



# Lighthouse Beacon News

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September 2016

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## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

September 12, 2016

6:30 pm Meeting

## Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 E. Apple Ave.

Muskegon, Michigan 49442

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Barb Dryer

### Next Newsletter Deadline

September 22, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

Boy was I right about this year's quilt show! It was full of bright, beautiful, and amazing quilts. Not sure how we do it but every year it does get better and better. Thank you to everyone who entered their quilt/s. Congratulations to all the winners.

I want to thank each and every one who took the time to volunteer to work the quilt show. Without your putting in the time, the show would never happen. We should all give a huge thank you to Karen and Lynn for being this year's quilt show chairs. I also appreciate the show committee that worked very hard to bring our quilt show together. Job well done!

Our program chairs, Su and Pam, have some great things in store for us. Lenore Crawford is coming in October and her classes look like they are going to be fun. Have you taken a look at her website? It is [lenorecrawford.com](http://lenorecrawford.com). You really should check out her portfolio. We are very fortunate to have her coming to Lighthouse. Actually we are fortunate to have many wonderful speakers and teachers coming in the coming year. With the many opportunities to expand our techniques in quilting, I predict the quilt show next year will be even greater.

Reminder - September 12<sup>th</sup> is our joint meeting with PALS in Muskegon. The speaker is Deb Karasik. Her work looks fascinating and I can't wait to see her quilts 'in person. PALS meetings start at 6:30 in the family center of the Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 E. Apple Ave., Muskegon. Hope to see you there. Look for the Lighthouse guild sign in table and pay your dues if you haven't already. Oh, and don't forget your name tag to get in without paying.

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)

### **September 12, 2016**

- Deb Karasik - <http://www.debkarasik.com>
- Joint meeting with PALS Guild **at 6:30 at Fellowship Reformed Church, 4200 E. Apple Avenue, Muskegon, MI.** You must have your nametag or membership payment receipt for entry to the meeting. See details below.

### **October 10, 2016**

- Lenore Crawford, Fabric Artist <http://www.lenorecrawford.com>
- She will be teaching two classes:
  - Sunday, October 9: Myra's Window Boxes at Grand Haven Seventh Day Adventist Community Center at 432 S. Beechtree. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.  
\$40.00 for class, \$10 supplies fee paid to instructor the day of class  
Visit Lenore Crawford's website for additional details and supply list
  - Monday, October 10: Blended Fabric Collages at Grand Haven Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Center from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm  
\$40.00 for class, \$20 supplies fee paid to instructor the day of class  
Visit Lenore Crawford's website for additional details and supply list

### **November 14, 2016**

Please note program change. Additional details will be at our October meeting.

- **Program:** "Quilters without Borders" Round Robin Quilts by Sue Goeddeke, Harrison Township, Michigan
- **Class:** Getting started and piecing borders. This is an opportunity for members to organize in small groups for a round robin quilt. Tips and guidelines will be shared. Consider a group of three to six sewers who will exchange their quilt each month. Target completion date will be our June 2017 meeting to reveal the round robin tops.

**To sign up for Deb Karasik classes, please contact Kay at 616-842-0921 or Kathy at 231-798-3952.**

**Deb will be offering the following classes:**

#### **BATIK WHEELS**

#### **(AKA Psychedelic Upchuck)**

"After completing a nice, batik quilt called Batik Wheels, I wanted to see it 'punched up a bit'. Little did I know it would end up an explosion of color! "

Sunday, September 11, 2016

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Quilted Memories

9919 US 31, Montague 49437

\$45 for PALS and Lighthouse Members

\$50 for non-members

Plus \$15 materials fee



## TURNING OVER A NEW LEAF

These adorable little stylized leaves are a treat to make and a feast for the eye. You will learn the basics that will take you soaring into even greater projects.

Monday, September 12, 2016

10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Quilted Memories

9919 US 31, Montague

\$35 for PALS and Lighthouse Members

\$40 for non-members Plus \$15 materials fee



### Information on Deb Karasik:

Deb started her real quilting passion in November of 2000, when she got a call from one of her daughters, advising Deb, (the daughter...not Deb!) she was pregnant with triplets. She picked up the quilting bug with a passion and joined her local quilt guild (the San Francisco Quilters Guild). It was at the SFQG that she met Janet Mednick, who would later help her write a book for the American Quilters Society, called 'Quilt Mavens Perfect Paper Piecing'. She has since written 'Quilts With Attitude', also published by AQS, and is currently working on her next book.

Now based in Durham, North Carolina, Deb is quilting, teaching and writing professionally, and her travels take her worldwide to share her passion for contemporary quilting, meeting new people, and sharing her knowledge with quilters everywhere. Her website is <http://www.debkarasik.com>.

### Mark your Calendar for Future Programs

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

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

**Attention Members:** Does your sewing group have quilts to share with our members? Perhaps projects you have done as a “bee” or maybe you have a personal collection of quilts and would like to do a trunk show for the guild. If so, please contact Pam or Su. We would like to have our members share their collections at a future meeting.

### Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

Thank you to everyone who brought delicious appetizers and desserts for our August meeting. What a nice variety of scrumptious treats there were to tempt us. We will be meeting with PALS in Muskegon in September so September birthday people will have to bring something another month that works for them.

### Membership

Jane Thomsma

Another year is ready to begin! Thanks to all of you who were able to renew your memberships at the July and August meetings. Stop by the membership table at our September meeting in Muskegon to sign in and pick up your new name tag. If you have not already renewed, you will need to do that at the September meeting to attend or else pay an entrance fee. We'll be glad to help you at our membership table. (Both PALS and Lighthouse Quilt Guild will have their own sign-in table.) Cost is \$20 for the year--

\$5 extra if you would like to have the newsletter mailed to you. Your dues help pay for presenters, rent, and other guild expenses. What a bargain—less than \$2 per meeting! Welcome to all returning and new members!

### **Quilt Retreat**

**Cyndi Phillip**

The guild's "Holiday Blow-Out Retreat" on December 2-4 is completely full but you can be added to a wait list by contacting Cyndi Phillip at a guild meeting or by email [cphillip\\_56@yahoo.com](mailto:cphillip_56@yahoo.com). Those of you who have reserved a spot with a deposit must pay the remaining amount due by the November meeting or your spot will be forfeited.

### **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

We will be at our joint PALS/Lighthouse Meeting, ready with new kits and to collect any quilts you have made over the summer months. In October, we will distribute a pattern and materials for a new Habitat for Humanity quilt. Members will have until January to complete blocks; we will assemble them at a Sew-In in early 2017.

### **Website**

**Char LaDronka**

There was no board meeting in July so the latest minutes on the website are from the June meeting. The membership form will soon be added to the website so that 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.

### **Quilt Raffle**

**Barb Dryer**

Just a few weeks to go before the October 1 raffle drawing! If you have not purchased tickets yet, I would be happy to sell you some! For those of you who have taken tickets to sell, please remember to turn in your money and/or unsold tickets by mid-September. You can either bring them to the September 12 meeting or contact me for other arrangements.

The quilt will be on display at the Bookman until September 9. They have graciously agreed to sell tickets, too! Then we will take it to the Grand Haven Farmers' Market for two Saturdays to sell more tickets. After that it will be displayed at Loutit Library until the day of the drawing, which will be held right there at the library.

I look forward to giving you a final report after October 1. Thanks to everyone who has provided support and help to me throughout this process!

### **Quilt Show**

**Karen Katje and Lynn Koster**

The 2016 Quilt Show was a great success thanks to the efforts of all our members. We had about 600 guests and 14 kids. We would like to thank all the members who volunteered to make our show a success. Thanks to all of the members who had a quilt in the show. Our show was such a colorful quilt show this year. Congratulations to the following winners:

Large Quilts: Viewers' Choice- Crazy Pineapple Puzzle by Hope Eggerding

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Balloon Quilt by Leslie Johnson

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Flower Pots by Kathleen Myers

Wall Quilts: Viewers' Choice- Zinnia by Bobbie Vruggink

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Garden Party by Susan Langin

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Broken Glasses by Karen Katje

My Michigan Challenge: Viewers' Choice- Silver Lake by Nancy Einfeld

2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Blueberry Diva by Cyndi Phillip

3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Fall In Michigan by Bobbie Vrugink  
Row by Row: Vendors' Choice- Row by Row H2O 2015 by Lynn Koster

Our income was a little less than last year with \$3,614 from admissions, \$1,075 from vendor fees and \$1,326 from the boutique (\$1,919 gross sales - \$593 in consignments). Our expenses were higher than last year and totaled \$2,219 for a net profit of \$3,797 compared to \$4,885 last year.

We are still looking for a person or a couple of friends to run the quilt show for next year. Please let Kay Wilton or Connie Townsend know if you are willing to volunteer.

### **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"? Bring a fat quarter of the fabric to the October meeting in a lunch size brown paper bag (to conceal its identity and to protect yours!). At the November meeting, you will draw a bag to use for the challenge. 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.

### **Eastmanville Farm Sesquicentennial Celebration**

**Leslie Johnson**

At the August meeting, we had a visit from Margie Viveen. Margie is a local historical author and chairman for the Ottawa County Parks Department's Sesquicentennial celebration for the Eastmanville Poor Farm, which is now a county park. She would like our help by providing quilts to decorate the dining hall. The Crazy Quilter's group from Coopersville will be handling the barn décor. Margie's enthusiasm was so catching that I volunteered to help her out.

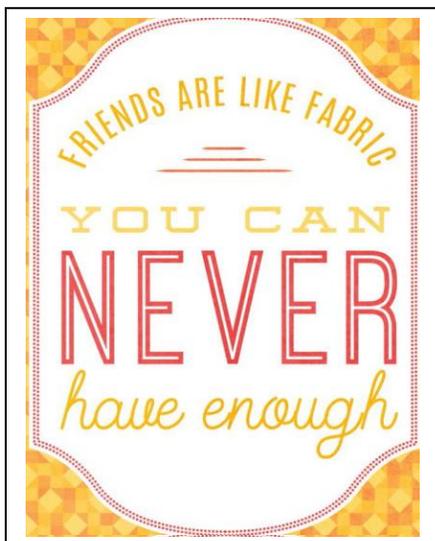
We are looking for old, well-used and loved quilts to be loaned for a one day display on October 1st. The idea is to have the type of quilts that would have been used at a poor farm, not top quality vintage or new quilts. Please be aware that the displays will be in an open-air shed-roofed barn. The barn is roofed, but open to the south and north with half walls. No quilts will be near the buffet table. (This facility is used for rentals for receptions etc.)

Please give me a call at 616-842-3537 or 616-638-2911 if you have any quilts you would be willing to share at the celebration. Also, there will be a farm market set up for the day and run by the Future Farmers of America. Besides produce, there will be handmade items for sale. If you would like to participate as a seller, you would be welcome to do so. You will need to be totally responsible for the display, sales, staffing etc. for your items. Please call me for more information.

### **Recommended by one of our Members**

"I received an email today from Missouri Star Quilt Company that included a tutorial on batting by Rob Appell of the Man Sewing blog which I found very educational. It is called Quilt Batting Boot Camp which you can find on YouTube. The link to this is: [https://www.missouriquiltco.com/land/mansewing/different-types-of-batting/index.html?utm\\_source=msnl&utm\\_medium=lp&utm\\_campaign=tms80](https://www.missouriquiltco.com/land/mansewing/different-types-of-batting/index.html?utm_source=msnl&utm_medium=lp&utm_campaign=tms80)

1. When doing stitch-in-the-ditch machine quilting, stitch as close to the seam as possible, so that your quilting stitch remains largely invisible.
2. For invisible machine appliqué, use the blind-hem stitch on your machine set at 20 stitches per inch and an open-toe appliqué foot.
3. Use small stitches and the correct thread tension when appliquéing, so as to not distort the shapes of smaller pieces.
4. It pays to practice your quilting stitches on a practice piece before you begin a new quilting session on your actual quilt.
5. Be careful to press seams that meet in opposite directions so as to reduce the bulkiness, and allow more accurate machine piecing.
6. Mark the edges of your clear plastic templates with a large permanent felt marker and this will help you see where to place them (and cut) your fabric.
7. When measuring a quilt for borders, take several measurements lengthwise and crosswise - especially going through the quilt center. You will need to square up your quilt at this point so your borders will sit properly when they are joined.
8. If you press your pieced seams open, the block will be flatter and the points sharper, which makes it easier to then match up your seams accurately.
9. It is recommended that you use between 20-25 stitches per inch when sewing paper foundation piecing blocks, as this makes it easier to remove the paper later.
10. Add embellishments such as beads or braid after the quilting is done so they won't get caught up in the quilting. It makes the task of quilting easier, and avoids them being squashed.
11. Keep your quilt borders simple. Too elaborate a border can overwhelm the central sections and make your quilt appear unbalanced. Often using similar shapes and colors as those in the rest of the quilt can help your border blend better with the overall look of your quilt.
12. A quick tip for needle turn appliqué - many find that using a wooden toothpick to turn the seam allowance under works best, as the wood grips the fabric better than a metal needle.
13. To piece together two curved patches (like a Drunkards Path block), it is easier to sew with the convex (outer) curved patch on the top.
14. When appliquéing, use thread that matches the color of the patch and not the background fabric.
15. Maintain your machine - there's nothing more frustrating than a breakdown when you're in the middle of sewing. The quickest job is to keep the bobbin case clean from lint - a quick brush and you're ready to continue.



**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 8/20/16**

**General Fund Balance on 7/20/16** **\$13,374.50**

**General Fund Income**

Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21
Membership	
2016-17	\$1,020.00
Newsletter Ads	\$5.00
Newsletter Fees	\$35.00
Programs-Workshop	
Lenore Crawford	\$40.00
Raffle	\$890.75
Retreat-Winter 2016	\$50.00
Take A Chance	\$32.00
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$2,072.96</b>

**General Fund Expense**

Newsletter	
Printing	\$14.79
Office	\$25.28
Take A Chance	\$5.00
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$45.07</b>

**General Fund Ending Balance on 8/20/16** **\$15,402.39**

**Quilt Show Beginning Balance as of 7/20/16** **\$2,866.29**

**Quilt Show Income**

Admission	\$3,614.00
Boutique	\$1,919.25
<b>Total Quilt Show Income</b>	<b>\$5,533.25</b>

**Quilt Show Expense**

Advertising	<b>\$375.00</b>
Boutique	\$632.55
Facility Rental	\$350.00
Miscellaneous	\$195.36
Programs	\$110.00
Ribbons	\$170.00
<b>Total Quilt Show Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,832.91</b>

**Quilt Show Ending Balance on 8/20/16** **\$6,566.63**

**Balance of both LQG Funds on 8/20/16** **\$21,969.02**



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What to Bring to the Next Meeting:

**~ Your Name Badge (pin it on!)—this is your entry to the meeting**

