



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

November 2016

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

November 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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### Raffle Quilt

Barb Dryer

## Next Newsletter Deadline

November 20, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

Well, I do believe fall is here. The leaves are finally turning and the days are getting cooler. Seeing the changing colors makes me think of taking pictures of the woods out back of my house and trying to make one of Lenore Crawford's blended fabric collages. I really enjoyed seeing everyone's work from her workshop. Wasn't it interesting how she has taken pictures of her travels and made them into fabulous works of fabric art?

In the past few weeks, I have had the pleasure of helping four women to navigate the complicated world of quilt making. Two had done some hand piecing and the other two had never quilted. As someone who has quilted since 1999, I am finding that working with these ladies is bringing back the joys of quilting. Seeing their excitement over picking out their fabrics, learning about rotary cutters, and mastering that quarter inch seam brings back the feelings I had as a beginner. Do you remember how you felt when you made and showed your family and friends your first quilt?

During our November meeting, we will be presenting Habitat for Humanity with a check for \$1500.00. We will also be presenting the raffle quilt to winning guild member Barb Bennett. Congratulations Barb! A big thank you to all who took the time to help sell raffle tickets.

Again this year, I must tell you how thankful I am for the friendships I have made through our guild. I treasure each and every one of you.

Happy quilting but most of all Happy Thanksgiving!  
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)

### **Saturday, November 5, 2016**

#### **Class: Woven Evergreen Tree**

Saturday, November 5, 2016 @ Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Center, Grand Haven 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM (lunch on your own). \$10.00 class fee. Pick up supply list when you sign up or call Su Palmer.

#### **Open Sew**

Saturday, November 5, 2016 @ Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Center, Grand Haven 9:30 AM – 4:00 PM (lunch on your own).

### **Monday, November 14, 2016**

- **Program:** “Quilters Without Borders, A Round Robin Adventure” by Sue Goeddeke, Harrison Township, Michigan  
After listening to Sue’s presentation, consider joining a round robin group at Monday’s meeting. Groups can consist of three stitchers and/or up to six. We will have sign-up sheets available for those interested. We then will reveal our round robin tops at the June meeting which will give folks time to finish quilt tops for our July quilt show.
- **Class:** Tuffet by Caroline Barnes from Caroline’s Sewing Room in West Branch, MI. 10 am to 4 pm at Church of the Dunes (bring our own lunch). \$20.00 class fee. Additional supplies costs paid to instructor, day of class. Foam: \$18. Board & wooden legs: \$12/ board only: \$10. Button: may bring your own button.



## Mark Your Calendar for Future Programs & Classes

**December 12, 2016:** “Linda’s Legacy Trunk Show”. Our program for the December meeting will be to enjoy viewing a collection of quilts completed by Linda Tellesbo. Linda was a certified Quiltworx instructor. She lost her battle with cancer in 2014. Her quilts are shared through Judy Niemeyer Quilting, Inc. at Quiltworx.com.

**January 9, 2017:** Our class in January will be a heart quilt. This class will be taught by Joan Kessler. This will be a fun class for members to put together a quilt top just in time to share at our February meeting.

**March 13, 2017:** Bonnie Hunter <http://www.quiltville.com/>  
March 13 and 14, 2017, Bonnie Hunter will be our guest instructor. On Monday evening, she will present a lecture and trunk show. She will have books to purchase that evening and during her classes. Classes will be on Monday, March 13, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM and Tuesday, March 14, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Additional details regarding classes with Bonnie Hunter will be available soon.

**September 2017:** Ann Loveless (Joint meeting with PALS Guild) <http://www.quiltsbyann.com>

**Attention Members:** Does your sewing group have quilts to share with our members? Perhaps projects you have done as a “bee” or maybe you have a personal collection of quilts and would like to do a trunk show for the guild. If so, please contact Pam or Su. We would like to have our members share their collections at a future meeting.

## **Hospitality**

**Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts**

Thank you for the delicious fall treats last month. Everyone was generous once again. Now it is time for November birthday people to shine. Anyone else who wants to bring in treats can do so as well.

## **Membership**

**Jane Thomasma**

Wow! The registration table at our October meeting was so busy! We had 94 members and four guests in attendance to hear Lenore Crawford inspire us in another aspect of quilting. Wonderful! Thanks for your patience as we checked everyone in! Lots of people renewed and we welcomed six new members as well. Please welcome Arla Beukema, Colleen Dekker, Susan Eldredge, Kelli Jullie, and Lorrie Kleinfeldt as new members and Cheryl Zylman rejoining us after a few years off. All members--be sure to pick up your name tag when you check in at our November meeting if you have not done so previously. Our membership for 2016-2017 is now at 125 members.

## **Quilt Retreat**

**Cyndi Phillip**

The guild's "Holiday Blow-Out Retreat" on December 2-4 is completely full but you can be added to a wait list by contacting Cyndi Phillip at a guild meeting or by email [cphillip\\_56@yahoo.com](mailto:cphillip_56@yahoo.com). Those of you who have reserved a spot with a deposit must pay the remaining amount due by the November meeting or your spot will be forfeited. Attendees should notify Cyndi by the November meeting if they will be missing any of the lunch or dinner meals.

## **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

Our guild members have every reason to be very proud, even though there isn't a Nobel Prize for Quilting. This month we gave 75 quilts to the Ottawa County Maternal and Infant Health Program -- about 2/3 to North Ottawa and 1/3 to South Ottawa. And while you may think that would leave our cupboard bare, we still have a tidy reserve to carry us into the new year. So if you have quilted projects to make for birthdays, weddings, or Christmas, you can rest on your laurels for a couple of months.

If there are snowbirds heading south for the winter who would like quilt kits, batting, or backings, please stop at our table and let one of us know. Or call ahead to Elizabeth at [\(616\) 212-0844](tel:6162120844) and we'll bring them to the meeting for you.

A hearty thanks to all who bought or sold tickets for the raffle quilt. The Community Outreach program received 20% of the proceeds for supplies, some of which we've already spent on a couple of bolts of batting -- 100 yards for baby quilts.

## **Website**

**Char LaDronka**

Minutes for the August board meeting are now on the website under the "About Us" tab. The membership form has been added to the website under the "About Us" tab as well. You can print it off and mail it in with your dues if you cannot attend a meeting. If you would like to see something posted to the webpage, please contact Char LaDronka at [cmladr@gmail.com](mailto:cmladr@gmail.com).

## **Quilt Raffle**

**Barb Dryer**

The 2016 quilt raffle is over and how wonderful that the winning ticket belongs to a member of LQG! On October 1 at a small ceremony in Loutit Library, the executive director of the Tri-Cities Habitat for Humanity, Beth Hanis, drew the ticket belonging to Barb Bennett. Come to the November guild meeting to see Barb receive her quilt, and equally important, to watch as Beth receives a check from our guild for Habitat for Humanity in the amount of \$1,500!

Congratulations to all who participated in the raffle this year! We sold almost 750 tickets and took in over \$1,850. After expenses (which were minimal thanks to many donations of time and talent), we are able to make a wonderful donation to Habitat and also to help support our own community outreach projects. Thanks to you all!

## **Ugly Fabric Challenge**

**Kay Wilton**

Due to the very positive feedback and popular demand, we are repeating the Ugly Fabric Challenge again this year. Do you have a fabric that you look at now and wonder "Why did I buy that?" You can still bring a fat quarter of the fabric to the November meeting in a lunch size brown paper bag (to conceal its identity and to protect yours!) and give it to Kathy Myers in Kay's absence. The distribution will now be at the December meeting where you will draw a bag to use for the challenge. If you are unable to be at the December meeting and want to participate, you can leave your address with Kathy or Kay and Kay will mail them to you. The finished quilt will be given back to the original owner of the "ugly" fabric when the challenge is completed.

### *Rules are as follows:*

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.

Deadline for the quilt is the June 2017 guild meeting.

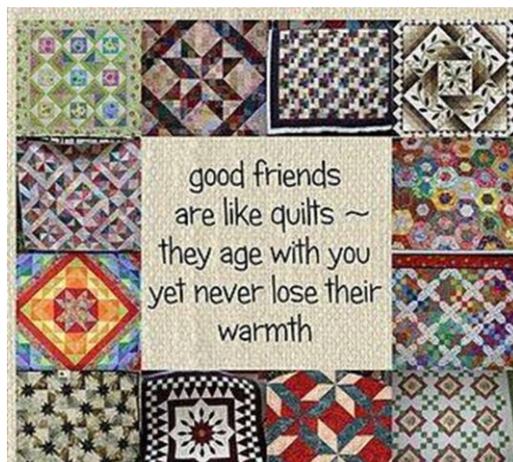
### *More Quilt tips from quiltblockofthefmonthclub.com*

1. When sewing by hand, if your thread tends to kink, you may be rolling the needle. The easiest way to prevent this is to rotate the needle every few stitches to 'unwind' the thread as you go.
2. For tangle free thread when hand stitching, make sure to pull the thread wide in a circular motion away from your body, so that the thread rests easily and will not become caught up with your next stitch.
3. When sewing appliqué by hand, stitch closely to, or just under the fold of the piece being appliquéd, which will help hide the stitching.
4. To prevent tangled knots when hand sewing, hold your thumb over the point where the thread is being pulled through until the thread is taut.
5. An oldie but a goodie - for smoother sewing or pinning, run the needle through your hair to oil the metal a bit.

Barb Bennett is teaching a couple of classes at  
Lakeshore Sewing in November

Paint your own Barn Quilt Block  
@ Lakeshore Wyoming Store  
Thursday November 17  
1ft x1ft \$25.00 all supplies included  
[616-531-5561](tel:616-531-5561)

Paint your own Barn Quilt Block  
@ Lakeshore Muskegon store  
Friday November 25  
2 ft x 2ft \$35.00 all supplies included  
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**Lighthouse Quilt Guild**  
**Treasurer's Report as of 10/20/16**

<b>General Fund Balance on 9/20/16</b>		<b>\$20,439.01</b>
<b>General Fund Income</b>		
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21	
Hospitality	\$17.81	
Membership 2016-2017	\$640.00	
Newsletter Fees	\$15.00	
Programs-Workshop		
Lenore Crawford	\$170.00	
Tuffet	\$120.00	
Woven Christmas tree	\$20.00	
Raffle	\$555.00	
Winter Retreat 2016	\$1,080.00	
Take A Chance	\$44.00	
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$2,662.02</b>	
<b>General Fund Expense</b>		
Membership - supplies	\$25.85	
Newsletter		
Mailing Supplies	\$24.99	
Printing	\$14.79	
Programs		
Lenore Crawford	\$763.50	
Linda's Legacy Trunk Show	\$500.00	
Programs-Workshop		
Lenore Crawford	\$695.00	
Quilt Show Equipment	\$322.92	
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,347.05</b>	
<b>General Fund Ending Balance on 10/20/16</b>		<b>\$20,753.98</b>
<b>Quilt Show Balance on 10/20/16</b>		<b>\$2,500.00</b>
<b>Balance of both LQG Funds on 10/20/16</b>		<b>\$23,253.98</b>



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Some members have expressed interest in the account balance that we show on recent Treasurer's Reports. Through the year, we have only a couple of months (August and September) where we have income for the year—that coming from the Quilt Show and from our membership. These funds support activities throughout the year, including our wonderful list of guest speakers, facility rental expenses, support for the library, support for community outreach and many other activities. Our workshops and retreats are self-funded, no general funds are allocated for this. Each year the board reviews the income and expenses for the past year and produces a budget for the following year, aligning income and expenses in each category.



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**Your November 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
- ~ Spare Change for Take a Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

