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# February 2013

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## MVQ Newsletter

## Minutes Submitted by Jean Thielges

### January 2012 Meeting Minutes

The Missouri Valley Quilters Meeting was held at the House of Prayer on January 17, 2013. President JoLayne Waller called the meeting to order.

Melinda Snell introduced a visitor, Sonja Taylor. Sonja is a watercolor artist who has collaborated with Melinda to design a number of quilt patterns, including Poppy Meadows, Coffee Time, Tranquility, and Winter's Beauty. The Treasurer reported a balance of \$2,869.88 in the guild's account, with \$298.68 of Christmas bills outstanding. A correction was made to the Board Meeting minutes. The Chinese Auction will be held at the March monthly meeting, not the April meeting. Registration forms have been sent to members for the National Teacher Event to be held on April 11-14. For questions about the event, contact DelRae at 258-6153. Barb Wrolstad reported on the Warm Start project. 71 layettes were distributed this past year. There are currently 4 layettes on hand. Barb read a thank-you note from the Baby Boutique. (Clients of the Baby Boutique earn points in order to "purchase" the layettes.) Edie Scherr donated \$25.00 to the project in memory of a friend. Note: Angie Avard has volunteered to quilt the layers if a member brings a Warm Start quilt to her shop – Sewing Machines Plus in Mandan. There is one opening left in the Wool Applique class, to be taught at the Frozen Fabric Frolic on February 15-17. President JoLayne read a thank-you note from the Capital Quilters, thanking the volunteers who worked at the Capital Quiltfest. Volunteer hostesses are still needed for the months of February, May and June. A signup sheet was sent around. Kathy Nordquist made a motion to donate \$500 to the church. The motion passed. The program for February is binding. Row by row and round robin signup sheets were passed around.

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## Board Meeting Submitted by Jean Thielges

### January 30, 2013 Board Meeting

The board meeting of the Missouri Valley Quilters was held at Schlotsky's Deli on Wednesday, January 30, 2013. Those present were JoLayne Waller, Michelle Ripplinger, Barb Wrolstad, and Jean Thielges.

The following issues were discussed:

The need for hostesses. The quilting of Warm Start quilts that are sent to Sewing Machines Plus. The need to update the membership list. Program ideas for future meetings.

The survey found that a number of members were interested in a mystery quilt. Michelle found one. Supplies and cutting instructions will be in the February newsletter. Instructions/clues will follow in the next four newsletters.

The next Board meeting will be at Schlotsky's Deli on Tuesday February 26th, 2013, 5:30 pm



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If you have any information you would like included in the next newsletter please call or email the editor.

Newsletter deadline is the first Tuesday of the month.

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## February Meeting

*The February meeting will be demonstrations by 3 of our members — "Everything you wanted to know about bindings, but were afraid to ask." Angie Avard will demonstrate how to cut bias binding. Mary Rasmussen will be showing how to add binding entirely by hand and Alice Schott will give tips on finishing your quilt; including binding and how to ensure your quilt lies or hangs flat.*

## Save the Date

March 9, 2013, **National Quilting Day**  
 Frances Leach High Prairie Arts & Science Complex  
 (<http://ndcapitalquilters.com/>)

March 15-17, 2013, **20th Anniversary Prairie Quilt Festival**  
 Grand International Minot, ND  
 (<http://www.minotquilters.com/>)

April 11-14, 2013, **National Teacher Event**  
 Susan Purney Mark [www.susanpm.com](http://www.susanpm.com)  
 McCabe Methodist Church, Bismarck, ND  
 (registration begins Jan 1 2012 )

### UFO Challenge

*List UFO(s) and give \$1 for each*

*Show completed top and get your \$1 back*

**OR**

*Show completed quilt (through the binding) and have your name added to a drawing for a gift certificate.*

*Index cards will be available at meetings to sign up. You may sign up any time through the August meeting. Final drawings will be at the September 2013 meeting. The number of gift certificates will be based on participation.*

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DelRae Martin and Monica McCleary were chosen for the name tag drawings. DelRae said that her quilt mentor was Sue Schwarz because Sue DelRae said that her quilt mentor was Sue Schwarz because Sue always pushes her to try new things. Monica said that her favorite quilt was the X Box. She said that she was on her fifth one, a reason that she is teaching the class at the Frozen Fabric Frolic. National Quilting Day is March 9<sup>th</sup>. Activities will be held at the Frances Leach High Prairie Arts and Science Complex. Registration will be at the Capital Quilters web site in early February. The Minot Quilt Show will be held at the Grand International on March 15-17. Show and Tell was held. Hostesses who provided tasty treats were Jan Hokenstad and Michelle Collins.

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, February 21st.

## Warm Start

A word about Warm Start. First of all thanks so much for members making donations to the program. And a very big thank you to Angie Avard and "her girls" for assisting with the quilting on the quilt tops that have been donated. Please remember if taking quilts to Sewing Machine Plus for their quilting assistance don't skimp on the backing. There must be at least 4" extra of backing fabric to be quilted on the long arm.

## National Teacher Event

Our National teacher, Susan Purney Mark, has graciously loaned us some of her quilts so you can all have a better idea of what her work looks like up close and personal. The samples she sent will be at the February meeting for your viewing pleasures. The pictures here are just a little sample to spark your interest.



## Planning Ahead

March - Chinese Auction. Since March will be the Chinese Auction this is a good time to be cleaning and purging your sewing room of things you no longer want or need. These items can be books, patterns, fabrics, etc. Please bring these items to the February meeting to help the committee out.

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# A Patchwork Puzzle

A Judy Hopkins Mystery

available FREE at  
[www.MarshaMcCloskey.com](http://www.MarshaMcCloskey.com)

## Step 1

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Make a pieced, crib-size quilt,  
45-1/2" x 59-1/2" including borders.  
All quick cut; uses 3 different fabrics.

Total yardage required:

4 yards plus backing.

Six steps.

This project is geared toward quilters  
who are comfortable with basic  
rotary cutting and machine piecing  
techniques.

## Fabric

The fabric requirements are generous, to allow for uneven cuts, shrinkage and mistakes—and because most quilters would rather have a bit too much fabric than not enough!

Use 44"-wide fabric (at least 42 usable inches after preshrinking).

You'll need:

1-1/4 yards DARK fabric. This fabric is for the primary design element in the quilt. Choose a solid in a color that you love, or a beautiful, dark, non-directional print.

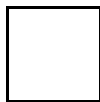
3/4 yard MEDIUM (or dark-medium) fabric. This fabric is for the secondary design element in the quilt. Choose a solid or a small-to medium-scale tone-on-tone print. A directional print—even a low-key plaid or stripe—would work fine here.

2 yards LIGHT fabric, for background and borders. This fabric will be joined to itself occasionally; if you use a print, try something in a soft, swirly all-over pattern that will help disguise the seams. Consider a subtle multicolored print that picks up the other colors in the quilt.

Both the DARK and MEDIUM fabrics must contrast well with the LIGHT background fabric. Make sure you'll be able to see a "line" where the DARK and LIGHT and the MEDIUM and LIGHT fabrics join.

Fabric requirements include fabric for borders for for 3/8" (finished) double-fold binding.

The shaded boxes below are keyed to the drawings that will appear in the sewing steps. Cut a snip from each of your fabrics and tape or glue the snip near the appropriate shaded box. You'll find this reference guide helpful as you proceed through the step-by-step instructions for the quilt.



Light



Medium



Dark

# Cutting—A Patchwork Puzzle

Read through all of the instructions before you begin. All cutting dimensions include 1/4" seams.

Cutting half-square triangles from squares:  Cutting quarter-square triangles from squares: 

## From the DARK fabric:

- Cut 2 selvage-to-selvage strips, 4" wide.  
From these strips, cut a total of 17 squares, 4" x 4".
- Cut 5 selvage-to-selvage strips, 2-5/8" wide.  
From these strips, cut a total of 68 squares, 2-5/8" x 2-5/8".  
Cut the squares once diagonally to make 136 half-square triangles.
- Reserve the remaining fabric for binding.

## From the MEDIUM fabric:

- Cut 1 selvage-to-selvage strip, 5-3/4" wide.  
From this strip, cut 4 squares, 5-3/4" x 5-3/4".
- Cut 2 selvage-to-selvage strips, 4" wide.
- Cut 4 selvage-to-selvage strips, 2-1/4" wide.

## From the LIGHT fabric:

- Cut 2 selvage-to-selvage strips, 4" wide.
- Cut 4 selvage-to-selvage strips, 2-1/4" wide.

From the LENGTH of the remaining LIGHT fabric:

- Cut 4 strips, 5-3/4" wide x about 55" long, for borders.

From the WIDTH of the remaining piece of LIGHT fabric, which will be *about* 19" x 55":

- Cut 6 strips, 4-3/4" wide x about 19" long.  
From these strips, cut a total of 17 squares, 4-3/4" x 4-3/4".  
Cut the squares TWICE diagonally to make 68 quarter-square triangles.
- Cut 10 strips, 2-1/4" wide x about 19" long.  
From these strips, cut a total of 68 squares, 2-1/4" x 2-1/4".

### TEST YOUR 1/4" SEAM ALLOWANCE BEFORE YOU START CONSTRUCTING YOUR QUILT!

1. From scraps, cut three strips, EXACTLY 2" wide and about 6" long. Join the strips as shown, and press seams to one side.



2. Measure the center strip. It should measure EXACTLY 1-1/2" wide. If it does not, adjust your needle position or seam guide and try again.

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## **February Meeting**

**Feb 21st, 6:30 pm @ House of Prayer**  
**Everything you always wanted to know about bindings,**  
**but were afraid to ask.**

**Demonstrations by Angie Avard, Mary Rasmussen and Alice Schott**

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