



# Lighthouse Beacon News

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December 2016

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## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

December 12, 2016

6:30 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Meeting

**United Methodist Church of the Dunes**

717 Sheldon, at Colfax

Grand Haven, Michigan

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### Next Newsletter Deadline

December 19, 2016

*Merry Christmas Quilting Friends!*

November's program was very much enjoyed with a wonderful lecture and display of quilts by Sue Goeddeke. I for one was highly intrigued by the Round Robins that were done with no rules. Hopefully, we will have some groups forming and we can look forward to seeing the results.

The tuffet class seemed to be a big hit also. Thank you to all who kindly shared their work. What beautiful colors!

As you may remember back in January, I mentioned that my words for this year were finish and purge. Well? I'm happy that I was able to finish quite a few UFOs but would have liked to have accomplished more. I still have many tops that need to be quilted but have seemed to find many ways to procrastinate not getting them done for about ten months. I don't want to even talk about the purging. When, where, and how did I accumulate so much stuff? Why may be even the bigger question? I still need to get rid of things I know I'll never use. Oh well! There is always next year!

In this crazy, mixed up time of holiday preparations, I hope you all take the time to stop and remind yourself of the things that are the most meaningful to you. Things that can be marvelously different for each of us. The most obvious ones include love of family and friends, good health, plenty of food to eat, and a safe home. For us quilters, time to partake of our favorite passion is also very high on that list. As you go about preparations, enjoy all those little moments that happen throughout the day that make you smile.

*Happy quilting,  
Connie*

## Upcoming Programs

Su Palmer and Pam Kihn

Sign-up sheets and additional information for classes will be at the program table at each meeting. For additional information, contact Pam Kihn (231-206-6729) or Su Palmer (231-740-7104)

## Mark Your Calendar for Future Programs & Classes

### December 12, 2016:

- Annual holiday celebration – appetizers & desserts by members
- “Linda’s Legacy Trunk Show”. Our program for the December meeting will be to enjoy viewing a collection of quilts completed by Linda Tellesbo. Linda was a certified Quiltworx instructor. She lost her battle with cancer in 2014. Her quilts are shared through Judy Niemeyer Quilting, Inc. at Quiltworx.com.

### January 9, 2017:

- Program is TBD
- Our class will be “I Heart Quilting: Strippy Heart Quilt Block.” Pattern is free at [www.craftsy.com](http://www.craftsy.com). This class will be taught by Joan Kessler and the fee is \$10.00. This will be a fun class for members to put together a quilt top just in time to share at our February meeting. Class will be 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Church of the Dunes. Register at the next guild meeting or call Su Palmer, 231-740-7104.

### February 13, 2017:

- Program: Members sharing quilts made with hearts or a favorite red quilt. Please bring a red quilt or a quilt with hearts to share at our February meeting. If you took the Scrappy heart quilt class in January, please bring your top to share.

### March 13, 2017: Bonnie Hunter <http://www.quiltville.com/>

- Bonnie Hunter will present a lecture and trunk show on Monday evening. She will have books to purchase that evening and during her classes. She will take time to sign books before and after our presentation. The program will be held at Grand Haven High School in the Performing Arts Center. Doors will open at 6:00 PM. Our program will start at 7:00 PM. Quilt Guild members will have free admission but must show their membership card. You will have to pay the admission fee of \$10.00 if you do not have your membership name tag that evening.
- Classes: Bonnie Hunter will be our guest instructor on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14. Monday class will be Chunky Churndash from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Tuesday class will be Scrappy Majestic Mountain from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Each class is \$50.00 and will be held in the Wiltse Center of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Bring your own lunch. Patterns are available at Quiltville.com under the free pattern tab. Print off the pattern and start collecting your materials for a fun class in March.
- Bonnie Hunter classes will be open for public sign up on Tuesday, January 10, after our Monday evening guild meeting and program.

### March 18, 2017: Saturday, at Church of the Dunes -- National Quilting Day “Git ‘er Done”

- Bring an unfinished project or a UFO (unfinished object) and move it to completion, or at least closer to completion. You may want to bring the Bonnie Hunter top you started or another kit you have on your “to do” list and work to complete a quilt for the July quilt show.
- Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Fee: \$10.00 for guild members. Lunch on your own.

April 10, 2017: TBD

May 8, 2017: TBD

June 12, 2017: Barn Quilt lecture and class with Suzi Parron

September 2017: Ann Loveless (Joint meeting with PALS Guild) <http://www.quiltsbyann.com>

## **Round Robin Updates**

We have two groups of five that are going to work to complete round robin quilt projects. If you are interested in setting up a group, call Su Palmer and she will support you in the process. Your group should have three (3) - five (5) members who want to participate to complete a quilt. Each member has one month to work on borders to add to the center feature block. Then projects are exchanged to next person on the list until the final reveal, 4-5 months later, after the quilt has passed to each person. Individual groups may have some additional clarifying guidelines, or procedures they may follow.

## **Hospitality**

**Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts**

We had a great variety of fall treats last month. Thank you to all who brought treats in November.

In December, all members are asked to bring either an appetizer or a dessert. We will enjoy treats together as we celebrate the season. Thank you!!!

If you would like to make the pumpkin roll that Kathy Myers brought in November, you can. Just google Libby's Pumpkin Roll to find the recipe. It looks fairly easy and we know that it was yummy. Thank you, Kathy.

## **Membership**

**Jane Thomasma**

Carol, Lisa, Karen, and I were certainly kept busy with new members, renewing members, and checking in at our November meeting. It's great to meet new people who share our love of quilting! There were 111 members who attended the November meeting. Welcome to new members Cindy Biermann, Clarice Compton, Marlene Frank, Shauna Reynolds, Amy Stuparits, Susan VanderBerg, Debi Winchester, and Barbara Young. We also welcome Sally Sundstrom back after taking a couple years off. The new members bring our membership to 139. Pick up a membership roster when you check in if you have not done so already. The rosters were printed after the October meeting. We do not reprint with new members but have a sheet of updates with contact information to add to your roster. Pick up one of those as well.

## **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

*Habitat for Humanity:* It was a real thrill to have Beth Hanis, Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity, attending our November meeting. A check for \$1,500, most of the proceeds from the Raffle Quilt, was presented to her to further their important work. A new house will be ready very soon which has been built by many volunteers in our community and also with the "sweat equity" of the recipient family in every room. A beautiful quilt, donated by one of our members, will be given to the family.

We have had a good response to the block-making for another Habitat quilt. We still have materials for about 25 blocks, so they will be available at the December meeting.

*Baby Quilts:* We thanked Jean Stordahl for the inspiration for the new "Modern Baby A" quilt. We handed out 10 kits in October and got a nice number returned which are ready to go to Ottawa County Infant and Maternal Health. We are open to trying new patterns, especially easy ones, so if you have an idea to share, please let Elizabeth, Kim or Lorelle know.

*Breast Cancer Comfort Quilts:* These quilts keep being turned in -- often because the maker has a special connection to breast cancer. We continually hear from the staff that the quilts are very gratefully received and treasured. We prefer that they be at least 50" x 70" or 60" square. If you make one, please pick up a label and sew it on.

*Save the Date:* There will be a Community Outreach Sew-In on Monday, February 13th. Come and sew for one of our charities -- or to finish a last-minute Valentine gift. Stay for the soup supper and then attend the guild meeting.

## Website

Char LaDronka

Minutes for the November board meeting are now on the website under the "About Us" tab. The membership form has been added to the website under the "About Us" tab as well. You can print it off and mail it in with your dues if you cannot attend a meeting. If you would like to see something posted to the webpage, please contact Char LaDronka at [cmladr@gmail.com](mailto:cmladr@gmail.com).

## Ugly Fabric Challenge

Kay Wilton

Due to the very positive feedback and popular demand, we are repeating the Ugly Fabric Challenge again this year. Do you have a fabric that you look at now and wonder "Why did I buy that?" You can still call Kay to set up a time to bring a fat quarter of the fabric to her before the December meeting in a lunch size brown paper bag (to conceal its identity and to protect yours!). The distribution will be at the December meeting where you will draw a bag to use for the challenge. If you are unable to attend the December meeting, please call or email Kay and she will mail your fabric to you. The finished quilt will be given back to the original owner of the "ugly" fabric when the challenge is completed.

### *Rules are as follows:*

Size of quilt must be between 15 and 20 inches when finished.

Any technique or combination of techniques may be used.

Embellishments may be added but aren't necessary.

Quilt must be quilted either by hand or machine or a combination of both.

Fabric must be recognizable on the front of the quilt, not just the binding or borders.

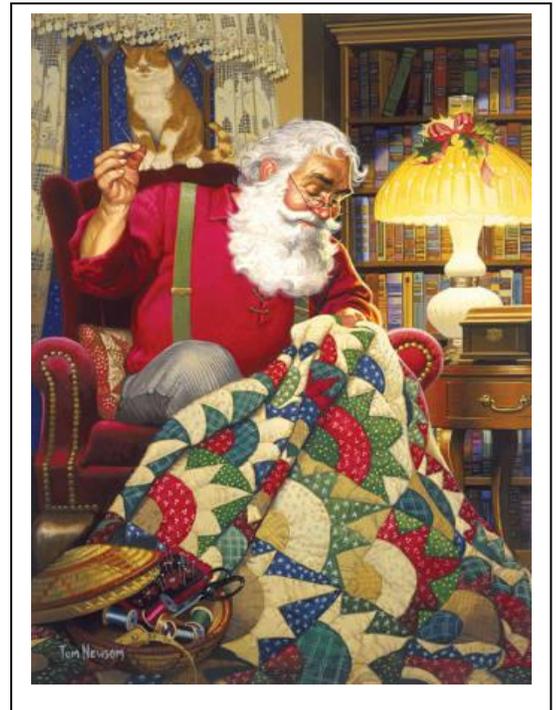
Pin 2 to 2 1/2 inch square of the challenge fabric to the front of the finished quilt.

Deadline for the quilt is the June 2017 guild meeting.

### **Thanks to Jackie Baden who saw this seasonal poem on Facebook:**

'Twas the night before Christmas,  
And the quilts were not made.  
The threads were all tangled, the cookies delayed.  
The stocking weren't hung, the pantry was bare.  
The poor weary Quilter was tearing her hair.  
Stacks of fat quarters, tipped over in streams.  
Visions of Log Cabins, had turned into dreams.  
When what to her wondering eyes should appear,  
But a bus full of quilters with all of their gear.  
They went straight to work with just a few mutters,  
Sorting and stitching and brandishing cutters.  
The patterns emerged from all of the clutter,  
Like magic the fabrics arranged in a flutter.  
Log Cabins, Lone Stars, Flying Geese & Bear Tracks  
Each quilt was a beauty-even the backs.  
Her house how it twinkled, her quilts how they glowed.  
The cookies were baking, the stockings were sewed.  
Their work was all done, so they folded their frames,  
And packed up their needles, without giving their names.  
They boarded the bus, and checked the next address.  
More quilts to be made, another quilter in distress.  
She heard one voice echo, as they drove out of sight,  
Happy quilting to all and to all a good night!

-Author Unknown



**Received from Beth Hanis of Habitat for Humanity:**

"Thank you so much for all that you do to support us and our mission. What a wonderful group of women (and I did notice one man!). We are truly blessed."

Beth

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 11/21/16**

<b>General Fund Balance on 10/20/16</b>		<b>\$20,753.98</b>
<b>General Fund Income</b>		
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21	
Hospitality	\$6.86	
Membership	\$310.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$5.00	
Programs-Workshop		
Bonnie Hunter	\$1,800.00	
Tuffet	\$140.00	
Winter Retreat	\$1,260.00	
Take A Chance	\$49.00	
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$3,571.07</b>	
<b>General Fund Expense</b>		
Membership - rosters	\$77.00	
Newsletter - printing	\$14.79	
Programs		
Sue Goeddeke	\$467.00	
Programs-Workshop		
Tuffet	\$150.00	
Woven Christmas Tree	\$75.00	
Raffle		
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,500.00	
Postage	\$3.77	
Winter Retreat	\$774.40	
Take A Chance	\$15.00	
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,076.96</b>	
<b>General Fund Ending Balance on 11/21/16</b>		<b>\$21,248.09</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 11/21/16</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Balance of both LQG Funds on 11/21/16</b>		<b>\$23,748.09</b>



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What to Bring to the Next Meeting:

- ~ Your Name Badge (pin it on!)—this is your entry to the meeting
- ~ Appetizer or Dessert to share
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell



### Weather Related Meeting Cancellations

If Grand Haven Public Schools cancel school or evening school events, then there will be no meeting for the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. If the schools do not cancel events but conditions are deemed hazardous to our members, an announcement of cancellation will be sent to the WGHN radio station and TV 8 or 13. You can also call the guild chair or co-chair to seek advice on road conditions here in Grand Haven.