

MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION



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September 2017

Meeting:

September 6, 6:30 pm, in the Arts&Culture Center Skylight Room, PWPL

Program: Half Square Triangle (HST) Exchange

Last month, Tracey and Pamela showed us quick, easy, accurate ways to make half-square triangle units. Pamela demonstrated using triangle paper from LaundryBasketQuilts.com by Edyta Sitar, available from many shops and sources. Tracey showed us triangle paper that can be printed in several sizes from QuiltingAndWhatnot.com. We also saw some beautiful ways to use these units, from traditional to very modern designs.

Tracey and Pamela distributed 2 1/2 inch-finished triangle papers so we can make HSTs to exchange this month. Fun! So, bring your half square triangles made with the paper pattern you got at the August meeting. Thinking of the colors used in our raffle quilt, triangle units should be made with cream/off white/light beige with a blue/teal/lavender fabric. Fabrics do not have to be a batik. Each sheet you sewed up gives you 12 half square triangles to exchange. DO NOT tear off the paper or iron them. The new owner of the squares after the exchange will do that.

If you make more than one sheet (12 units), separate each batch of 12 in a baggie or with a clamp so it will make it easier for distribution of different colors to participants. If you were not at the August meeting and you want a sheet so you can participate in the exchange, go to www.QuiltingAndWhatnot.com. The sheet to use is a 2 1/2 inch Finished HST Units. This page is also reproduced on p.2 of this newsletter. You will find 6 squares on a 8.5 X11 inch paper (letter size). There is also a one inch square on the sheet so you can measure your printed copy. Check the 'Actual Size' setting when you print your page. And use a small stitch length setting when you sew. Hope you will enjoy this exchange, and have a lovely quilt to show in the November meeting!

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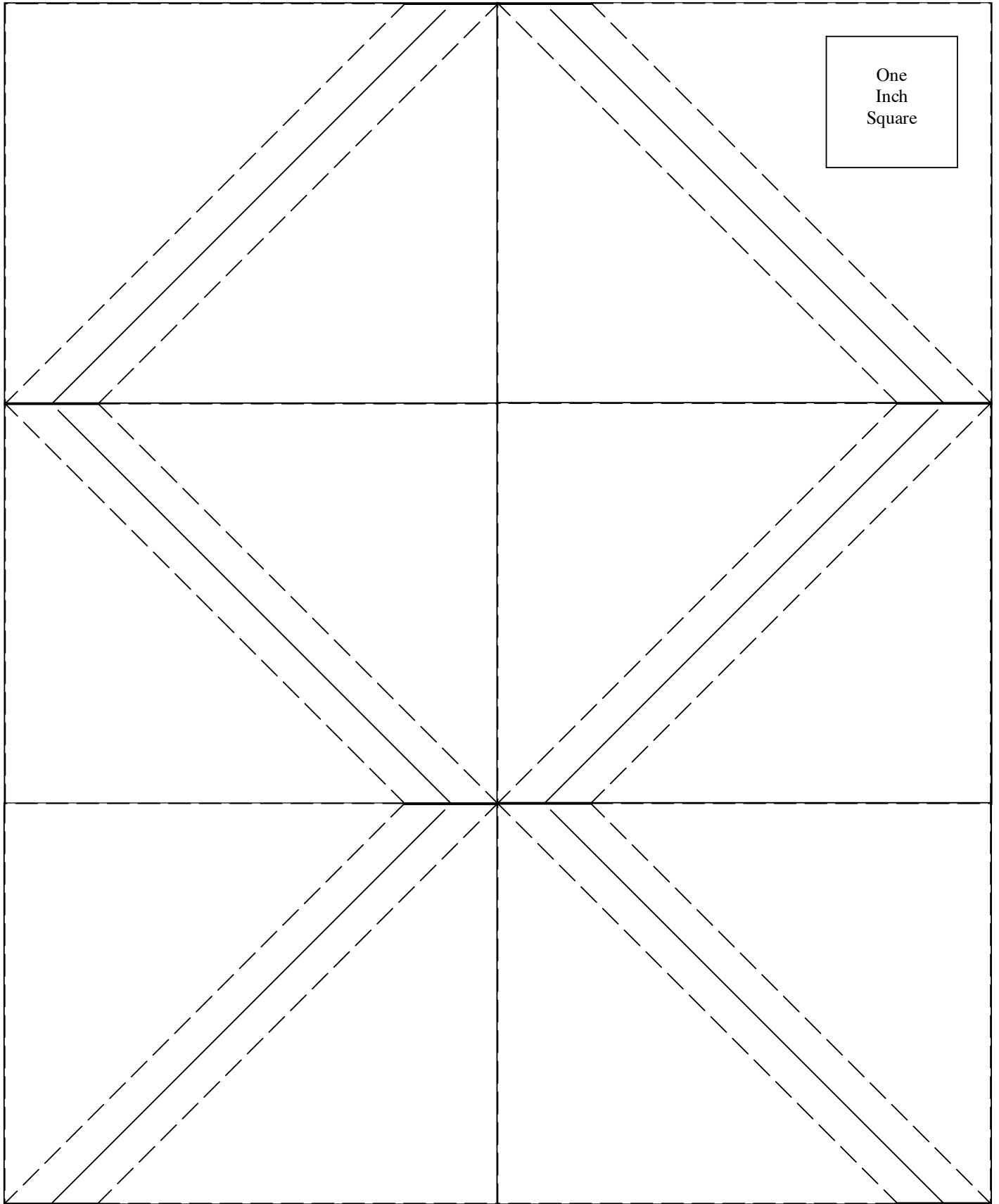
Alice Johnson will also give a short talk on readying your quilt for hanging at the quilt show.

Snacks this month:

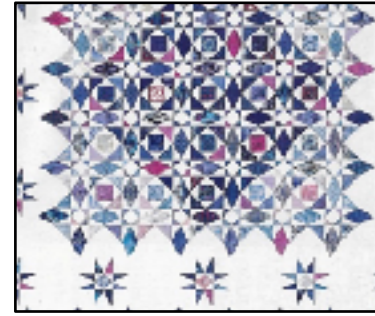
Marcy Leppanen, Pattie Mercure, Brenda Tellkamp



Thanks!



Autumn Comforts 2017



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**Autumn Comforts committee meeting
September 9 at 10am @ Ben's.**

Counting Down to October 21 and 22 Checklist:

- Be sure to sign up to help cover the work shifts needed during the show. The sign up board will be at the meeting, and help from us all is needed.
- Clear your calendar to help with hanging quilts on Thursday and Friday - Every able body available is needed on Thursday, October 19 from 9a to ? and on Friday, October 20 from 12 noon to ? If you want to see if we are still hanging quilts on those days, call Tracey 250-6656.
- Raffle tickets - bring in your sold sets. And pick up another envelope to sell more, if you can. Questions? contact Laurie Short
- Bring needle arts books and magazines as donations for sale table - in good condition, with no missing or torn pages. Questions? Contact Gerry Nault or Char Grimsby.
- Bring donation items suitable for the door prizes and for the silent auction table. Questions? Contact Marcy Leppanen or Brenda Tellkamp
- Start identifying sewing, quilting and autumn props for the quilt show. We want to dazzle the crowds with antiques and fall items. If you are willing to loan decor items *be sure they are marked with your name and phone number*. Items can be brought to the University Center on Thursday when you drop off your quilts or Friday when you help with hanging the quilts. Questions? Contact Judy Parlato
- Do you have any undistributed rack cards? Bring them in for last minute publicity! Questions? Contact Karen Sanford

*** As of August 31 we have nearly 300 quilts registered! ***

FYI: This is the judge's review sheet

Quilt Entry # _____

Award _____

Quilt category _____

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 Scores (2) Excellent (1) Satisfactory (0) needs Improvement

_____ Overall appearance

Judges will review the front and back of the entry for visible marks, loose threads, sewing distortions and problems. This includes the condition of the quilt, neatness, feel & appearance.

_____ Workmanship

Judges will examine piecing to ensure seams are flat, straight and secure, and check that corners and points meet precisely. Judges will examine applique to ensure curves are smooth, points are sharp and stitches are even. Bindings should be full and corners should be neatly mitered. Proper amount of quilting is considered and should be executed well.

_____ Color and design

Color and design elements are considered and apply to traditional and art quilts. Includes choice of color values, threads, embellishments, quilt top design, combining to form a unified appearance (quilting should complement the quilt top design), and the borders should be proportional to the body of the quilt.

_____ Creativity/Execution of Design

Degree of difficulty and originality (if applicable) are considered, as well as overall impact of quilt, whether traditional or contemporary.

Judges' Comments

Here is #1: Vintage Stash-to-Treasure

My friend, Tina Hall, had a mother with an epic quilting stash who recently passed away. Tina managed to sell most of it in a rummage sale earlier this summer, but there was some left that Tina has now generously donated to MCQA! There are



some lovely fabrics to add to our charity quilt stash and some nice books to be sold at the Quilt Show. There are also odds and ends I'll bring to the next meeting for giveaway, like unused Schmetz machine needles, a 60" Olfa rotary cutter, and this interesting contraption:

Have you seen one of these? Do you OWN one of these? If you like old stuff like I do, put on your "American Pickers" hat and get ready to take home some treasures at the September meeting.

Here is #2: Christmas Party Planning

With the countdown to the Quilt Show, it's hard to believe Christmas is right around the corner! We are looking at a tentative date for our annual Christmas Party that will be one week later this year, **Wednesday, December 13** at 6:30pm in the PWPL Community Room. (There would be no meeting the first week of December). Also, we are looking at doing a meal plan similar to last year, of potluck salads/desserts with a catered main dish. Restaurant suggestions welcome! Also, suggestions for a fun sewing swap are welcome! Pincushions like last year, or an ornament? Please bring your suggestions to the meeting or email Laura Reilly at lreilly@kendrickslaw.com.

Here is #3: Quilt-Loving Leaders Wanted

Have you thought about being an officer or a committee leader in MCQA? All it takes is a love of quilting, a sense of humor, and some minor organizational skills (and sometimes even those are optional!) At our September and October meetings, I will be looking for nominations or expressions of interest in serving as officers or committee chairs for 2018. Our goal will be to have a slate for voting at our business meeting in November. Please think about it, and if you have questions about what

meeting in November. Please think about it, and if you have questions about what the job entails, please ask!

Any committee chair and any officer position except Treasurer can be held by 2 or more people at the same time, so consider serving with a friend!

Officer Positions are:

President
VP of Programs
VP of Publicity
Secretary
Treasurer

Committee Chairs are:

Charity
Hospitality
Membership
Library
Newsletter
Property
Webmaster

Marquette County Quilters Association Meeting Minutes August 2, 2017

Laura Reilly, President, called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

1. **Welcome** to all including guest Tia Rizzardi from St. Paul, MN. Thank you to Chris Jenkins for tonight's refreshments.
2. Approval of **Minutes** from June, 2017 with no corrections.
3. **Treasurer's Report** from Grace Terpening
4. **Secretary's Report** from Jeanne Baumann: No correspondence received.

<i>balances as of</i>	<i>6/30/2017</i>	<i>balances as of</i>	<i>7/31/2017</i>
checking	\$2321.77	checking	\$2321.77
savings	\$5408.02	savings	\$5408.02
quilt show	\$1715.74	quilt show	\$1521.92
total	\$9445.53	total	\$9251.71

5. Old Business

A. **Quilt Show** report from Judy Parlato

- a. Next Planning Committee meeting will be Saturday, August 5, 10 am, Ben Franklin's.
- b. Laurie Songer Short reports income from raffle tickets sales at the Outback Art Fair was \$1034.
- c. Judy reports Sunday August 6 is Discover Sawyer Day in Gwinn. The quilt will be shown and volunteers are still needed to sell raffle tickets 9a-11a, and 11a-1p. Chris Jenkins, Jen St.Martin, and Karen Sanford volunteered for either a needed shift or all day as needed. Judy will contact all volunteers with information on how to find our booth.
- d. Karen Sanford reports the display tent borrowed to use at Outback is for sale by the owner. It is in great shape, is easy to erect, has a wheeled storage bag, and is priced well belowcost (\$125). Storage space at the St.Louis church will be arranged by returning the wooden display structures given to Tracey and seldom used. This purchase will be made from the MCQA budget, not the quilt show budget, as the tent may be used for any MCQA event Alternative storage space may be arranged with Jen StM as needed
- e. Awards (Pamela), booklets (Laura), publicity (Karen S) all are on track. Guest Tia took some rack cards to distribute to the new shop in Ashland, WI and in St. Paul.

- f. **All Aboard for running the Show:** Every able body available is needed to help with hanging quilts on Thursday, October 19 from 9a to ? and on Friday, October 20 from 12 noon to ? If you want to see if we are still hanging quilts on those days, call Tracey 250-6656. Wednesday, October 18 at 4:30 pm, poles and stands will be loaded at Lakeview Arena, and anyone who can help with this physical work is encouraged to help
- g. Carol reports 75 quilts are registered, and 50 of these have had their show labels printed. Members are encouraged to enter their quilts ASAP, even if an item is a work-in-progress, to avoid an overwhelming jam as the deadline approaches.

B. Charity Projects Susan Vore reported on the Christmas Charities projects underway. We have 23 quilts for the various animals, but 49 are needed. We have 18 sweaters but 27 are needed. We have a variety of hats, scarves, vests. There are a few of the small cross-body bags for the teens, and hopefully more will be coming in. Posting the pattern on the website may be challenged, as the pattern adaptations may not be seen as sufficient, so printed copies of the pattern will be available in addition to those packaged in the kits. The monthly charity sewing friendship group meeting is the first Thursday each month, 10am - 2pm. Neonatal quilts are also worked on at this group, it meets tomorrow.

6. New Business

- A. Nancy Henderson reports Art Meets Quilt: Exploring with Silk is the August display in the SmallWorks Gallery of the Arts & Culture Center. Created by The Explorers Friendship Group, the focus of this exhibit is a tribute to recently deceased member Bridget McCarthy, who lead many into learning about and working with silk in quilting. A public reception will be held on August 10, 6-8p, in the gallery.
- B. Laura Reilly has been working with the Public Art Task Force to develop a new city ordinance to encourage public art displays similar to the umbrella walk hosted by VAST Insurance. The ordinance will encourage such public/private partnerships to enhance development of and access to the arts of all kinds, including fiber arts, in the city. The work of the Task Force was presented to the City Commission this evening.
- C. Jen St.Martin encouraged members to come and see the several new magazines in our Library, and submit to her any informational items to be added to our website or the marquette365 website.
- D. Pam Kauppila asked if there is a public Facebook page for quilters and other fiber arts people in our area. She volunteered to research and initiate one, to be complimentary to our closed MCQA Facebook page.
- E. Ev-Ann Johnson has several quilting frames for sale, ranging from small lap frames for hand quilting to a 10 foot frame with a semi-industrial 9 inch throat machine and a John Flynn frame system to use with a domestic machine.
- F. Pam Kauppila announced she has a new business as the only APQS representative in the UP. Her business is "Time Flies Quilt and Sew." She has a 12 foot frame with an APQS Millie with top of the line equipment, and she is having a great time.

7. Next Meetings

- 1. September 6 - bring your half-square triangles for an exchange, and get-to-know-you activities
- 2. October 4 - final preparation for the Autumn Comforts Quilt Show 2017

Meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm, followed by Show and Tell and the program: Half-Square Triangles: Easy Methods and Pattern Ideas, by Pamela Ruege and Tracey Cairati.

Jeanne Baumann, Secretary

Library News: Recently, an inventory of our Library materials was done, and 44 items not checked out in the last 5 years were removed from the shelves. These books will be available for members to purchase for \$1.00 each at the September meeting, and any remaining at the October meeting. After that they will be offered for sale at the Autumn Comforts sale table. See the next pages for a listing of these MCQA books.

Also, one Library book is missing, and we hope you will look to see if it is in your possession: Classic Quilting of Sashiko

BOOKS, BOOKS & MORE BOOKS!

The Explorers' Quilt Group was recently asked to help distribute the extensive library of past member Bridget McCarthy. A large selection of the books will be donated to MCQA with the intention of adding some to the guild library, some sold at the quilt show in October and others sold to members. Books that will be for sale to members will be available at the September meeting and proceeds donated to MCQA. Many of these books are very current and would especially be of interest to art quilters. Other books from the collection have been donated to libraries around Marquette County.



Nancy Henderson

MCQA Library Books for Sale:		
44 items:	Title	Author
appliqué	Applique at Play	Wittmack, DeElda
	At Play with Applique: 7 techniques	Fronks, Dilys
	Fabled Flowers	Sudo, Kumiko
	Gathered Garden, A	Armstrong, Carol
	Mastering Machine Applique	Hargrave, Harriet
	Piec-lique Curves the New Way	Schamber, Sharon
	Straight Stitch Machine Applique	Martin, Letty
beginning quilting	10.20.30 Minutes to Quilt	Zeiman, Nancy
	All About Quilting from A to Z	Quilters Newsletter
	Perfect Piecing	Soltys, Karen, ed.
misc: history, clothing, this'n'that	Easy Reversible Vests	Doak, Carol
	Silk Ribbons by Machine	Sexton, Jeanie
	American Quilt; History of Cloth and Comf	Kiracofe, Roderick
	Michigan Quilts	MacDowell, M+Fitzgerald, R
	Men and the Art of Quiltmaking	Cunningham, Joe
	Joe Cunningham workshop + event photos	Siebe, Robert
	Quilting with Jodie in Cotton Country	Davis, Jodie + Jayne
patterns	101 Fabulous Rotary Cut Quilts	Hopkins, Judy; Martin,Nancy
	Book of Patchwork from Japan	
	Celtic Quilts	Williams, Beth Ann
	Charmed, I'm Sure: Quilts from 5 inch squares	Chaisson, Leslie
	Early American Patchwork Patterns	Grafton, Carol Belanger
	First, Nine, and Always	Leathers, Millie
	Foundation Peiced Nature Quilts	Schwartz,Liz + Seifert, Stephen
	Free & Easy Circles	Mullen, Jan
	Garden Party of Quilts	Wolfram, Joen
	Neutral Essentials with Alex Anderson	Anderson, Alex
	Pairing Up: 2 block quilts	Mahoney, Nancy
	Quick Sew Quilts: Americas Top Designers	Kwick Sew
	Quilted Clothing	Laury, Jean Ray
	Santa's Coming Art to Heart	Halvorsen, Nancy
	Super Quick Colorful Quilts	Wilkinson, Rosemary, ed.
Thimbleberries Guide for Weekend Quilters	Jensen, Lynette	
stitching	70 Classic Quilting Patterns	Marston, G; Cunningham, J
	Follow -the - Lines Quilting Designs Vol. 2	Covey, Mary M.
	Quilting 150 Pat.& Tech. Machine Stitching	Malone, Maggie
	Thread Therapy: Eliminate your frustration	Dr. Bob
technique	Cutout Quilts	Mori, Joyce
	Dazzling Quilts: Easy Glitz and Instant Glam	Mostek, Pamela
	Fabric Picture Books	Marston, Gwen
	Hand-Dyed Quilts	Bell-Johnson, Marquette
	Heirloom Quilts from Old Tops	Morris, Patricia; Muir, Jeanne
	Make Any Block Any Size	Wolfram, Joen
	Portraits from Nature	Wells, Jean

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 Past President: Tracey Cairati
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 Secretary: Jeanne Baumann
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Aren't these stash-busters cute?



Have fun finishing up your quilt show quilts, or gathering them up from those lucky friends and relations who received them as treasured gifts.

Also, keep those Christmas Charities items coming: small bags, and for the stuffed animals: 24" square quilts and vests using the pattern from Susan. Thanks!

MCQA 2017 Committees

Charity Quilt Coordinator: Karen Sanford
 Neonatal: Ann Pillote, Erna Roever
 Bay Cliff Nookers; Alice Johnson
 Harbor House: Barb Bennett, Karen Sanford
 Christmas Charities; Susan Vore, Tracey Cairati
 Historian: Judy Parlato
 Hospitality: Laurie Short, Connie Hagle, Gerry Nault
 Library: Jen St.Martin
 Membership: Mary Stunkard, Barb Bennett
 Newsletter: Jeanne Baumann
 Property/Equipment: Alice Johnson
 Quilt Show Co-Chairs: Judy Parlato, Tracey Cairati
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Deadline for October news: Sept. 20, publish on Sept. 27, meeting Oct. 4