

# MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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August, 2011

**August 3, 2011**

**Peter White Public Library  
Community Room 6:30 PM**

Note from our guild President, Judy-

Please be prepared to vote on our Rules

The third section of our updated governance documents is the **Standing Rules**. These rules flow from the Constitution and the Bylaws, and spell out how we will do what we do.

Please read and consider the rules sent to you with this newsletter so we can vote on this revision at our August meeting.

In September, we hope to finalize the document as a whole (the patchwork complete), and put it into effect as we head toward the 2012 year. Thank you.

Yours in updated organizational clarity, Judy.

## August program - A Teddy Bear Evening

Rae Warner will present a program on the construction of teddy bears. She has made beautiful bears - sometimes even with real fur from old coats, etc. Rae is a former art teacher in the Marquette Schools and also a member of the **Cloth-a-dolics** group that has displayed dolls at our last 2 quilt show

Please bring a teddy bear quilt to further our annual goal of gathering 100 quilts to donate to Salvation Army and St. Vincent De Paul. These quilts are then wrapped around a teddy bear and included in the Christmas baskets presented to needy families with young children. See website for details to make a quilt if you have never made one.

Alice

**Snacks**

Tonight's snacks are provided by  
Chris Wiik. Chris Swenor. Rochelle Black

Thank you!

## 2011 Officers

*President:* Judy Parlato

*Vice President - Programming:* Linda Dompierre,  
Alice Johnson, Marcia Wentela

*Vice President - Publicity:* Sara Doubleddee

*Secretary:* Ragene Henry

*Treasurer:* Martha Jennings

## 2011 Committee Chairs

*Hospitality:* Tracey Cairati, Carol Luoma

*Membership:* Esther Johnson, Jackie Shier,  
Teresa Zielinski

*Library:* Connie Hagle, Sara Hagle

*Newsletter Editor:* Jeanne Baumann

*Teddy Bear Quilts:* Bev Boyer, Judy Gordon,  
Pauline Gould

*Webmaster:* Nancy Henderson

*November Quilt Sale:* Rosemary Glenn

*2012 Raffle Quilt:* Rochelle Black, Chris Wiik

*Several openings are available for chairpersons of our standing committees. Please consider becoming involved by volunteering to help fill these positions.*

Charity Quilts

Historian/Photographer

Property/Equipment

2012 Quilt Show Chairs

2012 Raffle Quilt Sales

*We need help from all members so that 2011 will be a banner year for MCQA.*

Looking for a ride for my daughter Aimee!  
If anyone is going downstate and returning  
Aug 7th or later please let me know,  
Tracey Cairati 250-6656

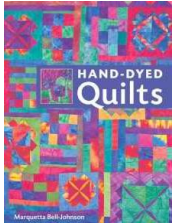


# Library News



**New Library Helper:** Ethan Michael Hagle was born on July 6  
Congratulations Sara, Scott and big brother Isaac Hagle!  
And grandparents Connie and Ken Hagle!

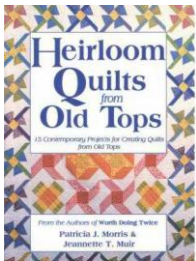
## New Books In our Technique section



### Hand-Dyed Quilts

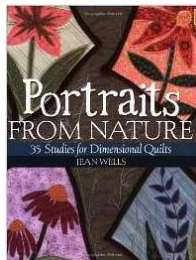
Marquetta Bell-Johnson loves making beautiful fabrics with a fine, cheerful sense of colors, using environmentally-friendly diluted fabric paint and a variety of dyeing techniques including solid dyeing, shading, tie dyeing, folding, drip painting, and masking. Then she puts them together in several projects with dimension, embellishments, and a practical use. Small projects include hotpads, an eyeglass case and a pincushion. Larger projects include wall hangings and bed quilts. All are luscious, textural, and unique due to the one-of-a-kind-fabrics. This book has inspired many quilters to create something totally their own, and might get you

'dyeing to quilt' something really special!



### Heirloom Quilts from Old Tops, Patricia Morris and Jeannette Muir

I'll bet most of us have wondered what can be done with an interesting or memorable unfinished quilt top, or a collection of blocks, abandoned years ago. Patricia and Jeannette have wisdom gathered from reworking and completing many "old tops." They take a common sense attitude to items that are admittedly not museum pieces, but Worth Doing Twice (title of their first book). They coach us in critiquing the condition and planning the restoration that may be required to make the top a quilt, and let us know the choices we have to overcome many technical problems that may derail neophyte reclaimers. And a gallery of contemporary quilts inspired by the old ones shows another way to extend the life of an old beauty, with patterns and directions included.



### Portraits from Nature: 35 Studies for Dimensional Quilts, Jean Wells

Do art quilts have patterns? Can patterns bring out the artist in you? Jean Wells has always been drawn to the images of nature, and here she shows us how her camera and her sketches become small, grouped portraits composed on a unifying background. She utilizes color, artistic stitching, beadwork, and quilting in these compositions. Students in her Portraits from Nature classes have developed these ideas into similar but unique portraits of objects they love, illustrating the versatility of the processes described. Take a lesson with Jean Wells, and follow the patterns or follow your inner art... but make something beautiful.

## In our Miscellaneous section

### Quilting with Jodie in Cotton Country Jodie Davis, Jayne Davis

I don't quite know how to categorize this book, a fun mixture of history, southern culture, song, recipes, anecdotes of farm life, all laced through and through with quilts, cotton, stitching. Some features:

- ❖ Tidbits: Did you know our dollar bill is a blend of 75% cotton lint and 25% linen? Have you ever seen a cotton gin? Did you know cotton was cultivated in India in 3000 B.C.? And by the cliff-dwelling Native Americans in New Mexico in 1300?
- ❖ Techniques: This book shows Jodie's technique for paper pieced curves (I saw this demonstrated on Fons + Porter's show. It looks clever.)
- ❖ Fun things like this quote: "Rocking chairs and porch swings are guaranteed stress relievers....set an old person in them and they become history lessons."
- ❖ And several projects including photo pillows, hooked rugs, a no-pattern appliquéd apron, stenciling on fabric, and quilts, quilts, quilts - large and small.

Meander through this southern slice-of-life..... a trip to the south without the high price of gasoline.



**MCQA Minutes      June 1, 2011**

President Judy Parlato called the June meeting to order at 6:32.

The program was first. Thank you, Jane Lloyd Lee, for bring your beautiful quilts and bags to show during the program. This was followed by show and tell.

The business meeting began with approval of the May minutes, motion made by Rosemary Glenn, seconded by Sarah Hagle.

The treasurer's report for the last two month was given by Martha Jennings. Martha cleared up a discrepancy from March, leaving a March closing balance of \$6,960.08 and an April-May 31 closing balance of \$6,799.31.

**Committee reports:**

**Programming** – Alice Johnson reported that Schoolhouse will be held on Oct. 8, at St Louis the King Church in Harvey. EvAnn Johnson and Ann Pillote presented the angel ornaments and gift bags that we will make during the Christmas in July meeting on July 6. Participants are reminded that it is finger food pot luck.

**Membership** – Teresa Zielinski reported 52 members present, with 2 new members and 4 visitors.

**Newsletter and website** – no report

**Hospitality** – Thank you to the evenings' hostesses: mary Kaye Schaefer, Esther Johnson, Sandra Salo.

**Library** – Librarians are looking for suggestions from members for new books to purchase. EvAnn Johnson made the motion to purchase a one year subscription to "Quilting Arts" magazine, seconded by Carol Siebe. Motion carried.

**Teddy Bear quilts** – We have 80+ quilts now.

**Raffle & charity quilts** – Chris Wiik and several friends will deliver the Bay Cliff quilts on June 30.

**MQN** – Alice reported that instead of a "Showcase Quilt Show" this year, MQN is having a retreat. It will be Oct.21-23 at the Higgins Lake conference center. All MQN members have raffle quilt tickets to sell for \$1.00.

**OLD BUSINESS**

We still do not have a quilt show chair or raffle quilt chair.

Alice Johnson represented the guild well on the Doug Garrison show on TV.

**NEW BUSINESS**

We received a request for donation to the Joplin, MO quilt guild which lost all their charity quilting supplies and equipment in the recent tornado. The board suggested that we make a \$100 donation. Millie Sage made the motion and Connie Hagle seconded it. Motion passed and check will be sent immediately.

A UP/Wisconsin Quilt Consortium is being formed. The first meeting will be in Eagle River, WI on June 13. No one volunteered to attend, but we will let them know that we are interested in participating.

The revised by-laws for the guild which had been posted for review on the website and in emails, were unanimously passed after a motion from Tracey Cairati and second from Marcia Wentela.

President Parlato thanked the membership for their support and adjourned the meeting at 8:35.