



Lighthouse Beacon News

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February 2017

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

February 13, 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

February 19, 2017

Hello Quilting Friends,

What a thrill it was to see the Linda's Legacy Trunk Show. When our December meeting was cancelled because of bad weather, I was very disappointed that we would not get the opportunity to see these quilts. Big thanks to Su for making arrangements to hold the trunk show over for another month. Also, thank you to Karen for sharing her Judy Niemeyer quilt. I think it made them less daunting to see how she has broken down the steps to make these awesome quilts.

Some wonderful honors have been given to two of our west Michigan quilt shops in the last month. Janet Lutz, who is the founder of the Row by Row Experience, has chosen the row designed by Abbi Mays Fabric Shop in Muskegon to be part of the quilt called "A Taste of Home Sweet Home". This is a quilt made up of twelve rows from shops around the United States and can be seen on the website: rowbyrowstudio.com. We are all very happy for Linda and her staff.

The other honor went to Pressing Matters Quilt Shoppe in Holland. It has been named a top 10 quilt shop by Better Homes and Gardens. The shop will be featured in the May edition of Quilt Sampler magazine. Congratulations to Kelly and her fine staff.

How very fortunate we are to have all the wonderful quilt shops in west Michigan. They provide us with a wide selection of beautiful fabrics, fun patterns and donate to our retreats and bus trips. Please thank them the next time you visit their shops.

Happy Valentine's Day to all of you and can't wait to see the heart or red/pink quilts in February.

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)

February 13, 2017:

- **Program:** Members will be 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.
- **Class:** Open Sew for Community Quilts and UFO completion. 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Room. Join us for a Community Quilts Sew-In to assemble and complete quilts for Habitat for Humanity. Lunch is on your own. Come and sew for one of our charities, stay for a soup supper and then attend the guild meeting.
- **Vendor:** Attic Window quilt shop from Comstock Park.

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

- **Program:** 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 her 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. Lighthouse and PALS Quilt Guild members will have free admission but must show their membership card. If you do not have your membership name tag that evening, you will have to pay the admission fee of \$10.00. Visit her website (see above) to learn more about her and view her quilts.
- **Classes:** Bonnie Hunter will be our guest instructor on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14. Monday's class will be Chunky Churndash from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. There are still a few openings in this class. Tuesday's class will be Scrappy Mountain Majesties from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. This class is full and there is a waiting list. Each class is \$50.00 for members and \$70.00 for non-members 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. Have enough material cut so you can make blocks and learn tips from Bonnie as she demonstrates.

March 18, 2017: Saturday - National Quilting Day

- Bring a quilt top to work on or a project to complete. This day is dedicated to getting projects completed. 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. Pack up your sewing gear and join us for a fun day.
- Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Room. Cost is \$10.00 for guild members. Lunch on your own. Contact Sue Palmer or Pam Kihn or register at our next guild meeting.

April 10, 2017:

- **Program:** Stitches in Time: Vintage Quilts
Leslie Johnson and Su Palmer will share quilts from their collections.

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 \$50.00 and includes all supplies. Bring your sewing machine in good working order.
- **Vendor:** Custom Quilts Unlimited from Fennville, MI

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

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

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

We certainly had a wonderful tableful of treats last month. Thank you! If you have a February birthday, it is now your turn. Of course, anyone can bring a treat to share if they would like.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

We again welcomed new members—Barbara Hanmer, Priscilla Taylor, and Pauline Yount—three more members to enjoy quilting and our programs. Our membership is now at 149 members. Seventy-six of us enjoyed the “Linda’s Legacy Trunk Show” at our January meeting. Be sure to pick up a membership roster and an update to the roster when you check in if you have not done so already.

Website

Char LaDronka

The minutes from the January board meeting are now on the website under the “About Us” tab. There is a new page with the information for the Tulip Time Quilt Show under the “Events” tab. If you would like to see something posted to the webpage, please contact Char LaDronka at cmladr@gmail.com.

Ugly Fabric Challenge

Kay Wilton

Just a reminder that five people still need to pick up their ugly fat quarter at the next meeting. Also, 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.
- Deadline for the quilt is the June 2017 guild meeting.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

Breast Cancer Center Quilts: This month we received "thank you" notes from two quilt recipients. One stated that the quilt is "treasured and much appreciated" and the other said "That is such a thoughtful thing to do and I will remember you for it. God's blessings to all of you." In addition to these messages of appreciation, we are all thankful that two of our members who do long-arm quilting have offered to help with the quilting. And thanks, also, to our loyal members who bind the quilts.

Habitat for Humanity: The arrowhead quilt blocks made by a lot of our members will be assembled at our February Sew-In. In addition, there will be two quilts to be completed by adding borders. Our goal is to finish the quilt tops so they are ready when we need to present a quilt to the owner of a Habitat home.

Baby Quilts: Our baby quilt program is right on target with a substantial number turned in at our last meeting. We were pleased to see so much interest in the new Criss-Cross quilt kits; they were all distributed at the January meeting. We are in the process of making up another new pattern which will be available at the March meeting. A picture of that quilt will be in the March newsletter.

Reminder: There will be a Community Outreach Sew-In on Monday, February 13th from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. See Upcoming Programs section above for details.

Quilt Retreat

Connie Townsend & Kay Wilton

Retreat time!! 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. Three fun days to just quilt

and relax! We sew in a large center with plenty of light and a cozy fireplace. 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. To hold your spot for the retreat, you may make a \$20.00 deposit at the February meeting or mail your deposit to Kay Wilton at 17050 Timber Dunes Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417. Please make checks payable to Lighthouse Quilt Guild. Balance of payment will be due at or by the April meeting. Because of the nature of our March meeting, no monies will be collected that night. We really suggest you get your deposit in as soon as possible because this retreat fills up fast. We are limited to signing up only 30 people.

Please fill out this form and turn in with your deposit for the retreat.

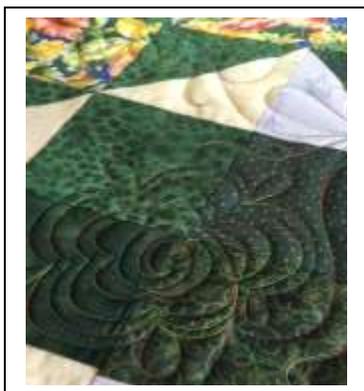
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Email _____	Phone _____
Day Time _____	Overnight _____
Any dietary restrictions _____	

Tulip Time Quilt Show

Plans for the 2017 Tulip Time Festival in Holland from May 6-13 are progressing well. The committee for the Tulip Time Quilt Show asks you to consider entering a quilt(s) for that show by completing an entry form, including two photos of your quilt and submitting it by April 1. Entry forms are available at the registration desk at our guild meetings, at local quilt shops, Field's Fabrics and online at hollandarts.org or tuliptime.com.

Note from Barb Bredemeier, Vice President of BRQG (and former member of our guild): Big Red Quilters' Guild is sponsoring a trip to the International Quilt Festival at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, Illinois on Saturday, April 8. The bus will depart from the Holland Sam's Club parking lot at US 31 and James Street at 7:00 am and return at 10:00 pm. The event cost of \$70 includes your transportation and show ticket. Go to <http://bigredquiltersguild.org/events> to print an application form.

Carol Keen



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Treasurer's Report as of 1/17/2017**

General Fund Balance on 12/17/16 **\$19,006.22**

General Fund Income

Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21
Hospitality	\$11.35
Membership	
2016-17	\$120.00
Programs-Workshop	
Bonnie Hunter	\$1,000.00
Joan Kessler	\$110.00
Take A Chance	\$38.00
Total General Fund Income	\$1,279.56

General Fund Expense

Community Outreach	\$263.97
Library	\$98.25
Newsletter	
Printing	\$13.77
Programs	
Joan Kessler	\$108.62
Take A Chance	\$11.99
Total General Fund Expenses	\$496.60

General Fund Ending Balance on 1/17/17 **\$19,789.18**

Quilt Show Balance on 1/17/17 **\$2,500.00**

Balance of both LQG Funds on 1/17/17 **\$22,289.18**



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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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1206 Hillcrest St.
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Your February 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
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell
- ~ Treats to share for those with February birthdays

