

Midwest Professional Machine Quilters

March 7, 2009

The *Midwest Professional Machine Quilters* (MPMQ) met at the Heartwell Community Center in Heartwell, NE on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. Jane Kuehn was the host today.

The meeting was brought to order with members and guests welcomed by co-president Joann Sagar. Members and guests introduced themselves and reported how many years they have been quilting. They included Carol Doolittle, Judy Moritz, Pat Brown, Sandi Bernasek, Heidi Herrig, Carla Fiedler, Mary Wheeldon, Janice Clausen, Nancy Sauvageau, Peg Oliva, Sharron Mousel, Kathie Eidom, Vicki Japp, Rebecca Hewitt, Jane Kuehn, and Joann Sagar.

No door prize was presented, and Sandi Bernasek will purchase one for the fall meeting in September.

There was no report from the secretary.

Jane Kuehn reported no activity from the treasury; the balance is as stated in the last newsletter at \$1,663.25. Bills for today's workshop are expected.

There were no committee reports.

The fall meeting will be Saturday, September 26, 2009 at the United Methodist Church, 1442 Adams St., Ashland, NE. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. (Note the change in time.) The fee for members is \$30.00, and for non-members it is \$45.00. The guest speaker is Linda Thielfoldt from *The Quilted Goose* in Troy, MI. She will present a combination of classes including background work and paperless pantographs. She will talk about batting if time permits. More information about Linda's work may be found on her website, www.thequiltedgoose.com. Watch the newsletter and the MPMQ website, <http://www.mpmq.org>, for registration information.

2010 dues will be payable at the September 26 meeting.

It was reported that our newsletter editor, Marcel Miller, will be moving out of the area. After some discussion, a motion was made by Judy Moritz and seconded by Mary Wheeldon to select a newsletter editor who lives in the area served by MPMQ. This motion carried. A second motion to limit the newsletter to two issues per year was made by Jane Kuehn and seconded by Rebecca Hewitt. This motion also carried.

Judy Moritz volunteered to be our new newsletter editor, and everyone accepted her offer. The next newsletter will be delivered by September 1, 2009. It will include the fall workshop registration. The deadline to sign up for the workshop is September 15. Information about 2010 dues will also be in the newsletter.

The following members brought these items to show:

- Jane Kuehn—Mariner’s compass quilt using Diane Phillip’s line dancing technique. The discussion included hints on vacuuming white chalk off quilts, and advising customers to wash quilts intended for babies before letting the babies use them.
- Carol Doolittle—1. quilt using men’s neckties, 2. sampler in fall colors, 3. Children’s Home quilts including a Sudoku, alphabet, “cat doorstep” and “frog acres”, 4. Machine Quilted Unlimited magazines, and 5. a book by her son, Sean Doolittle, called *SAFER*.
- Sandi Bernasek—1. “Venetian Tiles” quilt with wool batting, pattern available at the *Country Sampler*, and 2. a work in progress where she used an inking process. The discussion revealed it was a whole cloth quilt that Sandi marked with a blue water soluble marker, quilted the design lines, then applied 2 coats of black fabric ink, and silver paint stick. A wool batting was used, and perhaps a thinner batting would have worked better to aid the inking process. It was heat set, and some crystals were added. Sandi used a combination of her own designs and a McTavish pattern.
- Kathie Eidem—1. quilt using a Judy Niemeyer pattern in her own colors, with quilting on the appliqués to add texture, 2. a “butterfly bargello” quilt, 3. a “Square in a Square” quilts in browns with feathered circles in the blocks, and 4. a wall hanging in blues and greens intended for a wedding gift, featuring a pear appliqué and clam shells quilting design. This quilt featured corner triangles sewn into the binding on the back, used to insert a dowel for hanging.
- Vicki Japp—quilted purse with thread painting
- Judy Moritz—photos of quilts she has done
- Carla Fiedler—“Baby Heirloom Quilt” by Sue P. Stewart

During the meeting, MPMQ door prizes were won by Jan Clausen, Vicki Japp, Pat Brown, Kathie Eidem, Carol Doolittle, Nancy Sauvageau, Mary Wheeldon, Sharron Mousel, Sandi Bernasek, and Heidi Herrig.

The program featured member Rebecca Hewitt. Rebecca showed several of her beautiful whole cloth quilts and explained the processes she uses to make them: shadow trapunto, color trapunto, and “Build My Batting.” Fabrics she uses for her tops include a 50/50 poly/cotton sheeting, and cotton/poly voile found at Wal-Mart, Hobby Lobby, Michael’s, or online. Elements of her designs come from quilting stencils, books, and the seasonal department at Hobby Lobby etc. Her hints include: audition your felt or fleece under the top fabric to see if you like the effect, use acrylic felt or fleece in bright neon colors, use pellaon fleece for batting, use precut felt pieces in your design to save time, use “Crafter’s Pick” basting glue, Crayola Kids’ wash out marker, polyester rickrack,

appliqué patterns, freezer paper to make your patterns, silk/polyester flowers (test first), and stencils.

Winners of Rebecca’s door prizes include Janice Clausen, Peg Oliva, and Judy Moritz.

Some of her online sources include:

- www.adhesiveproductsinc.com
- www.redrockthread.com
- www.feltpeople.com
- www.littleextrasdiecuts.com
- www.createforless.com
- www.etsy.com

The meeting was adjourned and a potluck lunch was enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted by,
Carla Fiedler, MPMQ Secretary

Appendix A—Motions Made

Motion	Made by	Seconded by	Action
I move to select a newsletter editor who lives in the area served by MPMQ.	Judy Moritz	Mary Wheeldon	Carried
I move that the newsletter be published twice a year.	Jane Kuehn	Rebecca Hewitt	Carried

Appendix B—Tasks

Task	Responsible Person	Due
1. Write and send out next newsletter to be delivered by September 1, 2009	Judy Moritz	9-1-09
2. Exec. Board will purchase a door prize worth approx. \$30.00 for the fall meeting.	Sandi Bernasek	9-26-09