



Lighthouse Beacon News

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January 2018

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

January 8, 2018

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 20, 2018

Hello, Quilters !

In our warm November we were promised a cold December, and that promise has been fulfilled. We have also been blessed with a record amount of snow. My pine trees are beautifully draped with white fluffy snow. Driving however has been treacherous. My granddaughter, who the last few years lived in Tampa, managed to drive here from Omaha in 10.5 hrs. I am so thankful she arrived safely. For years she wanted to visit and see lots of snow and this year her wishes came true.

I finished the quilt I was making for my daughter, and she is very pleased with it. Now I am looking forward to participating in our Light House Quilters projects. We are having a sew-in for our outreach program, and volunteers making blocks for the patriotic quilt we are getting ready for our quilt raffle.

With holiday activities behind us, and looking forward to new projects, we can look outside and enjoy the beauty we see, and maybe get inspiration from that beauty.

May you all have a very Happy New Year and looking forward to seeing you at our January 8, meeting.

Charlene Lozicki

From our tradition if school is canceled our meeting is canceled. May this not happen

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Kathy Dahlstrom and 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)

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. (This is a picture of one of Karen's quilts that was entered into a guild quilt show.)

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 her new book that she co-authored with Gwen Marston "Free Range Triangles" and present a trunk show and talk about how she and Gwen looked for ways to make triangle quilts with a fresh and vibrant look. Many of their ideas came right from their study of antique triangle quilts. She will talk about the characteristics she saw in these old quilts and show examples of how she used them in her own work.

Class: "Wild Goose Chase with a Twist," 10 am - 4 pm, \$30 for members, \$40 for non-members in the Wiltse Center.

-Direct from my book *Free Range Triangles*, AQS, 2015, students will learn my easy technique for making Wild Goose Chase blocks. But I have a surprise addition that will add a new twist to this classic block. Each student will have the opportunity to create their own unique one of a kind wall hanging or expand and make a larger quilt.

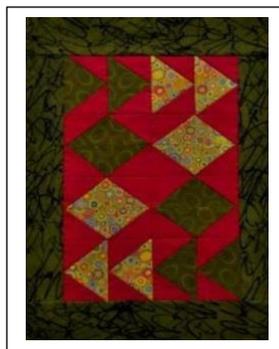
-Material List: Sewing machine, basic sewing supplies, rotary cutter, mat, 6"x12", 6"x24" ruler, paper/ pencil for note taking and cotton fabrics in desired color choices.

-One fat quarter for the geese.

-2/3 yard SOLID color for the background fabric that will contrast against the geese.
(Scraps for the geese can also be used, but need to be at least 8" square.)



Sample Sm. Quilt



Sample Sm. Quilt



Sample Large Quilt

March 12, 2018:

Program: Darla Parks, Color application and embellishments trunk show

Class: Tuesday, March 13 - Color application class with kit. 10 am - 4 pm, \$65 for members, \$75 for non-members in the Wiltse Center. Cost of class includes a \$45 kit that will include everything you need for the class.



April 9, 2018:

Program: Elsie Vredenburg, Elsie will present a lecture and truck show on “Creating a Winning Quilt” based on her Hoffman Challenge winning quilts.

Class: Round Island or White Shoal Lighthouse wall hanging. Cost of the class will be \$55 for members and \$65 for non-members which includes \$10 for pattern. 10 am - 4 pm with a half hour lunch on your own.



May 14, 2018:

Program: We will be revealing our challenge quilts at the May meeting. It’s not too late to join the challenge!

June 11, 2018:

Program: Susan Kruszynski will present her story telling quilts that were a part of Art Prize 2017.

Class: Landscape Quilts with Photo Fabric using a photo or either the Grand Haven or Muskegon pier. This will be a 4 hour class from 10 pm – 4 pm. The class will be \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. The cost of the class includes the \$25 fee for the pattern and kit.

Membership

Lisa Schooley

Best wishes to you and your families in the upcoming New Year. Looking forward to a productive New Year in 2018. Our goal is to finish some UFO’s that have been waiting patiently to be done. We are currently up to 144 members!

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

We are so sad to have missed everyone’s treats and cookies last month. If any are left feel free to bring them in. January birthday people, we look forward to your treats this month. Thanks you.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

Please come and join us for the January 15th Sew-In from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Hunter’s Woods community Center located at 12661 Hunter’s Woods Drive. This is located near the intersection of 152nd and Lincoln, southeast of Grand Haven off US 131. At last count we had nine people signed up and hope we get at least nine more. Since we are out of town, it is suggested that you bring a sack lunch and a beverage of your choice. Coffee will be provided. Please bring a sweet treat to share....

Please bring your sewing machine, standard sewing supplies, and a neutral colored sewing thread. Most importantly, BE READY TO STITCH AND HAVE FUN!

If you can't be at the January meeting, please contact Elizabeth Clark at (616) 212-0844 or call Barb Wexall at (616) 607-2161 to register.

Open Positions

Amy Stuparits

Hello members,

Some of you may be aware that we have had two board members leave us since the last election. I am writing to ask for your help filling these positions which are a historian (formerly Amanda Garvin's position) and Quilt show chairperson (formerly Carol Allen's position).

- **Historian:** takes photos at the meeting, previously done on a smartphone and uploaded to Facebook. That is pretty much the entire position unless you happen to attend a class you can also take photos and post them.
- **Quilt show chairperson:** The show is a major part of our guild each year and the chairperson is tasked to oversee the coordination of all parts of the event. This includes making sure the boutique team, raffle team, vendors, advertising teams are all in order for the show. Past quilt show chairs, team members and board members are more than willing to assist with any questions and more specifics of duties. Overall it's a managing of the parts that go into the show. There is a detailed binder of past steps/notes of things to be done. THIS CAN BE A 2 PERSON JOB IF YOU WOULD LIKE ANOTHER MEMBER TO HELP YOU

If you would be willing to fill either of these positions or have more questions please do not hesitate to ask a board member.

Thank you for your consideration

Your Co-Chair

Raffle Quilt

Barb Dryer

2018 Quilt Raffle Quilt

The weather has put a little pressure on the timing of our quilt construction! Because we weren't able to hand out any kits in December, we will have to move along a little faster beginning in January. As you know, the raffle drawing will be held on the Saturday of our Quilt Show in July. The pattern for the quilt is a red/white/blue quilt with star blocks. There are 50 blocks in the quilt and we encourage you to pick up a kit (or two—they're easy!) at the January meeting to help us get the quilt on its way to completion. Each kit has the directions and background fabric for a star block. You need to provide a small cut of red or blue tiny print fabric to finish the block. It is a quick block to make and full instructions will come with the packet. We hope many of you will participate and bring your finished blocks to the March meeting!



We are a group of five having been involved with Quilts of Valor for eight or nine years. As a volunteer group we are looking for a volunteer to add that creative touch that makes a quilt so beautiful. For more information, call or text Suzanne at 616-795-8286.

QUILTING FRUSTRATIONS

by Cindy Thury Smith 1986

First I lost my thimble and stuck the needle into my thumb—
Then I figured the yardages wrong, so I'm short, how dumb!
And I can't understand this piecing diagram 'cumzy brain's gone numb—
Sometimes quilting just doesn't pay

Now the tension's goofed up on my sewing machine—
The four yards I bought aren't the right shade of green—
And how am I to get Grandmother's unfinished quilt top clean?
Sometimes quilting just doesn't pay.

I've pressed under bias until my fingers are all burnt—
Can't quite remember that finishing tip I thought I'd learnt—
Tried to do an edge in scallops, but they weren't—
Sometimes quilting just doesn't pay.

I've sewed on this quilt for what seems like a hundred weeks—
Bringing my quilting skills to a new sewing peak—
And, surprisingly, getting pretty close to the design I seek—
Well, maybe quilting's not so bad.

Hey, I've finally got it on the quilting frame—
As I bend over and stitch my back will never be the same—
In the corner I'll label it with the date and my name—
Well, maybe quilting's not so bad.

Now it's proudly displayed in all its pomp and glory—
Conveniently forgotten is how its construction was slightly hoary—
Currently I'm telling the "masterpiece of needleart" story—
Yeah, I guess quilting's not so bad.

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Winter Quilter's Retreat

Come join us in Muskegon for a "Stay at Home" retreat January 26th-28th. You bring your sewing supplies and the project(s) of your choice, and we'll provide the rest!

Retreat hours will be 10:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

The event fee is \$99. Work on any project and leave your things over night. Prizes will be given each day. We'll even provide meals, snacks and drinks!

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Treasurer's Report as of 12/20/2017**

General Fund Balance on 11/20/2017	\$22,707.09
 General Fund Income	
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.53
Newsletter ads	\$44.00
Winter retreat	\$320.00
Total General Fund Income	\$364.53
 General Fund Expense	
Newsletter printing	\$31.62
Newsletter postage	\$30.87
Winter retreat	
Ann Loveless Supplies	\$875.79
Cheryl Berggren Facilities & meals	\$2,048.75
Spring, 2018 retreat deposit	\$250.00
Total General Fund Expenses	\$3,237.03
 General Fund Balance on 12/20/2017	 \$19,834.59
 Quilt Show Ending Balance on 12/20/2017	 \$2,500.00
 Equipment Maintenance Reserve	 \$3,000.00
 Balance of all LQG Funds on 12/20/2017	 \$25,334.59



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Every quilt I make

I plan the fabric to patch...
I trim an image to applique...
I find buttons to pin...
I quilt with thrill to complete.



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Your January 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 Outreach quilts
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell
- ~ Holiday Cookies

There is no Board Meeting planned for December.

