



Lighthouse Beacon News

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September 2017

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

September 11, 2017

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

September 25, 2017

Hello Quilters,

As the newly elected chairperson of the Lighthouse Quilt Guild, I want to say what a welcoming group you all are. I joined the group on my first visit a little over a year ago. At that time, I was introduced to the guild and was amazed at all that was being accomplished - and still is. The programs are informative and encouraging. Beautiful pieces are presented at Show and Tell, but most of all, everyone is encouraging one another.

The Quilt Show I attended with my sister from South Bend was amazing. My sister had never quilted before and insisted I help her cut out a quilt on that weekend.

I have always enjoyed sewing, but most of my sewing has been clothing for my children. I always remember the quilts that my grandmothers made. I eventually started making my own which were mostly for utility purposes, like when all my grandchildren came over and slept together on the living room floor.

I now quilt with other ladies from St Mary's Church. Every year we make a quilt for our Church Festival. This year we made three and we received many compliments.

I worked for many years as a nurse in long term care and now that I am retired, I can spend more time on fun projects.

I am new to this position so I may ask for help and suggestions.

Thank you for your confidence,

Charlene Lozicki

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Kathy Dahlstrom & Annette Allen

Sign-up sheets and additional information for classes will be at the program table at each meeting. For additional information, contact Kathy Dahlstrom (616-842-5406) or Annette Allen (616-846-5037).

September 11, 2017: LHQG sponsored joint meeting with PALS

Program: "Landscape Art Quilts" trunk show by Ann Loveless, two-time Grand Rapids Art Prize winner. Program will be presented in the church sanctuary. Free for LHQG and PALS members with your membership name tag (guild ID), \$10 for non-members or those without their guild ID.

Class: Monday, September 11, is Fabric Collage, 10 x 14 art quilt. Class is from 10 am to 4 pm in the Wiltse Center of the Church of the Dunes with an hour for lunch on your own.

Vendor: Ann Loveless

Monday, October 9, 2017

Program: Preventive Machine Maintenance by Larry French of Family Sewing in Grandville. He will demonstrate general maintenance to keep our sewing machines in good working order.

Vendor: Pressing Matters, Holland

Class: "Selvages" with Cheryl Berggren in the Wiltse Center at Church of the Dunes. Fee is \$10.00 and class runs from 10 am to 4 pm with an hour lunch on your own. Dig out those selvages you have been saving. Cheryl will demonstrate how to create material from the selvages which you can then use in a project. Need project ideas? Check out Pinterest!

November 13, 2017:

Program: Trunk show presented by Kathryn Groves of BobKat Quilts, Brighton, Michigan.

Class: Judy Niemeyer project with Kathryn Groves. Two day workshop to create a table topper or bed runner. Students can select one of the following patterns: Bali Bed Runner, Bali Wedding Star Quilt, Wedding Star Table Topper, Waterwheel or Labyrinth. Class will be at the Wiltse Center at Church of the Dunes on Sunday, 11/12/17, from 1 pm to 6 pm and Monday, 11/13/17, from 10 am to 4 pm with an hour lunch on your own. Students will buy pattern from the teacher. Cost is \$75 for members and \$85 for non-members plus the pattern cost.

December 11, 2017:

Program: How to make a holiday doll with quilt by Betty Boyink-Roberts. Members to bring holiday cookies or treats.

January 8, 2018:

Program: Karen Katje trunk show.

Class: Karen Katje will be teaching a Fractured Rose class. If you are interested, you need to purchase four identical panels. In purchasing your panel, you do not want people or animals in the print and you don't want a lot of background. Class will run from 10 am to 4 pm with a half-hour lunch on your own in the Wiltse Center for a fee of \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members.

February 12, 2018:

Program: Cathy Jones of Cathy Jones Quilts in New Era will talk about "Free range triangles" and present a trunk show.

Class: "Wild Goose Chase with a Twist," 10 am - 4 pm, \$25 for members, \$35 for non-members in the Wiltse Center.

March 12, 2018:

Program: Darla Parks, Color application and embellishments trunk show.

Class: Tuesday, March 13 - Color application class with kit.

March 17, 2018:

National Quilting Day: Teach a friend to quilt.

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

Wow! Sending out a GREAT BIG THANK YOU for all of the delicious, mouthwatering, tasty food we enjoyed last month. The tables were overflowing. Well done, everyone!

This month we will have no snacks, coffee, or water since we will be meeting in the sanctuary.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

At our August meeting, 66 members and two guests enjoyed a delicious potluck and viewed the Quilt Show winning quilts. It was fun to hear the stories of those quilts. Many of our 170 members have renewed—we now have 82 renewals/members. Welcome to new member Marge Morrison. Membership for 2016-2017 expires on August 31. You will need to renew (\$20 for the year, \$25 if you wish to have the newsletter mailed to you) at the September meeting or pay \$10 to attend our joint meeting with PALS featuring Ann Loveless. Stop at the registration table to pick up your new name tag if you have not already received it.

Our membership welcoming committee continues to have four members-- Karen Benham, Carol Keen, Lisa Schooley, and Jane Thomasma. Jane has been the bookkeeper for membership for two years so Lisa is now going to be our membership bookkeeper.

Website

Char LaDronka

The minutes of the August Board meeting and the General Guild meeting will be published as soon as they are available. 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

We presented a lovely quilt to the owners of the new Habitat for Humanity house on August 23rd. It was a top made and donated by Kim Frisch and machine-quilted by Pat Navis -- a big, beautiful quilt that will be cuddling a mom, dad, and four children. It is such a pleasure to see people rewarded for the hours of work they put into their house, all with the help of community volunteers. Our quilts are always welcomed as a lovely symbol of our caring.

We begin a new program year with a team of helpers who will assist in kit preparation and the jobs involved in keeping the quilts moving from the makers to those in need. We have a small supply of baby quilts on hand and some quilts in the cupboard at the hospital for breast cancer patients. Also, for the first time in my memory, we have three completed Habitat quilts. We will be meeting during this coming month to plan our activities and look forward to an exciting year.

Quilt Retreat

Cyndi Phillip

The December retreat registration filled all the available spots at our last meeting. If you are interested in having your name added to the waiting list, please send an email request to cphillip_56@yahoo.com

Quilt Raffle

Barb Dryer

Just a few weeks to go before the October 7 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 11 meeting or contact me for other arrangements.

The quilt will be on display at the Bookman until September 10. They have again graciously agreed to sell tickets. I have two more events where I will need some help selling tickets – one is at our joint meeting with PALS on the 11th and the other is Saturday, September 23, when I have signed up to sell

tickets at the Grand Haven Farmers' Market. If you can help for an hour or two, please let me know. After that, the quilt will be displayed at Loutit Library until the day of the drawing, which will be held right there at the library.

Proceeds from the ticket sales will benefit both Habitat for Humanity (80%) and our own Community Outreach Program (20%). With everyone's help, we can make this another successful fundraiser! I look forward to giving you a final report after October 7. Thanks to everyone who has provided support and help to me this year!

Then it will be time to think about next year's quilt! The board has agreed that we would like to move the 2018 drawing back to the weekend of the quilt show in July. That means earlier planning! I would love some input from you regarding ideas about the quilt itself, the recipient of the funds, or anything else you'd like to weigh in on. I'll be looking for a "quilt raffle apprentice" this year to help, so if this is something you'd like to work on, please let me know.

A note from Connie Townsend:

Thank you to all guild members who made blocks for the out- going chair quilt that was presented to me at the August meeting. To receive such a special gift is an honor. I had a great time looking at all the greens and of course, it being scrappy is my absolute favorite. Special thanks go to Kay and Su for putting the blocks together, Amanda for the quilting, and Marge for putting the binding on. Thanks to all of you who signed the back of the quilt also.



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Muskegon Lakeshore Sewing
Sept. 29 & 30, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.



Discount for guild members!

Show us this ad and receive 15% off your total purchase of regularly priced items.

Offer not applicable to classes.

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Thanks again to all the members of the guild for sharing their quilts for the show! There were so many beautiful quilts. A big thank you to the volunteers for making the show a huge success. It was great to see the winning quilts and to hear some of the back stories regarding the quilts.

We had over 650 paid admissions, which was up from the previous year. Our income was up from last year as well. We collected \$3918.00 in admissions, \$2649.83 in the boutique and \$1500.00 from the vendors. This was a total of \$8067.83 less the 2242.59 for expenses for a profit of \$5825.24. This was an increase from last year of \$2028.24.




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Carol Keen is looking to rent or borrow a large embroidery hoop that sets on the floor for a complex embroidery project for hand stitching wool to cotton. Contact her by phone at [616-886-5458](tel:616-886-5458) or by email at bckeen1@att.net.

Five Steps to Improving your Piecing Accuracy by Amy Gibson for Craftsy

1. A scant 1/4" seam is your secret weapon. A full 1/4" seam is too big because it doesn't take into account the space the seam itself takes up.
2. Press well. Don't "iron", which is pushing the iron over the fabric. Instead, press by lifting the iron up and down. That way you avoid stretching and distorting the fabric.
3. Use starch. It will keep the fabric from distorting while you're handling it. Amy prefers **Faultless Heavy Spray Starch**.
4. Use the right tools and keep your cutting tools sharp. Change your cutter blade and machine needle when starting each new project. Keep a nice assortment of rulers on hand that have large enough print so you can easily see the numbers and markings. Use a product like **Omnigrid "InvisiGrip"** to prevent the rulers from slipping. And, use the ruler, not the markings on the mat, for measuring.
5. Be familiar with basic quilt math and use it. Amy outlines a few formulas that every quilter needs to know. Here are a few of the most basic formulas that Amy uses often when quilting:
 - The total width (or height) of a block or quilt = the width of each piece X the number of pieces, minus .5" for each seam
 - Total inches needed for border = quilt width X 2 + quilt height X 2 + border width X 4
 - Total inches needed for binding = quilt width X 2 + quilt height X 2 + 24" excess to join\
 - umber of strips to cut for binding = total binding length (see previous equation) divided by 44"

For the full article, use the following link: https://www.craftsy.com/blog/2012/02/5-steps-to-improving-your-piecing-accuracy/?SSAID=1024386&sasClickId=81k1_kaquq

Downtown Quilts

Marcia Knorr & Barb Wexall

We want to thank the Downtown Merchants who shared their window space in order to display our quilts and advertise our quilt show and to our talented members who generously offered their quilts for display. Thank you to:

Bookman	Borr's Shoes	Calico Cat	Clothes Loft
Dockside	Down to Earth	Grand Haven V & O	Harborwear
Loutit Library	Studio JSD	The Paper Place	Tlaque Paque

Requested recipe from our August Potluck – from Joan Thomas

SOUTHWEST CHICKEN CHEESE CAKE

This looks long and complex but really it's not. Just read through first and you'll have no problem. I was able to make it in an hour yesterday. So enjoy!!!

CRUST

1/4 stick of melted butter
2-3 cups of crushed tortilla chips (yellow, white or favored go with what you like) enough to cover the bottom of your spring form pan.

Combine above and press into your spring form pan. Set aside.

Filling

3 boneless skinless chicken breasts
1 package of taco seasoning
5 packages of (8oz) cream cheese soften (regular not lite, low calorie or whipped) I like to take mine out of the wrapper and have it getting to room temperature while doing the crust.
1 3/4 cups of sugar
3 Tablespoons flour (I've used gluten free flour from Meijer in the dark blue package if I'm bringing this to a function)
2 teaspoons lime peel
Juice from half of the lime you took the peel from.
1/4 teaspoon of vanilla (real vanilla is what I use)
5 large eggs
2 egg yolks
1/4 cup heavy whipping cream

Preheat oven 450. Place a pan of water on lower oven rack. This will keep the top of your cake from cracking while baking.

Cube your chicken and fry in a pan. When almost fully cooked, add the package of taco seasoning to taste. Let cool and chop into smaller pieces. If you have a stand mixer, you can put it in your small bowl and mix on low until broken apart. That's what I do. Set aside.

In your largest mixing bowl, blend cream cheese, sugar, flour, lime peel, lime juice and vanilla. Start out slow and keep scrapping the sides. Continue until nice and smooth. Once smooth, beat in eggs **one** at a time and the yolks one at a time. Again scrap sides of bowl. Once well blended, add heavy whipping cream. Once that is well blended, add your chicken and blend.

If your spring form pan is not non-stick, line sides with wax paper. Pour filling into pan. **Note:** Your cake will be almost 4 inches thick. I made two cakes yesterday so the one you had was not as thick. Bake cake in oven at 450 for 10 mins. Add water to your pan if needed. Do this whether or not you are making one or two cakes. Lower oven temperature to 250 and bake for 1 hour. Once an hour is up, check your cake or cakes. If the center jiggles, continue baking at 250 checking every 10-15 mins until it doesn't. Yesterday I had to bake mine an extra 25 mins. There have been times I've not had to bake longer and times I've had to bake up to 45 mins longer.

Once cooled, chill and when ready to serve top with your favorite salsa and enjoy.

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report as of 8/15/2017**

General Fund Balance on 7/18/17		\$17,955.85
General Fund Income		
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.55	
Hospitality	\$2.50	
Membership	\$1,125.00	
Workshops - Ann Loveless	\$430.00	
Raffle	\$600.00	
Winter Retreat 2017	\$220.00	
Take A Chance	\$25.00	
Total General Fund Income	\$2,403.05	
General Fund Expense		
Chair Quilt	\$46.52	
Hospitality	\$30.93	
Newsletter Printing	\$13.26	
Office	\$15.99	
Total General Fund Expenses	\$106.70	
General Fund Ending Balance 8/15/17		\$20,252.20
Quilt Show Beginning Balance 7/18/17		\$3,410.78
Quilt Show Income		
Admissions	\$3,918.00	
Boutique	\$2,649.83	
Total Quilt Show Income	\$6,567.83	
Quilt Show Expenses		
Advertisement	\$400.00	
Boutique	\$255.59	
Facility Rental	\$400.00	
Volunteer Lunches	\$136.78	
Printing	\$16.00	
Ribbons	\$145.00	
Quilt rack storage	\$300.00	
Total Quilt Show Expenses	\$1,653.37	
Quilt Show Ending Balance 8/15/17		\$8,325.24
Balance of both LQG Funds 8/15/17		\$28,577.44



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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
- ~ Show and Tell

