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April 2017

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

April 10, 2017

6:30 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Meeting

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

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Grand Haven, Michigan

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Next Newsletter Deadline

April 19, 2017

Hello Quilting Friends,

Okay, how many of you went home and started taming those bags of scraps you have been saving for years after hearing Bonnie Hunter's lecture? I know her scrap saver system works as I have been using it for a number of years. Those of us who took her classes found Bonnie's quilting spirit to be very infectious. As you looked over her books, I heard many of you saying, "oh my! I have to make this one", or "this one is going on my bucket list".

A huge thank you to Su and Pam for all the organizational work they put into having Bonnie here. So many obstacles were put in their way but they managed to make lemonade out of lemons. You girls ROCK! Also, thank you to all of the members who so kindly helped in any way.

On National Quilting Day, March 18, some of us got together at the church for a fun day of quilting. We even learned a few interesting facts about each other!

I am hoping you are as excited as I am about some of our upcoming programs. I love vintage quilts so I am so looking forward to seeing those displayed by Su and Leslie in April. For those of you with many tops to be quilted, taking the machine quilting class in May should be time and money well spent. In June, we have Suzi Parron coming to lecture about barn quilts. I can't wait to take her class!

Spring has officially arrived and for many of us this inspires us to get out bright, cheerful fabrics for our quilting pleasure. This is the time of year when I want to make small wall hangings and table runners to brighten the house after the gloom of winter.

Happy Quilting,
Connie

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Su Palmer and Pam Kihn

Bonnie Hunter Follow Up

Thank you to everyone who participated in our classes with Bonnie Hunter. This was a fun two days. Our trunk show, *Addicted to Scraps*, with Bonnie Hunter went well due to the support of our members. We hope you all learned something new from her classes or her trunk show.

We look forward to members sharing their completed quilt tops at future guild meetings.

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)

April 10, 2017:

- **Program:** *Stitches in Time: A Look at Quilt Collecting.*
Su Palmer and Leslie Johnson will be sharing a trunk show of their journey in collecting Vintage Quilts. Please bring one of your own Vintage quilts to share with us at our April meeting.
- **Vendor:** TBD
- **Round Robin Reveal**
Eight members are participating in two small round robin groups. We were inspired by Sue Goeddeke who presented her Adventures in Round Robins to our guild last October. Members have worked monthly on their quilts and will be seeing their tops for the first time on April 10.

May 8, 2017:

- **Program:** Machine Quilting on your home sewing machine
- **Class:** Machine Quilting on your home sewing machine by Mary Smallegan from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Room. Fee is \$55.00 and includes all supplies. Bring your sewing machine in good working order.
- **Vendor:** Custom Quilts Unlimited from Fennville, Michigan

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

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

November 13, 2017: Kathy Groves of BobKat Quilts, Brighton, Michigan. Kathy is a certified Judy Niemeyer instructor. She will be teaching a class and presenting a trunk show in the evening. Details are being finalized.

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

There seems to be fewer birthdays and therefore, fewer treats for April. March people did not have a chance to bring treats last month, so it would be great if they could bring them this month. And, as always, anyone who would like to bring treats can do so any month. Our members are so generous, I am sure we will have a full table again.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

Ninety-three of our 156 members enjoyed their time with Bonnie Hunter at Grand Haven High School for our March meeting. The busy parking and the cold were worth braving for Bonnie's event! When you check in at the April meeting, pick up a membership roster and roster update if you have not already done so! We also have some name tags that have not been picked up yet.

Website

Char LaDronka

The Minutes from the March Board meeting will be published as soon as they are available. Please keep an eye on the 2017 Quilt Show Page for the latest news and volunteer opportunities! If you would like to see something posted to the webpage, please contact Char LaDronka at cmladr@gmail.com.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

Baby and Breast Cancer Quilts - We didn't collect quilts at the Bonnie Hunter lecture, so we would love to see a full table at our April meeting. Also, if you are unable to make quilts for our programs, we are always happy to accept contributions of new bright Kona or other all-cotton solids in 1 or 2-yard pieces.

We have a new kit, "Crystal Charm", shown here. We'll have a stack of these kits for those who would like to try something new.

Habitat for Humanity - Many of you have seen the completed Rainbow Arrowhead quilt which will be raffled this year to benefit Habitat for Humanity. We are looking forward for a successful raffle with tickets available in the coming month. We are also in the process of getting the other three quilt tops quilted to be given to new homeowners through the coming year. If there is a long-armed out there who would like to quilt one of these, please let Kim or Elizabeth know.



Quilt Show

Carol Allen

The challenge block for the quilt show must be 12" x 12" and will use each quilter's initials. Choose one initial for the color of the block. You can use more than one color, but one color in the block must start with your initial. The second initial of your name that you choose must relate to a block name or technique. For example, I will use my initials C and A. The color will be cobalt blue which would be the C. For the A, I will use the apple core block. Another example would be Suzy Q choices. Her block would be a salmon quatrefoils block. The S is a color and the Q is the block name. The background would be white or any color Suzy chooses. There are many websites which have lists of block names. A few sites are Quiltindex.org, blockcrazy.com, and phoebemoon.com. A web search for quilt block names will yield many, many examples.

The quilt committee will meet at 6pm, one hour before the guild meeting. Registration forms will be available at that meeting and on the guild's website. The quilt on the rack card this year is a beach scene from the quilt given to Melanie VerDuin when she was chair of the guild. It is a great choice and will look wonderful on the advertising material. Rack cards will be available at our April meeting. If you are planning a guild shop hop, please pick up some rack cards to spread the news about our quilt show. Downtown quilts will be needed as we get closer to the quilt show time. We need wall hangings and smaller quilts for businesses to display to advertise our quilt show. Details will be coming later about downtown quilts. Volunteers are needed to support our work before, during, and after the quilt show. Sign-up sheets will be at our next guild meeting. Please make sure you stop at the table to sign up and help our show!

Quilt Show Boutique

Leslie Johnson

The Quilt Show's Boutique is seeking donations of fabrics and sewing supplies, books and magazines. Please bring anything that you are ready to part with from your sewing room to Leslie Johnson at the monthly meeting. If you have a lot, please make arrangements with me to meet in the parking lot, rather than haul it in and then back out again.

Quilt Retreat

Connie Townsend and Kay Wilton

The Lighthouse Quilt Guild spring retreat will be held April 21, 22, and 23 at the Christian Reformed Campground located south of Grand Haven on Lakeshore Drive. Lunch and dinner are included on Friday and Saturday. Only lunch is served on Sunday as we have to be out of the center by 4:00. The retreat opens at 9:00 on Friday and you can sew as late as you wish. Saturday is the same. You have a choice of signing up for attending for days only for \$80.00 or you may wish to stay over Friday and Saturday nights in one of the lovely cabins for \$150.00. The retreat is currently full, but Kay Wilton is keeping a wait list. For those of you who have reserved a space with a deposit, the balance of payment will be due at the April meeting.

Quilt Raffle

Barb Dryer

We have the quilt and we have the date for the raffle! Now all we need is the paperwork back from the state and we'll be ready to sell tickets. Looking forward to another great year of ticket sales. Our major recipient this year is Habit for Humanity and I know they are thrilled.

The raffle will be held on October 7 at Loutit Library. Tickets will be \$2 each or \$5 for 3. Thank you to the Outreach Committee for offering up the Arrowhead block project quilt for the raffle. It is beautiful and nice to know that many guild members participated in its production.

I look forward to telling you more at the April meeting.



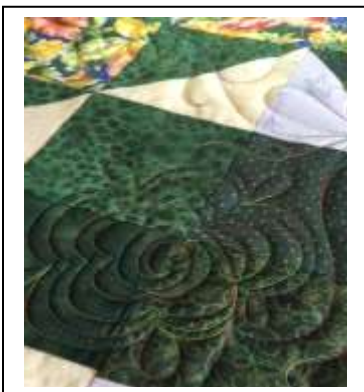
Tulip Time Quilt Show

Carol Keen

Plans for the 2017 Tulip Time Festival in Holland from May 6-13 are progressing well. Information on dates and times for the show can be found online at hollandarts.org or tuliptime.com.

Be on the Look Out!

The guild is in need of a trailer to store and transport the quilt show racks, bins and other assorted materials after the quilt show in July, 2017 and from then on. We are thinking that a 6' x 12' enclosed trailer would work best but are open to suggestions and possibilities. Please contact Connie Townsend or Lisa Schooley if you know of something that could work for this purpose.



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**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report as of 3/20/2017**

General Fund Balance on 2/20/2017		\$21,825.97
General Fund Income		
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.19	
Membership	\$15.00	
Programs		
Bonnie Hunter	\$620.00	
Programs-Workshop		
Bonnie Hunter	\$580.00	
Natl. Quilt Day	\$30.00	
Spring Retreat	\$410.00	
Total General Fund Income	\$1,655.19	
General Fund Expense		
Community Outreach	\$398.55	
Equipment - Quilt Rack	\$171.61	
Facility Rental	\$600.00	
Library	\$61.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$19.38	
Programs		
Bonnie Hunter	\$746.45	
Programs-Workshop		
Bonnie Hunter	\$3,590.00	
Raffle	\$70.38	
Total General Fund Expenses	\$5,657.37	
General Fund Balance on 3/20/2017		\$17,823.79
Quilt Show Balance on 3/20/2017		\$2,500.00
Balance of both LQG Funds on 3/20/2017		\$20,323.79



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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 April 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
- ~ Your Vintage quilts
- ~ Completed Community Outreach quilts
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

