



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

January 2017

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

January 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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### Next Newsletter Deadline

January 21, 2017

Happy New Year Quilting Friends,

Well, we have put another quilting year in the books. I can't believe how fast they go by. Did you get everything accomplished that you had intended to? I'm still working on UFOs that should have been done last year but such is life. I was so bummed that we had to cancel December's meeting but the good news is that Su was able to call and reserve the Linda's Legacy Trunk Show she had scheduled for us that night. It is funny how I found out school was cancelled. I was on Facebook and saw a posting from a friend who moved out of state and she was talking about how school for Grand Haven was closed. Now, I didn't think the weather was that bad so I didn't have the television or the radio on but sure enough, I turned on WZZM13 and there was the closing. Remember that if Grand Haven schools are closed, we will not hold our meeting.

2017 looks to be another great year for Lighthouse Quilt Guild. Su and Pam have some wonderful meetings lined up for us. Two big speakers this year will be Bonnie Hunter in March and Ann Loveless in September. At this time, I know that there are still openings in the two classes by Bonnie. Give Su a call or make sure you sign up this month at the meeting as we will soon open the classes to the public. I have taken four classes with Bonnie and can tell you that she is loads of fun. She shares great tips and tricks for improving your piecing.

A huge thank you to Joan Kessler for volunteering to teach a fun class on the ninth of January. It is a stripy heart quilt block and the class fee is only \$10. If you have a fun project you would like to share with us, please talk to Su or Pam.

Please stay safe and warm but most of all - 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

### January 9, 2017:

- **Program:** "Linda's Legacy Trunk Show". Our program held over from December 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.
- **Class:** "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. Sign up by calling Su Palmer at 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

### 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 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 - 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: 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>

## **Hospitality**

**Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts**

We were sorry to have missed the snacks you planned to bring to the December meeting. But it WAS cold, snowy, and a mess out there. People with January birthdays should bring treats this month. However, anyone can bring treats to any meeting if they feel like it. We enjoy them and thank you!

## **Membership**

**Jane Thomasma**

Welcome to new members who joined by mail this past month: Deb Adams, Sharon Cerovski, Diane Oakes, and Mary Frances Yoos. We are glad you joined our guild. When you make your first stop at the membership table at each meeting, be sure to pick up a membership roster if you have not done so already. We will not reprint the rosters, but have updates to them for you to also pick up each month. Also, we have a belated Christmas gift (since we didn't meet in December) for you at the membership table—a little tool to clean off the lint on the needle shaft of your machine. Be cautious—it can come apart so you won't want to use it inside your machine. Enjoy!

## **Website**

**Char LaDronka**

There was no board meeting in December so the minutes on the website under the "About Us" tab are still for the November meeting. 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**

There's still time to participate in the ugly fat quarter challenge, so just call Kay ([616-842-0921](tel:616-842-0921)). We can arrange a drop off. Everyone will be able to pick up their challenge fabric at the January meeting. If you can't be there, just call Kay to arrange a pick up. I can't wait to see the finished quilts in June!

*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.

## **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

*Habitat for Humanity.* We were excited to take a quilt to the dedication of the new Habitat for Humanity home on Wednesday, December 21st. It was the quilt donated by Beth Maschewske, a bright and lovely Bonnie Hunter pattern. Perfect for a single mom with a three children to cuddle under in time for Christmas.

A lot of our guild members have made blocks for our next quilt for Habitat for Humanity, but there is still enough background for the last 20. We will bring the fabric to our January meeting and hope to entice a few more members to help out. We will be assembling the quilt at the February sew-in.

*Baby Quilts:* We are introducing a new baby quilt kit for the January meeting. It is called "Criss-Cross" and has all the elements we like in the quilts -- lots of color, along with numbers, letters, animals, etc. It is also a pattern that allows us to use up small amounts of coordinating fabrics from our stash. We are making up a pile of kits and hope you will try one. It is quite easy and fast to put together. Here's a sneak peek:



*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.

Quilting tips from Country Stitches Quilt Shop:

1. Quilting a quilt: Evenly cover the whole quilt – the unquilted area should not be larger than a clenched fist.
2. When marking quilting lines on a quilt top, you don't have to mark the entire line. You can use dots and dashes and your eye will fill in the rest.
3. If you are prewashing fabric, clip the corners. This will prevent fraying. In addition, you can easily tell which fabrics you have washed.
4. Test your 1/4" seam to make sure your blocks will match each other.
5. Be sure to set your stitch length at 2.0 in order to get secure stitches.
6. Cross grain of the fabric (from selvage to selvage) has some stretch. Lengthwise grain (parallel with the selvage) has very little stretch.

### **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.

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 12/17/16**

<b>General Fund Balance on 11/21/16</b>	<b>\$21,248.09</b>
<b>General Fund Income</b>	
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21
Membership	
2016-17	\$60.00
Programs-Workshop	
Bonnie Hunter	\$350.00
Retreat	
Winter 2016	\$150.00
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$560.21</b>
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	
Community Outreach	\$471.07
Newsletter	
Printing	\$13.76
Retreat	
Winter 2016	\$2,317.25
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,802.08</b>
<b>General Fund Ending Balance on 12/17/16</b>	<b>\$19,006.22</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 12/17/16</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Balance of both LQG Funds on 12/17/16</b>	<b>\$21,506.22</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
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

