
MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION

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September, 2011

September 7, 2011

Peter White Public Library
Community Room 6:30 PM



Note from our president Judy P.



Tonight we will be voting on the complete package of updated organizational documents including the constitution, the bylaws and the rules. Our website has the details on these up-to-date, improved, fundamental documents, and we hope to have this BIG project wrapped up and in place for the incoming officers, board, and members in 2012. It's been a major housecleaning, with many members' input, with the intent to have clarity in all we do. Thanks to all who have helped and supported this 2 year-long project. Now, I want to quilt! How about you?

And looking to next year, we must have leadership for our biennial Quilt Show, or face the reality that a show cannot be done. This is an urgent need – and comes with a timeline and pathway to follow toward success.

And a slate of officers and chairs for 2012 standing committees is needed, too. See Sara's note in this newsletter. Please consider serving in a role to assure the continuation of our guild. The strength of our organization comes from the contributions of many with a shared love of quilts, quilting, creativity, generosity, and our friendship.

2011 Officers

President: Judy Parlato

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

V.P.- 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

November Quilt Sale: Rosemary Glenn

2012 Raffle Quilt: Rochelle Black, Chris Wiik

2012 Raffle Quilt Sales: Chris Swenor

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

2012 Quilt Show Chairs - URGENT

Historian/Photographer

Property/Equipment



Please be sure to thank our wonderful hostesses for providing us with delicious treats tonight: Rosemary Glenn and Carol Luoma.



More Inspiration for Secret Pals

Sock knitters sack by Terry Atkinson

<http://terryatkinson.typepad.com/atkinsondesigns/2009/06/sock-sack.html>

Wine gift bag

<http://www.prudentbaby.com/2010/12/how-to-make-wine-gift-bag.html>

Tote-able towel

<http://annamariahorne.blogspot.com/2007/06/tote-able-towel.html>

Super easy key chain

http://creativelittledaisy.typepad.com/creative_little_daisy/2006/02/super_easy_keyc.html

Just a few random things..... Hugs,



Marcia

From Sara Doubledee, our V.P.-Publicity:

We are now seeking members interested in providing leadership through offices for our 2012 year. As I review the membership, I am always impressed with the quality of leadership abilities demonstrated. Please consider the following offices and email me your interest. Thank you.
sara.doubledee@gmail.com

Members who have agreed to serve in each capacity are noted in Capital Print:

President
President-elect
Vice President-Programs
Vice President-Publicity
Secretary: RAGENE HENRY
Treasurer: MARTHA JENNINGS

In addition, we are looking for Committee Chairs for the following committees. Again, individuals who have expressed interest are listed in Capitals. Please remember that most of these committees work best when composed of several people:

Blotto: JANE LLOYD LEE
Charity
Historian/Photographer
Hospitality
Librarian: CONNIE HAGLE
Membership
Newsletter Editor: JEANNE BAUMANN
Nov. Quilt Sale Table: ROSEMARY GLENN
Property:
Retreats and Workshops
Webmaster: NANCY HENDERSON

If I have left your name off, or put in a capacity you did not intend to agree to, please forgive and notify me and I will correct

I look forward to hearing from you about these opportunities, Sara

New Books



Patchwork Mysteries is a series focused on Sarah and her quilts. Sarah repairs antique quilts, and each involves a mystery. Sarah brings her twin granddaughters, her son, her daughter-in-law, her father, and her best friend into the process of solving these mysteries. And to the delight of the reader, Sarah manages to involve the residents of Maple Hill, too.

These 10 mystery novels are a good accompaniment to a daily treadmill walk or other physical activity that benefits from an engaging story to occupy the mind. Enjoy!

Thanks to Sara Doubledee for this donation!



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!



* Schoolhouse 2011 *

* Saturday, October 8 *

St. Louis the King Church in Harvey, 9am - 4 pm

\$16 for members, \$26 for nonmembers - includes lunch

Registration fee does not cover the cost of supplies.

UPDATE: The planned workshop agenda has changed:

1. Nancy Frassetto's sweatshirt class has been changed to a half day p.m. class.
2. Chris Wiik will do an a.m. and a p.m. class on using the various feet on the Viking machine.

At this point all other classes remain the same pending enrollment by the deadline of Sept. 30:

AM workshops

Paint Sticks - Judy Parlato
Purse Project - Mary Poirer
Glenna's raw-edge table runner - Sally Zimmer
Back to Basics with Viking machines - Chris Wiik

PM workshops

Scarf Dying - Bridget McCarthy
Paint Sticks - Judy Parlato
Zippy purse appliqué - Mary Poirer
Sweatshirt jacket - Nancy Frassetto
Back to Basics with Viking machines - Chris Wiik

To view a picture of the table runner class that is being taught by Sally Zimmer of Escanaba, please go to <http://quiltsnstuffbyglenna.mybigcommerce.com/products/Winter-Table-Runner.html> Complete kits will be available from Glenna for \$30.00.

If you have questions please contact Marcia W. or the class instructor.

Registration is limited for these great workshops, so if you have been waiting to sign up - wait no more! The website has the registration form. Send your form and payment to Marcia Wentela to reserve your place. Supply lists will be sent to you once your registration and fees have been paid.

Marcia Wentala

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361-8637 or email wentela@chartermi.net.

An announcement to the public regarding enrolling in Schoolhouse will go to the Mining Journal shortly after the meeting in September.



August 3, 2011 MCQA Meeting Minutes

President Judy Parlato called the Meeting to order at 6:30. We were pleased to have Rae Warner with us presenting a very interesting program on making teddy bears, their history and hers.

The program was followed by show and tell and then the business meeting. President Parlato thanked the hostesses for the evening: Chris Wiik, Chris Swenor, and Rochelle Black. Minutes from the June meeting were approved. Martha Jennings gave the treasurer's report.

* The program committee gave an update on the Schoolhouse Workshop plans and class sign-up sheets were made available. They will also be on the web site. Schoolhouse takes place October 8 at St. Louis the King Church in Harvey. It lasts from 9-4 and the price of \$16 includes lunch. Those teaching workshops showed samples of what will be available in half day and full day classes.

* The membership committee reported that 37 members were here. There were 3 new members and 2 visitors (including one month old Ethan!).

* Newsletter editor, Jeanne, reminded members that the deadline for the Sept. issue is August 24. Webmaster, Nancy, said she would be willing to create a new photo album of quilts not shown at monthly show and tell. If interested, members should let Nancy know.

* Teddy bear quilts and outfits are coming in. Bev reports we now have 98 quilts and 95 outfits! If members still have some, they are asked to turn them in as soon as possible. Any extra will be starters for next year.

* The raffle quilt's gorgeous middle section was shown by Chris W. Chris Swenor volunteered to be the chairman for the raffle quilt.

* Chris W. reported a successful and fun day of delivering quilts and having lunch with campers at Bay Cliff. We need prints that read as solids, either yardage or 5 ½ inch squares to get started on next year's quilts. The charity quilts will be hung at Sweetwater Café in December. Erna. R. reported that 28 quilts were given to the neonatal unit at the hospital.

* A big item of old business is the hunt for a quilt show chairman. We were reminded that work has to begin this fall and without a chairman (or two) the quilt show will not take place.

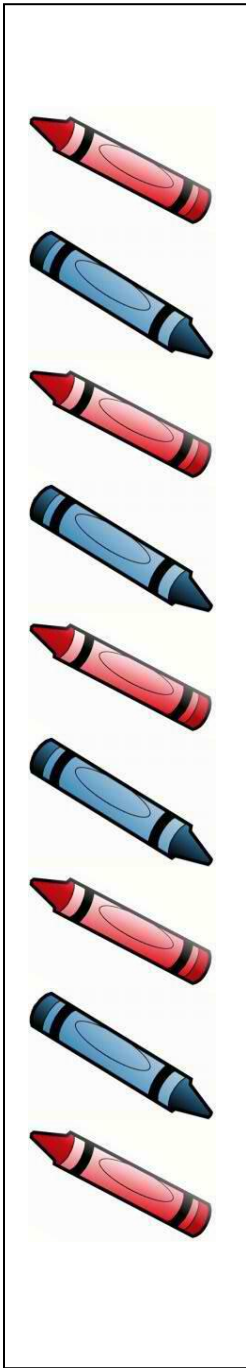
* The only item of new business was the vote and discussion of the last section of the standing rules which include an dues increase to \$15. A motion was made by Rosemary Glenn and seconded by Tracey Ciarati to accept the rules as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

President Parlato thanked attendees and adjourned the meeting at 8:25.

Submitted by Ragene Henry, secretary



Just for Fun: Coloring a Fantasy Life, Part One



At one time in my life, when 'balance' was but a dream; when being there for my growing children meant hours and hours of time chauffeuring, tutoring, cheering, enforcing, encouraging them to excel in the opportunities available; when keeping a roof over our heads meant being an employee and a manager, hoping to do well with both roles and working more hours than what I was paid for; when the future called me to re-enroll in school to get yet another degree adding knowledge and skill in my profession; at this time I fantasized about my 'next life.' Just like those who describe their 'previous life,' usually as a princess or a general or a notable member of society of one kind or another, my next life was going to be lovely, full of accomplishment and satisfaction, with ease and joyful pursuits.

I decided my next professional life would be as a COLOR-NAMER. Looking at the wall display of paint colors at the hardware store and seeing the many colors of turtleneck shirts in the LL Bean catalog, I knew all those colors had names, and SOMEBODY had named them. That somebody could be me.... After all, I had memorized and treasured the names within the "Crayola 64" box many years ago. I had reveled in the exuberance of the trendy turquoise and black, lime green and orange, excitement of the 50's and the 'mod' flower-power psychedelics swirling through the 60's. I had carefully contemplated the subtle differences between avocado, olive, and moss greens, the harvest, mustard, and colonial golds, and the many earthy browns in the 70's. I had consciously enjoyed living in rooms painted nothing but stark white, as they let the colors of the earth and sky coming in through the windows color my home. SURELY, in my next life, I will be a color-namer. And, as this was a fantasy, I did not have to figure out how to actually become employed as a color-namer, I just was one. I was one of the few in the country, providing my skill to a large, international paint company, among others, with a sideline of catalog writing to further apply my skills. When my real-life demands seemed out of control, I knew I would be a happy color-namer next time around.

My sisters and friends are astonished at my aspirations, and intrigued with this future, albeit fantasy, line of work. They try to name colors, but often find it a difficult task and ask me for help. I have practiced my future craft....finding names that not only describe but inspire an appreciation of what the color can do. Lavender evening mist....peach froth....sunrise rose glow...midnight purple...hint of mint. I know some color-names are already perfect for their task and must not be changed: candy-apple red.... ice blue.... lemon yellow.... eggshell. But there is a world of opportunity out there, and I intend to be the one to serve human-kind by naming the colors that beg for their correct identity.

So, how about you? Would you want to join this colorful fantasy life? Our lakes and skies give us an endless variety of hues, changing through the day, just waiting for your attention. Zest a lemon peel and smell lemon yellow; unmistakable.... Park a pint of newly made maple syrup on the window sill and see the golden maple brown distilled from 5 gallons of clear sap. And the next time you come to Peter While Public Library, think of what name to give the color of the green front door across the street, facing the parking lot on RidgeSt.....you, too, can be a color-namer! It is fun! We may not be paid for it, but we can still have fun.

Jeanne

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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.

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**Newsletter deadline
for Oct. edition: Sept. 21.**

Send your news to

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