
MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION



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January 4, 2017

6:30 pm Peter White Public Library Community Room

**January Program:
Trapunto**



Texture, impact, verve, style, focus, definition, and that “how did she do this?” factor. All of these are reasons to include trapunto in your next project.

Where can you buy it? Locally? Online?You can't!

But you just might become inspired to use this old but new again technique in quilt design. As the tools, materials and techniques available to quilters improve and expand, trapunto is another element to consider. Rather than surface embellishment, trapunto builds visual impact from the inside out, to bring attention to the elements of your design you wish to highlight.

Judy Parlato, and others with serious expertise, will bring us further into the Third Dimension of quilting, exploring what trapunto can add to quilt design. Don't miss it!



January Snacks:

Chris Jenkins, Alice Johnson, Pamela Ruege





Members of the MCQA brought some holiday cheer to many children of Marquette County. Donations of lovely hand-made purses and teddy bears bundled in little sweaters and wrapped in a quilt were donated to the Salvation Army and the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Marquette, Ishpeming and Gwinn.

Teddy Bears and Purses

Seen in photo are (left) Denise Arbelius of St. Vincent de Paul of Marquette and Teresa Zielinski of the Marquette County Quilters' Association.



The group also donated 13 bed quilts to The Harbor House of Marquette. Hopefully these quilts will bring warmth and comfort to those who come to the center in search of kindness and shelter during trying times.

Harbor House at right

Barb Bennett, Teresa Z., and Karen S. Presenting the bed quilts to a staff member at the Womens Center





Panel by Ann Pillote, I think.....

It's a grand time of year to snuggle in a warm nest of quilting materials, supplies, tools, and what-nots, and then see what happens!

But let's not forget to thank those members who have served our guild in a role as a Board Member or Committee Chair in 2016. And let's support with our participation, and encourage with gracious understanding, those who are in leadership positions in 2017. Together we do so much as we share our common interests in quilting and fiber, in learning and sharing, and in our community.

2017.....Time to Renew!!!

Are you a snowbird planning on being AWAY as the new year starts?
Do you just want to assure your 2017 membership even though the blizzards may blow in January and February?

You can renew your MCQA membership NOW for the 2017 year. How?

At the membership table during the January meeting

or

By postal mail to: MCQA attn Membership
P.O. Box 411
Marquette MI 49855

Include your full name, your current phone number/s, your postal address, your email address, and annual dues \$15.00. And please print clearly. :-)

Stay connected and engaged with all the MCQA happenings into 2017, and invite your neighbor or friend to join us, too.

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



For the Record: **Christmas Party 2016!**

Awesome! Great attendance! Great food, both homemade and from The Pasta Shop! Great Giveaway raffle! Great Pincushion exchange! Great music! Great decor! Great atmosphere!

And a wonderful time was had by all, sharing the joy of the season. Those who could not be with us were missed.



Here's a great idea for a quilter with a workshop:



This is a DIY large extension table for a sewing machine, made with a leftover piece of round-edge countertop from the home store. It provides a large area of support with a slick surface helpful when machine quilting. While some machines come equipped with their custom fit extension table, and other machines have them available as options, this DIY approach may be a solution for those who have a need and a handy-person to make a custom fit when manufactured equipment is not an option. Clever, eh?



Autumn Comforts 2017

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

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.

A note from Tracey C:

Hi everyone.

Just wanted to let you know that **I found my "missing" wall hanging** at my home. Turns out, with my travels right after Fiber Fest, I didn't remember I had never brought that particular wall quilt to the show. With some intensive before-Christmas housecleaning, I found it behind a big easy chair. It must have fallen off the wall.

Thanks for checking for me, Tracey



Points to Ponder

1. Housecleaning - I guess it can be a good thing.....after quilting.
2. Too many quilts to keep track of?
NEVER!

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Deadline for February news: Jan. 18, publish on Jan. 25, Meeting Feb. 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. Lots of late breaking news, project pictures, tips and more!



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