

# MARQUETTE COUNTY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION



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**February 3, 2016 6:30p**  
**Peter White Public Library Community Room**

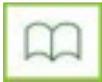
Programming Note:



## What's New in Books with Mary Poirier



From the retail quilting front lines, Mary will be bringing us an update on new, interesting, or popular books with some examples. Row Quilts.... Sampler Quilts... Vintage... What has been selling out lately? What books and patterns are fun and well written? What books offer ideas and techniques that make the most of today's fabulous fabrics and our quilting time?



Mary's viewpoint from her shop, **Country Garden Quilts and More** in Ishpeming, gives her an understanding of the trends that interest quilters in our area and what is hot across the country. And if you have been in a workshop or talk with Mary, you know she is a wonderful teacher of our craft.





Have you renewed your membership in MCQA?

Do you know someone who would enjoy joining us?

Dues are \$15, payable at the meeting.

### Attention snowbirds:

Renew by mail, with a check to MCQA. Send your name, mailing address/s, phone number/s, and current email address to:

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**The March MCQA Newsletter will be the last issue sent unless you have renewed your membership!**



## A member-suggested quilting blog entry:

by Amy Gibson of Stitchery Dickory Dock, and the Craftsy Block of the Month

[http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2012/02/5-steps-to-improving-your-piecing-accuracy/5 Steps to Improving Your Piecing Accuracy](http://www.craftsy.com/blog/2012/02/5-steps-to-improving-your-piecing-accuracy/5-Steps-to-Improving-Your-Piecing-Accuracy)

### 5 Steps to Improving Your Piecing Accuracy

This blog entry reviews:

1. A scant 1/4" seam is a quilters secret weapon!
2. Press well
3. Starch is your friend
4. Use the right tools
5. Be familiar with basic quilt math and don't be afraid to use it!





## By Popular Demand!

The \*resurgence\* of energy supporting our longstanding commitment to quilting for our community's charities, infused our January planning meeting with a refocus on charity quilts. By popular demand, the guidelines have been updated, posted on the MCQA website, and are on Page 4 of this issue. Consider printing and retaining a copy of Page 4 for your reference, as you will most likely find a charity quilt project that is right up your quilting alley.

From Alice:

It's time to think about Nooker Quilts for Bay Cliff Health Camp's littlest campers  
According to the information Karen Sanford received from Bay Cliff, they need 36 Nooker quilts by the beginning of summer. The committee is gathering fabrics for this project. We need bright kids' character prints and some bright cheery "solids". The "solids" don't necessarily need to be actual solids, but read as solids (the dirt and grime from little hands won't show quite so much then). If you have appropriate fabric and it will only yield a few 5.5" squares, we'll take it! Or cut them yourself and turn the squares in. We need 2,280 squares to make 36 Nooker quilts.

We also need Backing fabric 42" x 54". Ideally, it would be one piece, but if you have something smaller, sew it to a companion fabric and make it the right size! Even if you only have a smaller piece, turn it in. Maybe someone else will turn in another piece that will make it just the right size.

There will be Nooker kits available beginning at the February meeting.

If you want to construct a Nooker quilt at home from your own stash, here are the directions.

Cut out of bright cheery kids' prints and "solids", cut **80 blocks 5.5" square**.

Arrange attractively and sew (1/4" seams) a top with **10 rows of 8 blocks** each - press each row's seams in alternating directions.

**Batting 42" x 52"** with weight 4 oz - 6.9 oz..

**Backing 42" x 54"** and can be pieced if necessary.

**Quilt** by sewing with a serpentine stitch on the seam lines - or any method you prefer..

**Bind** with a separate binding, OR carefully trim off extra bat, but not the backing, fold quilt backing to front, turn under and adjust binding to an even width and stitch down.

**Sew binding by machine. These quilts get hard use.**

If you are making a Nooker Quilt from you own stash, please let Alice know so we can adjust the amount of kits we need to make. 249-3262 or [kaj68@att.net](mailto:kaj68@att.net)

Many, Many Thanks for supporting this worthy project for Bay Cliff.

## GUIDELINES FOR MCQA CHARITY QUILTS

One of the most important facets of MCQA is the charity work done by our members. Dozens of quilts are donated by MCQA members each year to various charities in the Marquette area. Listed below are organizations that benefit from our work along with the sizes and types of quilts that are provided to each. Please take the time to read the instructions for the appropriate size and/or fabric for each type of quilt. If you have questions, please contact the MCQA member listed next to the charity, or Charity Coordinator Karen Sanford (906-249-9005).

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- Please follow the size guidelines for each charity. The size and type of fabric has been requested by the charity based on their needs.
- Please use only good quality quilting cotton fabric. These quilts will be laundered repeatedly and usually in commercial washing machines so fabric choice is important.
- Please machine quilt. Tied quilts do not hold up to repeated use.
- MCQA has lots of donated fabric and funds budgeted for charity quilt supplies; ask the Charity Coordinator for details.
- Some MCQA members volunteer quilting services on their long arm quilting machines, but please ASK FIRST before dropping off your quilt.

**NEONATAL QUILTS:** Contact: the “Material Girls” Friendship Group, Ann Pillote (906-323-6232).

These quilts are provided to UP Health System (Marquette General Hospital). The neonatal quilts are used as isolet covers in the NICU. They are used to shade the babies from the bright lights. When the babies go home, they take their quilts with them.

Finished size should be approx. 36” x 42”. Any quilt design is acceptable; however, we usually make these quilts with alternating 5” squares of pastel fabrics set 7 squares across and 9 squares down. A yard of fabric will make the back of the quilt. Machine-sew the binding as the quilts will be washed often. Use a lightweight batting.

**BAY CLIFF HEALTH CAMP:** Contact: Alice Johnson (906-249-3262) or Joan Kaukola (906-273-0456).

Bay Cliff is a summer therapy camp for children with physical disabilities located in Big Bay. We provide small quilts to the youngest campers, preschoolers ages 3 to 5, known as “Nookers” because they are in the “Shady Nook” unit at camp. The children take their Nooker Quilts home with them when camp is over. “Nooker” Quilts Finished size: 40” x 50”. Use 80 different fabrics (approximately 40 character prints and 40 regular prints). These quilts are for younger campers, so please use age appropriate prints. Cut squares 5 ½” x 5 ½” and sew 8 squares across 10 squares down using a ¼” seam. Batting: approximately 42” x 52” with weight 4 oz - 6.9 oz. Backing: one piece of fabric 54” (or 1.5 yards) long x WOF. Lay out squares in a pleasing pattern, mixing character prints throughout the top. Press seams in rows in alternating directions. Sew rows together and press seams in the same direction.

**HARBOR HOUSE/WOMEN’S CENTER:** Contact: Barb Bennett (906-399-6510) or Karen Sanford (906-249-9005). Twin-sized (suggested size: 63” X 87”) quilts are needed for beds in the shelter, which serves primarily women and their children touched by domestic violence. The shelter also needs assistance with various sewing projects (e.g., curtains, mending).

**CARE CLINIC (f/k/a Pregnancy Services):** This organization is seeking a quilt it can use for a raffle or silent auction fundraiser. Contact the organization directly to make individual arrangements.

Updated January 2016 by Laura Reilly and Karen Sanford

## A note from our President, Tracey

There is interest among area fiber folks in having a **fiber arts show** at the Marquette History Center with the possibility of makers selling some items. The thought at this time is to mainly have a show and demos to promote all fiber arts. Mary Ann Theis is the one who has started this effort (a knitter), and we also have weavers and other hand crafters interested. I think it's a great opportunity to get the public interested in some arts that are not often seen and would be a great promotion for quilting. We would be able to have a display as a group so no one person would be required to be there for long hours. This community event would most likely be in October or November.

I'm in!! and hope you are also.

Tracey

### Library News:

- \* Rummage sale held at the January Sewing Day/Meeting yielded about \$55, and many members added bargains to their personal quilting library
- \* Remaining magazines were donated to St. Vincent de Paul in Marquette
- \* Remaining books were donated to the newly expanded Forsyth Township Library. Library Director Pam Winthrow was delighted with the opportunity to add books to their shelves, expand what is available through the UP Library Co-operative, and perhaps offer some items in their fundraising used book sale.



The Librarian this month is Jen S., bringing our Library Cart to the February meeting. Stop by and browse before the meeting or during our break. The latest Quilting Arts recently arrived, and we have received some donated design books. Thanks, Jen, for this donation and service!





From Susan V.: At the next meeting on February 3rd, you can still sign up for subscriptions to Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting at the guild rate of \$15/year. If you are interested, please bring cash or a check made out to MCQA.

Published six times a year, Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting is America's favorite quilting magazine! Traditional in style and covering a broad range of skills, each issue features 10 to 15 quilts and all the information you need to create a cherished quilt. We love trying out new tools and techniques, and love even more to share those skills with our friends! Our Sew Easy Lessons break down what you need to know, and there's an online video for each lesson so you can see the technique in action!

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 for March news: Feb. 17

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