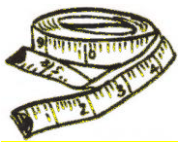


MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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May, 2011

May 4, 2011
Peter White Public Library
Community Room 6:30 PM



Note from our president Judy P-

AGENDA CHANGE FOR MAY MEETING !

For the May meeting only, we will be changing the order of the agenda and will be holding the business portion of the meeting first. It is important that as many members as possible be at the business meeting as we will be discussing a report from the bylaw committee. We hope to have the bylaw revision completed over the next few months and we will need input and direction from all members. Please plan to attend.

May Program News from Alice:

Cindy Yackel will do a presentation on pincushions. This sounds intriguing, fun, and practical, too.



2011 Officers

President: Judy Parlato
Vice President - Programming: Linda Dompierre, Alice Johnson, Marcia Wentela
Vice President – Publicity: Sara Doubledee
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
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 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.



Please be sure to thank our wonderful hostesses for providing us with delicious treats this month:

Mary Kay Schaefer, Bev Boyer, and Donna Sager

Annual Spring Retreat: **Red Riders' (plus One)** March 2011

We thought of calling it the Red Riders' Retreat when we looked out to the parking lot and discovered that all our cars were **red**. But then Martha arrived late – in a **silver vehicle!**

Ten MCQA members had a lovely time during the weekend of March 25-27 at the Fortune Lake Camp near Crystal Falls. We began after dinner on Friday with a game of exchanging strips of fabric, sort of like a white elephant exchange. Some of the ladies spread the strips across their laps, chests, bellies. It began to seem like a strange kind of “strip poker”. This was followed by a project using the strips to make cute wrist pincushions.

Saturday saw us sewing and visiting and snacking, laughing and even singing silly songs remembered from our own camping days. Many of us worked on projects from Edyta Sitar's books and patterns. Cindy generously shared things she had learned from Edyta at a workshop she took at Michigan Showcase last year. During a break Ragene shared spine strengthening exercises, especially beneficial for osteoporosis that she learned at the Mayo Clinic. Jane brought rolls for the player piano and she entertained us in the evening with honky-tonk music. Some of us tried, but we could not keep up with Jane!

After brunch on Sunday we again sewed for a few hours before breaking up camp and heading for home. Some of the ladies finished several projects during the weekend. All of us had a **good time**.

Spring Retreat Financial report:

Income:	\$880.00	(11 x \$80)
Expenses:	\$1,194.00	minimum required by Fortune Lake Camp
	\$12.00	(coffee, soda, creamer)
Total expenses:	\$1,206.00	
cost to MCQA:	(\$336)	\$1206.00 - \$880

(priceless)

Thank you, Ragene and Judy for organizing our annual Spring Retreat. The Red Riders + One have some wonderful memories from that weekend together.

Staying in Touch: Newsletter

Deadline for our next newsletter: **May 13**
Send news, announcements, and other 'quilty' information to Jeanne
mcqanewsletter@yahoo.com

and Website

It's getting attention across the state!!!
www.marquettequilters.com
Our website is a great way to stay up to date: plans, recent event news, pictures from our show*and*tell, favorite links from members. Send your news to Nancy
quilters@marquettequilters.com



Follow-up from our April meeting:

Library News



1. Raffle Quilt

Have you completed and turned in your paper pieced blocks? Check with another member if you need help with the paper piecing technique, and remember to press carefully! Our 2012 Raffle Quilt will be gorgeous with all of our hearts and hands taking part.

2. Bay Cliff Quilts for Kids

To those who checked out a kit to piece a Bay Cliff quilt, please remember to bring the assembled top to the May meeting, or turn it in to Chris Wiik at the Viking Sewing Village ASAP for finishing. Chris is generously providing the quilting and hopes to put this project in the **√ DONE** category. And the kids at Bay Cliff will appreciate the fun, and cuddly quilts this summer – not that far away!

3. Blotto

The blotto block to do for the May meeting is fun and easy – the bullseye block in muted colors on a light or cream background. See the website for the full directions.

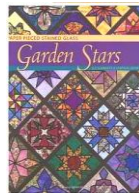
Have you seen our new, improved Library Cart? Now our books can all be on display at each meeting, easily found in its section. So if you want a book on machine appliqué, or beginning quilting to show a new quilter, or a book focused on patterns or a new technique.... It should be easier to find.

Or if you are just browsing, as so many of us do, access to the whole collection will be easier with shelving on two sides, and books on higher shelves.

The librarians' want to thank their **DHs** (dear husbands) who provided moving, construction, and donation of hardware and paint. Thank you Ken and Scott Hagle! Couldn't have done it without you!

Recent Donations to our collection:

Joe Cunningham's MCQA Workshop+Program photos of our event by Robert Siebe on CD. **Misc.**



Paper Pieced Stained Glass Garden Stars, Liz Schwartz + Stephen Seifert. **Patterns**

And two from Nancy Zieman: **Beginning**



Sewing with Nancy's Favorite Hints

10.20.30 Minutes to Quilt

Thank you for the donations: Robert Siebe and Sara Hagle



President Judy Parlato welcomed 48 members and 1 visitor when she called the April meeting to order at 6:35. Many beautiful works were shared during show and tell including several quilts made from the Joe the Quilter workshop. Mary Poirier presented the program, a thorough explanation of how to do paper piecing. Then she and Chris Wiik each demonstrated how to do the paper piecing blocks for our raffle quilt. We hope that all members will participate in some way in the making of this quilt.

The business part of the meeting began at 7:55. Minutes from the March meeting were read and approved. The treasure's report showed a balance of \$6,865.00 with a few checks possibly outstanding.

Ragene Henry gave a report on the Fortune Lake retreat. Other committee reports included:

- Membership – There are now 80 total members, 7 new since the last meeting and a visitor who joined tonight.
- Newsletter – Jeanne reported having a sending glitch this month. She asked that if you do not receive the newsletter by email by 5 days before the meeting you let her know. We were reminded that it is always available on the website. You should also check your spam filters.
- Website – We received a compliment from Michigan Quilt Network on our "great website"!
- Library – The new 2-sided library book cart was in use and display tonight.

- Teddy Bear Quilts – Bev brought 9 bears tonight to be dressed. Erna gave her 8 hand knitted sweaters, and the bears are always in need of little quilts to be wrapped in.
- National Quilt Day – Alice reported that 12 people participated and lots of sewing got done. It was suggested that next year a better location be sought, where there is more traffic, and we should do more publicity, for example contact TV6.
- Still needed – historian, 2012 Quilt Show Chair, 2012 Raffle Quilt Chair.
- Blotto – Bev Boyer won this month's blotto blocks. Tracey Ciarati presented the blotto for May which is Bull's Eye blocks.

During new business Chris Wiik reported on Charity Quilts. She showed a few that had been turned in, mentioned that kits were available, or you can make your own with five and a half inch squares (80 total blocks arranged in 8X10 rows). Chris will take fabric donations of bright prints that would be appropriate for kids. Each quilt requires a one and a half yard piece for the backing. She will also take fabric for blocks. Please make sure they are kid-friendly fabrics.

President Parlato adjourned the meeting at 8:27.

