



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

March 2016

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

March 14, 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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#### Vendors

Su Palmer and Pam Kihn

#### Webpage Manager

Char LaDronka

#### Next Newsletter Deadline

March 23, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

Wow! What a fun meeting we had in February. I loved seeing the items made from classes we have had in the past years. Seeing some of them reminded me that I should get out those project boxes from classes I have taken but have never finished. After all, one of my words of the year is finish!

I urge all of you to take a good look at the line-up of wonderful lectures and classes that Su and Pam have planned for the guild. I am impressed with the variety being offered. Of course there may be some you don't think you might care for. However, I feel just to have the opportunity to meet these amazing quilters/artists and learn from them when I may not have had an opportunity otherwise, I believe is an opportunity that shouldn't be taken for granted. Some of these are teachers that we must book months to years in advance so we are very fortunate to be able to get on their schedule. Again I emphasize the variety we are being offered. From thread painting with Jan Berg- Rezmer, paper piecing with Sue Wilson who is a certified Judy Niemeyer teacher, scrap quilting with Bonnie Hunter, to art quilts with Ann Loveless. It doesn't get much better if you ask me. I love this guild and the quilting education it has given me. I don't remember where I read this but I really like this saying "quilting is a gift you give yourself", so gift yourself a class or two this year.

March is here and Karen and Lynn are very busy planning the quilt show that is coming up July 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. I do know they still need a volunteer coordinator so hopefully one of you (or a team) will come forward to fill this position. If you are unsure as to what this person does, just take a few minutes to talk to Karen or Lynn. I am sure they have guidelines all in place that will make this job very easy. We also still need some members to run the raffle this year. Barb and Su have been working on some of the preliminaries but before it gets too late, we really need someone to take charge.

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)

### **March 14, 2016**

Product Review and Demonstrations 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

10 am to 4 pm in Wiltse Center and soup supper at 5 pm before Guild 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 Center

Time: 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Free to guild members with lunch on your own

### **April 11, 2016**

Quilt Artist, Jan Berg-Rezmer will present a quilt trunk show for us.

Class: “Thread Painting” by Jan Berg-Rezmer. Monday, April 11, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm in Wiltse Center at Church of the Dunes. Cost: \$35.00 (\$30.00 class and \$5.00 material fee). Sign up and materials list available at the Program table at the March guild meeting.

### **May 9, 2016**

Trunk Show and lecture presented by Kathleen Andrews of KwiltArt.

Class: Monday, May 9 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm in Wiltse Center at Church of the Dunes.

Cost: \$45.00 Pattern cost: \$8.00

You will have a choice of two patterns: Convex Illusions or Poppin’ In. Sign up for class and patterns will be available at our March guild meeting. Visit the KwiltArt website to see her quilt patterns at [www.kwiltart.com](http://www.kwiltart.com).

### **June 13, 2016**

Completion of the Ugly Fabric Challenge. Completed quilts using the “ugly fabric” swapped in November will be revealed and presented to the original owner of the “ugly fabric.” A reminder of the rules:

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.

And remember – there may be a prize for the best quilt!

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

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

October 2016 Lenore Crawford, Fabric Artist <http://www.lenorecrawford.com>

November 2016 Sue Wilson, Certified Judy Niemeyer Instructor  
<http://www.quiltworx/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**

It is so wonderful that our generous members bring treats to share on their birthday month. Quilters with March birthdays...It is your turn. Thank you for sharing.

### **Membership**

**Jane Thomasma**

Sixty-nine members and four guests enjoyed our member trunk show at the February meeting. We enjoyed seeing many works in progress and quilts from various classes at our quilt guild. Maybe some of the projects will be finished at "Git 'er Done" on March 19! Be sure to stop at the membership table and pick up a membership roster and membership roster update if you have not done so yet. Also, do you have your new name tag? We have several that will be available at the membership table.

### **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

Community Outreach has scheduled a sew-in for Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10 am until 4 pm. A simple soup and bread supper will bridge the gap until our guild meeting begins. All are welcome to attend. Bring a friend or a new quilter. There are always helpers to make our sewing easier and it is a good chance to meet people and to learn a thing or two. We will be making some breast cancer quilts – lots of new patterns and colors – most are kits that are all ready for sewing. Just bring your sewing machine and standard supplies, neutral thread, and a bag lunch. Call if you have any questions – Kim at 989-854-1977 or Elizabeth at 616-212-0844.

### **Quilt Show**

**Karen Katje and Lynn Koster**

"My Michigan" Quilt Show – We hope you are working hard on your beautiful quilts to display at our quilt show in July. We are in need of a volunteer coordinator! Quilt Shows need people to volunteer to be a success. If you would like to help our show be a success, please contact Lynn Koster at [lbkoster@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lbkoster@sbcglobal.net) or Karen Katje at [mkkatje@gmail.com](mailto:mkkatje@gmail.com) or contact us in person at our guild meeting.

**"My Michigan" Quilt Challenge** – There are many things about our great state of Michigan that we love! Make a 12"x12" quilt showing what you love about Michigan for our quilt challenge.

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 Quilt guild 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 Quilt guild 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. Your last chance to sign up will be at the March guild meeting (3/14/16). Checks should be made out to PALS. Questions: Call Kathy at 231-798-3952 or Kay Wilton at 616-842-0921.

### **Website Upgrades**

**Char LaDronka**

The minutes from the January Board Meeting are now posted to the Webpage. The Tulip Time Quilt Show details are under the Events tab. We have also added a page called Surrounding Guild Quilt Shows and Events. If you would like to see anything else posted to the Webpage, please contact Char LaDronka.

### **Raffle Quilt: Happy Scrappy Houses**

**Su Palmer**

Help the guild make a raffle quilt by completing one or two happy Scrappy House Blocks! Make a happy scrappy house out of scrap material. Use one piece of novelty fabric for a window. Pick the directions up at the raffle quilt table or you can email Su Palmer and request the Happy Scrappy Houses block directions. We need a minimum of 42 blocks to make a 78" x 89" quilt. This is a Bonnie Hunter quilt pattern used with her permission. You can visit the website to view this free pattern at <http://www.quiltville.com>. Return completed blocks to our March meeting or mail to Su Palmer.

### **Raffle Coordination Committee**

Wanted: Lighthouse Guild members to join the Raffle Coordination Committee. The goal of this committee is to organize a raffle quilt to be raffled at our annual quilt show, July 30. Su Palmer has started the process to complete a quilt created by members for a raffle. Additional members are needed to act as committee chairperson, ticket coordination and ticket sales. Please contact Su Palmer or Connie Townsend to assist on this committee.

### **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 March 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).

A non-member that is moving to an assisted-living facility contacted member Pat Race with the offer of a free, nearly new, hand quilting rack that she wants to go to a good home. If you are interested, you can contact Sammi George at 616-847-6284.

**Something to keep in mind:** If someone tells you that you have enough fabric, stop talking to them. You don't need that kind of negativity in your life.

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 2/20/16**

<b>General Fund Balance on 12/31/15</b>	<b>\$14,412.60</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 12/31/15</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Balance of both LQG Funds on 12/31/15</b>	<b>\$16,912.60</b>
<b>Income</b>	
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.42
Hospitality	\$12.75
Membership	\$55.00
Programs	
Hoffman Challenge (PALS contribution)	\$204.26
Jenny Doan DVD's	\$30.00
Programs-Workshops	
-Jelly Roll Quilt	\$260.00
-Jan Berg-Rezmer	\$140.00
-Kathleen Andrews	\$53.00
Retreat-Spring 2016	\$400.00
Take A Chance	\$50.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$1,205.43</b>
<b>Expense</b>	
Hospitality	\$13.54
Name Badges	\$22.00
Newsletter printing	\$16.32
Programs	
-Hoffman Challenge	\$313.52
-Jenny Doan DVDs	\$90.00
Programs-Workshops	
-Jelly Roll Quilt	\$386.01
Raffle	\$5.31
Take A Chance	\$34.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$880.70</b>
<b>General Fund Ending Balance on 2/20/16</b>	<b>\$14,737.33</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 2/20/16</b>	<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Balance of both LQG Funds on 2/20/16</b>	<b>\$17,237.33</b>



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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 March 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

