



Lighthouse Beacon News

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March 2019

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

March 11, 2019

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

March 20, 2019

Hello, Quilters!

At our February meeting we enjoyed Ruth Ann Berry showing us the beautiful Bargello quilts that she designed and quilted herself. The backs were even quilted. I was thankful for the good weather that one day for our meeting. We worried about Ruth Ann traveling back to Fife Lake the next day, but when Wendy called Ruth Ann; she said she arrived home safely.

For our March meeting, David Ihm will be driving down from Traverse City, and demonstrate his system on Embellishing With Crystals. Hopefully the good weather will again be with us.

The Chief Petty Officers Association was very appreciative of our donation for the local Coast Guard personnel, and sent us a nice thank you note. We were glad we were able to do this.

Elizabeth Clark said the mothers receiving our baby quilts really like their color and design. Quilt squares have been handed out for the quilt raffle, and Community Outreach is looking forward to the completed squares to come back at the March meeting.

This year will be our 25th Anniversary Quilt Show, and Amy with her committee are well organized. She will have another meeting at 6p.m. prior to the March guild meeting.

We now have a key to the church for our Guild meetings, so we will no longer be locked out in the cold.

Happy Quilting
Charlene Lozicki

Our next meeting is March 11, and the next board meeting is March 19.

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Wendy Rice & Dianne Gustafson

Sign-up sheets and additional information for classes will be at the program table at each meeting. For additional information, questions or ideas for next year, contact Wendy Rice (616-935-7430 / wendyrice49@gmail.com) or Dianne Gustafson (616-844-1659 / bdgusto@comcast.net).

Ruth Ann Berry was a charming guest and lecturer for our February meeting, bringing an amazing collection of Bargello quilts and her quilts of illusion based on equilateral triangles. Her workshop that day took participants from the puzzling charts in her books to “WOW—I can do this” with great results.

March 11, 2019 Bring some Bling to your work! Embellishing with Crystals:

Program: David Ihm, Rhinestone Genie, Traverse City www.rhinestonegenie.com. David spent over 20 years in the graphic display and garment decoration industry and developed the idea for Rhinestone Genie from a more complex professional system, wanting to make embellishment inexpensive and easy for sewers and crafters. He will demonstrate his system, provide some hands-on experience, and bring hundreds of crystals available for purchase.

Members, please share samples of your own use of embellishment on quilts, garments, accessories, etc..

April 8, 2019

Program: Lyn Brown Trunk show and slide presentation, “Rescued Quilts.”

Originally from Australia, Lyn met her American husband there and became a Michigander many years ago. Her interest in rescued quilts grew after she attended some auctions and “rescued” some quilts in need of finishing or repair. Friends and acquaintances keep connecting her with others, some never finished, some luck finds at garage and rummage sales. She lives in Mattawan, Michigan and is active in two local guilds there.

May 13, 2019

Program: Challenge Quilts and Lighthouse Quilters 25th Anniversary Celebration.

June 10, 2019

Program: Coleen Merte of Northwater Quilts <https://northwaterquilts.com>

Coleen will discuss her evolution as a pattern designer and some of the pitfalls she encountered along the way.

Class: Coleen will present a three-hour workshop based on her contemporary quilt pattern, “Pink Grapefruit”, featuring curved piecing.

July 8, 2019

Program: Deborah Richmond from “Quilted Turtle,” in DeWitt, Michigan will demonstrate her favorite quilting and sewing notions and have them available to purchase. www.quiltedturtle.com.

Class: Deborah will also do a three-hour workshop that day, called “Spectacular Table Scraps”.

August 12, 2019

Program: Quilt show winners and potluck.

September 9, 2019:

Program: Joint meeting with PALS, hosted by Lighthouse Quilt Guild at Lakeshore Middle School Auditorium. Featured speaker is **Becky Goldsmith of Piece O’ Cake.**

<https://www.pieceocake.com/>

Class: Becky will offer two six-hour workshops on appliqué.

Any questions or ideas for next year, please contact Wendy Rice or Dianne Gustafson.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We had a meeting of the Community Outreach Team on Monday, February 18, for the purpose of selecting fabrics and cutting out kits for our baby quilt program. In just under three hours, we completed almost 30 kits, assuring a good selection for the coming months.

If you would like to support our program but cannot find the time to make a baby quilt, we welcome contributions of novelty or baby print quilting cotton. Three yards is enough to back two quilts. We also use bright or pastel solid cotton in two-yard pieces.

Raffle Quilt

Elizabeth Clark

We distributed supplies to make the blocks for the raffle quilt at the February meeting. At the present time, we have 95 blocks committed, but if you wish to make a block, please call Elizabeth (616) 212-0844 and we will arrange to get the supplies to you. The blocks are due to be turned in at the March 11 meeting. If you have a block finished but are unable to attend that meeting, please arrange with Elizabeth for it to be collected in time for our assembly. The tentative date for assembly is Thursday, March 14.

The proceeds for the raffle quilt will be given to The Little Red House, a community-based program providing respite day-care for adults with memory disorders. We will have a short program from their executive director at a future meeting.

Hospitality

Jean Stordahl

We had delicious treats again in February. Thank you to those of you who bring something even when it is not your birthday month. You are very thoughtful quilters. If your birthday is in March, it is your turn to bring treats.

Membership

Christine Sinkiawic

We had no new members in February, but hosted two visitors. Our total membership is 136.

Librarian

Marianne Stuparits

Wendy and Dianne, our program girls, received four books that were donated to the guild by Karen Eckmeier. Karen will be coming to the guild in 2020.

1. Accidental Landscapes
2. Wiggles and Waves
3. Wearable Waves
4. Happy Villages

Please remember only five books to be checked out at a time. Make sure you are putting the return dates on the cards and into the green box when checking out the book.

Spring Retreat

Sue Doyle and Amanda Garvin

Lighthouse Quilt Guild Spring Retreat:

April 26, 27 and 28, 2019

Christian Reformed Conference Grounds located south of Grand Haven on Lakeshore Drive.

Three fun days to just quilt and relax! We sew in a large center with plenty of light and a cozy fireplace. Lunch and dinner are included on Friday and Saturday with only lunch served on Sunday as we must be out of the center by 3:00 pm. The retreat opens at 10:00 am on Friday and you can sew as late as you wish. PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP PRIOR TO 10:00 am on Friday as another group has the room. Saturday and Sunday open at 8am. You have a choice of signing up for attending days only for \$70.00 or you may wish to stay over Friday and Saturday nights in one of the lovely cabins for \$130.00. To

hold your spot for the retreat, you may make a \$20.00 (non-refundable) payment at the meeting (sign up asap at the meeting as we fill up fast). Please make checks payable to Lighthouse Quilt Guild. You must be a member in good standing to register for the retreat. Balance of payment will be due at or by the March meeting. We are limited to signing up only 32 people. (Please do not send payment to Amanda Garvin as she will be having a baby sometime during this process and may not realize you sent her payment).

Silent Auction

Leslie Johnson

If anyone has any UFO's to go into the silent auction, please bring them to the March meeting. Please include the following information:

- Name
- Phone / Texts? yes/no
- email
- Item description (please include enough info for me to put on a bid sheet)
- Is this a consignment item? If yes, is there a minimum bid you will accept?

All proceeds from donated items will go to Feeding America West Michigan. Feeding America West Michigan "exists to ensure safe food is available to the hungry in our community. In 2017, they distributed more than 22 million meals. This food comes from hundreds of farmers, manufacturers, distributors, and retailers that have edible food they can't sell because of overruns, order errors, misprints, and other unexpected occurrences and is distributed to pantries, shelters, after-school programs, and other anti-hunger agencies in 40 Michigan counties."

Consignment items will be 80% to the guild member and 20% to Feeding America. All items will be on display and have bidding sheets at the April and May meetings. **CASH OR CHECK ONLY!!!**

Please bring your chosen payment method to the May meeting if you plan on bidding on any item(s). Any questions, call 616-638-2911 or email lesj23@gmail.com



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Perfect Mitered Corner Baby Blanket
with Susan Barr

You will be amazed at how easy it is to make a perfect mitered corner baby blanket with flannel fabric!

Appropriate for any skill level, \$30
Tue., Mar. 5; 5:30 - 8:30 pm



Lil Nellie Table Runner
with Dianna Michelli

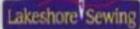
Learn to use the Stripology Mini Ruler and charm squares make this fun table runner.

Confident Beginner & up, \$20
Wed., March 9; 1:00 - 4:30 pm



Rainbow Cross with Dianna Michelli (*new date!*)
Pattern by Cut Loose Press. This beautiful wall hanging finishes a 20" x 24".

Confident Beginner & up, \$40
Wed., Mar. 20; 9:30 am - 4:00 pm



Discount for Guild Members

Show us this ad and receive 15% off your total purchase of regularly priced items.

Offer not applicable to classes. LQG March 2019

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 1/31/2019**

	January	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Auction Income			800.00
Community Outreach Income			300.00
Hospitality Income	5.00	24.60	50.00
Interest Income	0.98	3.44	5.00
Membership Dues	60.00	1,220.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income			300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income		15.00	750.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income	5.00	30.00	75.00
Program Guest Fees			50.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales			1,500.00
Quilt Show Income			6,500.00
Retreat Income		3,020.00	7,000.00
Take a Chance Income	48.25	181.90	300.00
Workshop Income	245.00	900.00	4,000.00
Total Income	364.23	5,394.94	24,630.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		(157.22)	280.00
Auction Expenses			800.00
Community Outreach Expenses	(524.49)	(560.72)	1,100.00
Contribution Expenses	(1,000.00)	(1,000.00)	
Facility Rental			900.00
Hospitality Expenses	(23.96)	(45.84)	50.00
Library Expenses	(5.99)	(59.43)	300.00
Membership Expenses		(42.99)	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		(20.00)	15.00
Newsletter Expenses	(34.75)	(229.75)	500.00
Program Expenses	(708.09)	(1,494.63)	6,000.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses			1,500.00
Quilt Show Expenses			3,000.00
Retreat Expenses		(2,874.73)	7,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses	(7.00)	(58.00)	250.00
Technology Expenses			50.00
Workshop Expense		(555.00)	4,000.00
Total Expenses	(2,304.28)	(7,098.31)	25,895.00
General Fund Balance as of 1/31/2019		21,832.66	
Quilt Show Balance as of 1/31/2019		2,500.00	
Equipment Reserve as of 1/31/2019		3,000.00	
		27,332.66	
LQG Assets as of 1/31/2019			
Checking	4,424.20		
outstanding checks	(142.95)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	23,021.41		
		27,332.66	



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Weather 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
- ~ Spare Change for Take A Chance
- ~ Library Books
- ~ Show and Tell

Next Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 19, 2019
Room B, Loutit District Library.

