



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

February 2016

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

February 8, 2016

6:30 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Meeting

### United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon, at Colfax

Grand Haven, Michigan

### 2015-2016 Executive Board

#### Chairperson

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Shirley Swifney

#### Vendors

Su Palmer and Pam Kihn

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#### Next Newsletter Deadline

February 22, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

What to write? What to write? Since September I have composed my monthly letter in my head while out for my daily walk but because of the ice and snow I haven't been outside walking. That is my time for thinking about how to solve worldly problems. Okay, my own troubles. Let me tell you, being down in the basement on my stationary bike, looking out onto the snow covered back yard, is not conducive to great thinking.

I do have a problem you can help me solve though. What in the world did I do with the red fabric I want to use for the binding on the quilt I just finished? I think it ran off with my tumbler quilt top that I can't find. I know that as soon as I use a different red, the one I need will show up. Kind of like my one gray sock. If I throw the one I have away I'll find the other one. Really! Where do these things go? I used to buy birthday cards for people whenever I found one that was perfect but could never find them when the birthday came around. My daughter told me I needed just one drawer to put them in so they wouldn't get lost. Can you just imagine the size of drawer I would need to put everything in that I might lose! Cards, red fabric, quilt tops, a gray sock and all those plastic lids. The list could go on and on.

Last month I told you about my word of the year. Did you chose one? If so, how are you doing with it? I did just finish a quilt (or it will be if I find said red fabric) and have been purging items as I move my sewing room. I am finding it very freeing to box up and get rid of things I know I'll never use. It is amazing how much your taste can change over the years. Certain fabrics I thought I couldn't live without have now lost their appeal.

Just got the last blocks done from the Mumbo Gumbo class. Those of us that took the class had such an awesome day in spite of the weather. I'm looking forward to February's class with the gals from Cardinal Creations. Give Su or Pam a call to get signed up for what sounds like another great class.

Happy stitching,

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)

Please note that our February Program is a Guild Trunk Show of our Members' Quilts. Please bring a quilt or item that you have completed or are still in the process of completing from any class offered by the guild. I have an uncompleted quilt in a plastic container and another completed top on a hanger but not quilted. So check out your sewing room and your closets for quilts or items in process or lovely completed tops to bring to our February guild meeting.

### **February 8, 2016**

Evening Program: Guild Members' Trunk Show: "Quilts made by Members from Past Instructors and Classes." Please bring a quilt or item, finished or unfinished to share. Guild Members are invited to bring quilts or items you have started or finished from guild classes.

Class on Monday, February 8: Jelly Roll Quilt with Molly and Heather, Cardinal Creations

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Cost of Class: \$20.00 Pattern included

Call Su Palmer or Pam Kihn to register

Vendor: Cardinal Creations, Lake City, Michigan

### **March 14, 2016**

Product Review with Jill from Quilted Memories

We will have tables with mini demonstrations presented by our members and Jill to learn about quilting products that will support us in our quilting passion.

Class: Community Outreach will be hosting a Sew In – see details below

Sign up at February Meeting. Additional details will be shared at Meeting.

Vendor: Quilted Memories

### **March 19, 2016 - Saturday at Church of the Dunes -- National Quilting Day**

"Git 'er Done" - Bring an unfinished project or a UFO (unfinished object) and move it to completion or at least closer to completion. You may want to bring the row by row experience kits or patterns you collected last summer to complete a quilt for the July quilt show!

Where: Church of the Dunes, Wiltse room

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Free to guild members with lunch on your own

### **April 11, 2016**

"Thread Painting" by Jan Berg Rezner - Class & Evening Lecture. Make sure to visit the program table at our guild meeting.

### **May 9, 2016**

Trunk Show and lecture presented by Kathleen Andrews. She will also be teaching a class on Monday, May 9. You will have a choice of two patterns: Convex Illusions or Poppin' In. Sign up for class and patterns will be available at our February guild meeting. Visit the KwiltArt website to see her quilt patterns at [www.kwiltart.com](http://www.kwiltart.com).

## **Mark your Calendar for Future Programs**

September 2016 Deb Karasik (Joint meeting with PALS Guild) <http://www.debkarasik.com>

November 2016 Sue Wilson, Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor  
<http://www.quiltworx.com/instructors/sue-wilson>  
March 2017 Bonnie Hunter <http://www.quiltville.com>  
September 2017 Ann Loveless (Joint meeting with PALS Guild) <http://www.quiltsbyann.com>

### **Hospitality**

**Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts**

We are thankful for the snacks our generous quilting friends share with us. February Birthday People, it is your turn to bring a delicious snack. We look forward to enjoying them.

### **Membership**

**Jane Thomasma**

Please welcome new member Kathy Myers who joined Lighthouse Quilt Guild in January. We also had two renewals bringing our membership to 141 members. We had a smaller attendance at our January meeting—only 39 members and two guests. The program of tips from our own members was great—but the weather probably hindered some from attending. Name tags are available at the Membership/Sign-in table—be sure to pick yours up in February if you have not done so already. Membership Rosters and updates to the roster are also available at the Membership Table.

### **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

Community Outreach has scheduled a sew-in for Monday, March 14th. We have a variety of projects to be completed for the baby quilt and breast cancer center programs. We will open at 10 am and sew until about 4 pm, but you can drop in or out when it is convenient. Just bring your sewing machine and standard supplies, neutral thread, and a bag lunch. We will have a simple soup supper around 5, so you will be ready for the evening Guild meeting. It's always a good chance to meet people and to learn a thing or two.

### **Quilt Show**

**Karen Katje and Lynn Koster**

“My Michigan” Quilt Show – Our next quilt show will be July 29 and 30, 2016. With the winter months upon us, it's a great time to work on your quilts for the quilt show. Your quilts are needed for our show to be a success! If you are interested in helping or have any questions, please let Lynn Koster at [lbkoster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbkoster@sbcglobal.net) and Karen Katje at [mkkatje@gmail.com](mailto:mkkatje@gmail.com) know. We will have a quilt show meeting on Monday, February 8 at 6:00pm.

“My Michigan” Quilt Challenge – We hope you are working on your 12”x12” challenge quilt. We want to know what you love about our beautiful state of Michigan. Your challenge quilt needs to be completed by our July meeting.

Cleaning out your sewing room while you are snow bound? Remember the guild's boutique at the quilt show! We will take donations of fabric and any quilting or sewing notions at any of the monthly meetings. Please give to Leslie Johnson or Char LaDronka.

### **PALS bus trip to Chicago International Quilt Festival**

**Kathy Myers of PALS**

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 9, 2016. PALS is planning a big bus trip to the Chicago International Quilt Festival. We will have a fun filled day with hundreds of quilts to admire and also hundreds of vendors where you will find just the right items to purchase. The bus will leave Muskegon at 6:15 AM. It will also stop at Meijer in Grand Haven to pick up our Lighthouse members joining us. We

will stop for breakfast and arrive in Chicago just in time for the show to begin. Along the way, we will have plenty of prizes. After a busy, exciting day at the show, we can relax on the bus and will stop for dinner on the way home. We welcome all Lighthouse members to join us. The cost for the day is \$58.00. This includes the bus fee and show ticket. You are responsible for your own meals. Signup will continue this month at the February guild meeting (2/8/16). Checks should be made out to PALS. Questions: Call Kathy at 231-798-3952 or Kay Wilton at 616-842-0921.

At our December meeting, Carol Keen shared a colorful table cloth on which she used PREPRINTED BACKING which showed the quilting lines. She then quilted the "sandwich" with the backing up and followed those quilting lines. Here is information on that material: 108" Dream Line Quilting Fabric Beige \$14.98/yd. Description: Benartex Fabrics has pre-printed one of Linda Taylor's most popular designs, the Meandering Feather, on 108" wide cotton. After stitching on the fabric, wash and the blue ink will disappear.



### **Tulip Time Quilt Show**

**Carol Keen**

The Tulip Time Quilt Show is from Saturday, May 7 through Saturday, May 14 at the Holland Area Arts Council on 8<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Holland. For hours, entry form or other information, go to [hollandarts.org](http://hollandarts.org) or [tuliptime.com](http://tuliptime.com). Tulip Time brochures, which also contain the entry form, will also be available at the Membership or Programs table at the February guild meeting. As co-chairman of the TTQS, I am always looking for quilts from our guild members (and children or grandchildren) to be displayed there. If you would consider entering one to three of your quilts, please print a copy or copies of the entry form and follow the prompts. If you know that you will not be able to get your quilt to Holland on Wednesday, May 4 as needed or pick it up on Monday, May 12, let me know and I will be willing to make other arrangements with you to accommodate drop off and pick up. Each person who submits an entry form receives a 'free pass' to the show. Feel free to contact me about any question or concern at [616-886-5458](tel:616-886-5458).



Valentine's Day with a Quilter

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 12/31/15**

**General Fund Balance on 11/20/2015** **\$16,983.11**

**Income**

|                                    |                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Lake Trust Credit Union (interest) | \$0.21            |
| Membership                         | \$40.00           |
| Name Badges                        | \$8.00            |
| Pins                               | \$5.00            |
| Programs                           |                   |
| Donna Kooistra appraisals          | \$70.00           |
| Jenny Doan DVD's                   | \$30.00           |
| Programs-Workshops                 |                   |
| -Carol Keen                        | \$15.00           |
| Retreat-December 2015              | \$550.00          |
| Retreat-April 2016                 | \$625.00          |
| Take A Chance                      | \$23.00           |
| <b>Total Income</b>                | <b>\$1,366.21</b> |

**Expense**

|                                       |                   |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Community Outreach                    |                   |
| Breast Cancer Quilts                  | \$106.58          |
| Habitat Quilts                        | \$50.67           |
| Newsletter printing                   | \$16.32           |
| Office                                | \$11.99           |
| Programs-Workshops                    |                   |
| Carol Keen                            | \$75.00           |
| Retreats                              |                   |
| December 2015-Facility rental balance | \$1,975.00        |
| December 2015-Supplies                | \$721.16          |
| December 2015-Refund to participants  | \$480.00          |
| April 2016-Facility deposit           | \$250.00          |
| December 2016-Facility deposit        | \$250.00          |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>                 | <b>\$3,936.72</b> |

**General Fund Ending Balance on 12/31/15** **\$14,412.60**

**Quilt Show Balance on 12/31/15** **\$2,500.00**

**Balance of both LQG Funds on 12/31/15** **\$16,912.60**



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**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.



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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 and/or Kona solid cotton fabrics
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

