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# MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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April 2010

April 7, 2010  
Peter White Public Library  
Community Room 6:30 PM

## April Program

The program at the April 7th meeting will be presented by Kathryn Norton from Alley Kat's Quilt Shop. Kathryn will introduce us to a wonderful product from Superior Threads called "Texture Magic". This steam-activated shrinking fabric will turn any fabric in your stash into a wonderful textured fabric right before your eyes. Kathryn will bring samples of how this amazing new product will give you great inspiration to go home and try it yourself! Don't miss out!

Many thanks to long time guild member Erna Roever for her wonderful program at the March meeting on wool applique. Erna not only provided all of us with great instructions, tips and techniques but also shared with us many of her completed wool applique pieces! What an inspiration! Many thanks Erna for sharing your talent with us!

## April Featured Member: Marcia Wentala

Marcia is a needle/fiber crafter with skills in many branches of the fiberarts tree. She learned to crochet at age 7, and then expanded to knitting, weaving, and spinning. She always thought she would learn to quilt when she retires, but found herself taking a beginning quilting class from Carol Johnson at Ben's. In class she learned step-by-step how to square up fabric for cutting, to sew a consistent 1/4 inch seam, to

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construct blocks, and assemble them with borders. She finds quilting another fun, creative venue in which to create quilts and projects that give something of herself to others and to capture treasured memories. Her first quilt was one she made for her son to honor his graduation, and to make sure he had something warm and comforting with him as he left home, a constant reminder of his Mom's love. With the remaining fabric from that quilt, Marcia has since made a lap-quilt she keeps on her chair as another tangible connection with her grown-up, far-away son.

The quilts Marcia loves most are the ones she calls "vintage style with a modern touch, maybe what is called shabby chic." She chooses soothing, comforting colors in a straightforward palette for her projects and quilts. Paper piecing is a favorite technique. Internet quilting resources provide lots of inspiration and guidance for Marcia, and she has participated in the online "Quilts for Kids" project making quilts for children in burn units and cancer treatment centers. (See the link on our webpage/Quick Links for more information.) The most challenging thing Marcia has done in quilting is the color challenge we did in our guild last year. That was an opportunity to learn about the color wheel, complementary color schemes, and how to choose compatible colors. Her future plans in quilting include making "lots more quilts" when she has more time.

Marcia spent part of her childhood in the UP, including summer vacations. After a tour of duty in the Navy, followed by time in the Army National Guard and nursing school, she moved to the UP from Columbus, Ohio to be close to family and live in vacation-land. (I would call Marcia almost-a-yooper like many of us.) In addition to her son living in Nevada, her older daughter will be married in October, and her younger daughter is a student at NMU. Marcia works in the Family Birthing Center and the Neonatal ICU at Marquette General, as well as one day a week at Ben Franklin's.

This is Marcia's second year as a member of MCQA, and she served as membership co-chair last year. This year she is partnering in providing

our Blotto challenge each month, and she is chairing the Demonstrations portion of our Autumn Comforts quilt show this fall.

Marcia considers herself still a 'newbie' in the world of quilting but has thoroughly enjoyed her membership in MCQA, and looks forward to continuing to develop her knowledge and skills as a quilter with the friendship and opportunities offered in our guild. You can see her Moose Quilt in the March, 2010 show and tell and you will know she has an abundance of talent.

Submitted by Jeanne Baumann



**Tick, Tick, Tick!**

**Lenore Crawford Workshops & Lecture  
April 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>**

Everyone is getting excited as we are within days of hosting Lenore Crawford for two days of exciting workshops. Supply lists have been sent to those registered for both workshops. If you have a question, please contact Ragene at 249-9520 or Nancy at 249-9543. There are a very limited number of spots available for the Friday workshop "Mini Fabric Art Collage". We will have a special announcement regarding the Friday evening lecture at the April 7<sup>th</sup> meeting. Don't miss out! Please remember that it is important that all three events begin on time so plan to be at the Comfort Suites early enough to set up your work station for the day.

## Quilt Show Meeting

The next quilt show meeting will be held on Saturday April 17, 2010 at 10 am upstairs at Ben Franklin.



Enjoying the snacks at the meeting? Be sure to thank our April hostesses; Shelby Kortum, Penny DeRocher, Esther Johnson and Sara Doubledee.

## Library News

The library has added the following titles to their extensive collection:

*Applique at Play* by DeElda Wittmack

Stitch a quilt for every sports nut you know with this whimsical collection of sports-themed quilt blocks. Use easy machine appliqué to create motifs from baseball and football to skiing, soccer and fishing. Includes six make-in-a-weekend projects, including quilts, pillows, and wall hangings. Personalize projects with tips for enlarging, reducing, adding, and subtracting different design elements. DeElda is one of the country's foremost designers. You may have seen her work in *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Victoria*, *McCall's*, and *Ladies Home Journal*.

*Sweet Dreams, Moon Baby* by Elly Sienkiewicz

These five dreamy baby projects feature the Moon Baby quilt, Golden Slumbers wall hanging, a mobile, and more. Sweet block designs are perfect for any nursery. Plus, every project includes instructions for hand, machine, and fusible appliqué plus piecing, embroidery, and embellishment techniques. And don't forget to read designs are based on Elly's original "Moon Baby Story" you can read to a favorite baby, toddler, or grandchild. Elly Sienkiewicz is the leader of the quilting world's Baltimore Album revival.

*Caliente Quilts* by Priscilla Bianchi

There are so many glorious fabrics from around the world, and this easy-to-use guide helps you mix and match these fantastic fabrics for outstanding results. Inspiring innovative quilt designs use exotic material including Guatemalan fabrics, Indonesian batiks, African mud cloth, Japanese shibori and others. Priscilla Bianchi is an internationally known quilt teacher. A native of Guatemala, she has 40 years of experience, much of it involving exotic textiles. She has appeared on HGTV's "Simply Quilts" and "Quilt Central" on PBS. Bianchi also has been a guest artist in residence, and is a textile designer for Robert Kaufman Fabrics.

*Plaited Patchwork* by Shari Cole

This fascinating workbook illustrates how one craft person explored a technique in one media, made it her own, translated it to another media, and then ran with it to create her own original pieces. Cole spent seven years studying the plaiting techniques used by Pacific Islanders in fashioning woven mats. She then adapted the technique to working with fabric strips and tubes to create fabric-plaited garments, hangings, and quilts. This book is essentially a hands-on workbook for textile artists who enjoy a challenge.

*Everyday Embellishments* by M'Liss Rae Hawley

Spark your creative spirit with fabulous embellishments! Each of these quilts spotlights a different technique to create texture and interest including quick-pieced eight easy wall quilts, from wild to whimsical. Discover simple methods for strip piecing, fusible appliqué, and dimensional appliqué. Learn how to make the most of your sewing machine's special features. M'Liss Rae Hawley has won honors from *Bernina* and *Better Homes & Gardens* for her work, authored several books, and been published in *McCall's Quilting* and *QUILT*. M'Liss has also appeared on several PBS quilting programs.

*Garden Party of Quilts* by Joen Wolfram

Joen, an expert in color and design, shows how to blend flowers into quilt designs, from tulips to clematis and more. With projects for all skill levels, the seven flower quilt projects demonstrate the techniques, using flowers that are completely machine pieced. Step-by-step instructions on piecing, patterns, and color illustrations of everything make it easy to understand how the projects are put together.

## Quilt Show Donations

The quilt show Magazine, Book and Pattern Table committee is beginning its collection for the October MCQA Quilt Show. This is a popular table in our show as the above items are at very good prices; a package of 4-5 magazines

for just \$1.00. Last show in 2008, we helped a lot of people with quilt reading and making. Bring your items to a meeting. Leave them in your car if heavy--we will transfer them following the meeting.

Ev-Ann, Esther and Coreen



### Blotto

Be sure to bring your completed Blotto block to the April meeting for a chance to win them all. Last month Coralie Hambleton won all the blocks. This month our block is the slightly wonky freeform block. See our website [www.marquettequilters.com](http://www.marquettequilters.com) and click the Charity Quilts/Projects link for the pattern.

### Moons Over Marquette

Twelve members of the Explorers friendship group recently entered a series of quilts titled Moons Over Marquette in the Lake Superior Art Association 22nd annual Glacier Glide at Presque Isle. The quilts were based on the calendar months reflecting Native American or "Yoooper" activities for each month. The quilts may currently be seen at Alley Kats Quilt Shop in Marquette, at the Peter White Public Library in April and finally at the MCQA quilt show in October. Additional pictures of the quilts may be seen at the Show & Tell section of our website.



### Shop the Top Hop

Mark your calendar for the Spring 2010 "Shop Hop" April 30th through May 8th. Ten of your favorite shops are participating again this year. A \$5.00 Passport Book may be purchased at any of the participating shops. Hours for all of the shops are 9:00am to 7:00pm on April 30th and May 1st and 12:00 noon to 4:00pm on May 2nd. Check with each shop for their hours for the rest of the week. This year's theme is "Shop The Top Hop". What better time to spend a day with your quilting friends enjoying the specials and hospitality of our local quilting shops? Have your passport stamped at all of the ten shops and you might win some great prizes! Have Fun!

### Quilts for Kids

If you are looking for a fun, easy way to get involved in a quilting charity, please consider Quilts for Kids. This organization transforms discontinued, unwanted and other fabrics into quilts that comfort children in need. As of 2010, the group has distributed tens of thousands of quilts to children all over the world and saved many millions of pounds of fabric from going to landfills. To request a kit, go to <http://www.quiltsforkids.org/volunteer/>

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