

# MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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November, 2011

November 2, 2011

Peter White Public Library  
Community Room 6:30 PM



November Program:

## Wrapping Up The Holidays

with Ragene



We will see how we can "wrap" up our holiday gifts with fabric and sewing notions.

If you want to participate/practice along with me, bring

- ✓ a fat quarter and
- ✓ a small box or book to wrap Furoshiki style



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!

### 2011 Officers

*President:* Judy Parlato

*V.P. - Programs:* Linda Dompierre, Alice Johnson, Marcia Wentela

*V.P.- 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

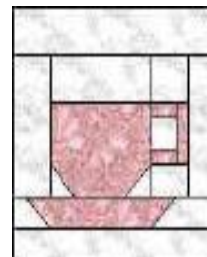
*2012 Raffle Quilt:* Rochelle Black, Chris Wiik

*2012 Raffle Quilt Sales:* Chris Swenor

*2012 Quilt Show CoChair:* Judy Parlato

**Treats tonight:**

**Corrine Potten  
Janie Anderson  
Donna Laine**



THANK YOU!

## Our Coming Events:

### MCQA CHRISTMAS PARTY

Wednesday, December 7th, 2011

6:00 pm

(please note earlier time)

We're celebrating the Holiday Season  
"Quilting Style"

Join in a fun evening of food, laughter, games, prizes  
and sharing!

This is a special evening so plan to wear your  
favorite quilted clothing!

#### Please Bring

- *A Dish to Pass*
- *Your own silverware*  
*(plates will be provided)*
- *A Gift to Share*

Use a Christmas Fat Quarter as wrapping paper. Place a  
handmade ornament, or a small quilt related item inside, wrap  
like a pouch and tie with a bow! *Be creative!*  
(\$5.00—\$10.00 value)



Ragene 249-9210 - Nancy 458-8973 - Carol 346-9069

Just around the corner:

## November Quilt Sale

Sat. Nov. 5 10a-3p  
Peter White Public Library  
Community Room

by members of the Marquette Co.  
Quilters Association.

Participants:

Penny Anderson, Nancy Bell,  
Rosemary Glenn, Esther Johnson,  
Ev-ann Johnson, Helen Johnson,  
Mary Jane Johnson, Shelby  
Kortum, Karen Lawton, Jane  
Lloyd-Lee, Bridget McCarthy,  
Judy Parlato, Ann Pillote, Erna  
Roever.

Please correct this list with Rosemary  
Glenn:

[rosequilts90@gmail.com](mailto:rosequilts90@gmail.com) 906-228-8335

Let your friends and neighbors  
know about this once-a-year  
opportunity to find  
beautiful, unique gifts!

## October 5, 2011 MCQA Minutes



President Judy Parlato called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone at 6:33 PM. After a motion from Sara Doubledee and second from Alfreda Henry the minutes from the September meeting were approved.

There was no treasurer's report.

**Committee reports** were given as follows:

- Programming – Alice Johnson gave an update of upcoming Schoolhouse workshops and said there were still a few openings.
- Membership – Teresa Zielinski reported 41 members present and one new member joined this evening.
- Newsletter and Website – Both have nothing new to report tonight.
- Hospitality – Tracey Cairati reminds everyone to check the newsletter to see if you have signed up.
- Library – no report
- Teddy Bear Quilts – Bev Boyer reports that there are over 100 as of September. They will be bagged next week. Seven minis were turned in tonight. A full report will be ready for the Nov. meeting.
- Raffle Quilt/Charity Quilts/MQN – Chris Swenor attended a workshop on raffles and lotteries, etc. so we know all state regulations. Chris Wiik brought 12 kits to be put together for the raffle quilt. She and Nancy Henderson will be updating a document for the website which will make clear the size requirements for various charities. EvAnn Johnson reported that all the stored fabric has been sorted and cut into squares ready to be sewn into quilts measuring 9 squares by 11 squares. Alice Johnson reports that the MQN retreat at Higgins Lake has 74 registrants.

### Old Business

- Nominating Committee – Sara Doubledee has worked very hard, but has not been able to find anyone to fill openings for President, VP of Programming, or Treasurer. There were no nominations from the floor. We will continue to hope someone steps forward.
- Judy made a huge delivery of fabric from our storage to area churches who had asked for fabric for charity quilts.
- A storage solution has been found. Thanks to EvAnn Johnson we now have adequate storage at St. Louis the King Church. EvAnn will work out a contract with the church that runs from Oct. 1, 2011 to Dec. 31, 2012 for less than \$300.
- Judy Parlato, Tracey Cairati, and Ragene Henry will hang the quilts Marquette Arts and Culture wants on Nov. 13. The Explorers group will be in charge of getting the quilts.

### New Business

- A committee made up of Carol Luoma, Nancy Henderson, and Ragene Henry will plan the Christmas party.
- Motion was made by Kathy Peters and seconded by Tracey Cairati to sponsor an award at the Bonifas Art Center Fabrications show. A unanimous vote ensued to give \$50.

President Parlato adjourned the business meeting at 7:30. It was followed by snacks and the program, an exploration of all the quilted things you can have/use at home by Nancy Bell.

Submitted by Ragene Henry

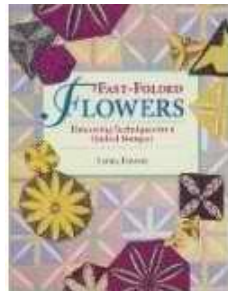
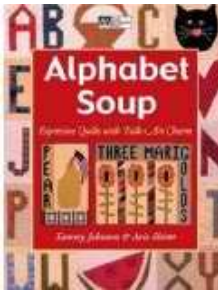
## New in our Library



**Quilting Arts magazine** – as requested by membership, a subscription for our guild. New issues of this contemporary quilting publication from Interweave will arrive every other month, and include web-extras. Oct-Nov features: “Stitch Intensive” issue, low cost surface design with reusable silk-screens, and, as always, lots of inventive inspiration.

**Donations** from Judy Courtright, Sara Doubledee and Judy Parlato, including books on Japanese quilting, Michigan quilts, quilting history, quilted clothing and an easy ‘stained glass’ fusing technique with patterns useful in making stencils as demonstrated by Judy P. in her Schoolhouse sessions. Thanks to Judy, Sara, and Judy for sharing some really interesting books new to our collection. Stop by the library and browse.....

And some new purchases in our [patterns](#) section:



**Alphabet Soup: Expressive Quilts with Folk-Art Charm** Have you ever wanted to work words into your quilts, but not known how to create the letters and words? Not just how to make letters and words, this book demonstrates several ways to incorporate letters and words into fun small quilts for your walls using easy fusing techniques. You can use the patterns as is, or learn how to make your own letters and words that will fit into your own designs.

**Fast-Folded Flowers: Timesaving Techniques for a Quilted Bouquet** Laura shows how to use quilter’s quick tools to make blocks (squares, triangles, pentagons, hexagons, octagons, dodecadrons) and combine them into projects that feature texture from folding coordinating fabrics into designs that resemble cathedral-windows. The versatility of her technique is shown in a variety of projects.

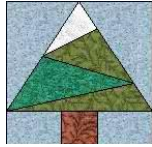
**Neutral Essentials with Alex Anderson** Alex uses neutrals to make lovely quilts, comfortable, cozy – not far from the classics. These quilts ‘work’ – and Alex’s lessons on choosing fabrics can lead to quilts that are “drop dead gorgeous.” By considering fabric color, value, and character of print, you will learn how to make your neutral quilt sparkle. Alex calls this “fabric confidence” and I think these principles can be helpful with any monochromatic quilt. As neutrals are timeless, tips on building and maintaining a stash of neutrals are included. This small book may be timeless, too.

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***Items checked out in November will be due in January. The Library will not be coming to the December party.***

**Newsletter deadline  
for December edition: Nov. 23**

Send your news to  
[mcqanewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:mcqanewsletter@yahoo.com)



[www.marquettequilters.org](http://www.marquettequilters.org)

Latest news, pictures from our Show 'n' Tell, favorite links, and full event details: MCQA at your fingertips, every day, whenever you have time.

Thanks, Nancy for a notable web site....send your contributions to webmaster Nancy:  
[quilters@marquettequilters.com](mailto:quilters@marquettequilters.com)



**Schoolhouse 2011**

Notes from a grateful participant –

Schoolhouse is one of my favorite MCQA events.... A day when I can stretch my boundaries with something new, improve my skills under the guidance of very talented and patient teachers, and soak up the atmosphere of being with others who love to 'mess around with cloth.' At our Schoolhouse, I have often been empowered by learning how masters have created beautiful pieces I have only been able to "admire from afar" thinking I could never do that. And I have felt welcomed in taking baby steps in a new technique, not really knowing where I am going. Just playing.

This year we had sunshine and warm breezes streaming into our classrooms-for-a-day. St. Louis the King Church was a wonderful facility a-buzz with the many activities available to us, and it was easy to feel comfortable and ready to learn, play, share, and laugh.

Chris-and-Chris helped a roomful of us with new ways to get the most out of our sewing machines. "Seeing and doing is better than reading the book." That was said by everybody in the room at one time or another that morning. We all left feeling ONE with our MACHINE! Master, not slave, to its capabilities! Watch out for us – we are a force! Thank you Chris Wiik and Chris Swenor.

And the mysteries of Shiva paintsticks were unveiled by Judy Parlato with a great introduction to making truly unique whole-cloth quilts. Starting with choosing or making stencils, with plastic or freezer paper, by tracing an image or drawing your own, we were guided through the steps of applying and eventually fixing color on cloth. I no longer feel I am limited in making a quilt by the fabrics in the store or my stash – I can make what I want, limited only by my imagination. I learned some pitfalls to avoid, and some ways to make my 2-D static image have depth and movement and life. I surprised myself – maybe there is a little, tiny artist in me?

And, for those who were not able to be there, you should know the ladies of St. L. the K. know how to put on a lunch! It was a fabulous mid-day feast. The only problem was it meant my DH was on his own to find supper that day. I had eaten like a queen.

All that, and I was home to tuck in the chickens that night. Blessings abound. Thank you, Marcia, your work is appreciated, and our other Programming V.P.s Alice and Linda. Our guild is gifted with so much talent, with those who share it in teaching and in planning, organizing, hosting.

Jeanne B.



Note from our president Judy P.



## 2 opportunities you should know about:

### 1 uno one

I wanted to remind quilters about the PWL Arts and Culture Center quilt hanging opportunity for November and December. Carol Phillips is requesting quilts be hung on November 13<sup>th</sup>. The size is no larger than 20" X 24". I will collect any quilts on November 2.

### 2 dos two

**From:** Kelly Cygan [mailto:kcygan@cfsup.org]

**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 2:42 PM

**Subject:** Experienced sewers/quilters needed

Hi Judy! Hope all is well with you.

I am writing to let you know, if you are interested, that Connie Hemmila, a Probation Officer through Marquette County Juvenile Court, is looking for experienced sewers/quilters who may want to volunteer some time to work with local youth.

Connie is running a youth quilting group Tuesday nights, 4:30-6:30, at Juvenile Court. To my knowledge the group is all girls and they are learning how to make a quilt, run a sewing machine, etc. The more volunteers that could lend a hand to help teach these girls, the better.

If you are interested, please call Connie Hemmila at 225-8286 or 250-1942.

Thanks!

Kelly Cygan, Family Empowerment Specialist

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