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1. Jeff Rathernmel, Minnesota Center for Book Arts artistic director and interim executive director, and Cathy Ryan, artist and board member. 2. Trish Schilling; Peggy Korsmo-Kennon of the American Swedish Institute, and Chip Schilling, artist. 3. Tom and Dawn Cassidy. 4. Betty Bright, Kathy Smola and Beth Wakefield. 5. Artist Claire Van Vliet of Janus Press and Susan Hensel of Susan Hensel Gallery. 6. Aaron Kunkel and Julie Sirek, an MCBA Collegiate Fellow. 7. Artists Jemna Brown, Rigo Lara and David Rich. 8. Jason and Tricia Inskeep of Adsoka.

There were no iPads or Kindles at the 25th-anniversary party for the Minnesota Center for Book Arts (MCBA) last month.

For a quarter-century, the internationally recognized center has celebrated old technology, including papermaking, letterpress printing and bookbinding.

But that doesn't mean it's out of touch with the times. In fact, said **Jeff Rathernmel**, artistic director and interim executive director, you'll find the "traditional craft with contemporary content," such as collegiate fellow **Julie Sirek's** current project about the menstrual cycle.

To mark its 25th anniversary, the organization opened up its little black book to create a commemorative print portfolio featuring the work of 25 artists; it was on display for the party.

Also for the occasion, **Claire Van Vliet** of the influential Janus Press came from Vermont. With some of her books in the exhibit, she couldn't pick a favorite. "The one I'm most interested in is the one I'm working on now," she said.

With so many artistic offerings, you might actually be able to judge these books by their covers.