

# MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION



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July, 2016

July 6, 2016

Community Room at Peter White Public Library

note start time for this sewing event: 6:00 pm

## It's time for Christmas (in July)!

Charity Checklist for 2016

- Bay Cliff Nooker Quilts
- Harbor House Bed Quilts
- Christmas Charities for Children (St. Vincent's, Salvation Army)



## Our plan for this event is to make gifts!

We will make small, fun bags that older girls and young teen girls would love to receive at Christmas time. Or, you can make gifts to give to someone you love at Christmas. Or make a special little bag for yourself with a favorite bit of fabric.

The volunteer committee has been scouring the net and other resources for patterns that will fill the bill: fun for girls, fun to make, do-able quickly. So, read on to page 2 for details on three small bags.... think about what you want to work on at our event, know how to prepare, what you might to sew.

This fall, we will continue our longstanding tradition of giving teddy bears with their little quilts, some with sweaters, too. So, keep on making cute, little quilts and sweaters. We will probably have a teddy bear wrapping time this fall to prepare for distribution.

No business meeting this month.

Members who want to sew bags to keep should bring the materials listed below for the project of their choice. Some kits will be available for those who want to sew for charity. If anyone has extra fabric that would appeal to pre-teen and teen girls, please bring it to share. There will be irons and cutting mats in the room.

Bring your sewing machine, basic supplies, and a snack to share. **Ho Ho Ho!**



← **Yooper Girl Bag** (approx. finished size 7" x 8")

2 coordinating fat quarters  
8" x 10" fusible fleece  
9" (or longer) zipper  
48" cord for strap (or can be sewn from fabric)  
Thread

**Mini Flap Purse** (approx. finished size 5" x 8")

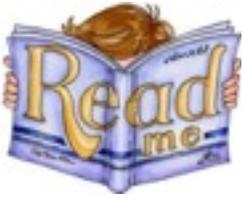
2 fabrics cut 8-1/2" x 13-1/2" (one for outside, one for lining)  
8" x 13" fusible fleece  
7" zipper  
48" cording for strap  
Button for decoration (optional)  
Thread



**Click-it Bag** (size is flexible, 6-8" wide x 8-10" long)



2 coordinating fabrics-  
outside fabric: 1/2" wider, twice as long as the bag you want  
lining fabric: same width, 3 1/2 " longer as outside fabric  
3/4" wide metal measuring tape to cut up  
duct tape (or similar heavy tape) to pad ends of metal measuring tape  
Fusible fleece or thin batting same size as outside fabric  
48" cording for strap  
Thread



The Library will be available during Christmas in July.

Materials borrowed in June are not due until the August meeting.

BLOCK magazine, Summer 2016, has arrived.

## *IMPORTANT NOTE FROM THE LIBRARIAN:*

Hello. My name is Jen, and for those that do not know me, I am relatively new to the Marquette, Michigan area. I attended Northern Michigan University for my undergrad many moons ago. My Dad's family is from Munising, and my Mom's family is from Columbia, South Carolina; my folks currently reside in Virginia. The first question most people have asked me is, 'Why did you move to Marquette?' The answer is that I love the Marquette area and the older homes on the east side of Marquette - one of which I live in. I have had a variety of careers in my life, however, about three years ago, I acquired a disability that has had some unexpected consequences. One of these is that there are long spans of time in which I am unable to drive. This part of the drama that is my life makes it difficult to get to jobs, job interviews, go shopping, drop off dry cleaning, and most importantly, get to quilting events, fabric stores, quilting bees (or Friendship groups here in the UP) and classes!

I am also a proud member of Generation X, the 'forgotten' generation that grew up during the 70's, 80's, and very early 90's. I remember the old AND the new. This means that I myself own lots of books, and love books, but I am also familiar with and know how to program and use a variety of online materials and links. In other words, I am in the middle.

During one of my first meetings, I was volunteered for the position of Marquette County Quilter's Association (MCQA) librarian. My duties are to pull out the library cart, which has been very well maintained over the years, before an MCQA meeting begins. I then set up the holding boards on top of the cart, arrange a set of library books for that month's viewing and try and display the newest 'Block' and 'Quilting Arts' magazine if I have them. Before, during, and after a meeting, my duties are to check out and check in books, and make certain that everyone has turned in their books - if not, I keep track of these and try and contact them to make sure that books are brought back at the next meeting and any fines are paid.

While I have been told I am doing an ok job, I have run out of time to set up the materials sometimes, due to my talking and visiting with people and trying to make certain that I remember member's names, quilts, etc. I usually run to get the cart and quickly set it up. I then sit in the back to make sure that if anyone quietly comes to the back to look at materials or to turn something in, I am there.

Recently, the board voiced concern to me that perhaps the library wasn't getting as much attention as it could from MCQA members. I offered to create a survey, asking for member input as to the status of the library during a regular MCQA meeting. In addition, so that members would not be surprised by such a survey, we had a discussion during last month's meeting regarding the status of the library. We had roughly 20 checkouts of material - the next closest numbers were 14 books checked out in February 2009 and November 2013! The

librarians before me were amazing in keeping track of the number of materials being checked out - what was not kept track of (at least that I can find - I'm sorry if I'm misleading anyone!) was what these materials were/are. For example, are more novels being checked out? Is the Block the main magazine, or are other magazines being checked out as frequently? Are 'how to' books being checked out?

**All of these questions relate to the ultimate determination - is the library serving its usefulness to the group or are there ways that the system can be updated to better perform and help members with their quilting questions and needs.** I will have a printed out survey with me during the July and August meetings, however, if you are an online savvy MCQA member, there is a link to the online version of the survey in the July newsletter email. Or go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ZHG8FV7>

Please do not fill out both the online and paper surveys - they will be the same.

Please also note that my personal position on this survey is that it is informational - I would like to know how I can better serve MCQA members. (It's that annoying teacher habit of mine - remember I said I had a variety of careers? I taught HS English for three years, and spent a lot of time editing, writing, and creating online teaching programs for government departments - all jobs that require gathering information and figuring out how to share it with everyone to learn!) When I have all of the results, I will put them together, first for the board to take a look at, and then to share with the MCQA meeting members, hopefully, with more ideas to better serve the MCQA community!

Until next time, cheers from a book reader - who has some interesting reading to share on Lowell, Massachusetts, and the first women in the workplace creating fabric during the beginning of the industrial revolution!

-JenStM

PS - Let me know if the link in the newsletter email does not work or open the survey! It has been many years since I worked in the online world!

From Pat V. :

I have a friend in Marquette who would like to sell her cutting table. She said she thinks she got it at Joann fabrics. It is the type where the legs can be folded in and it will fit in a smaller space.

She says it wasn't used hard and it looks like new. Her name is Dorothy and her number is 226-0525.

Thanks,  
Pat Vacilek  
273-1454



## MCQA Meeting Minutes June 1, 2016

President Tracey Cairati called to order at 6:30

**Guests** tonight are Pamela and Grace T's husband.

**Secretary's report:** A thank-you letter and acknowledgment from Bay Cliff for 47 Nooker Quilts!

**Treasurer's report:** Susan reported we have \$2350.07 in the checking account, \$7405.85 in savings, and \$1812.64 in quilt show account. A big thank-you to Barb Bennett who volunteered to be new quilt show treasurer!

### Old Business:

**Ragene Henry Celebration Re-Cap:** Judy Parlato gave a summary of Ragene Henry's memorial gathering. Was a trunk show with sharing of stories about Ragene, some wonderful testimonies and lots of tears. A great evening, followed by dinner at the Landmark. Then Friday night PWPL was decked out for MACC awards, complete with red carpet. All dressed in black and white. A ceremony and dedication of the bench, library materials donated, and the display of Ragene's quilting work. Look at the dates and notice the evolution of Ragene's quilting. A wonderful way to share her accomplishments with the community.

**Charity Quilts Update:** Alice Johnson gave an update on Bay Cliff Nooker Quilts. We had 47 total! Alice and Nancy delivered them a week ago. They were all laundered and individually wrapped. We even have a start on next year, with 7 left over! Nancy noted that we launder the quilts to make them free of animal hair, etc. when given to the kids. College Cleaners charges us \$1.25 per quilt.

**Retreat Re-Cap:** Tracey reported it was a lot of fun! Nice group, about 12 people a night. Played some fun games, had plenty of space and did some quilting. Susan V reported that before paying Joan, we have \$50 profit (and Joan spent less than \$50). So we broke even! Yay! Tracey says we want to book the space for next year, and are looking at May 15-21, 2017. No one has brought up any conflicts (Mother's Day ends May 14). A reservation now will be \$1200 instead of \$1400. Tracey asked for a show of hands "in favor" and none spoke up as opposed. She will go ahead and book the space.

**Christmas in July:** It will be Wednesday, July 6 at 6pm here at PWPL. Carol L. announced the program committee is planning over-the-shoulder bags for teen girls and/or snap bag. Carol showed some samples. The committee will cut out some kits, and you can bring your own material if desired. Meeting at 6pm, bring snacks to share! Bring your machine. Details will be in the newsletter. Susan Vore also showed some samples from Barb Bennett (small crossbody purses, string backpacks). This is not to REPLACE the Teddy Bear Quilts, but this is in ADDITION to the TBQ, because the places we donate to remarked they needed stuff for young teens and young girls.

**Fiber Festival:** October 1 at Marquette County History Center—we want to put up a display of good-quality quilting (not crafty stuff). There will be 2 demos every half-hour. Tracey

and Judy will do the demos for quilting. Volunteers will be needed to help hang quilts—more info to come on that.

**Library Highlights:** Part of our ongoing effort to get members thinking about checking out books from our fabulous library! Tracey recommends “Vibrant Landscapes”. She taught a class at Schoolhouse last fall based on the tiled-background technique in the book. Jeanne recommends “Eco Color”. Focus is on using plants and natural things to do dyeing and printing on fabrics of all kinds. Jen talked about this month’s edition of Quilting Arts magazine. Good articles from Laura Wasilewski about quilt embellishment, also an article on dyeing fabrics. In addition, this is the 15<sup>th</sup> year celebration of QA so there are some articles about that.

### **New Business:**

**UP State Fair:** A quilt block contest will happen at the UP State Fair on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. Forms are available from Tracey if you’re interested in entering. The featured theme is Michigan Americana.

**Historical Quilts Project at the Marquette County History Center:** Nancy and Alice volunteered to log the quilts at the History Center to make a digital record of its quilts, thanks to a grant from Michigan Quilt Network. They have been working since October 2015 and are finally done. By the time they finished, they had logged almost 70 items! It was astounding what a fabulous collection they have and they admitted they didn’t really know what they had. Jack Deo took photos for them. The photos and data will be uploaded to Michigan State University statewide quilt index and you will be able to see that info online. Nancy and Alice will be doing a program on the entire collection at the History Center on Thursday, November 3, 2016. There is not a set entrance fee; there is a requested donation of \$5 apiece to go to the program. Nancy asks that the MCQA consider having our meeting “business only” Wednesday, November 2, 2016 here at PWPL, and then have our “program” be Thursday, November 3. Motion by Jen St. Martin, supported by Gerry N, all passed unanimously.

**Library:** Jen is looking to survey the membership to find out likes/dislikes about the physical library. She has noticed there is not high usage of the library, is it something no longer necessary, etc. Jen will hand out physical survey at next meeting and will also circulate a survey online to the members.

**Schoolhouse 2017:** Karen Wares (through Susan V) is organizing the next Schoolhouse. It will be Saturday, September 17, 2016 from 8am-4:30pm at St. Louis the King Church in Harvey. She has 3 classes set up (clutch purse with metal clasp by Kay, full-day class by Mary Poirier, and Credit Card painting by Judy P). Barb B will present trunk show at lunch. Table will be set up July, August, and September to sign up and pay.

Business meeting concluded at 7:15pm and program began. Judy Parlato presented a program on MCQA’s history of charity quilting.

Laura Reilly, Secretary



## Coming Special Events -

### Mark your Calendar!

## September



**Schoolhouse  
2016**

**September 17, Saturday  
St. Louis the King Church, Harvey**

Early Registration will be available starting at the July meeting  
Lunch provided by the Church Ladies will be available for \$9.00 and we will be treated with a trunk show by Barb Bennett.

Classes: more info and samples to come

Clutch purse, Kay Beauchamp, full day

Birch bark fabric painting with credit cards, Judy Parlato, half day

???? with Mary Poirier, full day

Scrappy placemat, Susan Weston, half day

Karen Wares is recruiting... do you have a skill to teach, knowledge to share, with a small group of fellow members?

Any other questions? Contact Karen; Karenwares at gmail dot com

## October

**Fiber Arts  
Festival**

**October 1, Saturday  
Marquette Regional History Center**

A collaboration among guilds and historians to showcase fiber art talent in our region. Quilters, weavers, spinners, knitters, crocheters, ? others in fiber arts.....

## November

**Special Program**

**November 2 and 3, Wednesday and Thursday**

Our regular Wednesday evening meeting on November 2 is our organizational and planning meeting to set the course for 2017. Elections, budgets, plans for our upcoming year will be the business of the day.

Our extended program in November will be held on Thursday evening, November 3 at the Marquette Regional History Center, and will be open to the public. Members Alice, Nancy, Karen R with MRHC staff will be showing and discussing quilts in the Center's collection. These quilts have recently been fully catalogued and entered into the Michigan Quilt Project registry at the Great Lakes Quilt Center, Michigan State University.

## My Michigan Quilt by Elaine Harter



Hanging in the atrium near the Peninsula Medical Center's Main Entrance during June....

Stunning!

The artist's statement:

This quilt contains over 21,000 pieces. It was pieced in 1995 by Elaine Harter using the state map as a pattern. The water was machine quilted in 1996. The compass rose was hand quilted in 1997. I am still planning on hand quilting the state highway system.....soon.

There are over 200 'special' squares in appropriate locations making this MY Michigan quilt. There is:

- A basketball for Carney,
- A birdhouse and tea cup for Laingsburg where my Mom lives,
- A lion at the Detroit Zoo,
- A quilted cabin for Hagerman Lake where I went to quilt camp,
- An iron for the town of Iron,
- Silver fabric for the town of Silver City,
- A race car for the Michigan International Speedway,
- A bell for the town of Liberty,
- Three girls for Dansville where I grew up,
- A star for the capitol in Lansing,
- MSU and U of M.

How many more can you find?

Enjoy Michigan Week 2016. Elaine Ackerman

Note: They have not finished the highway system yet either. LOL

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Stay cool  
 smile  
 splash  
 squirt your  
 friend  
 all at the  
 same time...

## MCQA 2016 Committees

Charity Quilt Coordinator: Karen Sanford  
 Bay Cliff: Alice Johnson, Joan Kaukola  
 Harbor House: Barb Bennett, Karen Sanford  
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**Deadline** for August news: July 20, publish on July 27, meet August 3

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