# For a low annual membership fee, you'll have access to......

- MONTHLY MEETINGS to share tips and tricks, patterns and discoveries, fellowship, refreshments and show-and-tell
- QUILTING LIBRARY with a great selection of quilting tools and books of technique, history, and patterns
- MONTHLY NEWSLETTER of quilt news and community fiber arts events
- "MEMBERS ONLY" WEBSITE CONTENT with archived newsletters, member lists, and patterns
- CHARITY PROJECTS to wrap the Marquette community in the comfort of quilts, plus a large stash of material to work with
- RETREATS and SEW-INS including an annual multi-day gathering with great food, friends, and hours of quilting
- EDUCATIONAL EVENTS
  featuring workshops by experienced local, regional, and nationally known quilters
- QUILT SHOW with hundreds of entries, among the largest in the region
- QUILTING FUN& SOCIALIZING!



"Quilts are love, manifested. Put another way: You can't wrap a baby in an iPad." ~ Mary Fons



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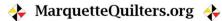


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## Join Us!

### All Skill Levels Welcome

Explore the world of quilting with friends who share your passion!





#### Who we are

#### HISTORY

The Marquette County Quilters' Association (MCQA) began in 1978, when a group of parents from Silver Creek Elementary School in Marquette, Michigan,

decided to make a raffle quilt to help pay the medical expenses of a local boy who had been injured in a house fire. The group so enjoyed their time together, working and talking about quilting, that they decided to organize a group to meet regularly. They arranged a meeting



Raffle quilt for Autumn Comforts quilt show in 2021

place and set a date for the first meeting of the MCQA. Twenty enthusiastic quilters attended that very first meeting. More than 40 years later, MCQA remains a vibrant, enthusiastic group of quilters from all over the Marquette area. Join us. All skill levels welcome!

Our members are dedicated to the promotion and preservation of the art of quilting, patchwork, applique, and fiber arts.

#### **COMMUNITY**

MCQA members believe in using our resources to give back to our community. Each year we sew quilts of all sizes for all ages, wall quilts, and other items. We donate our work to local organizations

such as Bay Cliff Health Camp, Trillium Hospice House, Room at the Inn, the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) at UP Health



Bay Cliff Health Camp 2023

System, and other local charities.

## LEARNING & SHARING

MCQA holds regular workshops to celebrate and teach quilting techniques. In the past, MCQA traditionally held a day of techniques and presentations known as "Schoolhouse" that was open to the public and MCQA members. We are exploring ways to offer programs open to the public and to bring in regionally and nationally known quilting teachers to share their talents with our community. Each spring, MCQA holds a multi-day retreat, where members enjoy hours of quilting and each other's company in gorgeous, relaxing U.P. surroundings





Art Week 2023

Tracy Wascom, Associate Professor in the School of Art & Design at Northern Michigan University, presents to MCQA on design elements in quilts. 2023

### Meetings the First Wednesday of Each Month

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

**Peter White Public Library** 

**Community Room (lower level)** 

217 North Front Street

Marquette, Mi. 49855



- Brief business meeting
- Announcements
- Refreshments
- Socializing & Networking
- Featured Program
- Show & Tell



Low cost dues paid in January secures your membership all year!