

MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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April, 2011

April 6, 2011

Peter White Public Library
Community Room 6:30 PM

From Alice: **April Program – Get Ready to
Make our Autumn Comforts 2012 Raffle Quilt**

*The program will be “Paper Piecing Review”
and will cover the basics of paper piecing to help
prepare for making the three blocks in our 2012
raffle quilt. We will have 3 centers set up with a
demo for each of the blocks in the raffle quilt at the
centers.*

*Mary Poirier will do the program and she will have
help from 2 others. The website has a picture of the
planned quilt, and paper piecing is a great way for
all of us to share in making THE QUILT for Autumn
Comforts 2012.*



Remembering our last show:

LAST CHANCE to purchase a DVD of the Autumn Comforts
2010 Quilt Show. Anyone interested in this DVD please
notify Carol Siebe before the April 6 meeting and she will
bring them to you at that meeting.

\$5 (\$4 goes to MCQA treasury)

Contact Carol Siebe 346-9710
or email cbshasta@chartermi.net

Thank you, Bob, for creating this beautiful keepsake!

2011 Officers

President: Judy Parlato

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Wentela

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Gordon, Pauline Gould

Webmaster: Nancy Henderson

Christmas in July: EvAnn Johnson, Ann
Pillote

November Quilt Sale: Rosemary Glenn

2011 Workshop (Joe the Quilter): Judy
Parlato, Carol Siebe, Cindy Yackel

2012 Raffle Quilt: Rochelle Black, Chris
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*Several openings are available for chairpersons of
our standing committees. Please consider
becoming involved by volunteering to help fill
these positions.*

Blotto

Charity Quilts

Historian/Photographer

Property/Equipment

2012 Quilt Show Chairs

2012 Raffle Quilt Sales

Snacks

Please be sure to thank our hostesses for providing us with delicious treats in April:

Pauline Gould and Erna Roever.

As requested, here is the recipe for hummus served at the March meeting. Enjoy ~

Ultimate Hummus

Makes about 2 cups. From Cook's Illustrated, May, 2008.

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Ingredients

- ½ cup dried chickpeas (garbanzo beans)
- 2 quarts water
- 1/8 teaspoon baking soda
- 3 tablesp. juice from 1 to 2 lemons
- 6 tablesp. tahini, stirred well
- 2 tablesp. extra-virgin olive oil
- ½ teasp. table salt
- 1 small garlic clove, minced (about 1/2 teaspoon)
- ¼ teaspoon ground cumin
- Pinch Cayenne
- 1 tablesp. minced fresh cilantro or parsley leaves

Instructions

1. Pick through, rinse chickpeas. Cover with 1 quart water, soak overnight. Drain. Bring beans, baking soda, and 1 quart water to boil in large over high heat. Reduce heat to low, simmer gently, stirring occasionally, until beans are tender, about 1 hour. Drain, reserving 1/4 cup bean cooking water, cool.
2. Combine lemon juice and bean cooking water in small bowl. Whisk together tahini and 2 tablesp oil in second small bowl.
3. Process chickpeas, garlic, salt, cumin, cayenne in food processor until almost fully ground, about 15 sec. Scrape down bowl. With machine running, add lemon juice-water mixture in steady stream through feed tube. Scrape down bowl, continue to process for 1 min. With machine running, add oil-tahini mixture in steady stream through feed tube; continue to process until hummus is smooth and creamy, about 15 seconds, scraping down bowl as needed.
4. Transfer hummus to serving bowl, sprinkle cilantro over surface, cover with plastic wrap, let stand until flavors meld, at least 30 minutes.

P.S. from Jeanne - Tahini is ground sesame seeds, and is found in the organic foods section of our big stores, and at the Marquette Food Co-op. I burned out the motor on our blender making hummus once, so then I got to buy a food processor 😊



Check this out :

Former MCQA member, and past president, **Sherrie Jaqua** has a new website and her first book has been published. Congratulations, Sherrie!
<http://www.sherriejaqua.com/>

This month from
Marcia:



For your Secret Sister, someone special in your life or just because:

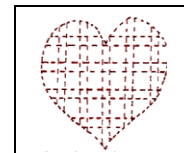
Cute Easter Pillow - You might want to enlarge it though.
<http://peppermintpatcher.wordpress.com/2009/04/03/easter-cushions/>

Secret Pocket Eggs
<http://www.sewmamasew.com/store/media/blog/SecretPocketEggs.pdf>

Fun for little people in your life.
http://twostraightlines.typepad.com/two_straight_lines/2006/04/bunny_toss.html

I might send a few more later. Gotta get dinner on the table!

Hugs, Marcia



from Rosemary:
Your unwanted quilting items are someone else's treasure. Clean your closet and bring items to the sale table. Our treasury will be grateful.



Quilts and WNMU-TV by Ragene Henry

Let's flood them with kudos for airing Quilting Arts!

WNMU-TV 13 is currently running the program "Quilting Arts" on Saturday mornings at 10:30. Bruce Turner, station manager explained that they ran an earlier series of the program from May-July 2010, but when the series ended he did not receive any viewer comments asking for more programs. It is important that we let Mr. Turner know that we watch the shows, that we enjoy quilting shows, that we hope more will be forthcoming. His email address is btturner@nmu.edu. Please take a moment in the next month or so to let him know these shows do have an audience. If we don't tell him, he won't know!

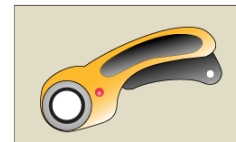
Mr. Turner informed me that some years ago MCQA underwrote the local broadcast of another quilting show and the audio credit encouraged potential members to call the number on the screen. He asks if MCQA still exists and if we might be interested in doing something like this as part of our community outreach in the future. Please think about this. I will bring it up at a future MCQA meeting.

A new 70 minute documentary film called "Stitched" has been made. It features 3 award winning art quilters (Caryl Bryer Fallert, Hollis Chatelain, and Randall Cook) Apparently the producers are still looking for donations and are not quite ready for distribution, but Mr. Turner expressed an interest in it, and was impressed by what he saw on the program clips (see below), so let's encourage him to use it, and think about possibly helping to underwrite it. Go to www.stitchedfilm.com to see clips or to Houston Woman Magazine to read an excellent background article at <http://www.houstonwomanmagazine.com/index.php/issues/3-newsflash/413-stitched-in-time>

Blotto block due in April:



The March Blotto Block has been done by **The Material Girl's Friendship Group**. This beautiful 8" square paper pieced block is a great way to use up scraps from your stash. Remember to use an off white or cream background and five shades of a predominant color. Many thanks to Ann Pillote and Erna Roever for providing this month's Blotto block. Full instructions are available at the MCQA website: http://www.marquettequilters.com/Charity_Quilts_Projects.php



The next Blotto block is provided by **The Explorer's Friendship Group**, and Tracey Cairati has given us the the pattern – see page 5 of this newsletter, and see the block at the April meeting. Tracey will give us guidance on fabric selection and show us this fun block!

Note from Judy P:
If folks could bring their **Joe Cunningham quilts and quilt tops** to the April meeting, I would like to take a picture of us all. There is a chance I will see Joe in San Francisco. Thanks

Deadline for the May Newsletter is

April 20

Send your contributions to mcqanewsletter@yahoo.com



March 2, 2011 MCQA Minutes

Thirty five members and two guests were present when MCQA president, Judy Parlato, called the March meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Judy welcomed members and visitors and thanked the hostesses, Connie and Sarah Haggel and Jeanne Baumann.

Ragene Henry made an announcement about the spring retreat at Fortune Lake to be held March 25-27. There are still spaces for two more people to join us. There will be fun activities for Friday evening, and projects using Edyta Sitar's piecing and stripping techniques on Saturday. Cost is \$80 for the weekend. Participants will soon receive an email containing all the details.

Show and tell featured many beautiful projects that used our stashes, followed by healthy snacks provided by the evening's hostesses.

Judy Stallings from the Portage Quilt House in Chassell presented the program, titled "Stash Busting". She shared intriguing piecing techniques as well as some of her favorite quilting tools – including an iron that made us all giggle!

The business meeting began with the reading of the minutes of the January meeting since there was no business meeting at the February get together with Joe the Quilter. Martha Jennings, treasurer, reported that as of this reporting we have a balance of \$7,316.26 in our treasury. Martha also presented the audit committee's report. We passed the audit with flying colors and former treasurer, Chris Swenor, was congratulated on keeping very thorough records.

Committee reports:

Membership – 35 members were present, along with two visitors. There were 8 paid memberships this evening. Members are reminded that dues are payable by the March meeting.

Newsletter – names of members who have not paid for 2011 will be purged from the newsletter list after this meeting and will not receive newsletters after that.

Website – The problems incurred on the website have been fixed and it should be operating as expected now. Thousands of hits show that other people besides our members are taking note of what's happening in our guild.

Library – now contains a CD of the photos of the Joe Cunningham visit, prepared by Bob Siebe. Bob was thanked for his great artistic work on this CD and the one of our quilt show.

Teddy bear quilts – We have 9 to date. Bev has 2 cases of bears to be dressed by members for holiday distribution along with the quilts. Members are encouraged to dress a bear &/or make small quilts for them.

Blotto blocks of interlocking triangles were designed by the neo-natal friendship group and presented by Ann Pillote. They are due at the April meeting. The Explorer's group (Tracey Cairati) will be in charge of the next blotto

President Parlato made another plea for volunteers to head up charity quilts and the quilt show. No volunteers came forward.

In Old Business the financial report from the Joe Cunningham (Joe the Quilter) visit was presented by president Parlato. The expenses were \$981 and \$560 was taken in. Thus, final cost to the guild was \$429.

National Quilt Day is March 19 and Alice Johnson will head it up. Volunteers are asked to spend some time at the mall that day working on charity quilts, teddy bear quilts, or our raffle quilt.

Many oohs and ahhs greeted the design and plan for the new raffle quilt, a bright batik of paper piecing, presented by Chris Wiik and Nancy Henderson.

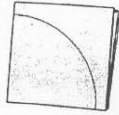
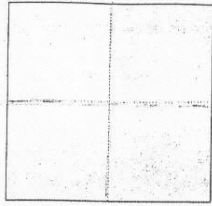
During new business Ragene Henry asked members to communicate with TV13, WNMU, about quilting programming they enjoy, and about letting the station know of their disappointments when such programming is stopped. The only way they know, is if we let them know. She also mentioned that in the past the MCQA has sponsored or underwritten quilting shows. We might consider whether to do that again. Information will be put in the newsletter and on the website.

The March meeting was adjourned by president Parlato at 8:25 P.M.

Ragene Henry, secretary

Blotto Block to make for the May meeting:

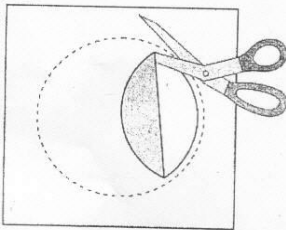
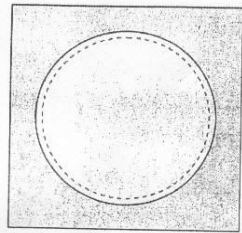
Bullseye Quilt- Blotto



You will need the following pieces for each bullseye block.
 a 9" square background piece.- Lights, tans, creams,
 and light yellow prints.

For the circle fabrics, use fabrics in mostly muted colors-
 blues, greens, golds, browns, reds ,
 No black, white, orange

8" square mostly dark prints, / some medium
 6" square
 4" square



Take your 8" 6", and 4" squares, fold each into quarters
 and cut a quarter circle free hand to make about a
 7-1/2", " 5-1/2", and 3-1/2" circles.

Lay the 8" circle centered on your 9" square. press it so
 it doesn't move, or pin it, then sew around the circle
 1/4" from outside raw edge.

Turn over and carefully cut away the background behind.
 (this reduces thickness in finished quilt) Repeat the
 same steps for the 6" and 4" circles.

For the blotto this is where you stop. Make as many as
 you'd like. Your name gets in the drawing once for every
 block you make.

To make the quilt :

Take the finished blocks and cut them. The traditional way is to 1/4 them, but you
 could also cut them once on the diagonal for a different effect. Rearrange the cut
 segments and resew them together.

BLOTTO ↓

