
MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION



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Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 7

6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Community Room, Peter White Public Library

*Bring a salad OR a dessert to share.
Our main dishes will be catered Italian...mmm!*

- ❖ Pincushion swap – bring a wrapped handmade pincushion for gifting
- ❖ Bucket raffle door prizes
- ❖ Show-and-tell
- ❖ Year-end thank yous
- ❖ Lots of quilting fun & fellowship!





Vernie Coolman, a past president of MCQA, celebrating her 100th birthday. Tracy reports there was a nice group of quilters that showed up to the party, and Vernie was looking great!



photo: Tracey Cairati

Two of Vernie's quilts -

Both quilts exhibited at Autumn Comforts Quilt Show, sponsored by the Marquette County Quilter's Association, October 22-23, 1994, Northern Michigan University Great Lakes Rooms

left, Winners Circle
86"x100"
machine pieced, hand quilted

right, White on White
46"x64"
whole cloth, hand quilted



from The Quilt Index at Michigan State University
quilt [index.org](http://quiltindex.org)

A report from:

QUILTING THEN & NOW

GIVEAWAYS, SWAPS & CONVERSATION

SATURDAY, NOV 5, 2016, 12-4 P.M.

12 P.M. HISTORIC, TRADITIONAL, ART. & MODERN
Playing Between the Quilt Community Seams, a talk by Rachel May



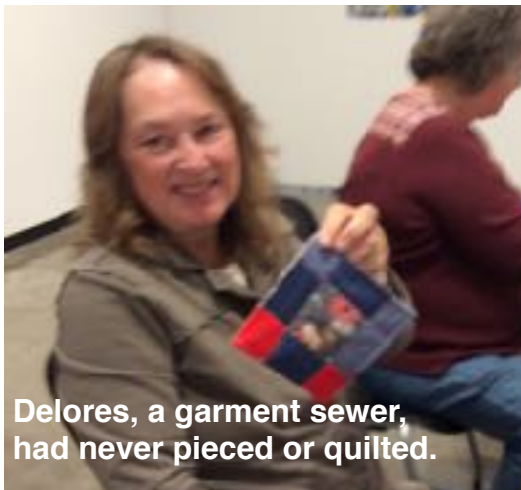
speaker Rachel May

1 P.M. UNION AND CONFEDERATE WOMEN OF THE
CIVIL WAR: THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS & THEIR QUILTS
By Marquette County Quilt Association Historian, Judy Parlato



speaker Judy Parlato





Delores, a garment sewer, had never pieced or quilted.



Judy demonstrated quilting with colorful fabric snippets.



Quilting Then and Now was an afternoon with many smiles among participants young and not-so-young. The diversity within 'quilting' was on display with the American Quilt Study Group traveling exhibit, the discussion of the modern quilt movement, a look at the role of quilts in the Civil War, and hands-on opportunities to do several quilting techniques. Thanks to NMU's DeVos Art Museum, Emily Lanctot, Director, and all the supporting cast for a wonderful day.



Jane used her graphics talents in a new skill, thinking of her mother's quilts.

Submitted by Alice Johnson, this little piece of memoir from an unidentified author tells one learner's story about her entry into the world of Quilting. (Note -the grammar is the writer's, not Alice's or mine. JB)

Rules

I just want to talk a bit about all the rules we have and what fun it is to break some.

When I retired I wondered what I was going to do to fill all this wonderful time. I decided I would learn to quilt. It couldn't be that hard after all I have been sewing for 40 years and had learned many different techniques and made my sons clothes for years. So I asked about the local quilting group. I was very welcomed and they sat me down to a frame with six other ladies, gave me a needle and thread and said start sewing. What an eye opener. This needle was very different from any I had sewn with and how to thread it. Now started the rules. Amazingly I was expected to sew like those ladies and bingo it wasn't happening. First off I am left handed and they were puzzled What do we do with me. Stuck between two others that I was constantly bumping. I was trying to stitch in the wrong direction. They insisted I should be making these tiny stitches. Now my stitching was small but nothing like theirs. More rules to come Stitching quarter inch seams. Why, I had sewn five eights seams for years and they held just fine. Also you push them to one side and now try to quilt through all that fabric. So I opened the seam and press it flat. Now that did cause a minor earthquake.

I kept persisting and was always questioning why. Doesn't go over well. So to make a long story short I asked where was the biggest and best quilt show in the country and jumped a plane and off I went to Houston. Well I found out many things. I wasn't crazy. I saw quilts that were done kinds of ways. It was the first year they accepted a machine quilted quilt. What an uproar. Glorious quilts, thread painted, painted quilts very beautiful hand quilted ones. I took every class I could get into and any lecture I could listen to for five days. I came back so enthused and needless to say I learned a lot. talked to many ladies, figured out I could do this easily. So now I also do lots of things that don't follow those abominable rules. In fact I enjoy breaking the rules as do many others. Try it sometime just for fun.





A note from the Treasurer--

If you have any outstanding bills or receipts for MCQA, please get them to me as soon as you can. The books for 2016 will be closing soon. It is helpful if all the financial transactions for 2016 are finalized before the end of the year and are not carried over into 2017. It also will make it easier for Grace Terpening when she takes over in January. Thanks!

Susan Vore



A note from the Librarian:

Enjoy the Christmas Party!

The Library will return in January, and any materials will be due at the meeting on January 4. Snowbirds, if your travel plans mean you will not be attending in January, please ask another member to return your items. Thank you for a great MCQA Library year!

Jen St O.



FOR SALE..... I'm downsizing

Brother embroidery-only sewing machine with many, many supplies. Simple to use.
Does not sew straight seams. \$250.00

Contact member Erna R. 228-6301

MCQA Meeting Minutes November 2, 2016



Pre-meeting the members dressed and packed Teddy Bear quilts.

President Tracey Cairati called to order at 6:40pm.

Guests tonight are Sharon Beech from Seattle, moving to Marquette; and Pam Kauppila.

Secretary's report: Thank-you note from St. Vincent de Paul in Ishpeming relaying a heartwarming story about our donated teddy bear quilts.

Treasurer's report: Susan was not present, but sent numbers for the meeting: current balances in the accounts are: Checking, \$997.71; Savings, \$7406.78; Total, \$8,404.49.

Thanks for the snacks Nancy H, Judy P, and Tracey!

Old Business:

Quilting Legacy: Why Quilts Matter - Alice described the presentation of quilts at the Marquette History Center tomorrow night at 7pm. Nancy added that you can come early at 6:30pm if you want to look at the quilts ahead of time. All quilts are entered into the state quilt index at MSU.

DeVos Program this Saturday - Rachel May (author of *Quilting with a Modern Slant*) will give a presentation at Noon, then at 1:00pm our own Judy P. will give a talk about Civil War quilts. The focus of the traveling exhibit is remade historical quilts. Emily Lanctot from the DeVos really wants hands-on activities, and Judy P. encouraged all to bring machines and help teach others.

Quilt Show - October 21 and 22, 2017 @ NMU Great Lakes Rooms. Judy P. announced the first organizational meeting this Saturday, November 5, 10-11:30am upstairs at Ben Franklin. Judy P and Tracey C are co-chairs, and they are trying to keep things as simple as possible. One question is: judged or not judged? Another question: who should be the featured quilter? Judy P passed out paper surveys to the members to weigh in with their input on these topics. Return these surveys to Judy by the December Christmas Party.

New Business:

Looking for Ideas for Programs - Give it some consideration and get back to the Program Committee for 2017 (Tracey C, Carol L, and Pamela R).

Library - Jen reported she has ordered several new magazines. She has BLOCK magazine and Modern BLOCK magazine. Jeanne gave a book review of *Sewing Pottery by Machine*, by Barbara Worholic, a book at PWPL to learn how to make bags and baskets out of clothesline and fabric, sewing it together on your sewing machine. Book instructions are thorough and easy to follow.

Charity Project - Idea is to branch out from teddy bears with our teddy bear quilts. Susan's idea was to buy some other stuffed animals, sold at \$5 apiece, from Kohls. The \$5 is donated entirely by Kohl's for children's charity projects. Stuffed animals are a little bigger. Nancy H. made a motion that we change to that for next year, Jen seconded...unanimously passed.

Christmas Party - Laura announced we will have a simple, easy Italian-themed party this year. Potluck will be desserts and salads only. Everyone bring a handmade pincushion, wrapped, and we'll do a swap. Plus the usual show-and-tell and end of year president and board gifts.

Minutes continued

2017 Budget - Jen moved to approve, Carol L. seconded; passed unanimously.

Policies for next year -

Weather: Normally if the public schools are cancelled due to weather, we don't meet. Assume the meeting is cancelled unless you get an email.

July 5, 2017 Meeting: Day after Independence Day is our regular meeting this year. Should we have a meeting that day? A few hands were raised to say they would attend, nothing definite. We will ask again in a few months. **2017 Budget** - Jen moved to approve, Carol L. seconded; passed unanimously.

2017 MCQA Officer slate presented -

President - Laura Reilly

Past-President - Tracey Cairati

VP Programs - Carol Luoma, Pamela Ruege, Tracey Cairati

VP Publicity - Karen Sanford

Secretary - Jeanne Baumann

Treasurer - Grace Terpening

2017 MCQA Committee slate presented -

Charity - Karen Sanford

Quilt Show - Tracey Cairati and Judy Parlato

Historian - Judy Parlato

Property - Alice Johnson

Membership - Mary Stunkard and Barb Bennett

Library and website - Jen StMartin

Hospitality - Laurie Short, Connie Hagle, Gerry Nault

Tracey asked for nominations from the floor, and there were none.

Motion to approved slate: 1st Esther, 2nd Chris Jenkins; passed slate unanimously.

Nancy H. announced past MCQA president Vernie Coolman is turning 100 this month. Nancy will confirm the date and ask the president to get an email out to put a card in the mail to Vernie. So many people that our guild owes a lot to. Many who were instrumental in the guild's early years, instructors, mentors, and others. It's important that we recognize the contributions of our older members and thank them for their years at MCQA.

Jeanne made a presentation of her snapshots from the Fiber Fest at the Marquette History Center in October.

We took a break for snacks and then had show and tell. Meeting ended 8:50pm.

Laura Reilly, Secretary

Autumn Comforts 2017

Things are starting to roll! A few key positions still need volunteers...have you found your job yet? Talk to Judy or Tracey to find out the way your skills can mesh with the Autumn Comforts 2017 committee!

From all MCQA members, your input is requested:

1. Do you want the 2017 Autumn Comforts Show to have the option of having quilts judged?
2. Please nominate 1 or more quilters to be our featured quilter/quilters.

Please give your ideas in writing or email to Judy Parlato or Tracey Cairati before January 7th.

Minutes of the November 5, 2016 Autumn Comforts Meeting

In attendance: Judy Parlato, Carol Luoma, Jeanne Baumann, Marcy Leppanen, Alice Johnson, Sara Doubledee, Mary Stunkard, Barb Bennett, Jen St. Martin, Laurie Short, Pamela Ruege, and Karen Sanford.

We had a very short organizational meeting covering the most urgent issues to enable a good start for the 2017 show to be held on October 21-22, 2017.

This is what has been done so far:

1. NMU Lakes Rooms have been reserved from October 19-22, 2017.
2. The raffle quilt has been pieced.
3. Committee chair positions have been filled with the exception of Hanging, Door prizes, Photographer and Security.

This still needs to be done:

1. Raffle license acquired and raffle tickets printed.
2. Registration information revisited and decisions made.
3. Judging decisions made and judges hired.
4. Featured quilter/quilters selected and notified.
5. More discussion about a MCQA Sale Table.
6. The raffle quilt committee needs to make a decision about who will quilt the raffle quilt and get it quilted.

The next meeting will be Saturday January 7 @ 10am upstairs at Ben's.

