



# Lighthouse Beacon News

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March 2017

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

March 13, 2017

6:00 pm: Doors open

7:00 pm: Presentation begins

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Grand Haven, Michigan

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### Next Newsletter Deadline

March 22, 2017

Hello Quilting Friends,

I loved seeing everyone's heart and red or pink quilts last month. It was fun having a meeting with just members sharing their quilts. You all are a very talented group!

As a scrap quilter, I don't really keep up with what is 'in' as far as fabric is concerned but the other day I was looking at some of the fabrics that will be new on the market this spring. I like blender fabrics as they give just a bit more texture to quilts than using plain fabric. Two blenders really caught my eye. Now, I think that hashtags are very over used on social media but Riley Blake is coming out with a fabric called Hashtag which I find very fun. This fabric would make a very interesting background giving just enough interest without being overpowering. The other blender I like is called Swiss Dot. As a little girl I thought dotted swiss fabric was just the best fabric a dress could be made out of. I know that polka dots are nothing new but this small pin dot fabric brought back so many memories. The last time I wore dotted swiss was in 1970 when I wore a yellow bridesmaid's dress for my sister's wedding. Funny what just the name of a fabric can remind you of.

Another great discovery is that green is the color of the year. As I always say, "A girl can never have too much green fabric". Greenery seems to be the shade of green for 2017 but I'll take any shade. Hey, any of you that have G for your initial could use Greenery for your color in the challenge quilt for the quilt show. Wish one of my initials was G!

Time to get back to cutting my squares for Bonnie Hunter's class. I'm so very excited to make Scrappy Mountain Majesties. This is a pattern that I have been wanting to make for some time now and will be a gift for my son.

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 13, 2017: Bonnie Hunter <http://www.quiltville.com/>

- **Program:** Bonnie Hunter will present a lecture and trunk show on Monday evening. The program will be held at Grand Haven High School in the Performing Arts Center, 17001 Ferris Street. The doors will open at 6:00 PM with the program starting at 7:00 PM. Bonnie will have books to purchase that evening and during her classes. She will take time to sign books before and after her presentation. Lighthouse and PALS Quilt Guild members will have free admission but must show their membership card. If you do not have your membership name tag that evening, you will have to pay the admission fee of \$10.00. Visit her website (see above) to learn more about her and view her quilts.
- **Classes:** Bonnie Hunter will be our guest instructor on Monday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 14. Both of our classes are full but Sue Palmer is keeping a wait list. Monday's class will be Chunky Churndash from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm. Tuesday's class will be Scrappy Mountain Majesties from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Each class will be held in the Wiltse Center of the United Methodist Church of the Dunes. Bring your own lunch. Patterns are available at Quiltville.com under the free pattern tab. Print off the pattern and start collecting your materials for a fun class in March. Have enough material cut so you can make blocks and learn tips from Bonnie as she demonstrates.

### March 18, 2017: Saturday - National Quilting Day

- Bring a quilt top to work on or a project to complete. This day is dedicated to getting projects completed. You may want to bring the Bonnie Hunter top you started or another kit you have on your "to do" list and work to complete a quilt for the July quilt show. Pack up your sewing gear and join us for a fun day.
- Time: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Room. Cost is \$10.00 for guild members. Lunch on your own. Contact Sue Palmer or Pam Kihn or register at our next guild meeting.

### April 10, 2017:

- **Program:** Stitches in Time: A Look at Quilt Collecting. Su Palmer and Leslie Johnson will be sharing a trunk show of their journeys in collecting Vintage Quilts. If you have a vintage quilt you would like to share with us, feel free to bring it to our April meeting.
- **Vendor:** TBD

### May 8, 2017:

- **Program:** Machine Quilting on your home sewing machine
- **Class:** Machine Quilting on your home sewing machine by Mary Smallegan from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at Church of the Dunes, Wiltse Room. Fee is \$55.00 and includes all supplies. Bring your sewing machine in good working order.
- **Vendor:** Custom Quilts Unlimited from Fennville, Michigan

### June 12, 2017: Barn Quilt lecture and class with Suzi Parron

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

## Hospitality

Jean Stordahl and Monica Leenhouts

Thank you for the overabundance of treats at the February meeting. Yummy! You are all so very generous! Thank You! This month we will not be having treats since we will be meeting at the Grand Haven High School. March birthday people can bring treats another month.

## **Membership**

**Jane Thomasma**

We had three new members join us in February - Lyn Weick, Sheryl Acker and Starr Evans. Our membership is now at 152 members. Be sure to stop at the membership table and pick up a membership roster and a membership roster update if you have not done so yet. Please make sure you have your membership name tags for the Bonnie Hunter lecture and trunk show or you will be charged a \$10.00 fee.

## **Website**

**Char LaDronka**

The minutes from the February board meeting will soon be posted on the website under the "About Us" tab. There is a page with the information for the Tulip Time Quilt Show under the "Events" tab. If you would like to see something posted to the webpage, please contact Char LaDronka at [cmladr@gmail.com](mailto:cmladr@gmail.com).

## **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

We held a Sew-In on February 13 that was intended to make Habitat for Humanity quilts. The good news is that we completed three quilt tops. We had just a handful of quilters but they worked like crazy and had a good time. You can see the quilts on the Guild's website or Facebook page.

The Arrowhead block project was stifled because we had received just over half of the blocks we needed to make the quilt but two people hit the sewing machines and manufactured all the rest of the needed blocks. The colors were nicely distributed across the spectrum (probably by magic) which allowed us to construct a beautiful split rainbow top. After some discussion, we decided to offer it as this year's raffle quilt with the proceeds going to Habitat for Humanity. A small percentage of the proceeds will also go into the Community Outreach budget.

A new baby quilt kit will be available at the March meeting. It is adapted from a pattern in January's edition of American Quilter called "Crystal Charm". The kits contain 50 charm squares (all different), along with the background and backing fabrics to complete the quilt. We will have a table in the lobby at the March meeting for Community Outreach quilt drop-off and kit pick-up.



## **Quilt Show**

**Carol Allen**

The theme of this year's quilt show is "Beach Party" and, if you wish, the quilts for the show can be along that theme, but it is not necessary. Registration for quilts for the show will start in April. There have been many beautiful quilts in "Show and Tell" that would be wonderful in the upcoming show.

The challenge block for the quilt show will use each quilter's initials. Choose one initial for the color of the block. You can use more than one color, but one color in the block must start with your initial. The second initial of your name that you choose must relate to a block name or technique. For example, I will use my initials C and A. The color will be cobalt blue which would be the C. For the A, I will use the apple core block. Another example would be Suzy Q choices. Her block would be a salmon quatrefoils block. The S is a color and the Q is the block name. The background would be white or any color Suzy chooses. There are many websites which have lists of block names. A few sites are [Quiltindex.org](http://Quiltindex.org), [blockcrazy.com](http://blockcrazy.com), and [phoebemoon.com](http://phoebemoon.com). A web search for quilt block names will yield many, many examples.

The completed rainbow Arrowhead quilt that was shown at the February guild meeting will be the raffle quilt. It will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

There will be no meeting for the quilt show committee in March due to the Bonnie Hunter presentation.

### **Quilt Retreat**

**Connie Townsend and Kay Wilton**

The Lighthouse Quilt Guild spring retreat will be held April 21, 22, and 23 at the Christian Reformed Campground located south of Grand Haven on Lakeshore Drive. Lunch and dinner are included on Friday and Saturday. Only lunch is served on Sunday as we have to be out of the center by 4:00. The retreat opens at 9:00 on Friday and you can sew as late as you wish. Saturday is the same. You have a choice of signing up for attending for days only for \$80.00 or you may wish to stay over Friday and Saturday nights in one of the lovely cabins for \$150.00. The retreat is currently full, but Kay Wilton is keeping a wait list. For those of you who have reserved a space with a deposit, the balance of payment will be due at or by the April meeting.

### **Tulip Time Quilt Show**

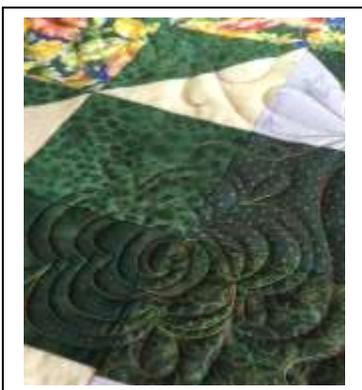
**Carol Keen**

Plans for the 2017 Tulip Time Festival in Holland from May 6-13 are progressing well. The committee for the Tulip Time Quilt Show asks you to consider entering a quilt(s) for that show by completing an entry form, including two photos of your quilt and submitting it by April 1. Entry forms are available at the registration desk at our guild meetings, at local quilt shops, Field's Fabrics and online at [hollandarts.org](http://hollandarts.org) or [tuliptime.com](http://tuliptime.com).



### **Be on the Look Out!**

The Guild is in need of a trailer to store and transport the Quilt show racks, bins and other assorted materials after the Quilt Show in July, 2017 and from then on. We are thinking that a 6' x 12' enclosed trailer would work best but are open to suggestions and possibilities. Please give Connie Townsend a head's up if you know of something that could work for this purpose.



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**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report as of 2/20/2017**

**General Fund Balance on 1/17/2017** **\$19,789.18**

**General Fund Income**

Lake Trust Credit Union (interest)	\$0.21
Hospitality	\$5.20
Membership	\$120.00
Programs-Workshop	
Bonnie Hunter	\$1,740.00
Natl. Quilt Day	\$20.00
Retreat - Spring 2017	\$980.00
Take A Chance	\$39.95
<b>Total General Fund Income</b>	<b>\$2,905.36</b>

**General Fund Expense**

Community Outreach	\$119.40
Facility Rental	
Bonnie Hunter	\$75.00
Natl. Quilt Day	\$75.00
Newsletter - printing	\$14.79
Programs	
Bonnie Hunter-airfare	\$274.40
Bonnie Hunter-lodging	\$260.10
Lenore Crawford-meals	\$30.28
Supplies	\$19.60
<b>Total General Fund Expenses</b>	<b>\$868.57</b>

**General Fund Balance on 2/20/2017** **\$21,825.97**

**Quilt Show Balance on 2/20/2017** **\$2,500.00**

**Balance of LQG Funds on 2/20/2017** **\$24,325.97**



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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 Outreach quilts

