

MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION



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May, 2016

May 4, 2016

Community Room at Peter White Public Library 6:30 pm

Program Note:

GO GADGETS!

Members, please bring your favorite gadget to share during a special show and tell for the quilting tools we love. Have you found a clever new tool to get the job done more quickly? more accurately? more efficiently? Is there a way to use a tool for a different purpose? It will be fun to see them and a great learning experience for all of us. Plan to share just a few words about how you use it.



**WEAPONS OF
MASS CREATION**



Rapid River Retreat-

just around the corner

May 9th to May 15th

Thanks to our Retreat committee:

Joan K., Tracey C., Chris S., Connie H.



Little News from Charity Corner

Thanks to all of you, we will be proudly delivering 36 Nooker Quilts to Bay Cliff in June. With your generosity, we have (or soon will) surpass our goal of 36. The surplus quilts the committee receives, will be seed for next year. Thanks to all, and to the Nooker Quilt Committee for making this possible!

The Harbor House project is well under way. We currently have two completed quilts, two tops, and many “Disappearing Pinwheel” blocks completed. A 7 block by 8 block quilt will use 56 blocks. Our guild stash, as well as the 10” blocks pre-cut will be at our Rapid River Spring Retreat for those who wish to work on these while at the retreat.

Members are also thinking ahead! This fall our focus will switch to the “Teddy Bear Quilt” project for kids in the area. These items are distributed by the Salvation Army and St. Vincent De Paul stores in the area. It is my understanding that machines are already humming and knitting needles are clicking. The Teddy Bear Committee is already collecting quilts and sweaters for the bears! Directions for the Teddy Bear Sweaters can be found on our website. If you are not a knitter, feel free to sew a cute little outfit. Also, this year we would like to provide something for the young girls of the area. There is a need for items for girls in the 5–8 range and young teenage girls. I understand that Santa’s helpers have started to work on little purses and/or bags for these young ladies. You girls ROCK!

Thanks to all of you, we can help make someone’s life a little warmer and brighter!

Karen S.

Shop the Top Shop Hop!

April 29 - May 7

road trip anyone?



Quilts 'n Stuff by Glenna, Escanaba
Quilter's Haven, Menominee
Pine Street Quilts, Marinette
Alley Kat's Quilt Shop, Marquette
Ben Franklin Crafts, Marquette
Country Garden Quilts and More, Ishpeming
Fabric Patch, Ironwood
Portage Quilt House, Houghton
Sew Irresistible, Houghton

Library News:



Two new 5-star design/art quilting books have been added to our collection, donated by Jen St.Martin.

Push Stitchery, Jamie Chalmers

A reviewer said: “...a juicy little treasure of a book. It's not a how-to for stitching or a book of embroidery patterns. You won't find a single stitched duck or gingham ruffle among the pages. What you WILL find is an inspiring and hugely diverse collection of stitched artwork from artists around the world.

Everyone uses art books differently. For me, this book is a go-to for mind-blowing examples of how textile artists are pushing their craft. Gorgeous pieces of stitching through slate, stitching on rusted, discarded watering cans and stitching on porcelain are included. But also beautiful quilts depicting nebulas and more representational portraits are featured. I've only owned the book for 2 weeks and I've already devoured it dozens of times, as have guests to my home. Like a small gallery of textile art available any time you could want it. And Jamie Chalmers is a gracious, open-minded curator. The work he has selected is diverse and varies in the way it challenges the viewer. One of my two or three favorite art books of the year. Gorgeous book.”

Journey to Inspired Art Quilting, Jean Wells

This book is a follow-up to Jean's *Intuitive Color & Design*. A reviewer said: “I find Jean's approach to art quilting warm and inviting. When I read her book it seemed as though she was talking to me and helping me unleash my inner artist. Her sections on capturing inspiration and practicing good design gave me the foundation to start creating. Her assignments made the process easy and attainable. And the photography throughout the book makes it coffee table quality. The colors, textures and quilting create lovely eye-candy and you just can't put this book down. When I showed my new favorite book to my sister she couldn't stop 'Oohing and Aahing,' over the pictures. So take a leap into art quilting and let Jean catch you with her new book.”



Latest issue of BLOCK is now available, and our subscription (6 issues) has been renewed for another year. Should we purchase the new volume ModBLOCK? about \$6 ?



Latest issue of Quilting Arts is now available. Should we renew this subscription - 6 issues, \$35 ?

Stop by the Library, browse, chat with Jen about what you are looking for in our collection....



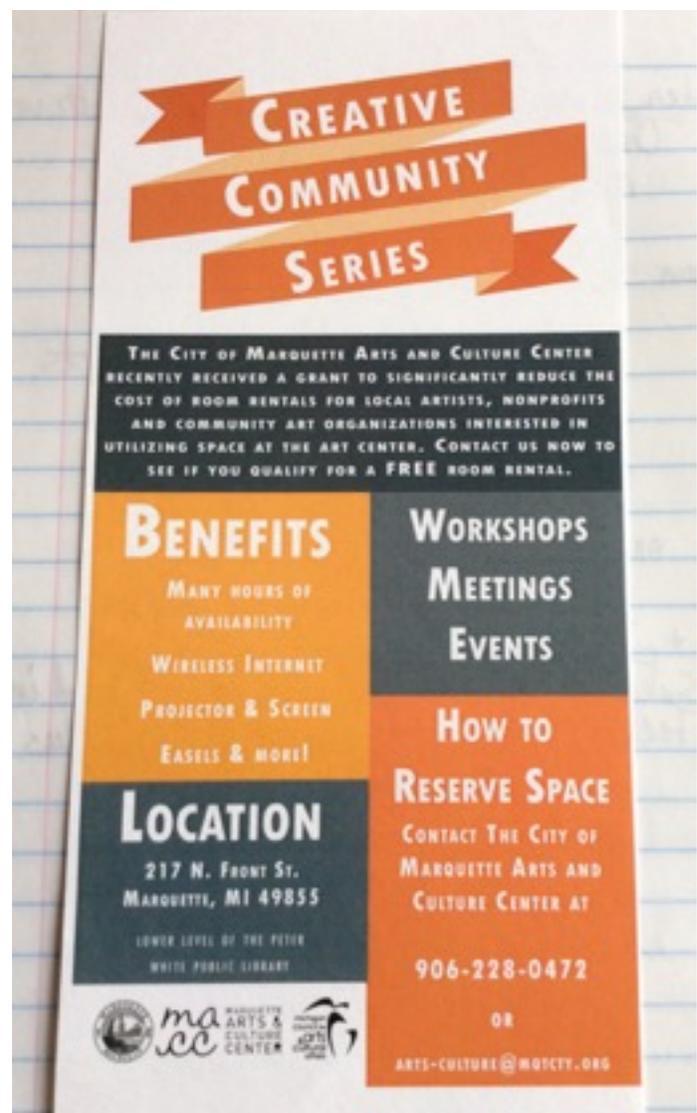
Marquette County Quilters Association Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2016, Marquette Arts&Culture Center

Call to Order at 6:30 pm by Tracey Ciarati, President

Guest Speaker: Tiina Harris, Director of the Marquette Arts + Culture Center spoke to us about the MACC and three recent initiatives that may be of interest to quilters and fiber artists in our area. The MACC is a department of the City of Marquette, advised by the Arts + Culture Committee of the city government, and pays rent to the Library to be housed in the Library, and is charged with self-sufficiency in much of what it does. The MACC has collaborations with community, regional, and state organizations, such as the Lake Superior Art Association which rents gallery space from the MACC. MACC focuses more on community development of the arts than on being a direct provider of programming, and assists the community in providing programming in several ways. Renting space for programs has at times been a financial barrier to community members and groups, thus the spaces available at the MACC can be underutilized.

1. **Creative Community Series:** MACC has received a grant to subsidize rental fees for its room. The goal is to increase the use of MACC facilities by nonprofit groups and individuals, to do more and more often. See the flyer. Utilizing this funding, Tiina asked "How can MCQA and/or other fiber arts groups use this space?" We might want to establish a fiber arts home, perhaps in collaboration with other groups, in the small room directly across from the Lake Superior Art Association gallery. This would permit meeting space, work/studio space, storage space, ????? A proposal from MCQA would be reviewed by the A+C Committee. The wood-turners have established a 'home' in the MACC.
2. **Art Week:** June 19-25 is planned to include many outdoor activities focused on the arts such as street performances, Plein Air painting with Carl Mayer, Art Stroll will be expanded to the full week, businesses along Washington and Third St will welcome the display of art, including quilts. Tiina suggests MCQA plan an outdoor activity to participate and publicize our place in the arts community.
3. **Art Prize:** in collaboration with the large Grand Rapids event, the UP region (Bonifas Arts Center, Escanaba, and Marquette Arts + Culture Center) is establishing a UP Art Pavillion in the DeVos Center in downtown Grand Rapids to showcase art from the UP. Twenty to thirty works of art created by UP artists will be juried into this pavilion. Tiina encouraged MCQA members to submit their work for consideration for this prestigious event, noting the recent top Art Prize awards garnered by Ann Loveless, quilter. There is a special one week window of opportunity to be considered by the jurors



for selection into the UP Pavilion, All the details are available through the MACC website <http://mqctcty.org/arts.php>, or at the Bonifas website <http://mqctcty.org/arts.php>

“To be considered for this venue, DeVos Place is offering a one week window to register for this high stakes competition. Artists MUST register online at www.artprize.org/ between April 18-22 to be considered for the U.P. Pavilion; you have until June 2nd to be considered by other venues. “

Tiina discussed possible future opportunities for the MACC and arts in our area.

Treasurers Report: from Susan, treasurer, read by Tracey:

Checking	\$908.07	
Savings	\$7405.48	
Quilt show	\$1812.64	
Total		\$10,126.19

Correspondence:

The Dennos Museum Center at Northwestern Michigan College in Traverse City is hosting the Michigan League of Handweavers Biennial Fiber Show through May 29.

UP Michigan State Fair - Ladies Day 39th Quilt Block Contest See details at www.upstatefair.org General Information/Ladies Day

No entry fee. Mailed entries must be postmarked before July 31, or blocks may be taken to the UP State Fair Office in Escanaba by August 3. Theme is Americana.

Old Business:

Spring Retreat: registration forms were sent with the April newsletter and are available tonight. Registrations are being taken by Joanie K., and must be received by April 15. Members preferring daily attendance will be accommodated as space permits after overnight stays are planned. If any member would like to attend, but has a financial barrier should contact Joan for possible scholarship funding donated by members. If these funds are not needed, they will be returned to their sources.

Fiber Arts Show: Scheduled for Saturday, October 1, at the Marquette Regional History Center. We have committed to provide 2 demonstrations focused on some aspect of quilting. These will be lecture - type, not hands-on, to last about 30 minutes with 15 minutes for Q+A. Tracey asked for ideas/ volunteers to provide demos, as the planning committee is hoping to have these settled soon. Possibilities: Judy P on trapunto techniques, Karen S's clear instructions for the Disappearing Pinwheel block and variations, possible demonstrations of hand quilting and paper piecing. Tracey will reconnect with the planning committee.

Ragene Henry Exhibit at Peter White Public Library will be set up on Friday, April 29, at 10:30 am, volunteers are needed to hang these quilts. Judy, Tracey, Alice, Joan volunteered. Take down will be Friday, May 27, and volunteers will be needed. A celebration of Ragene's life and dedication of a bench in her name will take place Thursday, May 19, 4 - 6 pm, in the Library's Shiras Room. There may be interest in members of MCQA going to dinner together after this reception.

Thunderbay Quilt Guild - Sister Guild. We have agreed to exchange newsletters between our guilds. MCQA members have requested membership contact information be disclosed only by individual members as needed, not with an exchange. Chris S has attended several meetings of this guild and stated there are many talented and friendly quilters among this group. Their meeting day is the first Thursday of the month, the day after ours. The Thunderbay Quilt Guild has a Facebook page containing information on their activities.

Charity Projects: Alice reports we have received 34 Nooker quilts so far, and are on track to exceed this year's goal. There will be Nooker quilts ready for the 2017 camp year. Karen reported the success of using the Disappearing Pinwheel Block as a hands-on learning station during National Quilt Day. Several members were making DPW Blocks today. Two example quilts made by Linda D for personal

use showed how the blocks could appear when assembled. Chris W showed a quilt she completed recently for Harbor House, using materials donated by Don Potvin.

New Business:

Barb B said **Christmas in July** will be on July 6 this year, and requested a volunteer or more to provide activities that evening. It was suggested that this evening could be devoted to gifts that might be appropriate for teens/preteens we hope to include in our charity distribution for Christmas, along with teddy bears with quilts. These could be gifts the makers donate to charity or gifts for personal gift-giving. Volunteers are still needed, contact Barb.

We will have one more scheduled Sewing Day in 2016.

Show & Tell:

Karen S provided copies of the teddy bear sweater knitting pattern and a simple pattern for a drawstring backpack that could be used for our charity teen/preteen Christmas gifts.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. Submitted by Jeanne Baumann, for Laura Reilly, Secretary

Follow-up received from the Marquette Arts & Culture Center:

Hello,

Tiina informed me that the members of the Marquette County Quilters Association would be interested in signing up to receive our e-newsletter!

Here is the link to subscribe to the newsletter: <http://eepurl.com/bOmGCj>

If anyone has any issues signing up, please feel free to have them contact me directly!
Best,

Sara Hujar

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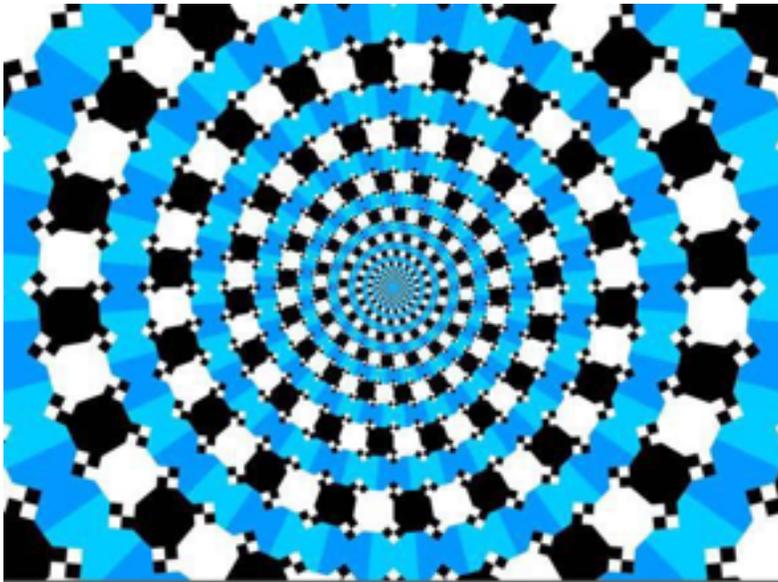
Phone: 906.225.4020

Yes, there are UFOs.

Ask any quilter.



Eye Challenge:



The blue elements in the image above appear to be arranged in a continuous spiral, but in fact they form a series of concentric circles. Your brain will argue so strongly for a spiral that you may need to run your mouse cursor around the circles a few times to convince yourself.

News from our sister guild, the Thunderbay Quilters:

The TQ April newsletter is being distributed to our members via email along with our May news. The Thunderbay Quilters newsletters will also be printed and available in a binder in our MCQA Library.

The Thunderbay Quilters appreciated hearing about our Shop Hop, and also seeing the instructions to the Disappearing Pinwheel block as seen in our April news.



from the American Quilter's Society blog:

Are you aware of the [Lost Quilt Come Home](http://www.lostquilt.com) website? (www.lostquilt.com)



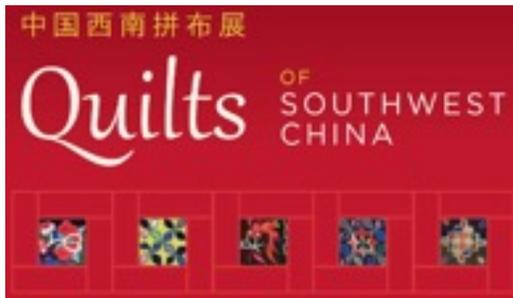
The site is dedicated to displaying lost and stolen quilts and to providing information on protecting quilts. Find or report your missing quilt, or let others know you've found one simply by filling in the online forms provided.

The website also includes important information about copyrighting quilts, as well as about displaying and shipping them and much more.

Once in awhile, we hear stories that seem almost miraculous. With the help of this website, you can help make more of those stories happen!

The Michigan State University Museum's current main exhibit will be in place through May 1: Quilts of Southwest China . The culmination is being celebrated with several events shown below. If you can go, details are available at the museum website. For those of us staying above the bridge, the quilts on display can be viewed online:

<http://museum.msu.edu/museum/tes/quiltsswchina.html> Use the link near the top of the page to view.



Special Activities at the MSU Museum, May 1, 2016

Last chance to see "Quilts of Southwest China" before the national tour!

2:00 p.m. SNEAK PREVIEW OF the QUILTS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA PUBLICATION AND CURATOR GUIDED TOUR OF QUILTS OF SOUTHWEST CHINA

2 - 4:00 p.m. FAMILY HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

4:00 p.m. VIDEO SHOWCASE AND REMARKS: ["Walking in Love" Project](#). Nearly 20 pairs of handmade and embroidered shoes made by Chinese textile artist Xixiu Zhao are shown along with patterns, tools, and examples of shoes in various stages of production.

And in our own backyard:

Yarnwinders Guild (weavers) hung their annual show in Sweetwater Cafè. It will be on display through mid-May, so if you haven't treated yourself to a meal or snack with a beautiful, fiberful view, make sure to get in to the Cafè soon!



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To get the full effect, you must **read aloud** the following phone message that a husband took for his wife:

Someone from the Guyna Colleges called.

They said the Pabst Beer is normal.

I didn't even know you liked beer.



What's the buzz? Send your quilting news and views to

★ **Website:** quilters@marquettequilters.com

★ **Newsletter:** mcqanewsletter@yahoo.com

Deadline for June news: May 18, publish on May 25, meet June 1

★ **MCQA Facebook Group** - check with Laura Reilly or any FB group member for an invitation to join this closed FB group of MCQA members.



MCQA 2016 Committees

Charity Quilt Coordinator: Karen Sanford
 Bay Cliff: Alice Johnson, Joan Kaukola
 Harbor House: Barb Bennett, Karen Sanford
 Neonatal: Ann Pillote & Material Girls
 Teddy Bear Quilts: ? 2016
 Historian: Judy Parlato
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