



Prairie Patches

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Calendar

General Meetings

Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Thursday, October 16, 2014
Thursday, November 20, 2014
Wednesday, December 17, 2014
Thursday, January 22, 2015
Wednesday, February 25, 2015
Saturday, March 21, 2015
Wednesday, April 15, 2015
Thursday, May 21, 2015
Friday, June 19, 2015

Executive Meetings

Friday, September 5, 2014

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From the President's Patch ...

Are we ready to get back at it for another busy MPQ season? I don't know about you, but, for me, this has been a very short summer indeed. First of all, summer certainly took its sweet time about getting started and, secondly, just when we thought summer was here, monsoon season struck. I hope any of our members who may have been affected by flooding or storms got through it without too much damage. On the bright side, however, we finally did get some really fine summer weather which I expect everyone enjoyed. Let's all cross our fingers and hope that we have a very long and mild autumn, a winter with very little snow and an early spring. How's that for optimism?

Now that I've dispensed with the weather report, I'd like to welcome everyone back and extend a special welcome to any new members. We have a very active and thriving guild and it's all due to our members and member volunteers. We were able to fill all the vacancies on our executive and committees for the 2014-2015 season and I thank everyone who volunteered for or accepted a position.

The President's Challenge this year will be in two parts. However, neither has anything at all to do with the other. Since it's not a Quilt Reflections year coming up, our members will not be occupied making those perfect quilts to enter into the quilt show. That leaves time for a couple of challenges. The first challenge will be completed by our December meeting. It shouldn't take a lot of your time and is meant to bring a bit of holiday cheer to our meeting as well as to benefit a worthwhile charity. I'm sure our very giving membership will get on board with this challenge and make it a huge success. Details are in this newsletter. The second challenge will be announced later.

Programming for our meetings is something on which we work very hard. If you have any suggestions for items, activities, speakers etc. to be included, please contact any member of the executive team (listed on page 2). We have so many exceptionally talented quilters and crafters that we should be able to fill up programming with their presentations for years to come. If you're one of those talented people and like to share what you do and have done, give me a shout – we'll talk.

Finally, on behalf of the executive, I'd like to thank our outgoing President, Helen Maslowski, for her selfless contribution to our guild. Helen worked tirelessly as our president for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 seasons as well as co-chairing Quilt Reflections 2014, producing the quilt show book, updating and maintaining our web site and doing about a thousand other things. Her energy and enthusiasm seem to know no bounds. Helen will by no means be taking it easy from here on in. She has taken on the job of Newsletter Editor, is still maintaining the web site, and is putting together all kinds of procedure manuals for the various MPQ committees and executive. On top of that she automatically becomes Past President who will advise and help and be constantly harassed by your current President. Helen, I hope I don't wear your patience too thin.

Irene Heilmann

Meeting Highlights/Events

Manitoba Prairie Quilters

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MPQ is a non-profit organization that was founded in February, 1983. It is dedicated to the advancement and preservation of the heritage of quilting. Monthly meetings (September to June) are held to share old and new ideas, make new friends and have a good time.

Monthly Meetings

Parish Church Hall of Saint Martyrs-
Canadiens,
289 Dussault Avenue,
Winnipeg, MB R2J 1N5

Saturday meetings 10 am - 4 pm
Evening meetings 7-10 p.m.

Doors open 1 hour and 15 minutes prior to the meeting for committees and executive;
1 hour prior to the meeting for general membership.

Newsletter

Prairie Patches is a publication of MPQ. Submissions are welcome in electronic, typed or (legible) handwritten format. The editor reserves the right to make any necessary changes. For more information and deadline dates, please see last page.

Address Changes

Please submit address changes to the Membership committee.

Quilt Reflections/Manitoba Prairie Quilters
Air Miles Number
8008 405 5013

Air Miles collected will be used to purchase items for Quilt Reflections Shows. Please keep this number handy and use it when making purchases at Air Miles sponsors. Your participation will help to make MPQ's QR Shows that much better.

MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Wednesday, Sept. 17, 2014

Approval of June 2014 meeting minutes
Introductions – Executive and Committee Chairs
Crocus Award
President's Challenge Part I
Announcements
ABC Quilts
Members' Show and Tell
Fat Quarter Draws
Reception Draws

Thursday, Oct. 16, 2014

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UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

September 19-20, 2014 Pine Ridge Quilt Show
September 29 thru October 11, 2014 Shopping the Charm – Shop Hop
October 17-19, 2014..... North Star Quilters Guild Education Conference
October 25, 2014 MPQ Workshop
November 4, 2014 Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter
..... Viscount Cultural Centre, Neepawa, MB
February 28, 2015 MPQ Workshop
April 11-12, 2015 MPQ Crocus Conference
May 9, 2015..... International Guilds Day
May 21, 2015 MPQ AGM – Susan Cleveland Trunk Show
May 21-24, 2015 MPQ Major Workshop – Susan Cleveland
October 16-18, 2015..... Quilting on the Red Quilt Show – Grand Forks

MPQ Etiquette "...people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." *Maya Angelou*



- **Offer visitors and new members a kind, welcoming spirit.** In a room full of chattering women it can be an intimidating experience to even ask if a seat is taken. If you can't offer a chair at your table, introduce the guest or new member to someone at an available table. Alternatively, look for the person in charge of the guest table or any one of the Executive members and they will gladly assist you.
- For the comfort and safety of our members, **please refrain from wearing scented products to the meetings.**
- A recycling bin and trash container are placed near the exit for your convenience. **Please take a minute to tidy your table before you leave the premises.**

Awards/Letter from the Editor



CROCUS AWARD

The purpose of this award is to herald an “unsung hero”, someone who makes a contribution to the Guild without fanfare or expectation of acknowledgment; someone who quietly contributes and can be counted on to share the load; and someone who demonstrates a belief in the worthiness of MPQ and its activities.

If you wish to nominate someone, please provide in writing a description of why your nominee should receive a “Crocus Award” and forward this information to the 1st Vice President or any member of the Executive. Upon review and approval of the Executive, the recipient of the award will be announced at the following monthly meeting and their name published in the next newsletter.

Executive members are not eligible while in office.

Faye Ksionsyk, our May Crocus Award recipient joined MPQ in 2006. She had done some quilting but was primarily a garment sewer, something that she still does today. The person who most benefits from her dressmaking skills is her granddaughter. Like many if our members, she enjoys taking part in many of the workshops MPQ offers. She makes quilts for ABC and participates in show and tell. She served on the IGD Committee in 2011 and did a wonderful job lining up and taking care of our vendors in this year's quilt show. She's always willing to pitch in and help when there's a need. She's also very compassionate. She gave up her seat on the IGD bus this year so that a quilter suffering from sciatica wouldn't have to sit in the back where it was too bumpy. Fellow MPQ member, Leona Fitzpatrick, says Faye Ksionsyk would give you the shirt off her back but everybody knows that Leona is actually after the beautiful quilted jacket that Faye made in Marj Moore's workshop. Quietly helping wherever she can, Faye is a very deserving recipient of MPQ's Crocus Award.



FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome back everyone and a special welcome to our new members to the 2014/15 season of Manitoba Prairie Quilters. In addition, a big welcome to the new Executive Officers and Committee Chairs. Thank you for stepping up.

With Irene becoming president, and exiting as the Newsletter Editor, I have come to realize that I have huge shoes to fill. A heartfelt thanks to Irene for producing an awesome newsletter for the past 3 years. Hopefully, my new role will meet everyone's expectation, and the newsletter will be as good as Irene's, but I do ask for your patience. As with any new endeavours there are growing pains.

I look forward to this new role but I do request that if any one of you have any ideas, tidbits, tips, recipes or information to share or articles to put in the newsletter, please feel free to email me at newsletter@manitobaprairiequilters.ca. After all this is your newsletter.

I hope you find our newsletter interesting and informative. I think you'll find we have a very exciting season coming up with fabulous workshops, activities and, our Crocus Conference in the spring.

Helen Maslowski

Crocus Awards (continued)

Cynthia Atkins, June's Crocus award recipient has been a member of MPQ for only about 2 years although her first couple of quilts were made back in the 80's using methods she learned from her grandmother. She took a rotary cutter class in the 90's but didn't really get into really doing any serious quilting until fairly recently. Perhaps the reason for that is that she is a career woman with a demanding job that gets extremely busy and even more demanding right at the time that the final push is on for our Quilt Reflections show. In spite of this, our QR2014 treasurer managed to keep our show's finances in audit worthy order without ever once yelling “Leave me alone! Don't you know it's tax time?” We were very fortunate to have a professional accountant looking after our quilt show accounts this past year. Our thanks to Cynthia for a job well done.

Meeting Highlights

General Meeting Wednesday, April 23 2014

Attendance: Members - 152 New Members – 2 Guests - 8

Quilt Reflections Show CD, put together by Helen Maslowski and her husband Geoffrey was playing at the beginning of the evening.

1. Call to Order: 7:03pm
2. Name Tag Draw: Pat Garrity
3. Approval of MARCH 15, 2014 Minutes: Moved: Vi Mozil
Seconded: Susan Campbell Carried
4. Crocus Award: Heather Orlukewitz
5. MOM - Judith Panson belongs to the Fibre Arts Network, a varied group of artists across Canada who meet through the Internet. Judith did a slide presentation of her works and those of other artists. In Judith's case her works are art quilts where she sketches the idea before making the quilt. She also showed a number of her quilts, explaining how she had embellished them with paint, sewing machine texturing and stuffed appliqué.
6. Announcements:
 - a. President – Helen Maslowski thanked the Quilt Show volunteers for all their time given to making the Quilt Reflections Show a success.
 - The Annual General Meeting is May 15, 2014.
 - The website had 52,854 hits in March and 28,574 hits to date in April.
 - Thank You note received from Loretta Carmichael expressing her thanks and appreciation to the Show Conveners and the anonymous donor for the monetary prize award.
 - b. Past President – Val Hazelton is still looking for several positions on next year's MPQ Executive and general Committee Chairs. Some members have already stepped forward for positions on the committees of the Quilt Reflections 2016 show.
 - c. Quilt Reflections Show – Val Hazelton thanked the Committee Members of the Quilt Reflections Show for a job well done. The Quilt Reflections 2016 show has been booked at the Canad Inns Polo Park for April 5 -7, 2016.
 - The Quilt Challenge raised \$3,851.00 for the Laura Miller White Foundation. The Foundation sent home baked cookies and breads for tonight's coffee break.
 - Kathy Kolisnyk presented ribbons and an honorarium cheque for \$25 to 3 Quilt Challenge contributors.
1. Workmanship judged by Quilters Den – Awarded to Barb Hayward for "The Farmhouse"
2. Creativity/ Use of Fabric judged by Copperfield's – Awarded to Karen Berrel for "A Sunflower Convergence"
3. Design/Interpretation of Theme judged by Keeper's Quilts – Awarded to Liz Martin for "Prairie Moments"

Minutes (Continued)

- Prize money went to 3 Members for top Raffle Ticket Sales
 1. Top Sales - \$50.00 certificate from Northwest Fabrics to Shirley Nicholson
 2. Second in Sales - \$35.00 certificate from Quilt As Desired to Helen Maslowski
 3. Third Highest Sales - \$25.00 certificate from Northwest Fabrics to Trudy Matthey
 - Volunteers work worked at the Quilt Show put their names in a draw for each shift worked. Nichole Perras was the winner of the Basket of Fabric. Names were also drawn for 3 Delegate Bags – Trudy Wigmore, Ann Eckford and Linda Ewaschuk
 - d. - International Guild Day – Vi Mozil announced that if travelling by car you should arrive at the Lutheran Church in Grand Forks between 9:30am and 10:00am. There are still 12 lunch tickets left. The bus will stop at Faye's Hen House and SewBatik for shopping and at Pizza Place for supper.
 - The Members Garage Sale is at the June Meeting. 1/2 tables are available please call Vi (ph# 204-771-4299) or e-mail (dorvi@live.ca)
 - e. - Workshops – Leona Fitzpatrick reported spots were still available in the April 30th workshops.
 - The AGM guest speaker, Marilynn Wiebe will present a 2 day workshop May 15 & 16 entitled Scrappy Apples.
 - g. Rita Wasney - The Red River Ex will have a Quilt Show this year. Contact is Joanne Phillips. Deadline for Exhibit Entry Judged Quilts is Friday, May 23, 2014. Rita's Button Collection will also be on display.
 - h. ABC Quilts – Kenna Ann Shipp reported the Walk to Brock reached Winnipeg on April 12th. The MPQ total to date is 826,135 inches.
 - i. Library –Please return all the items (books, magazines, CDs, tools etc) you have borrowed by the May meeting. In June you can stock up for the summer!
7. Show and Tell – A large number of members and ABC quilts were displayed.
 8. Fat Quarter Draw – 1. Liz Moore 2. Noreen Duncan 3. Irene Heilmann 4. Kathleen Lebar
 9. Reception Draws – 1. Katherine Hurtig 2. Colleen Wilkinson 3. Audrey Seddon
 10. Adjournment – 9:40pm



Meeting Highlights

General Meeting Friday, June 13, 2014

Attendance: Members - 131 New Members - 1
Guests - 1

1. Call to Order: 7:00 p.m.
2. Name Tag Draw: Arlie Warrenner
3. Cynthia Atkins gave an overview of the Quilt Reflections 2014 Financial Statement
 - attendance was 2,352
 - had on workshop instructor instead of two as in prior Quilt Shows
 - venue expenses up 7%
 - show lost \$500 but the quilt raffle made about \$8,000 which is used to promote workshops and education for the guild
 - Quilt Show account has a balance \$2,500
 - Quilt Raffle Account has a balance of \$3,000
 - \$1,000 has been prepaid for the 2016 Quilt Show (Venue Deposit)
4. Crocus Award: Cynthia Atkins
5. Announcements:
 - a. President – Received and Email from Val Hazelton who was attending the Quilt Canada Show in St. Catherines, Ontario. Val advised that:
 - Marj Moore placed 2nd in the Wearables for her modern style jacket
 - Val Wilson - FAN member won Judges' Choice Award for her Realistic pictorial category piece called "Rupert and his brother waiting for Gladys"
 - Coreen Zerr won 1st place in the Realistic Pictorial category for her African piece which she collaborated on with MPQ Member Krista Zeghers
 - b. Kenna Ann Shipp reported that our share for the Walk to Brock was 97,000 inches
 - c. Fat Quarters committee requested that members share any ideas that they may have for the fat quarters draw for the next season.
 - d. Marnie Houston is setting up a satellite group in SE Winnipeg, either Tuesday or Thursday throughout out the day - any one interested should contact Marnie directly.
 - e. Workshops – Linda Barker is looking for ideas for classes and is also looking for an assistant to help out in workshops.
 - f. President - thanked everyone for supporting her during her tenure as president.
6. Show & Tell - ABC 34 Quilts - 8 Members
7. President's Challenge
 - 1st Prize - Susan Selby
 - 2nd Prize - Sharon Greenberg
 - 3rd Prize - Heather Falconer
8. Fat Quarter Draw – 1. Alice Smythe 2. Marnie Houston
3. Pat Myron
Bonus Draw – 1. Corrine Jones 2. Val Hazelton
3. Cheryl Crane

Minutes (Continued)

9. Reception Draws – 1. Marion Olafson 2. Inez Drummond
3. Bev Fyfe
10. Adjournment – 9:29 p.m.

COMFORT QUILTS	
Recommended sizes . . .	
• Hospice Bed	63"x80"
• Neo Natal	36"x36"
• Crib	34-36"x48"
• Wheel Chair	36"x48"
• Nap Quilt	40"x55-60"



Zucchini Fritters

1 lb. of Zucchini (2 Medium Size ones)
1 Teaspoon of Course Salt
2 Teaspoons of Scallions
1 large egg
Freshly ground pepper
1/2 cup of flour
1/2 Teaspoon of baking powder
Olive oil or another oil of your choice

-Grate zucchini, toss with 1 teaspoon of course salt. Set aside for 10 minutes. Wring out the zucchini to extract the water.
- If need, add a bit more salt. Stir in scallions, egg and some ground pepper.
- In a small dish stir together flour and baking powder and stir the mixture in the zucchini batter.
- Heat olive oil in heavy pan and drop small amount of zucchini mixture. Fry for 3 or 4 minutes. Put in oven (325 degrees) for 10 minutes until crispy.
- Serve with a dollop of sour cream or Tzaziki Dip on each fritter.
- Freezes well.

President's Challenge



President's Challenge

September to December 2014



Participants in this 'seasonal' challenge will make at least 2 ornaments suitable for hanging on a Christmas tree. The ornaments must be made from fabric but do not necessarily need to be quilted. The ornaments do not need to be the same but can be if you wish. Any kind of fabric can be used and this would be a good opportunity to use up scraps of Christmas fabric. Felt may be used for embellishments along with things like beading and embroidery but please refrain from making your entire ornament from felt. The ornaments can be made in any style such as stuffed or fashioned by covering a Styrofoam form. Knitted and/or crocheted ornaments will not qualify for this challenge.

The ornament of your choice will be submitted for competition and will be yours to keep. The other(s) will be sold to the membership for a fixed price at our December meeting with all proceeds going to the Christmas Cheer Board. This is not a very time consuming challenge so feel free to make as many ornaments as you like – the more we have to sell, the more the Cheer Board will benefit.

Participants will be required to register if they wish to participate in the President's Challenge. Registrations will be taken at all meetings prior to December or by contacting Irene Heilmann by phone (204-257-8195) or email president@manitobaprairiequilters.

Ornaments must be completed by the December 17th, 2014 meeting. A prize will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize winner. Winners will be chosen by viewers' choice.

Committee Information/Reports

Website

Please note the password for the 2014/15 Season has been changed. Those on email have received the new Login password. If you do not have an email address, please pick up the new Members' Lounge login information from the Membership Committee.

What's New - check out the changes on the information on the Member's only page. Annual Report for 2013/14, General Meeting Agendas and Minutes of Meetings, and Financial Statements have been added. Also, check out the new Library List as of June 2014. There are many new books and magazines. You can do a search using your browser. All you need is to go to the search button on your browser and enter either the subject of the book, book's name or the author's name and viola it should bring you to the item you are looking for. There are still areas that are under development like the Members' Market, where members can sell, trade or give away quilt related products and services; and Tips and Tricks where members can share that special technique or knowledge. If you have any suggestions as to what else you would like to include on the website, please forward them to the webmaster@manitobaprairiequilters.ca.

Committee Information/Reports



Satellite

A Satellite Group is a great way to make friends, get new ideas and get quilting projects started, worked on or completed. If any quilters are looking for a referral to a group, or are starting a group, please contact the Satellite Coordinator. If a new group is started, please advise the coordinator of the name of your group, the names of the members of the group, the location and if the group is open to new members. There are quilters interested in the south east end of the city, so it would be good to know if you have a group that is open to new members. I hope you all had a great summer, and are ready to start back into the fall with fresh ideas, projects and enthusiasm.

Pat Walmsley - Satellite Coordinator,
satellite@manitobaprairiequilters.ca (204-256-1887)

A message from the Membership Committee.....

Membership **renewal/application forms** are available on the MPQ website for new and returning members. Simply go to www.manitobaprairiequilters.ca, the Member's Lounge. Please note that these forms must be printed and cannot be filled out on line. We require your signature on a completed form each and every year. The annual membership fee is \$30.00.

Even if you do not wish to receive your newsletter by email, the membership committee recommends that if you have an email address, you record it with them. Notices are sent out prior to the monthly meetings as a reminder along with the agenda for the upcoming meeting. Other announcements are also sent out periodically with news related to the guild, its activities and/or its members. **Don't miss out! These notices are sent out by email only.**

NOTE: Please take care when filling out your email address on the application/renewal form. Make sure that it is completely legible; letters are printed in either lower or upper case as required and that all dots and/or dashes are noted accurately.

If you require additional information, please email membership@manitobaprairiequilters.ca.



Fat Quarters Committee

Thank you to those who took the time to respond to our request for some feedback and input into the Fat Quarter Draw. This year we will be changing the draws a bit. We no longer will have the three 'big' draws but will draw for all fabric received each month. The number of draws will be dependent on the number of quarters received. Each winner will receive a minimum of 6 pieces.

We'll start the year off with Christmas prints so there is time to incorporate them into your Christmas crafts. From there we move to Calico prints. November will be exciting – It grows in the garden could be veggies, flowers, foliage. Oriental colors and prints are always so pretty. Start the New Year with Stripes and/or Polka Dots of any color or size. February is a humdrum month so cheer up with some cute kiddie prints. March will bring the ever popular Batiks. With Spring on the horizon celebrate with prints of black, white and your favourite color splash. May is time to get outdoors and see the cute kittens, bunnies, puppies and all the animals. Now that you have a variety of prints you will need some fillers and blenders to bring these together with your own stash, so bring on the fillers and blenders.

Join the fun and get a chance to win some amazing fabric pieces. All you need to do to get an entry for the draw is to bring in a fat quarter to the monthly MPQ meeting. These are suggestions for each month so if you don't have a fabric to fit, bring in one of your favourites to add to the draw. There are so many great quality fabrics and patterns available that there is no wrong fabric!

MONTH	FABRIC SUGGESTION
SEPTEMBER	CHRISTMAS PRINTS
OCTOBER	CALICO
NOVEMBER	IT GROWS IN THE GARDEN
DECEMBER	ORIENTAL
JANUARY	STRIPES & DOTS
FEBRUARY	KIDDIE PRINTS
MARCH	BATIKS
APRIL	BLACK, WHITE & ?
MAY	CUTE ANIMALS OF ANY KIND
JUNE	FILLERS & BLENDERS

Committee Information/Reports



I can't believe that summer is almost done, and that soon we will be back to MPQ comparing notes on all our great needle-art summer projects, in progress or completed. The flowers in our back yard are about at their best right now, and I bring all my sewing projects out to the screen house to enjoy the riot of colours and not so much the hum of all those pesky mosquitoes I'm locking out that are trying to do me out of enjoying the lovely fresh air.

We don't have the luxury of having a TV in the screen house, otherwise I would be reviewing the CDs and DVDs in our library there to make sure they are in good working order for this year's lending, as there were some reported problems with some of these tools in the past year. I am happy to advise, however, that my son-in-law, who is a computer tech, has helped me with the supposed glitches I thought I spotted and has shown me how to access the information that I was having problems with. It looks like the problems were the user's and not from the programs, in my case at least. So, our library CDs and DVDs are ready to go and are all in good working order. In addition, I have cross-referenced all the applicable books to the proper tools in our library, so hope that everyone borrowing stuff from the library in the fall will use the tools that go along with the books for complete visual information. To that end, there will be available on every table at the first meeting, a complete list of tools and their references for your use. Of course, we will update and retain the printed copies of these lists in the library as well.

We had a very successful inventory in May. This resulted in a big culling of materials from both magazines and books that are now available for sale, all marked at very reasonable prices from \$1.00 for magazines to \$5.00 for books. Please come visit us in September and browse through the boxes to see if you would like to add to your own personal library. Proceeds from this "sale" always go toward purchasing new items for us all to share.

We are looking forward to another great year at MPQ and can't wait for the first meeting. See you all soon.

ABC Committee

This year ABC will be donating quilts to the same agencies:

St. Boniface Hospital NICU (cares for over 600 sick or premature babies each year)

St. Amant Centre - complex-care (212 children and adults), more than 50 community sites and homes

Children's Hospital (treats over 130,000 children annually)

Osborne House (can accommodate 45 women and children and is the largest shelter in Canada)

Crisis Pregnancy offers practical help and encouragement to women facing an unplanned pregnancy.

Healthy Start for Mom and me offers drop-in sessions at 9 locations in several neighbourhoods.

North end Women's Centre (accommodates more than 10,000 visits every year)

Villa Rosa - a pre-natal and post-natal residence offering programs for single, pregnant women.



Quilt Reflections 2016

Committee positions for the 2016 event are filled. If you wish to volunteer to help out, please sign up as volunteers are always needed. If you require information or wish to participate, on a committee, please contact Arlene Crabbe, email at covenor1@manitobaprairiequilters.ca. Thanks to all those who have volunteered their valuable time to make the event successful.

The first meeting of the event committees is planned for late September.

We hope everyone is having an enjoyable, relaxing summer.

Cheers, Co-Chairs Arlene Crabbe and Diane Ell

General Workshops

MPQ WORKSHOPS - OCTOBER 25, 2014

We have a fun creative day planned with some workshops being offered for the first time.

Gallery Ready

Instructor: Marj Moore



Would you like to spend the day making a piece with a modern flare, being creative, having fun, and using up some of your stash?

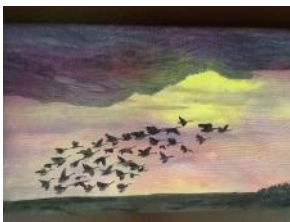
Marj has designed a new class to take you through making a gallery ready piece from start to finish.

In the morning session Marj will guide you through the process of making a scrappy block and preparing for the afternoon session where she will demonstrate using a walking foot for the quilting. No free motion! She said there is a secret to the quilting that she is going to share.

Class Fee:	Members	\$30.00
	Non-members	\$45.00

The Sky's the Limit

Instructor: Susan Selby



Are you tired of using the same old commercial fabric for the sky in your landscape or postcard? Or maybe you just can't find the right fabric for that quilt you can't wait to get started? Why not make your own!

In this class Susan will discuss different types of paint you can use on fabric, demonstrate different ways to apply the paint, and show you how quilting can create movement in a piece.

After you have had fun experimenting with the paints and the different applications you will be ready to make your own fabric and create and quilt your own piece.

Kit fee \$15.00 payable to the instructor

Class Fee:	Members	\$30.00
	Non-members	\$45.00

General Workshops

Wonky Blocks

Instructor: Barb Friesen



Shop your stash and have fun creating Wonky Blocks. These blocks piece together easily for quick gift giving and charity quilts for all ages.

Barb will show you different ways to piece Wonky blocks. From controlled measuring to improvising there's a way for everyone to be comfortable making these fun blocks. Do you have a fat quarter bundle, left over jelly roll strips, novelty print or a "Why did I buy that fabric?" all of these can go into making a fun Wonky block quilt.

Class Fee:	Members	\$30.00
	Non-members	\$45.00

Location for all 3 Workshops

Parish Church Hall of Saint Martyrs-Canadiens,
289 Dussault Avenue,
Winnipeg, MB R2J 1N5

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Please remember to bring your lunch or you will need to go off the premises to buy lunch.

Maximum Class Size – 16 Participants

Registration will take place at the September 17, meeting.

Volunteers needed to assist with workshop registration and set up and take down of required classroom materials such as electrical cords, set up of ironing boards and irons, etc.

Do you have an idea for a workshop? Is there a technique that you would like to learn or teach. Have you seen a ruler or tool that interested you?

Please contact me at: generalworkshops@manitobaprairiequilters.ca or 204-771-8749.

Linda Barker

Major Workshops – Susan Cleveland

The MPQ Major Workshop Committee Announces

Susan Cleveland

Piping Hottie!



Susan is a quilting designer/author/teacher and Piping Hottie! She specializes in Piping Hot Binding and Piping Hot Curves techniques. Her quilts are loosely based on traditional patterns and showcase precision piecing, thread embellishments, and details. Piping is used in many

of her quilts to accent curves and special binding techniques. Susan enjoys sharing her quilts and passing along her techniques to others. Susan's enthusiasm for quilting is said to be contagious! Students enjoy her upbeat attitude, well-written instructions, and one-on-one attention included in every workshop.

She includes many charming, unexpected elements such as specialty threads, prairie points, piping, and great binding techniques. Susan is the inventor of the "Groovin' Piping Trimming Tool" which is used to trim piping seam allowances and inventor of the "Prairie Pointer Pressing Tool". She is proud to have been named 2010 Minnesota Quilter of the Year! Susan teaches with the latest technology! She uses a video camera and projector in class so that every student can see every detail in every live demo. Students LOVE it!

Visit her website at piecesbewithyou.com to see her original style quilts.

With Susan's techniques and guidance, learn to create your own piping hot quilts!

Double-Pointed Dresden



All skill levels
Thursday, May 21, 2015
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Fee: \$TBD MPQ Member
(\$TBD Non-members)

Double-points puts a contemporary spin on this long-time favourite and eliminates the need for the traditional appliqué circle in the center! Using pieces and parts of the whole add another interesting bit of character. Learn Susan's tips for turning blade points with the Prairie Pointer Tool and use tricky piecing to assemble the quilt. Points are three-dimensional and design possibilities are endless. The quilt measures 27"x 24".

Piping Hot Curves – Macaroni

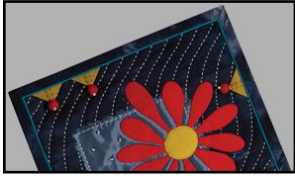


All skill levels
Friday, May 22, 2015
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Fee: \$TBD MPQ Member
(\$TBD Non-members)

Add piping to curves and avoid curved piecing! This technique is wonderful for traditional curved patterns and great for contemporary designs. In class, students will learn to make perfect piping and add that piping to the lively, curvy macaroni block. Piping adds pizzazz! Quilting and finishing will be discussed. Additional \$8 pattern fee per student or \$25 Piping Hot Curves book. The quilt measures 29"x29" or 49"x69".

Major Workshops – Susan Cleveland

Piping Hot Binding



All skill levels
Saturday, May 23, 2015
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Fee: \$TBD MPQ Member
(\$TBD Non-members)

...most popular class!

Piped bindings add spark and a professional finish to any style piece. Every detail of binding and tiny, perfect piping will be covered in class with step-by-step demos and printed instructions. Machine differences will be addressed so students will be successful with their own machines. Students work on their practice piece to achieve making perfect piping, preparing the quilt, applying binding, mitering corners, joining tails, and finishing for a show-quality back. Variations will be on display and discussed. Many major award-winners are using this technique to achieve stunning results!

Happy Daisy



All Skill levels
Sunday, May 24, 2015
Time: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
Fee: \$TBD MPQ Member
(\$TBD Non-members)

Learn to stitch with heavy decorative threads through the machine's needle for appliqué and quilting, to stuff appliqué, make prairie points with stitching and embellishments, use freezer paper for quilting designs and design an unusually shaped quilt ... while creating this precious 9"x 11" piece.

All four classes will be held at Little Britain Church Hall, 5879 Highway 9 (Main Street), Lockport MB. The hall is located just south of Lower Fort Garry Park in St. Andrews, between Lockport and Selkirk. It is on the east side of Main St. It is north of the junction of Highways 9 and 44. Find a map at <http://littlebritainunitedchurch.ca/>

NO REFUNDS AFTER February 28th, 2015

If you must cancel on or after March 1, 2015, and there is a waiting list, you will be given the name of the first person on the list. It is up to you to contact that person and arrange to be reimbursed. If there is no one on the waiting list it will be up to you to find a replacement to reimburse your fees and notify this committee with the new name.



MPQ Annual General Meeting Special Presentation Thursday Evening, May 21, 2015

Parish Church Hall of Saint Martyrs-Canadiens
289 Dussault Avenue

Susan Cleveland
Presents
My Eclectic Quilt Pageant

Using simple designs, attention to detail, fine workmanship, and special binding techniques, Susan has created her own unique style. Many of her quilts have received awards at international shows and she enjoys sharing tips and tricks to add panache to simple quilts and take heirloom pieces to new heights. Real quilts will be shared, then details will be displayed via video camera and projector.

Major Workshops – Susan Cleveland

Susan Cleveland Workshop Registration Form

Registration is open. Please print clearly. Please consult the MPQ website after September 10, 2014 for the cost.

Name: _____ MPQ No. _____

Email Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____ PC: _____

Check all the classes you would like to attend. Once a class fills, a waiting list will be established.

- ☐ Double-Pointed Dresden – Thursday, May 21, 2015.....MPQ Member: \$TBD... Non – MPQ Member: \$TBD
- ☐ Piping Hot Curves - Macaroni – Friday, May 22, 2015.....MPQ Member: \$TBD... Non – MPQ Member: \$TBD
- ☐ Piping Hot Binding – Saturday, May 23, 2015.....MPQ Member: \$TBD... Non – MPQ Member: \$TBD
- ☐ Happy Daisy – Sunday, May 24, 2015MPQ Member: \$TBD... Non – MPQ Member: \$TBD

TOTAL: _____

Cash: _____ Cheque: _____

- The cost of the workshops is to be determined (TBD). The cost of Major Workshops is subsidized by the guild. The cost will be determined at the next Executive Meeting. Please consult the MPQ website after September 10, 2014 for the cost.
- For questions about the workshops contact **Wanda Steiner at 204-475-4991 or email majorworkshops1@manitobaprairiequilters.ca** . For questions about registration and supply lists contact **Wendy Wood at 204-885-6815 or email majorworkshops2@manitobaprairiequilters.ca** .
- Workshop details, receipts, and supply lists will be emailed to you in late March. If you don't have email, the information will be mailed to the address above.

Cheques must be made payable to “**Manitoba Prairie Quilters**” and be in **Canadian** Funds. Bring your registration form and payment to an MPQ meeting or mail the form and payment to:

Before November 15, 2014: Wendy Wood
4925 Roblin Blvd.,
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After November 15, 2014: Wanda Steiner
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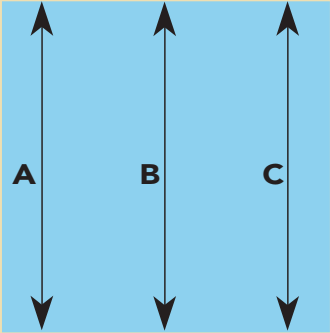
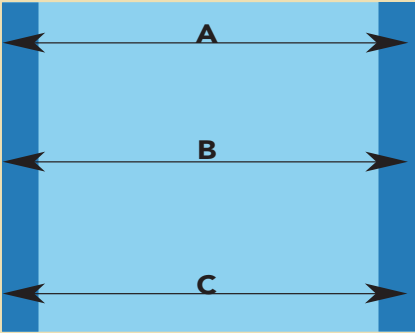
Perfect Borders

Perfect Borders

Have you been experiencing “wonky” borders? Follow these instructions to make perfect borders each and every time.

Use the following decimal conversions to calculate your quilt’s measurements:

• 1/8”	=	.125	5/8”	=	.625
• 1/4”	=	.250	3/4”	=	.750
• 3/8”	=	.375	7/8”	=	.875
• 1/2”	=	.500			

<p>A _____</p> <p>B _____</p> <p>C _____</p> <p>TOTAL _____</p> <p>_____ ÷ 3</p> <p>AVERAGE LENGTH _____</p>	 <p>Diagram A</p>	 <p>Diagram B</p>
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Find the side dimensions of your quilt by measuring through the quilt center, not along the edges, since the edges may have stretched. Take 3 measurements and average them to determine the length to cut your fabrics for the borders (diagram A). 2. Attach side borders to quilt center by pinning them at the ends and the center, and easing in any fullness. If quilt edge is a bit longer than border pin and sew with the border on top. Machine feed dogs can ease in some fullness. Press seams toward borders. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Find the top and bottom dimensions of your quilt by measuring across the quilt and side borders (Diagram B). 4. Attach top and bottom borders to quilt, pinning at the ends and center, and easing in any fullness. Press seams toward borders. <p>Now you should have perfect borders that fit each and every time.</p> |
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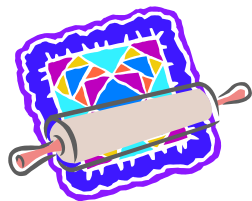
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2015 Retreat



MPQ Retreat 2015

Thursday, January 8th to Sunday, January 11th, 2015

St. Benedict's Retreat & Conference Centre
225 Masters Avenue
(just off north Main Street - north of the perimeter highway)
Winnipeg, MB

Join us in the tranquil setting of St. Benedict's Retreat & Conference Centre in January for a weekend of relaxation and uninterrupted quilting time.

It's a time to reconnect with fellow quilters and to make new quilting friends.

And remember:

No phones to answer
No meals to prepare or clean-up after

Your registration fee covers the cost of all accommodations,
delicious meals and snacks
and even the chance to win some fabulous prizes.

*The theme for the 2015 Retreat is
"Let's Bake a Quilt"*



Once again, we will have some well known Manitoba quilt shops set up as vendors for the weekend.

Discover the fun and the feeling of accomplishment following a weekend with all the time you want to QUILT, QUILT, QUILT!

Registration form and details in this issue of the newsletter.

2015 Retreat



MPQ RETREAT 2015

**Thursday, January 8th to Sunday
January 11th**

The following Retreat packages are
available:

Package A \$ 250.00

Arriving *before dinner* on Thursday,
January 8th and leaving afternoon of
Sunday, January 11th.

Package B \$ 200.00

Arriving *after dinner* on Friday, January
9th and leaving afternoon of Sunday,
January 11th.

**Cut out the registration form and mail
to:**

MPQ Retreat 2015
c/o Joy Stewart
132 Waterfront Rd.
R3X 1M8

E-Mail:
retreat@manitobaprairiequilters.ca

*Please ensure that envelopes are
postmarked no earlier than
October 15th, 2014*

Receipts will be issued and retreat details
will be emailed or mailed to registrants.

*Please note that reservations are non-
refundable after January 1, 2015. The
committee will attempt to fill any
cancellation vacancies with names from
the waiting list.*

MPQ Retreat 2015 Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code : _____

Telephone: _____

MPQ Membership Number: _____

Email: _____

Preference to share with: _____

(We will do our best to accommodate your selection)

“Let’s Bake a Quilt”



Please indicate which Retreat package you are booking:

Package A \$250.00 _____

Package B \$200.00 _____

Cheque enclosed: \$ _____

(Please make cheque payable to **MANITOBA PRAIRIE
QUILTERS**)

Only one registration per envelope please

Advertisements/Quilt Tips

Quick Tips for Quilters

- She who has the most wins! The most important tool for quilting is your fabric collection. Build a good stash and then you'll always be able to find that special piece you need to complete a project.
- Carefully press the seams in quilt blocks by lifting the iron and placing it down on each new area without moving the iron across the fabric so you avoid stretching or distorting your fabric.
- Use plain water only when washing out water-soluble marker pens from your fabric, and hand wash well, as detergents and ironing may set the ink permanently.
- Take photos and keep a written record of all your completed quilts. Make sure you label each of your quilts properly too on the back, so there is always a permanent record of whom, when, and for whom the quilt was made.
- When photographing quilts out of doors, ideally choose a flat, vertical surface for your quilt to rest against so that it will not move with the breeze and blur in your photo.
- Use different widths of masking tape to guide you in an easy way to quilt parallel lines without marking the quilt top.
- Make sure you always use only cotton thread when stitching older fabrics because synthetic threads (even cotton-covered polyester) are likely to damage or cut the fabric.
- Better to buy more fabric than you think you need for a quilt, rather than too little, as this allows room for mistakes, shrinkage or making a sample block, and for building your stash.



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Five-Yard Quilt Pattern



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FIVE YARD QUILT

52" x 68" Quilt

Fabric Needed:

1 Yard of 5 coordinating fabrics. Purchase 3-1/2 yards for the back. Binding is included in the quilt yardage. All seams are 1/4".

Cutting Instructions

Fabric (A) or Focus Fabric

- Fussy cut (18) 6-1/2" squares or cut 3 strips at 6-1/2"
- From the strips cut (18) 6-1/2" squares

Fabric (B) Frames around Focus Fabric

- Cut 18 strips 1-1/2" wide. From these strips, cut (36) 1-1/2"x6-1/2" rectangles and (36) 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangles.

Fabric (C) Second Block and Binding

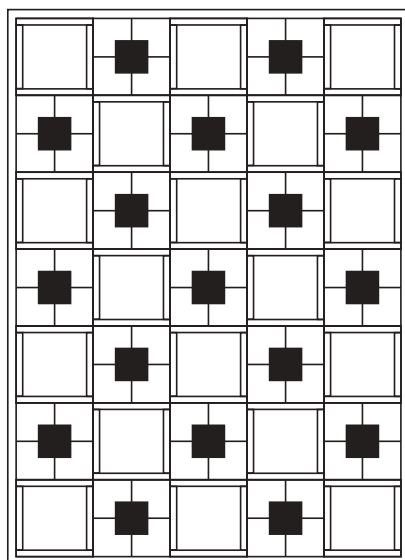
- Cut (3) strips 2" wide
- Cut (3) strips 4-1/2" wide
- Cut (6) strips 2-1/2" wide for binding

Fabric (D) Second Block and Inner Border

- Cut (3) strips 2" wide
- Cut (3) strips 4-1/2" wide
- Cut (5) strips 2" wide (inner border)

Fabric (E) Center of Second Block and Outer Border

- Cut (2) strips 3-1/2" wide.
- From these strips cut (18) 3-1/2" squares
- Cut (6) strips 4-1/2" wide (outer border)

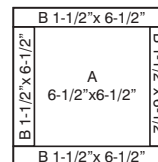


Quilt Layout 5x7 Blocks

Block One Sewing Instructions

- Make (18) 8-1/2" Blocks

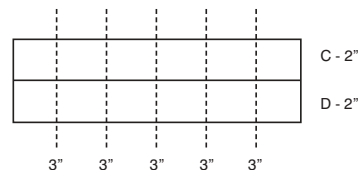
Sew a 1-1/2" x 6-1/2" rectangle of fabric B to opposite sides of the fabric A 6-1/2" squares. Press seams out. Sew a 1-1/2" x 8-1/2" rectangle of fabric B to the top and bottom of fabric A 6-1/2" squares. Press seams out.



Block Two Sewing Instructions

- Sew together

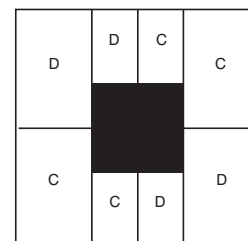
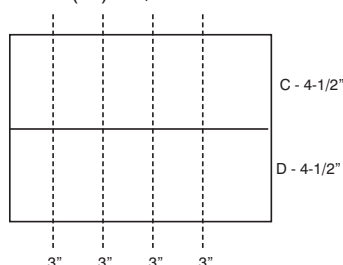
lengthwise the 2" strips of fabric C and D. Press seams toward fabric C. Cut the strip sets into (36) 3" wide pieces.



Sew to the fabric E squares as shown for the center of Block 2.

Press toward fabric E square. Make 17 units.

- Sew together lengthwise the 4-1/2" strips of fabric C and D. Press toward fabric C. Cut the strip sets into (36) 3" wide pieces. Sew to the units made in step 2. Press seams away from the center. Make (17) 8-1/2" blocks.



Layout and Finishing

Sew blocks together in a 5x7 block layout. Start your layout in row one with block one. Alternate blocks throughout for each row. Add inner border (fabric D). Add the outer border (fabric E). Layer. Quilt. Bind with the 2-1/2" strips of fabric C. Backing is pieced horizontally.

Committees

Increase Accuracy

Sewing a precise 1/4" seam is the most important tool a quilter can have. To save time and avoid frustration be sure you are always sewing accurate 1/4 seams. While many machines come with specialty 1/4" feet, these also need to be tried and tested to be sure they are accurate. To test your seam allowance sew and then measuring the width of the seam with an acrylic ruler. Another way to do this is to rotary cut three 1 1/2" x 5" strips of fabric. Sew them together with your 1/4" seam. Press the seams open and measure the width of the middle strip from the right side of the fabric. The middle strip should measure exactly 1" wide. If this measurement is not correct, cut new strips and continue to make adjustments until your seams are 1/4". Some machines allow the needle to be moved to the right or the left, and often it's possible to make an adjustment by simply moving the needle.



Also note that some quilt patterns call for a "scant" 1/4" seam allowance which means that your seam allowance should be just a thread's width smaller than a true 1/4". Make adjustments as described above for this type of 1/4" seam when it is called for.



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