



Lighthouse Beacon News

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May 2016

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

May 9, 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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Quilt Show Co-Chair

Lynn Koster

Take-A-Chance

Shirley Swifney

Vendors

Su Palmer and Pam Kihn

Webpage Manager

Char LaDronka

Next Newsletter Deadline

May 25, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

Our April meeting was so inspiring. If you were not there, you missed out on seeing thread painted quilts that are spectacular works of art. I was in awe of Jan's work and I loved seeing and hearing about the progression she has made. Thanks to Su and Pam for another awesome meeting.

Okay, I'm now going to write about something we all dislike hearing about. Volunteering! A volunteer is described as one who offers themselves for a service of his own free will. To me, being a volunteer is not just about the giving of myself but what I receive back. I have gotten to know many new friends that have a shared interest and volunteering has given me a connected, greater sense of belonging to our guild. I believe in this guild and love being a part of it. With that being said, I hope you all will step forward in some way through the coming months. Many opportunities will be available. Sign-ups for duties at the July quilt show started in April. I believe most of the shifts are for about two hours each, so that is not asking for a huge commitment.

Another way to be a greater part of our guild is to be a board member. In the next month, we will be forming a committee that has the task of finding members to fill a slate of candidates for officers and committee chairs for 2016-17. I'm letting you know now so that you have time to think about what office or committee you would like to offer your service to. If you have questions about a position, please feel free to talk to a current board member. Yes, being on the board is a longer commitment but so worthwhile.

One thing that I have forgotten to mention in the past is how thankful I am to all of you when I see the beautiful baby and breast cancer quilts that have been donated to our Community Outreach program. I for one know what these quilts mean to those who receive them. In June we will be hearing stories about the joy the quilts bring from someone working at the North Ottawa Hospital Breast Center. It will be heartwarming to know how our quilts wrap the patients with warmth and love.

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)

May 9, 2016

Poppin' In or Convex Illusions Quilt Class by Kathleen Andrews of KwiltArt

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Center room.

Class fee is \$45.00. Pattern is \$8.00.

Kathleen Andrews will be working with us to make “*Convex Illusions*” or “*Poppin' In*”. Visit the KwiltArt website to see her quilt patterns at www.kwiltart.com. Su has patterns to purchase for \$8.00

We need a minimum of 10 students for class to take place. Our maximum is 20 students.

Call Su Palmer (231-740-7104) or contact Pam Kihn (231-206-6729) to sign up for this class.

Evening program Kathleen Andrews will be talking to us about design, color and depth in quilts. She will be our vendor for Monday evening.

Monday, May 23

Fish Purse Class - 1:00-4:00 at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Center

Instructor: Jackie Bailey

Cost: \$5.00

The fish purse is approximately 14" x 8". A portion of the pattern will be handed out to class participants at the May meeting because there is some simple pre-class sewing to be completed prior to class. If participants are unable to attend the May meeting, please contact Jackie Bailey at Dennis.jackie@sbcglobal.net to receive the pattern/supply list. We will have a sign-up sheet and material list at the May guild meeting.



June 13, 2016

Completion of the Ugly Fabric Challenge. Completed quilts using the “ugly fabric” swapped in November will be revealed and presented to the original owner of the “ugly fabric.” A reminder of the rules:

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.

Remember – there is only one month to go until the big reveal and there may be a prize for the best quilt!

Mark your Calendar for Future Programs

September 2016 Deb Karasik (Joint meeting with PALS Guild) <http://www.debkarasik.com>

October 2016 Lenore Crawford, Fabric Artist <http://www.lenorecrawford.com>

November 2016 Sue Wilson, Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor
<http://www.quiltworx/instructors/sue-wilson>

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

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

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

We look forward to enjoying the delicious treats from the generous May birthday members.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

At our April meeting, 80 people enjoyed a presentation by quilt artist Jan Berg-Rezmer. Our number included new members and one guest—who also joined during the meeting! What beautiful work! Several members enjoyed a thread painting class with her during the day. Please welcome new members Margo Dill, Hope Eggerding, Alice Kauppila Charlene Lozicki, Jamie Priese, Jackie VanBrocklin, and Susan Yancer-Hatcher. Once again we had a condolence card to sign at the registration table—our sympathy is expressed to our treasurer, Barb Wexall, at the passing of her husband.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

April has been a gratifying month. The guild meeting was a harvest of beautiful baby quilts along with several quilts for the Breast Center. And the kit display was picked clean. The Spring Retreat was an opportunity for several people to complete quilts, too.

The program director for the Maternal and Infant Health program stopped in and picked up 24 quilts for the spring babies. She always compliments our makers for the colorful and sturdy quilts. They delight the new moms who say the quilt is the prettiest item they have for their new child. She told me that on one of her home visits she brought a quilt for the new baby and the mom asked her 10-year-old to show the quilt he had received as an infant. He sleeps with that treasured quilt every night.

Just a reminder: If you can't make a quilt for one of our programs, we would welcome your contribution of a few yards of solid color 100% cotton fabric. Kona is a good choice, but there are several other good quality lines of solid fabric available. Blue, red, yellow and lime green are always in short supply on our shelves.

Photo of the staff at North Ottawa Maternal and Infant Health Program with our baby quilts



Quilt Show

Karen Katje and Lynn Koster

We hope you are working hard at finishing your quilts for the quilt show which is July 29 and 30. Registration forms are available on line and there will be some at the May meeting. If you register your quilts by the start of May's meeting, you will be eligible to win a dozen hand dyed fat quarters and a coordinating basket, so make sure to register your quilts and get your forms to Jan Kinane. Rack cards are available so if you plan on visiting a quilt store, please deliver some cards to advertise our show! Volunteers are needed to work before, during, and after the quilt show so sign up at the quilt show table at our next meeting. There will also be a sign-up sheet if you have any small quilt that could be used to hang in an area business to promote our quilt show.

Quilt Show Challenge

What do you love about our beautiful state of Michigan? What do you love doing in Michigan? We want you to put your passion for Michigan in quilt form that measures 12"x12" for our quilt show challenge. We would like to have you share your challenge quilt at our July meeting so get them done!

There will not be a quilt show meeting in May. Plan on a quilt show meeting on June 13 at 6pm before our regular meeting. If you have any concerns about the quilt show, contact Lynn Koster or Karen Katje.

Quilt Show Boutique - Just a reminder that we are collecting your cast-offs for the boutique at the quilt show. Bring anything you would like to donate (fabric, quilting or sewing notions, patterns, etc.) to any guild meeting and give to Char LaDronka or Leslie Johnson. Thank you for all the donations we've received so far.

Website

Char LaDronka

The Quilt Show Entry form is on the 2016 Quilt Show page under the Events tab on the website. Just click on the link and print off a copy for each quilt you'd like to enter. The minutes from the March Board Meeting are now posted to the Webpage. The Tulip Time Quilt Show details are under the Events tab. If you would like to see something posted to the Webpage, please contact Char LaDronka.

Raffle Coordination Committee

Wanted: Guild members to join the Raffle Coordination Committee. The committee will organize a raffle quilt to be raffled at our annual quilt show, July 30. Su Palmer has started the process to complete a quilt created by members for a raffle. Additional members are needed to act as committee chairperson, ticket coordination and ticket sales. Please contact Su Palmer or Connie Townsend to assist on this committee.

Quilter's Codes/Acronyms

WIP: Work in Progress

UFO: Unfinished Object

PHD: Project Half Done

PIG: Projects in Grocery Bags

WOMBAT: Waste of Money, Batting and Time

NESTY: Not Even Started Yet

PFC: Professional Fabric Collector

STABLE: Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy

WITHWIT: What in the Heck was I Thinking

TGIF – Thank Goodness It's Finished

FART – Fabric Acquisition Road Trip

SEX – Stash Enhancing eXpedition or eXperience

STASH – Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden

WHIMM – Works Hidden in My Mind

From fabriccenter.net and finecraftguild.com

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report as of 4/20/16**

General Fund Balance on 3/18/16		\$16,523.85
Quilt Show Balance on 3/18/16		\$2,500.00
Balance of both LQG Funds on 3/18/16		\$19,023.85
Income		
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21	
Hospitality	\$14.25	
Membership	\$70.00	
Programs-Workshops		
-Jan Berg-Rezmer	\$140.00	
-Kathleen Andrews	\$40.00	
Retreat-Spring 2016	\$590.00	
Take A Chance	\$31.00	
Total Income	\$885.46	
Expense		
Community Outreach	\$254.31	
Newsletter	\$17.54	
Programs		
-Jan Berg-Rezmer	\$420.26	
Programs-Workshops		
-Jan Berg-Rezmer	\$480.00	
Retreat-Spring 2016	\$2,803.92	
Retreat-Spring 2017	\$250.00	
Total Expenses	\$4,226.03	
General Fund Ending Balance on 4/20/16		\$13,183.28
Quilt Show Beginning Balance on 3/18/16		\$2,500.00
Expense		
Early Sign-up Incentive	\$76.48	
Flyers	\$29.25	
Rack Cards	\$304.98	
Total Expenses	\$410.71	
Quilt Show Ending Balance on 4/20/16		\$2,089.29
Balance of both LQG Funds on 4/20/16		\$15,272.57



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**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.



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Your May Lighthouse Quilt Guild Newsletter is here

What to Bring to the Next Meeting:

- ~ Your Name Badge (pin it on!)—this is your entry to the meeting
- ~ Completed Community Charity Quilts and/or Kona solid cotton fabrics
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

