



Lighthouse Beacon News

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October 2016

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

October 10, 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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Barb Dryer

Next Newsletter Deadline

October 23, 2016

Hello Quilting Friends,

Thank you so very much to Patchers At the Lake Shore quilt guild for being such a great host this year for our joint September meeting. Loved Deb Karasik. I don't think I have ever laughed so much during a lecture as I did with Deb. Those of you lucky enough to take her classes must have had an awesome time learning from her. Next year will be our turn to host again with Su and Pam bringing in Ann Loveless.

"If I could select one quality, one personal characteristic that I regard as being most highly correlated with success, whatever field, I would pick the trait of persistence. Determination. The will to endure to the end, to get knocked down seventy times and get up off the floor saying, 'here comes number seventy - one!'" Richard DeVos.

Persistence. Determination. This was me this morning. I have been working on some quilt blocks that have many points in them and this morning nothing seemed to be going right. Know what I mean? Have you had one of those days? No matter how carefully I pinned, how accurately I sewed the seams, those darn points wanted to hide. I spent way more time getting to know my seam ripper un-sewing than I did actually having success in getting blocks sewn together. My rule has always been to only rip out three times, trying to get the best quality I can before leaving it. So, okay, maybe I didn't get to number 71, but I sure counted to three enough times to about equal that. I was bound and determined that those points would not defeat me. I almost gave up and thought of cleaning the house but thank goodness that thought quickly passed! I will endure!

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)

October 10, 2016

- Lenore Crawford, Fabric Artist <http://www.lenorecrawford.com>
- She will be teaching two classes:
 - Sunday, October 9: Myra's Window Boxes at Grand Haven Seventh Day Adventist Community Center at 432 S. Beechtree. 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
\$40.00 for class, \$10 supplies fee paid to instructor the day of class
Visit Lenore Crawford's website for additional details and supply list
 - Monday, October 10: Blended Fabric Collages at Grand Haven Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Center from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
\$40.00 for class, \$20 supplies fee paid to instructor the day of class
Visit Lenore Crawford's website for additional details and supply list

November 14, 2016

Please note program change. Additional details will be at our October meeting.

- **Program:** "Quilters without Borders" Round Robin Adventures by Sue Goeddeke, Harrison Township, Michigan
- **Class:** Tuffet by Caroline Barnes from Caroline's Sewing Room in West Branch, MI. 10 am to 4 pm at Church of the Dunes. Details at the October guild meeting.



Mark your Calendar for Future Programs

March 2017 Bonnie Hunter <http://www.quiltville.com>

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

Looking forward to delicious treats this month. It is your turn October birthday people. Thank you in advance for your time and effort.

Membership

Jane Thomasma

What a wonderful September meeting with PALS featuring Deb Karasik! Sixty Lighthouse Quilt Guild members attended. Thanks to all of you who have renewed or joined our guild—our membership is now at 92 members. Welcome to Carol Allen, Marilew Helmers, Judy Henzler, and Marie Huyge who joined at our August meeting and Carla Jolman and Linda Morse from our September meeting. Stop by the membership table when you sign in to get your new name tag if you have not done so already. We will be there to help you renew if you have not had a chance to do that yet. The new membership roster will be printed after the October meeting so please sign up then in order to be included.

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. 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.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

Baby Quilts: Today the Director of the North Ottawa Maternal and Infant Health Program picked up 43 baby quilts for their clients. Another group of quilts will be going to South Ottawa (Holland) within the next few days. The 188 quilts our guild members made in the 2015-16 "program year", therefore, will have found new babies to cuddle.

Habitat for Humanity: In October we will distribute a pattern and background fabric for members who would like to make blocks for a new Habitat for Humanity quilt. We will be using the Arrowhead block, one that has been used for a past Habitat quilt. The blocks will be collected at our January meeting and will be assembled at a winter Sew-In.

Breast Cancer Comfort Quilts. At our last meeting, there were four completed quilts and one quilt top turned in.

Thanks to everyone who helps out with all our projects.

Website

Char LaDronka

Minutes for the August board meeting are now on the website under the "About Us" tab. The membership form will soon be added to the website so that 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.

Quilt Raffle

Barb Dryer

By the time you read this (if it's after October 1st), the quilt raffle will be over and the winner announced. I will have details of the amount of tickets sold and the distribution of funds in the next newsletter.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this event – from the quilters who made the blocks, the members who quilted and finished the quilt, the members who both bought and sold tickets, and especially to everyone who supported my first efforts at doing this type of project.

Over the course of the summer, I've heard many wonderful compliments about the quilt and I'm very happy to have been a part of this project.

Quilt Show

We are still looking for a person or a couple of friends to run the quilt show for next year. Please let Kay Wilton or Connie Townsend know if you are willing to volunteer.

Forgot to include this last month from Elizabeth Clark: "Here's a wonderful review of our Quilt Show -- blogged beautifully by John Golden, a math wizard who teaches at Grand Valley State University." The site is: <http://mathhombre.blogspot.com/2016/08/quilt-show.html>

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"? Bring a fat quarter of the fabric to the October meeting in a lunch size brown paper bag (to conceal its identity and to protect yours!). At the November meeting, you will draw a bag to use for the challenge. 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.

Eastmanville Farm Sesquicentennial Celebration

Leslie Johnson

At the August meeting, we had a visit from Margie Viveen. Margie is a local historical author and chairman for the Ottawa County Parks Department's Sesquicentennial celebration for the Eastmanville Poor Farm, which is now a county park. She would like our help by providing quilts to decorate the dining hall. The Crazy Quilter's group from Coopersville will be handling the barn décor. Margie's enthusiasm was so catching that I volunteered to help her out.

We are looking for old, well-used and loved quilts to be loaned for a one day display on October 1st. The idea is to have the type of quilts that would have been used at a poor farm, not top quality vintage or new quilts. Please be aware that the displays will be in an open-air shed-roofed barn. The barn is roofed, but open to the south and north with half walls. No quilts will be near the buffet table. (This facility is used for rentals for receptions etc.)

Please give me a call at 616-842-3537 or 616-638-2911 if you have any quilts you would be willing to share at the celebration. Also, there will be a farm market set up for the day and run by the Future Farmers of America. Besides produce, there will be handmade items for sale. If you would like to participate as a seller, you would be welcome to do so. You will need to be totally responsible for the display, sales, staffing etc. for your items. Please call me for more information.

Downtown Quilts

Barb Wexall

Thank you to all the members who generously donated their quilts for display with downtown merchants to help advertise our quilt show and to Jackie Baden who helped distribute the quilts. And thank you to the following downtown merchants who so artistically displayed our quilts:

Calico Cat
Dockside Clothing
Gliks
Mackinaw Kite Company
The Bookman
Tlaque Paque

Celtic Seasons
Down to Earth
Grand Haven Vinegar & Oil
Must Love Dogs
The Creative Fringe
Studio JSD

Clothes Loft
Frame & Mat Shop
Loutit Library
Patricia's Chocolates
The Paper Place
What a Gem

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report as of 9/20/16**

General Fund Balance on 8/20/16		\$15,402.39
General Fund Income		
Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21	
Membership		
2016-17	\$590.00	
Newsletter Ads	\$120.00	
Newsletter Fees	\$25.00	
Programs-Workshop		
Lenore Crawford	\$110.00	
Quilt Show Transfer to General Fund	\$4,066.29	
Raffle	\$300.00	
Total General Fund Income	\$5,211.50	
General Fund Expense		
Community Outreach	\$83.00	
Newsletter		
Printing	\$19.04	
Retreat-Winter 2016	\$72.84	
Total General Fund Expenses	\$174.88	
General Fund Ending Balance - 9/20/16		\$20,439.01
Quilt Show Balance on 9/20/16		\$2,500.00
Balance of both LQG Funds on 9/20/16		\$22,939.01



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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

