Englund's



Special Events - Nancy Eha



As Special Events Coordinator for 2016, Nancy Eha has been busy researching and planning fun one-day events for MCQ members. Details are still being ironed out but below is a tentative schedule. More information will become available. Volunteers will be needed to help the day of each event. Have a favorite or two from this list? Let Nancy know that you would like to help by calling Nancy at 651-491-7774 or e-mailing her at nancyeha@beadcreative.com

Saturday, April 16th, 12:30 pm to 5pm Studio Tours

Visit several MCQ member's studios in a small group. See how they set up their floor plan and storage areas. Learn what inspires them and how they create in their studio. Buy your tickets now! See accompanying article in this newsletter.

June (Weekday), Tour historic Victorian Stillwater Mansions

We'll have a guided tour of these lovely dwellings with transportation provided by Stillwater Trolley Co. These gorgeous Victorian homes are beautiful on the outside, but wait until you see the treasures that lie within. This two-hour tour will feature a 30-minute visit inside each mansion.

July, Play Day at the Englund Cottage on Lake Minnetonka

Enjoy a summer day with your MCQ friends and make new friends, too. A potluck lunch and short demos by MCQ members will make this day even more memorable. Thank you, Sharon Englund!

September (Saturday), Motor Coach Guided Tour of The Barn Quilts of Carver County.

See eight-foot by eight-foot 250-pound painted quilt blocks hung on family farm barns. Learn the significance of each block; most often they reflect a family heritage or a family heirloom. The ride between farms will be a time to learn more about the history of the area with an experienced tour guide who is both knowledgeable about quilts and the history of the places we pass. Other stops will be made at a wine tasting room, lunch in a barn hayloft on a farm which also features a farmers market, antique business, and incredible landscape gardens.

November Black Friday Sew In



The new Sunshine Lady is Leah Doherty.

Please let her know if you have a MCQ member that you know needs a bit of cheer by emailing her at doher001@umn.edu. If you have postcards or other fiber related cards that could be used, please give them to Leah.



Hats Off To:

Members showing in the Textile Center Common Threads exhibit:

Susan Antell, Debbie Boyles, Mary Ellen Calderwood Nancy Condon, Edith Ann Dalleska, Sharon Englund, Katherine Simon Frank, Janet Hovde, Tina Hughes, Peg Lindberg, Carol Mashuga, Melissa Nellis, Barbara Otto, Ann Poulson, Wanda Shelton, Susan Stein, Peggy Wright and Wendie Zekowski.

Also hats off to - and you're going to love this:

Melissa Nellis has developed a new and unusual way to finish her small quilts. She was one of our featured artists for the School House program at our November meeting and now has a new website! It features her studio work and her Hidden Baseline Method for attaching crochet to art quilts. Go to the Gallery page to view some of her pieces that are finished with a crocheted edge. More images will appear in the Gallery soon. MelissaNellisStudio.com

Melissa wishes you a Happy New Year.



QUILTERS' STUDIO TOUR - SATURDAY, APRIL 16th

Purchase your tickets now!



Spend an afternoon touring four unique MCQ members' studios. The studios are located in close proximity in centrally located Roseville, MN. Meet at the start of the tour and form car pools. As a group of 12-15 people you will spend approximately 45 minutes at each studio, and then travel to the next. On or before April 1st, you will receive an email from Nancy Eha with the addresses of the studios and which studio your team will meet at to start the tour.

Highlights of your tour will include:

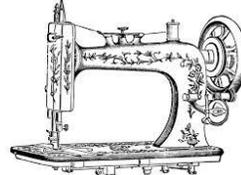
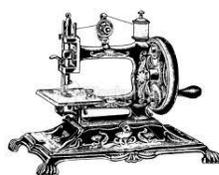
Changing a small space into a functioning studio, how a mother-in-law apartment has been repurposed as a combination quilt and jewelry studio, machine quilting for hire, and how to organize a huge stash of fabric.

A big thank you to: Leah Doherty, Wanda Shelton, Nancy Birger, and Debbie Boyles for hosting us at their studios. This will be a fun day with friends and a chance to make new MCQ friends!

Tickets are \$5. You must purchase your ticket in advance; space is limited and will sell out fast! Your ticket is non-refundable but you can transfer it to a friend or inquire about a wait list, if needed. If you want to be with a friend on the tour, you must tell Nancy Eha when you buy your ticket. Tickets will be available for purchase at the January 25th meeting from Nancy Eha, bring a check or cash. If you cannot attend the January meeting, you can send a check made out to MCQ and a SASE to: **Nancy Eha, 4890 Neal Ave. N. Stillwater, MN 55082.** Your ticket will be mailed to you.

****Nancy will need your name, address, cell phone number, and email address to process your payment****

Questions? Email Nancy at nancyeha@beadcreative.com





Textile Center Liaison - Tina Hughes

1. In late December, the Textile Center Board of Directors initiated a new five year strategic plan. It was the culmination of many months of work with extensive feedback from the Textile Center community. It will guide decision-making and budget formation for the next few years. The details of the plan can be found on the Textile Center website as soon as it is posted.

<http://www.textilecentermn.org>

2. Karl Reichert recently celebrated his first year as the new Executive Director. It was an extremely successful year for him and the TC. If you see him in the hallway, introduce yourself. He loves to meet guild members.

3. By the time that you read this, the 2016 Common Thread member exhibit will have opened. It has more than 120 pieces of very diverse textile work and is the largest TC member show ever. Please take some time to enjoy the fabulous and inspiring art. The exhibit will be up until February 27th.

HERE'S AN IDEA FOR YOU AND YOUR QUILT BUDDIES:



ROAD TRIP!

Yes, Quilters. There are road trip possibilities!
Carol Hancuh recently went on a daylong road trip with some quilter friends and had a ball. Here's what she had to say:

Our first goal was Quilt Haven on Main, the old Thimbleberries Design Studio. We took Highway 212 west. Just before we got to Highway 22, the turn north to Hutchinson, we spotted the highway sign that said, "New Ulm 43 miles." So our first stop turned out to be New Ulm. We found 3 quilt shops: Sewing Seeds Quilt Co, Spinning Spools Quilt Shop and Thimble Box. Lunch at Lola's was fantastic soup and chicken pot pie.

We satisfied our tummies and headed west on Highway 212 to Bird Island. There we shopped in Gathering Friends, a quilt shop in an old bank building on the corner. They had some fabrics I'd not seen before – the minky was unusually fun.

It was only 3 o'clock when we left Bird Island so we decided to take another run at Hutchinson. Finally we arrived at Quilt Haven on Main, we were delighted to find such a well-stocked shop and FLANNEL! Zella's restaurant is nearby with some good menu items.

That was one ten-hour day of driving and shopping. It was a good day and a great road trip.

Another way to start the day is to take Highway 169 to Mankato. The 2 quilt shops there are River City Quilts and Firefly Quilt Shop. From there you can go west to New Ulm and pick up our directions for the rest of the day. You won't be disappointed. - Carol Hancuh

- Sewing Seeds Quilt Co., 1417 S. State Street, New Ulm
- Spinning Spools Quilt Shop, 106 S. Minnesota Street, New Ulm
- Thimble Box, 10 N. Minnesota Street, New Ulm
- Gathering Friends, 101 Main Street, Bird Island
- Quilt Haven on Main, 7 Main St. N, Hutchinson
- River City Quilts, 500 Raintree Rd., Ste 35, Mankato
- Firefly Quilt Shop, Inc, 1219 Caledonia St, Mankato



Events and Deadlines

There is nothing permanent except change. *Heraclitus, Greek philosopher.*

Our 2016 challenge is **Changing Times**.

Like our previous challenges, this challenge can inspire many interpretations.

Time to put a new diaper on the baby- changing time. Travel to China- lots of changing times.

Using a rotary cutter when we formerly used a cardboard template- one of many changes over the years quilt tools and techniques.

Your exhibit forms are due at our March meeting or by mail to Sally Mortenson by March 25. The forms are available on our web site. Our web site also has a description of the quilt requirements and instructions for the hanging sleeve.

<http://mncontemporaryquilters.net/2014-challenges>

Here are the venues and dates for our 2015 challenge quilts exhibit Inside Outside Upside Down.

January 9th to February 14th - White Bear Lake Unitarian Universalist Church, Mahtomedi

February 19th to date not yet determined - Roseville City Hall, Roseville

Changing Times forms due at March meeting

Spring Wapo Retreat—April 1-4

Textile Center Annual Garage Sale-April 9

Changing Times quilts due—May MCQ meeting

Minnesota Quilters Show and Conference, St Cloud—June 9-11

MCQ Workshop Sue Benner— September 24-25

Future MCQ Programs:

March 2016 - Faye Hoch, Modern Quilts versus Contemporary Quilts

May 2016 - Becca Rahn, Spoonflower

Renewals Due

January

Debbie Boyles
Sharon Castle
Cheryl Dauphin
Kathy Faust
Darla Keller
Peg LaSota
Sally Mortenson
Judy Osbon
Vivien Smith
Anne Tiller
Jenny Wilder

February

Rose Allen
Nancy Condon
Chris Daly
Catherine DeMars
Sharon Englund
Mimi Holmes
Kim Jacobson
Joyce Kvaas
Peg Lindberg
Maureen Ohland
Willie Piccard
Wendy Richardson
Susan Stein
Peggy Wright



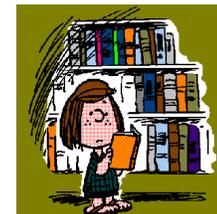
2015 Black Friday Sew-In

MCQ meetings are held the fourth Monday (3rd Monday if fourth is a holiday) at 6:30 p.m. at the Textile Center, 3000 University Avenue SE, Minneapolis. No December meeting.

Membership information:

Annual dues are \$30, or \$35 if you receive the newsletter by postal mail. Renewals are due on the anniversary of when you joined. Make checks payable to Minnesota Contemporary Quilters and mail to Lavonne Batalden, 1449 Hythe Street, St. Paul MN 55108.

E-mail lavonneb@gmail.com with address changes or for membership assistance.



Textile Center Library

As a member organization of Textile Center, MCQ is responsible for providing funding and volunteer help to the library. Access to the Textile Center Library is a benefit of membership in MCQ. Come early and check out a book!

Volunteers needed to keep the library open for our members on meeting nights.

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