



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

May 2017

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

May 8, 2017

6:30 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Meeting

### United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon, at Colfax  
Grand Haven, Michigan

## 2016-2017 Executive Board

### Chairperson

Connie Townsend

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Kay Wilton

### Secretary

Carol Keen

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Su Palmer & Pam Kihn

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Carol Allen

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Shirley Swifney

### Vendors

Su Palmer & Pam Kihn

### Webpage Manager

Char LaDronka

### Raffle Quilt

Barb Dryer

### Next Newsletter Deadline

May 17, 2017

Hello Quilting Friends,

If you didn't like vintage quilts before April's meeting, you sure should love them now! A huge thank you to Leslie and Su for sharing their collections with us. Also, thanks to all who brought their vintage quilts for show and tell. I have to admit I'm a little jealous of those of you who have quilts made by past family members. As far as I know, no one in my family quilted in past generations. I do own my grandmother's Singer 66 (it was born the same year as me which makes it really old!) so I guess that is the next best thing.

I am writing this the week before our spring retreat. Many of my friends and I look forward to the retreats that the guild has every year. So much fun to get away for a few days to enjoy quilting, sharing ideas, and making new friends. But maybe the best thing is NO cooking and cleaning up for three days!

During our April meeting, I did a small pitch about the upcoming election of new guild board members. May is the month that our Nominating Committee will be starting to make phone calls to fill the positions that will be open. As I announced at the meeting, we must fill the executive board because we have all served for two years which is the limit set by the guild's by-laws. I ask each of you to please take a look at our by-laws which are on the guild's website and you will see that the responsibilities are not all that hard. So, again I ask you to please be open to serve when a committee person talks to you.

In closing, I would like to say welcome back to our guild snow-birds. It will be good to see you all at our meetings again. We are having a wonderful spring and it is wonderful having the windows open during the day.

Happy quilting,  
Connie

## Upcoming Programs and Classes

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 8, 2017

Program Change:

- **Baskets of Fun:** Tonight's program will offer us some challenges for our quilting brains. We will be doing an activity at our tables as we enjoy the company of our fellow quilters.
- **Class:** Class with Mary Smallegan is cancelled

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

Thank you for the treats we had in April. People with May birthdays, it is your turn. We look forward to a full table of delicious snacks in May.

## Membership

Jane Thomasma

We had 73 members attend our April meeting where we enjoyed Stitches in Time: A Look at Quilt Collecting presented by our members Su Palmer and Leslie Johnson. The rainy, stormy weather may have prevented some of our members from attending. Our membership now includes 158 members. Membership rosters are available at the check-in table as well as roster updates. Be sure to pick them up. We only print rosters once in the fall and each month an additional list of updates is available.

## Website

Char LaDronka

The minutes of the April board meeting will be published as soon as they are available. The website has information about the PALS and Tulip Time Quilt Shows in May. Links for the Entry Form, Reclaim Form, and a description on how to fold your quilt are on the LQG Quilt Show page. Check often 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](mailto:cmladr@gmail.com).

## Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We had a lovely stack of quilts on our tables at the April meeting. The cupboard is pretty full, but the baby season is upon us so they will be going out to the Health Departments soon. There were three original designs on our tables so we are studying them to see if they will fit into our kit program.

We did a spring cleaning of our stashes in the past week so the shelves are easier to survey. Also, the majority of our fabrics are measured and marked, making kit production far more efficient.

We have completed enough quilt tops for Habitat for Humanity this year, but are hoping for a quilter or two to volunteer to do the machine quilting. Doug Palmer is doing one right now, but just let Kim or Elizabeth know if you are willing.

We continue to get lovely thank-you letters from people who receive quilts at the NOCH Breast Center. They are so grateful for the beautiful work done by their "sisters" and are amazed at their generosity.

### **Quilt Show**

**Carol Allen**

As the date approaches for our Quilt show, there is so much to be done. Volunteers for the days of the show are so important and help insure a great success. Sign up early so you can find a time that works the best for you. Most spots are for two hours and can be prior, during or after the show.

We have many rack cards that need to be delivered so if you are traveling to different areas in Michigan, please help spread the information. It is an easy way to help advertise the quilt show plus do a little shopping.

We have had fewer donations dropped off for the boutique this year. If you have fabric, books, and magazines and other cast offs, please think about bringing them sooner than later. This will help avoid the last minute rush to label and price items. We are also looking for scrap bags to sell.

Registration is on the website and forms are available at the guild meeting. Hope everyone is working on their 12 x 12 challenge quilts. Also, we need small quilts to display in area businesses to help promote our show. There will be a sign-up sheet for these quilts at the quilt table prior to the meeting.

The quilt show committee will meet at 6:15 p.m. prior to the May guild meeting.

### **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 Raffle**

**Barb Dryer**

The tickets for the Quilt Raffle are printed and for sale! The raffle will be held on October 7, 2017, so we have a whopping five months to sell tickets! There is a slight change in the ticket price from last year. The 2017 raffle tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

I will be recruiting some help again this year. There are a couple of opportunities for volunteers. One is to sell tickets. Let me know if you want some and I will make sure you get them. The other opportunity is to volunteer some time at an event where tickets are being sold. If you could offer up a couple of hours of your time, the guild would really appreciate it. There will be many opportunities over the next several months and I will make sure that those times are communicated. I did get some "sign-ups" at the April meeting, but if you missed it, please e-mail me at

[bdryer@charter.net](mailto:bdryer@charter.net) and let me know that you would like to be on the list. This does not mean you are committed to work, it just means you are willing to be contacted to see if you are available.



Needless to say, the quilt is beautiful which you can see here. You can also check it out on our Facebook page or website. Thanks to all who had a part in making it happen!

I'm also hoping that every member will buy at least one ticket to support this great project. As we did last year, we will donate 80% of the proceeds to the Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity and 20% to our own Community Outreach Program. With everyone's help, we can make this another successful fundraiser!

### Tulip Time Quilt Show

**Carol Keen**

The Tulip Time Quilt Show runs from May 6-13 where over 100 quilts will be on display including a raffle quilt. At least nine of our guild members will have their quilts on display. The hours for the show are as follows: Saturday, May 6: 10am-3pm; Monday- Friday: 10am – 8pm and Saturday, May 13: 10am-1pm.

### 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.

### PALS Threads of Friendship Quilt Show

**Kathy Myers**

#### **May 12 & 13, 2017**

- ~ More than 150 Quilts
- ~ Daily Demonstrations
- ~ Vendors
- ~ Bed Turnings
- ~ 2 Raffle Quilts
- ~ Challenge Quilts
- ~ A Boutique
- ~ Silent Auction
- ~ Lunch Available

**Daily Admission \$5**  
**Friday & Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**At Fellowship Reformed Church**  
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**PFAFF**

*Jill Twiss-McFadden*

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 4/20/2017**

<b>General Fund Balance on 3/20/2017</b>	<b>\$17,823.79</b>
<b>General Fund Income</b>	
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21
Hospitality	\$2.50
Membership	\$20.00
Newsletter Fees	\$5.00
Programs	
Linda's Legacy	\$250.00
Programs-Workshop	
Bonnie Hunter	\$70.00
Retreat	\$1,490.00
Take A Chance	\$38.00
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$1,875.71</b>
<b>General Fund Expense</b>	
Library	\$20.13
Newsletter printing	\$14.28
Office	\$19.60
Programs	
Vintage Quilts	\$41.67
Bonnie Hunter	\$980.87
Retreat - supplies	\$1,014.28
Take A Chance	\$112.36
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,203.19</b>
<b>General Fund Balance on 4/20/2017</b>	<b>\$17,496.31</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 3/20/2017</b>	
	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Quilt Show Income</b>	
Vendors	\$725.00
<b>Total Quilt Show Income</b>	<b>\$725.00</b>
<b>Quilt Show Expenses</b>	
Flyers	\$29.25
Publicity	\$149.00
Rack Cards	\$286.49
<b>Total Quilt Show Expenses</b>	<b>\$464.74</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 4/20/17</b>	<b>\$2,760.26</b>
<b>Balance of both LQG Funds on 4/20/2017</b>	<b>\$20,256.57</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
- ~ Completed Community Outreach quilts
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

