

**Congratulations to Jenna Ingle &
Debbie Pierschbacher our 2008
Mary Conkel Award winners!**



A little bit about Debbie Pierschbacher

My name is Debbie Pierschbacher and I will be your next President of AAQG, look out, I hope I'm a good one!

I made my first two quilts when I was in high school; I cut out rectangles of polyester scraps using a recipe card as a pattern then sewed away. These two quilts are somewhere I think, probably in my parents attic.

I did not quilt again until a woman I worked with, Mabel Hambling, showed us quilts that she made in a class that met in Panora once a month. So I started out making 1 quilt a month starting with quilts like Pineapple Log Cabin and a Postage Stamp (meaning 1 ½ inch squares) Star---it is surprising I kept going.

I still enjoy quilting and wish I had more time to sew.

A little bit about Jenna Ingle

I began my quilting journey in 2000. I took an 8 week beginning quilting class through Ankeny Adult Education. My quilting classmate was my mother, Charlotte Stordahl (aka our guild secretary). My Mom had been quilting for a few years, but wanted to get me started, so we took the class together. I joined AAQG in June 2003, and jumped in with both feet. I have been vice president, president, retreat chair and currently program chair. I enjoy being involved with the AAQG board, I like getting information first hand, helping with decision making and I have met a lot of lifelong quilting friends. I also LOVE our annual retreat! It is an awesome weekend to get away from home and do nothing but sew, shop, eat and chat... what more could a girl need?

I like receiving quilting magazines in the mail (honestly, I get too many). My favorite is a newer publication called 'Quilter's Home'. It is a modern quilter's magazine and the editor, Mark Lipinski, is hilarious. My favorite fabric designer is Amy Butler (I actually met her 2 summers ago). She has a modern flair, big motif prints in bright colors, it reminds me of 70's wallpaper. I am attracted to almost all brightly colored fabric, and batiks are my second favorite. I usually buy fabric kits because I can make it exactly how it looked in the store. I also buy matching fabric for the back (yes, I pay full price for every yard of backing fabric). I am very particular that way.

I am definitely addicted to fabric shopping, and I will have to live to be 150 years old to complete everything I have bought and what I inherit from my mother (sorry mom).

I have a new obsession that will be starting this January 2009..... my first child! Yes, you read it right, I am expecting January 28.

Thank you for my Mary Conkel award, I am honored to be recognized among this group of inspiring quilter's.

Jenna Ingle