



Midwest Professional Machine Quilters



PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Hang on to your hats ladies! We have some fun coming your way!

Let me start by filling everyone in about the our September business meeting.

MPMQ begins 2009 with a new slate of officers. Here is the line-up; Sandy Bernaseck kindly agreed to be co-president with yours truly. Jane Kuehn remains our treasurer. Thank goodness Jane was available to answer our questions. Carla Fielder assumes the responsibilities of secretary. Marcel Miller is editor for the newsletter with Judy Moritz assisting with the mailing. And last but not least, Jen Pielow, will be webmaster for our new website. (More about the website on pg. 5). I hope you learned some new ideas from Diana Phillips' presentation in the fall.

I used her Line Dancing designs on a customer's quilt that had hung for awhile because I was stumped on how to quilt it.

Diana's *Line Dancing* did the trick. Check out Sandy's article in this newsletter for more about Diana's class.

Okay here's the first clue to the upcoming fun, not only will our spring meeting be a potluck, but Rebecca Paulus will be presenting her colored trapunto technique. Her quilts are beautiful and if you missed them at the fall meeting you will be able to get a closer look at the spring meeting.

Speaking of the spring meeting, it is scheduled for March 7, 2009. Yes, I know the meeting is scheduled earlier than in previous years, so everyone, please cross fingers, toes, and anything else you can, so it doesn't snow. I

want to thank Jane Kuehn for making the arrangements.

Okay, now for the last clue to the upcoming fun. We have a great teacher lined up for the fall meeting/workshop.

Linda Theilfoldt from the Quilted Goose in Michigan will be demonstrating her award winning techniques for us. Be sure to mark September 26, 2009 on your calendar. You don't want to miss this workshop! Look for more information about Linda in this newsletter.

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WORKSHOP NEWS ...2008 Fall Workshop with Diana Phillips by Sandy Bernasek

MPMQ sponsored Diana Phillips of Cozy Creations for the 2008 fall workshop. She began her machine quilting and publishing business in 1994. Diana is best known for her freehand quilting designs for machine quilters.

With the help of drawings and finished quilts, Diana demonstrated two of her more popular techniques, *Line Dancing* and *Flower Power*.

Diana's *Line Dancing* technique is based on repeating a single line that follows a continuous path across a block or quilt top while using the piecework as a guide. By adding a swirl, dip, or loop a quilter can easily move across the quilt without stopping.

Diana also demonstrated her newest technique known as *Flower Power*. While the look of the design is contemporary it

can be used effectively on traditional quilts. Members learned how to fill a block, move to another block then across the quilt with little or no stopping.

Diana's techniques allow a quilter to quickly finish quilts that are beautiful yet easy to complete.

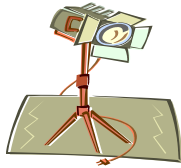
You can visit Diana at her website: www.cozy-creations.com





MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Joann Sagar, Omaha, NE



I'm an Ohio native, who ended up in Nebraska and wouldn't have it any other way--well, okay, I'd move to Wisconsin, Montana, or Alaska but doubt that will happen. I was raised on a farm then later in a town near the Columbus, OH. I met my husband in high school. He was a cool senior, I was a sophomore. We married after graduation and three days later he enlisted in the Army. The first five years we were married we only lived together for a total of 10 months.

We spent 20 years in the Army, moving 17 times in 16 years. After being in Omaha only six months the army wanted to move us again! My dear husband convinced the Army to let us stay in Omaha and we've never left. I have to say, I'm getting really antsy living in one house since 1981!

We have two adult children. Our son and his wife are in Gretna, NE. Our daughter lives only a mile away from us. No grandchildren but one spoiled grand dog. No, I mean *REALLY* spoiled.

I started quilting in the '70s during its' revival. In fact, I still have the first quilts I made. One is a crazy quilt made of double knit! Needless to say, no one sees that quilt. The other one was made with no binding--the edges just turned in on each other. Luckily my quilting techniques have improved.

I prefer non-traditional quilts but not quite "real" art quilts. I am currently working on a pattern of Jacqueline De Jonge of the Netherlands. I will probably be working on this for the rest of my life. The pattern is written in centimeters instead of inches! I have a goal to finish the quilt this year. Continued on pg.3

Presenting Linda Theilfoldt, Fall 2009



The Quilted Goose

Linda Theilfoldt is the owner of the Quilted Goose of Troy, MI. She has been quilting for more than 35 years and has won many blues ribbons at national quilt shows for her machine quilting and wearable art. Linda has taught quilting for 15 years and is also a featured teacher for Accomplish Quilting, an authorized Gammill® dealer in Michigan.

Linda is a favorite instructor at Machine Quilters Showcase where she also moderates for the MQS/Hobbs fashion show. You can find Linda's educational articles in *On Track*, the magazine published by IMQA (International Machine Quilters Association). Here is a partial list of awards Linda has received:

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- 2007 MQS- 1st Place ,Traditional Category,
- 2007 MQS-1st Place, Overall Design
- 2007 PA National- 1st Place, Best Machine Workmanship
- 2006 MQX- 1st Place, Edge-to-Edge Category
- 2005 MQS- 1st Place Overall Category

Linda will be presenting a combination of two of the classes she teaches at MQS. Our class will be *Borders and Backgrounds* combined with *Paperless Pantos*. You can get more information about Linda and her work by visiting her website at www.thequiltedgoose.com.

The 2009 fall work shop will be on September 26,2009 in Gretna, NE. Watch future newsletters and the MPMQ website for additional information regarding registration for this workshop. Don't miss this one!

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Important News!

This will be the last mass mailing of the MPMQ newsletter. Future newsletters will be posted on our MPMQ website at <http://mpmq.org>. If you don't have access to a computer and want a hard copy of the newsletter contact Marcel Miller by filling out the form at the end of this newsletter. With an electronic newsletter MPMQ will be able to save on postage costs and you will be able to get the information with just a click. Thank you all for your support while we make these changes to our newsletter. As with all changes there will be some crossed wires and missed steps so your patience and understanding is appreciated.

Joann Sagar, President





We have a Website! By Jen Pielow

At the fall meeting the board of directors elected to establish a website for MPMQ. This is a new direction for us and it is hoped that our members will find the website full of helpful information.

The success of the website depends on members contributing information for both the website and for the newsletter. These communication tools will keep us connected and more up to date..

Here is what Jennifer Pielow, Web mistress has to say about the website.

With the New Year comes a new venue for MPMQ! Our new website will be a resource for members to find information such as our newsletter, links, current information on local events and of course information about upcoming meetings. If members chose, they can also have information and a link about their website to promote their longarm business!

Our website will be only as 'good' as the information provided. Contact Jennifer at: jenniferpielow@sewtimely.com with your info!

Launch date for the website is expected sometime around the January 10. Check back frequently for new information.



You will find lot's information about our group on the MPMQ website!

<http://www.mpmq.org>

Spring Meeting 2009 By Jane Kuehn

Show and tell is a great time to see the work of our members, it is especially wonderful when they are willing to share their expertise with the rest of us.

Rebecca Paulus of Minden, NE creator of some awe inspiring quilts will be our presenter for the March 7, 2009 spring meeting.

Rebecca began quilting at the young age of 7. She purchased a quilting machine in 2004 which unleashed a creative streak that has resulted in some magnificent pieces.

After taking classes from Karen McTavish at MQS, Rebecca has developed a technique

in which she uses felt pieces. She calls her method Build my Batting quilting. This technique results in quilts that have an intricately textured surface. Rebecca will discuss her technique and share many samples of her work.

To learn more about how Rebecca creates her spectacular quilts attend the spring meeting to be held in Heartwell, NE on March 7, 2009 at the Heartwell Community Center. The meeting will begin at 9:30 AM with lunch being potluck style. Members are asked to bring salad or dessert. Main dish is yet to be decided. You may also bring your own lunch.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT cont.

I've been longarm quilting for 5 1/2 years. As for my quilting preferences, there is no particular style of quilt I like more than others. But I do prefer customer quilts that are flat. I also would rather quilt a design that doesn't look exactly like the one in the magazine. I especially like to see how other quilters combine patterns in ways that I didn't think of. Quilting customer quilts and charity quilts takes up the much of my time ... oh, and so does the spoiled grand dog.- J. Sagar

Let the spotlight be on you!



If you would like your quilting story to be featured in a future newsletter contact the Editor at threadgoods@hotmail.com.

Come on now, don't be shy we'd love to hear your story

The business meeting is open to all members.

For those attending the presentation/class, a fee of \$5 per person for both members and non-members will be collected at the door.

Directions to get to the meeting are as follows: From I-80, take exit 285 to Gibbon, go south towards Lowell, at "W" road turn left going east 2.5 miles, then turn right on 40 road, travel 6 miles, then turn left on "Q" road, travel .4 miles, you are in Heartwell. The Community Center is on main street. Call Jane 308-830-0477 if you cannot find it.

Go to <http://www.mpmq.org> to see Rebecca's



March 7, 2009, Spring Meeting
9:30 AM, Heartwell Community Center,
Heartwell NE
Contact Jane at heartwellquilter@yahoo.com
by 3/4/09 if you plan to attend.





Try This:

To remove blue water soluble marker lines from your quilt, add 1 tsp. baking soda to 20 oz. water and spray the marked area. M. Miller



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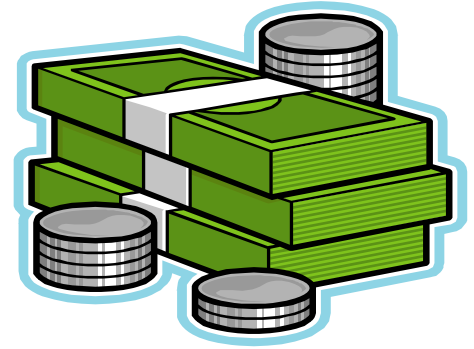
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Deposit 5/13/08	\$70.00	Check # 587	\$1,552.90
Balance 5/30/08-8/30/08	\$2,061.36	Balance 10/31/08	\$1,615.15
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Deposit 9/19/08	\$1,501.00	Deposit	\$10.00
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BULLETIN BOARD

- We're looking for tips and ideas from you about longarming. If you want to share your tips or design ideas with the group send it to the Editor to be included in the next newsletter.
- What is the most unusual, smallest, or trickiest thing you ever quilted on your longarm? Send in your story for the next newsletter. Submit by March 14
- Machine Quilters Exposition- April 13-18, 2009, The Center of NH, Manchester, New Hampshire, <http://www.mqxshow.com>
- Machine Quilters Showcase - May 11-16, 2009, Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park Kansas, <http://www.imqa.org>
- Have a longarm related item for sale, trade, or exchange, place your classified in this newsletter. Contact the Editor for information on how to post your ad.



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