



Lighthouse Beacon News

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February 2020

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

February 10, 2020

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

February 20, 2020

My Quilting Story

In January 2017, while sitting in my living room chair watching TV and freezing my booty off, I decided that I needed a blanket that I could tuck under my feet and pull up to my chin. I couldn't find one anywhere that was a manageable size. So I decided to make my own. Problem was, I had never sewn before.

Fifteen years earlier, my mother had given my wife her old mechanical Bernina sewing machine. It was sitting downstairs in its carrying case and had never been touched.

I brought the Bernina upstairs to the living room, which was to become my "temporary" makeshift sewing room. When I found no owner's manual, I searched online on how to use a sewing machine and the Bernina specifically.

Next, I bought some flannel and fleece fabric and made a simple square alternating block lap blanket which was tied together.

While looking at videos on how to bind my new lap blanket, I found more and more things that I liked and found interesting and needed to try. There were so many more gadgets and technical capabilities in newer machines than in my old Bernina. I really wanted a new, computerized sewing machine, so I told my wife about all the wonderful and exciting things that I could make her. Sold!

The new machine kept me entertained for a short while, but I wanted to explore the world of embroidery, so I sold my motorcycle and bought an embroidery machine.

My "temporary" makeshift sewing room now took up nearly half of our small living room and had turned out to be not so temporary. We remodeled the upstairs and turned one of the rooms into a dedicated sewing room so my wife could have her living room back. Fortunately, the new sewing room was just big enough to fit a long arm quilting machine.

I enjoy foundation paper piecing, applique, learning and trying new techniques, and bright colors. I also like making usable items such as handbags, rugs, pillowcases, stuffed animals, and Christmas stockings. I want to share my appreciation of the craft of quilting with others and encourage other crafters to explore their creativity.

Greg Hugel, Member of LQG

Our next meeting is February 10th, and the next board meeting is March 17th at 6:30 pm in Room B in the Loutit Library

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Wendy Rice & Dianne Gustafson

Sign-up sheets and information for classes will be at the program table at each meeting. For questions, or program ideas, contact Wendy Rice 616-481-1755/ wendyrice49@gmail.com or Dianne Gustafson 616-844-1659/ bdgusto@comcast.net.

We hope you enjoyed the trunk show of miniature quilts from SAQA, the Studio Art Quilt Associates—a good program choice for January in Michigan, when weather is always a factor. The small works of art were very diverse and hopefully idea starters for projects in the future. Let us know your opinions, we could plan for this again.

February 10, 2020:

Program: LQG member **Karen Katje** will present a trunk show of her journey as a quilter. Karen will offer a **Pineapple Quilt Workshop:**

Workshop: Monday, February 10 from 10:30 am–4 pm. Fee for this class is just \$10 and fabrics come from your stash. The Creative Grids Pineapple Trim Tool is required. Two ruler sizes are available and you can work with either the large or small ruler.

March 9, 2020:

Program: **Barb Bredemeier** and **Janet Haines** from Big Red in Holland. They will do a trunk show together, sharing the Tiled Background landscapes they learned on a quilting cruise with Australian designer Gloria Loughman, originator of the technique.

Workshop: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:30 am–4 pm. Learn to create a mosaic tiled background to enhance an applique landscape. Class fee is \$30. Barb offered a kit of supplies including her hand-dyed fabric for \$35, or you can work from your stash.

There are still a few spaces. Sign up ASAP!

April 13, 2020:

Program: **Fiber artist Sally Manke**, Sally is a multiple-time award winner at AQS and a popular workshop leader. Her “Blooming Windmill Quilt” was a top prize winner in 2018. Learn more about her at <http://sallymanke.com>.

Workshop: Sally has agreed to teach her newest **Landscape Confetti Art Quilt**, developed for her classes at AQS shows, and continually sold out. You’ll create a colorful woodland scene with layered tiny bits of batiks and hand-dyed fabrics, “painting” on quilt batting.

May 11, 2020

Program: **2020 Challenge Quilts.** We’ll view the artistry of members who took the “BLOOM” challenge. Using two swapped fat quarters and adding their own fabric choices and technique, they were to make a table topper, table runner or small wall hanging. Rules stipulated that the total buds, blossoms, blooms, etc. in the finished piece must be an **odd number**.

June 8, 2020

Program: **Valina James.** Valina, from St. Charles, MI, is the former owner of her own shop, The Silver Thimble. She is a certified instructor of Laura Heine’s designs and technique. Visit Laura’s website <http://www.fiberworks-heine.com> to view available patterns.

Workshop: TBD. Monday, June 8, 10:30 am to 4:00 p.

July 13, 2020

Program: **Terri Watson** www.threadtalesquiltworks.com. Terri has her own longarm quilting business in Grandville, MI and will present her personal tips for preparing your quilt tops for successful quilting.

Workshop: Monday, July 13, 3-5 pm. Terri will offer advice on “How do I quilt this?” to members who bring tops to be finished. Limited to 10-12 participants for individualized attention. Fee is \$10.00.

PALS will host our joint meeting in September. Featured speaker is Cristy Fincher, Sharon Schamber’s daughter. Cristy is a formidable quilter, designer and teacher in her own right. She will offer two workshops based on her original patterns. Visit her website at <http://www.purpledaisiesquilting.com>.

National Quilting Day Sew-In

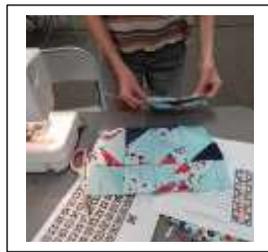
Carol Keen

National Quilting Day is celebrated in mid March
So the board has decided to offer a
SEW IN DAY on SATURDAY, MARCH 14th
from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the **Wiltse Center**
A noon meal of soup, rolls, fruit and beverages will be provided.

A table and chair will be provided for each participant as will be the needed extension cords, a few ironing boards and irons.

Please sign up for this Sew In at the Program Table so the committee knows how many quilters plan to attend. If you have a friend or know of someone who is interested in quilting but is not a member of the guild, do feel free to invite them and add their name(s) on the sign-up sheet.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Carol Keen at 616-886-5458



Membership

Christine Sinkiawic

In January Lighthouse Quilt Guild welcomed 1 new member Beth Hwacinski. As of our January meeting, the total guild membership is 139. Attendance at the January meeting was 90.

Quilt Show

Amy Stuparits

I have filled the position of Quilt Show Chair for 2021! Jill Highhill and Cathi Waalkes have stepped up to shadow me this year to learn what the show entails. Jill has been a guild member for several years and Cathi is a brand new guild member who volunteered that she wanted to learn about the show. Thank you, ladies, for stepping up....

We will have a meeting before the February guild meeting for the quilt show committee members (at 6:00 pm). See you then.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

Baby Quilt Sew-In - Monday, February 17th. The baby quilt cupboard is bare. All the available quilts -- 32 of them -- were given to the Ottawa County Maternal and Infant Health program nurses on Thursday, January 23rd. Therefore, please consider spending President's Day, February 17th, at the Church of the Dunes to help make baby quilts. We will begin with a breakfast at 9:00 am. We'll have plenty of kits to be sewn and a Wonky Donkey set-up for those who want to pair up and make an unusual, enjoyable and colorful quilt. Just bring your sewing machine with neutral thread, a bag lunch, and the standard sewing supplies. We'll have ironing and cutting stations.

The sign-up sheets will be at the Community Outreach tables at the February meeting. If you don't have a portable sewing machine, we have a few that are available to borrow. Call Elizabeth Clark at (616) 212-0844 to reserve a spot or borrow a machine. Non-members and friends are welcome, too.

Tulip Time

Carol Keen

Here is an opportunity for members of Lighthouse Quilt Guild to enter their quilts in the annual Tulip Time Quilt Show as many of you have done in past years. There will be paper entry forms available at the registration desk at the guild meetings in February and March. Entry forms are also available online at <http://www.tuliptime.com/Quilt-Show>.

The deadline for entering a form is WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18.

Your participation is appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Carol Keen at 616-886-5458.

The accompanying photo shows part of the quilt that will be raffled during Tulip Time. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.



Spring Retreat

Sue Doyle and Amanda Garvin

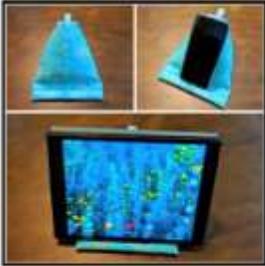
Lighthouse Quilt Guild Spring Retreat: April 24, 25 and 26, 2019, at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds located south of Grand Haven on Lakeshore Drive. Three fun days to just quilt and relax! We sew in a large center with plenty of light and a cozy fireplace. Lunch and dinner are included on 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 9:00 am on Friday and you can sew as late as you wish. PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP PRIOR TO 9:00 am on Friday as we need to setup first. Saturday and Sunday the room is open at 8:00 am. 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, make a \$20.00 (non-refundable) payment at the February 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 April meeting. We are limited to signing up a max of 32 people.



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www.lakeshoresewing.com

Check out these February classes - and many more - on our NEW website!

					
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Feb. 1 - All Sew Together: Phone/Tablet Stand - All ages & skill levels welcome!

Feb. 8 - Kids Sewing: Mail Sack Purse

Feb. 10 - Quilter's Chatelaine

Feb. 11 - Serger Knit Shirt

Feb. 11 - Fiber Arts

Feb. 17 - My Kinda Town Block of the Month

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 Feb. 2020

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 12/31/2019**

	December	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.75	2.94	10.00
Membership Dues	90.00	1,010.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income			300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income			500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income	5.00	45.00	100.00
Program Guest Fees		110.00	50.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales (2019)		378.00	1,500.00
Quilt Show Income			6,500.00
Retreat Income	50.00	2,290.00	7,000.00
Take a Chance Income	60.10	157.35	500.00
Workshop Income	530.00	2,295.00	4,000.00
Total Income	735.85	6,735.74	23,760.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		163.70	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses	17.91	42.86	1,000.00
Facility Rental			1,000.00
Hospitality Expenses		35.94	50.00
Library Expenses		40.52	300.00
Membership Expenses	48.75	48.75	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		11.00	100.00
Newsletter Expenses	31.50	146.50	600.00
Program Expenses	225.00	2,178.88	7,000.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		1,819.00	1,800.00
Quilt Show Expenses		750.00	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses	2,230.14	2,230.14	7,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses		71.75	500.00
Technology Expenses			750.00
Workshop Expense		1,700.00	4,000.00
Total Expenses	2,553.30	9,239.04	27,500.00
General Fund Balance	21,310.30		
Program Reserve Balance	1,000.00		
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00		
	25,310.30		
LQG Assets as of 12/31/2019			
Checking	7,775.05		
outstanding checks	(75.00)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	17,580.25		
	25,310.30		



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**Note: Weather Related
Meeting Cancellations**

If Grand Haven Public Schools cancel school or evening school events due to weather, 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 or co-chairs to seek advice on road conditions here in Grand Haven.



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Your February 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 17, 2020
Room B, Loutit District Library 6:30 pm

