



Lighthouse Beacon News

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April 2016

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

April 11, 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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Next Newsletter Deadline

April 22, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

This past weekend I had the good fortune to visit the Capitol City Quilters Guild in Lansing. I was there for the lecture Thursday night by Bonnie Hunter and also to take both of her workshops. What fun! Never a dull moment with Bonnie! She is just so very inspiring! I can't wait for all of you to meet her next March.

On Thursday I arrived at the lecture venue about 30 minutes early and had the pleasure of sitting with Tim Latimer. We share a love of antique sewing machines and quilts. He was explaining to me how he is using a treadle machine to do machine quilting. I would love to see this in action. We also talked about his quilt that just won Best Use of Color at the AQS show in Lancaster. You can see pictures of the quilt on his website at www.timquilts.com.

About two and half years ago I visited this guild for workshops with Bonnie Hunter also. In one of the classes I met an 80 something year old, charming lady also named Bonnie. When I walked into class on Friday, I was happily surprised to see Bonnie there. She gave me a huge hug and asked me to sit and quilt with her. She is such a joy to visit with.

Another great surprise was finding a past member of our guild in class. She had moved to the Lansing area a few years ago so it was very nice to be able to catch up with her.

All of these encounters made me realize how many meaningful friendships we make in our quilting lives. We may not see each other but once every few years but the bond is there forever.

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)

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). Call Su to sign up and get materials list!

Vendor: The New Ewe Quilt Shop from Newaygo

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. We need a minimum of 10 students for this class!

You will have a choice of two patterns: Convex Illusions or Poppin' In. Sign up for class and patterns will be available at our April guild meeting. Visit the KwiltArt website to see her quilt patterns at 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

Every month people remember to bring in their treats. A big thank you from all the members who enjoy them. April Birthdays... It is your turn. Looking forward to your treats.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

Our March meeting featured demonstrations from Jill and Ashley of Quilted Memories as well as our own Su and Pam. Quilted Memories was our vendor for the evening where 75 members and one guest enjoyed seeing great new products. Please welcome two new members—Sue Lowther and Kathy

Scholtz who joined this month. We are saddened by the passing of long-time member Sue Milton who passed away the week before our meeting. A card for her family was signed by the members. We have 144 members in our guild.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We started out March by preparing a display case at Spring Lake District Library with quilts from our Habitat for Humanity, breast cancer, and baby quilt programs. We included a small section on learning to quilt, along with some of our promotional posters. Our display will be there through April, so stop in and see it and be sure to thank the staff for making this possible.

I was told about a nice incident by one of our members. She was having lunch with some new acquaintances and they were telling each other about their interests. She mentioned that she is a quilter. One of the ladies said, "I was diagnosed with breast cancer some months ago." She said she had been given a beautiful quilt, made by the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. "I have that quilt on my living room couch, where I can always admire it, and I take a nap every afternoon under it. It makes me feel cared for."

Our sew-in in March was to make quilts for the breast cancer patients. We completed 12 tops in just a few hours. We have a dedicated group who love to gather and sew together. We will plan another sew-in in the fall, but there are kits available that can be made at home in your own sewing space. Visit our table at the April meeting and view the selection.

Quilt Show

Karen Katje and Lynn Koster

We know everyone is working on finishing up their quilts for the quilt show which is July 29 and 30. Quilt registration forms are online at our website. Please complete all information on the registration form. Rack cards will be available at our April meeting. If you are planning a quilt shop hop, please pick up some rack cards to spread the news about our quilt show. Downtown quilts will be needed as we get closer to the quilt show time. We need wall hangings and smaller quilts for businesses to display to advertise our quilt show. Details will be coming later about downtown quilts. Volunteers are needed to support our work before, during, and after the quilt show. Sign-up sheets will be at our next guild meeting. Please make sure you stop at the table to sign up and help our show!

Quilt Challenge – What do you love about our beautiful state of Michigan? What do you love doing in Michigan? We want you to put your passion for Michigan in quilt form that measures 12"x12" for our quilt show challenge. We want to see what you love about Michigan! We would like to have you share your challenge quilt with the guild at our July meeting so get them done!

There will be a quilt show meeting at 6pm before our April 11 guild meeting.

Quilt Show Boutique - Just a reminder that we are collecting your cast-offs for the boutique at the quilt show. Bring anything you would like to donate (fabric, quilting or sewing notions, patterns, etc.) to any guild meeting and give to Char LaDronka or Leslie Johnson. Thank you for all the donations we've received so far.

Website

Char LaDronka

The Quilt Show Entry form is on the 2016 Quilt Show page under the Events tab on the website. Just click on the link and print off a copy for each quilt you'd like to enter. The minutes from the February Board Meeting are now posted to the Webpage. The Tulip Time Quilt Show details are under the Events tab. If you would like to see something posted to the Webpage, please contact Char LaDronka.

Raffle Quilt: Happy Scrappy Houses

Su Palmer

Our raffle quilt top is coming together. We need a minimum of 42 blocks to make a 78" x 89" quilt. Any extra blocks will be put on the back or put together for a smaller wall 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>. If you have completed and Happy Scrappy House blocks, please bring them to our April 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 8th Street in downtown Holland. For hours, entry form or other information, go to hollandarts.org or tuliptime.com. Tulip Time brochures, which also contain the entry form, will also be available at the Membership or Programs table at the April 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).



**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report as of 3/18/16**

General Fund Balance on 2/20/16	\$14,737.33
Quilt Show Balance on 2/20/16	\$2,500.00
Balance of both LQG Funds on 2/20/16	\$16,912.60
Income	
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.20
Hospitality	\$5.25
Membership	\$50.00
Name Badges	\$8.00
Newsletter	\$5.00
PALS Bus Trip	\$116.00
Programs	
Jenny Doan DVD's	\$15.00
Programs-Workshops	
-Jan Berg-Rezmer	\$220.00
-Kathleen Andrews	\$86.00
Retreat-Spring 2016	\$2,065.00
Take A Chance	\$34.00
Total Income	\$2,604.45
Expense	
Office	\$15.77
PALS Bus Trip	\$116.00
Programs	
-Donna Kooistra	\$37.16
Programs-Workshops	
-Jan Berg-Rezmer	\$20.00
Retreat-Spring 2016	\$617.00
Take A Chance	\$12.00
Total Expenses	\$817.93
General Fund Ending Balance on 3/18/16	\$16,523.85
Quilt Show Balance on 3/18/16	\$2,500.00
Balance of both LQG Funds on 3/18/16	\$19,023.85



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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 April 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

