



# Country Quilters

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## President's Notes

Welcome to Fall! The cool weather has finally arrived and we can soon expect some beautiful fall colors to use as inspiration for quilting. I spent Sunday evening watching the "blood moon" develop and it made me think what a beautiful quilt it would make (if I ever get out from under all the boxes and get back to quilting!)

We got through the quilt show this year with flying colors. It was very successful thanks to Kim Rhody, her fantastic quilt show crew and all the volunteers, as well as everyone who submitted entries! No falling quilts, lots of visitors, beautiful quilts, demonstrations and the like. I wish I could have been there for it, but my daughter needed me to drive the grandson around all weekend because she and my son-in-law had to be out of town. Thanks to EVERYONE who made this successful quilt show happen.

Looking at the preliminary numbers, we made a lot of money this year. I don't have historical data, and I may be mistaken, but I do not remember making this much money as long as I have been in the guild.

Upcoming programs look to be really exciting again this year. I hope that I will be able to make it out for some of them.

For those of you who are not aware, my husband and I relocated to Minneapolis to be closer to family. He had back surgery in June, and although he has recovered well, he realized he could not maintain our home in Willmar. We decided it was time to move closer to family since we have none in Willmar. I will miss everyone and the guild meetings! I have so enjoyed being a member and officer over the years.

*Vickie Cyr, CQ Co-President*

## \* \* \* Quilt Show Wrap Up \* \* \*

The 2015 Country Quilters' Quilt Show was a huge success as far as I am concerned. We had 417 quilts on display plus whatever Ramona had in her booth. Thanks to all the members who had quilts on display. There would be no quilt show without you. We had great help all weekend from set up to take down and in all the other areas that volunteers took care of. The weather was great which contributed to good attendance, along with the efforts of our publicity people. I talked to all the vendors and they all had positive comments about sales and contacts made. We decided we need to make more hanging standards, so that is already

in the works. And, we didn't have any standards that fell over like in 2013. A very heartfelt thanks goes to all the quilt show committee members for a job well done!

*Kim Rhody*

### Country Quilters has a Website!

In addition to our recently started Facebook group, and the blog which has been active for a few years now, CQ officially has a website! Thanks goes to Sandra Schlagel for setting this up for our guild.

You can check it out at

[www.countryquiltersmn.com](http://www.countryquiltersmn.com)

# Guild Programs Coming Right Up!

Sandra Schlagel, Guild VP

## October 13, 2015

We welcome Darci Schipnewski and Lacey from Shades of the Past Quilt Shop. They will present a trunk show and talk about a variety of quilt projects, such as "Holidays, Wools, and One Pattern Several Ways." They're sure to swing us into the holiday season spirit!

## November 10, 2015

We welcome Faye Hoch from Twin Cities Quilting. She will present "Perspectives on Quilting: The Differences and Similarities of Traditional, Contemporary and Modern Quilts." This educational slide show was very well received when she presented it to the state's Minnesota Quilters Guild earlier this year. If you've always wondered what defines these styles, be sure to attend.

## December 8, 2015

Our December guild meeting will have a Christmas theme: "Presents & Prizes ... It's Party Time." Each board member is bringing a special treat to the party so there will be lots to eat. It would be fun if you bring your all-time favorite Christmas or Holiday project for Sew & Tell, alone or along with other projects. We'll also play Quilt B-I-N-G-O with nice prizes. And, what would a holiday party be without presents? Everyone who attends will receive a small surprise from the guild! A Gift Swap will be part of the fun, too, but it's optional so still come to the party even if you don't want to swap gifts. BUT IF YOU DO want to participate, here's the scoop: Bring a wrapped gift to the meeting. The wrapping can be brown paper bag or gilded gift wrap – that's up to you. The gift inside shouldn't cost more than \$5. Make sure the item is something that you would like to receive yourself, though! Ideas for the gift exchange include:

- Good Quality Fat quarter
- Sewing or quilting tool/s like curved pins
- Pattern
- Good Quality Thread
- Beads and embellishments
- Tea light candle
- Quality needle pack
- Christmas ornament
- Candy or chocolate

## And a Peek at Next Year

Several of you have suggested that Marilyn Bujalski visit our guild with her very large and gorgeous counted cross-stitch quilts. You're in luck! She has agreed to present at our April meeting. In June, Denise Muller from Colorz Quilt Shop will do a presentation on color. She's from Colorz Quilt Shop in Baxter where they make and sell the popular and unique cotton Cherrywood Fabrics that look like suede.

## Way to go, Country Quilters!

I'm happy to report that 61 members had entries in our show, exhibiting 420 items. Two non-members each also entered a quilt. These numbers do not include Ramona Berg's display, nor any quilts that were used in the demonstrations and the lullaby quilt display. Taking all into account, I estimate that we had over 500 quilts or quilted items at our show. These figures reflect a large increase in participation from the 2013 show's numbers of 250 quilts and 45 aprons: the work of 52 members. Way to go, Country Quilters!

Registering and organizing all the entries in 2 1/2 hours is quite an accomplishment! Many thanks to these members who signed up on my list to help Friday and/or Sunday: Smitty Luschen, Colleen Barber, Judy Werner, Karla Tinklenberg, Jan Kiergaard, Jan Green and Suzanne Skindelien. Also a big thank you to everyone else who pitched in as needed. If I start to list you all I know I wouldn't remember everyone's name. From the minute I drove into the parking lot Friday morning to the exit on Sunday, I had help. "Many hands make light work." Better yet, the "work" was fun too!

Daphne Evenson

## Thank You from Quilt Show Publicity

Everyone did a fantastic job spreading the word about our quilt show through facebook shares, hanging posters and handing out brochures and bookmarks! It was fun to go into different businesses and buildings throughout the area and see our posters front and center. We really appreciate how you took the new "publicity kits" and helped market our big event. Many Hands Make Light Work thanks to you!

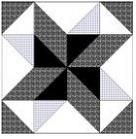
Sandra Schlagel, Publicity Coordinator



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## Quilt Shows & Shop Hops & More...

 **"Minnesota Memories" Quilt Show**, Women of the West Quilters, October 3 – Beautiful Saviour Lutheran Church, 5005 Northwest Blvd., Plymouth, 9am-5pm \$6.00 admission

 **St. Cloud Heritage Quilters 2015 Quilt Show "Silver Threads and Golden Needles"**, Oct. 10th 9-5, Oct. 11th 10-4, Haehn Center, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph. \$7.00 admission. [www.stcloudheritagequilters.com](http://www.stcloudheritagequilters.com)

 **Original Sewing & Quilt Expo**, Nov. 12-14, Doubletree Bloomington, Minneapolis, MN. [sewingexpo.com](http://sewingexpo.com)

***Country Quilters is a nonprofit organization  
dedicated to promoting and preserving the art of quilting.***

Membership is open to anyone interested in quilts and provides opportunities to meet and fellowship with other quilters in Willmar and its surrounding towns.

Annual dues are \$25.00 and visitor fee is \$4.00 per meeting.

The Guild meets the second Tuesday evening of every month at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Willmar Community Center located at 624 Hwy. 71 NW, Willmar, MN.

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