
MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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June, 2011

June 1, 2011
Peter White Public Library
Community Room 6:30 PM



Note from our president Judy P.

MCQA Members:

You have been sent in a separate attachment section #2 of the proposed revision of the MCQA Constitution and Bylaws. This section includes only the guild bylaws which contain the rules of MCQA as well as descriptions of committees, procedures, finances and meetings etc. If you would like to compare this document to our current Constitution and Bylaws please go to our website and look for the link on the home page under General Information. Please take time to become familiar with this section so that we might discuss and approve it in a timely manner at our June meeting. Thanks so much!

Judy



Please be sure to thank our wonderful hostesses for providing us with delicious treats:
EvAnn Johnson, Sandra Salo, Esther Johnson.

Snacks

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
Bay Cliff Quilts: Chris Wiik
Christmas in July: EvAnn Johnson, Ann Pillote
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.

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.

Program News from Linda, Alice, Marcia

June program - Jane Lloyd Lee will present a trunk show of her work. We are all familiar with Jane's work, but she says she will also bring things we have not seen yet. Come and enjoy this time of sharing with the guild.

And to follow-up Cindy's May Program:

Pincushions

Marcia sends these how-to websites



a magnetic pincushion jar:

<http://thinkcrafts.com/blog/2011/03/15/jar-pin-cushion-magnet/>

a handy pointer-finger pincushion:

http://dontlooknow.typepad.com/dont_look_now/2008/02/one-of-my-favou.html

a pretty silk flower wrist pincushion :

<http://www.rufflesandstuff.com/2010/04/guest-tutorial-with-tea-rose-home.html>

a many-petaled flower pincushion:

<http://www.bhg.com/crafts/sewing/wild-flower-pincushion/>

These are great ideas for small gifts for anyone who sews (your secret pal?), and fun ways to use your small fabric bits and pieces.



Have you thought about making a **Teddy Bear quilt** lately? 20 to 24 inches square for our 100 Teddy Bears that will be distributed throughout Marquette County in November in time to enrich Christmas for some disadvantaged children. And if you knit, find the directions for making a sweater or cap and scarf. Let's give them some love in a quilt.



A Call for Bright, Fun Fabric for Kids:

Chris and her crew have made kits, collected, and quilted many small and bedsized quilts for this year's campers at Bay Cliff. To keep the momentum going, Chris has challenged each of us to bring 2 yards (or two 1 yard pieces) of the kind of fabric a child would love to the June 1st meeting, or drop them off at her shop, the Viking Sewing Center on 3rd St. Think boys and girls as you make your fabric selections from your stash or at the local quilt shop!

Staying in Touch: Newsletter and Website

Deadline for our next newsletter: **June 22.**

Send news, announcements, and other 'quilty' information to mqnewsletter@yahoo.com

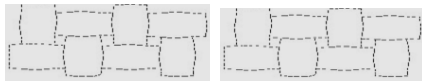
Our website is a great way to stay up to date with plans, our recent event news, pictures from our show*and*tell, and favorite links from members. Send your news to Nancy

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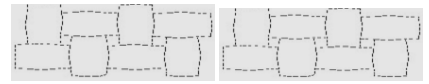
Nancy has posted pictures of many of the memory-keeping quilts that will soon be given to this summer's campers at Bay Cliff. Thanks to Chris Wiik and many members' contributions to this project.



See the whole gallery of photos at http://www.marquettequilters.com/Charity_Quilts_Projects.php



MCQA minutes - May 4, 2011



President Judy Parlato called meeting to order at 6:35pm. Minutes of April meeting were read and approved. Treasurer reported that balance was \$6865 and essentially unchanged from April.

Committee reports:

Membership - 34 members present, 1 visitor and 3 new members. Happy to see Judy Gordon return.

Newsletter - If do not receive newsletter by email, check with Jeanne Baumann.

Hospitality - treats provided by EvAnn Johnson, Bev Boyer, and Donna Sager.

Library - new library cart looks great. Judy Parlato returned from Paducah with "Quilt as Desired", a new book for our library.

Teddy Bear Quilts - 23 collected so far with 8 more at present meeting

Blotto - EvAnn Johnson won the blotto blocks (Bull's Eye).

Raffle Quilt/Charity quilts for Bay Cliff - Chris Wiik quilted 44 small quilts last month. She asked each member to bring 2 yards of good quality, kid-bright material for this project. A Bay Cliff counselor said that the quilts are valuable reminders of camp experiences and lessons learned. We did a "circle show of quilts". Gloria Pansier (a Marquette Dry Cleaner) has offered to commercially clean and bag the Bay Cliff quilts. We have been asked to be on the Doug Garrison Show to showcase these quilts. *** The filming will be at 6:30 on May 24th at the Up Front and Company. Chris Wiik and Alice Johnson will show and discuss the Bay Cliff quilts. (Information since the meeting)**

EvAnn Johnson made and donated 10 Chemo Hats for the oncology unit. This is another "charity" project.

We talked about our various community activities. During this conversation, some members voiced a request to replace the word "Charity". Members are encouraged to submit suggestions for a new name for the "charity" activities.

Old Business:

1. Bylaw/Constitution Revision Committee Report: With changes in the tax laws, we needed to make some changes in our bylaws and constitution. We do not qualify as a non-profit. In the fall of 2010, a committee began work on updates. They looked at similar documents from 6 other guilds. The review will take in three readings. We will still need to file an annual report and annual tax form but would not have a tax liability.

On the first reading the following changes were made: In Article II – Purpose, Section 2 we added the word *skills*. The sentence now reads "To increase the knowledge of traditional and contemporary techniques of quilting and to provide an encouraging environment in which quilters can practice *skills* and exchange ideas."

Under Article III – Authority we changed the word Corporation to Company. The sentence now reads in part "MCQA shall be a Limited Liability Company (LLC)."

Motion to accept changes was made by Tracy Cairati and seconded by Millie Sage. Motion passed

2. Appeal for Charity quilts, 2010 Quilt Show chair and 2012 Raffle Quilt Chair. The consensus seemed to be that the Charity quilt projects are working fine without an overall chair.

New Business

1. Bylaw Revision for Review will be posted on the website after May 18.

2. LLC filing by attorney Joe Lavey. We have currently paid Joe Lavey \$100 for filing fees. Joe Lavey should be thanked for his work on the bylaws and constitution.

3. Peg Gagnon donated many yards of cheerful fabric for our Bay Cliff quilt project. Thank you notes should go to Gloria Pansier for her offer to clean and bag our Bay Cliff quilts.

Show and Tell

Program Cindy Yakel brought a variety of pincushions and showed Barb Dupras collection of thimbles.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

Minutes prepared by Kathy Peters in Ragene's absence

New Books !



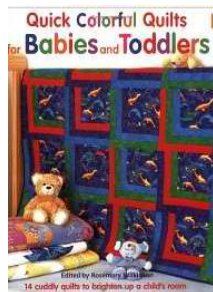
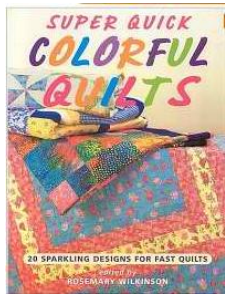
* In our Pattern section



Fat Quarter Small Quilts, Darlene Zimmerman

Small quilts (not miniatures) are good projects to do to try out color schemes, make a quick gift, or to fill a space on a wall that needs something special. Sometimes you might want a smaller project between bigger quilts. This book offers 25 quilts that inspire by demonstrating a variety of techniques, and showing the quilts in attractive settings. The cover claims they can be made in a day, but several readers say this claim is unrealistic, yet they have enjoyed the book and are happy with the project/s they have done. For the past 10 years, Darlene Zimmerman has been appraising, researching, lecturing, and collecting 1930s Depression era quilts, and I can see that influence in several quilts. But there is a wide variety of fabrics and techniques in this collection of patterns to use fat quarters.

Super Quick Colorful Quilts Quick Colorful Quilts for Babies and Toddlers

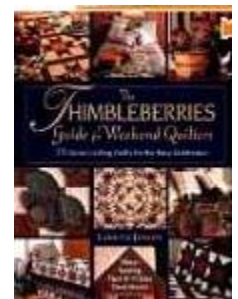


Both of these British books are edited by Rosemary Wilkinson. A prolific author, she has gathered patterns, with variations, from many quilters. Directions are described as easy to follow. You will find inspiring ideas for quilters of all skill levels.

Thimbleberries Guide for Weekend Quilters: 25 Great-Looking Quilts for the Busy Quiltmaker, Lynette Jensen

I overheard a quilter say "Everybody loves Thimbleberries!" Warm, homey, springing from our traditions are thoughts that come to mind.

Often hearing quilters say "I would love to have more time to quilt," Lynette has pulled together many tips and techniques that help quilters to quilt more, and more often, along with the many other demands on time we face. Projects range from big ones requiring much more than one weekend, to small one-nighters, and are the traditional-but-new designs beloved by many.



Reviews of several more new books in our collection will be in the next MCQA newsletter.

Remember,
books checked out at the June meeting will be due in August.
The Library takes a break for Christmas-in-July.