



Lighthouse Beacon News

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March 2020

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

March 9, 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

March 20, 2020

Dusting Off Our Welcome Mat

A recent newsletter of (4) four pointes, our local senior center, had a lead article about **Relationships** and how important they are in our lives, especially as we grow older. There is scientific proof that friendships and social interaction have a positive influence on our health and longevity.

Some of us are lucky enough to have grown up in the same community, even lived in the same houses for most of our lives. We may have lifelong friends from high school, even grade school, and treasure these relationships.

I feel lucky in a different way, having moved 17 times in my life, to numerous states and two other countries. For me, and my family, these were wonderful experiences, but always with the challenge of meeting and making new friends.

With a spouse or partner, you don't have to do this alone. When your children are young, they involve you in their friendships and school activities. Even after children are grown and gone, a pet can keep you connected—I know the names of all the dogs in my neighborhood, but can't always greet their owners by name!

I thought about relationships when a new member of our guild shared that she had not felt very welcome. "Each table I approached indicated that 'that seat is taken' or 'I'm saving this for my friend.'" Certainly this is not the impression we want to give. It's natural to want to sit and visit with friends, particularly if you see them only once a month at meetings. But just as we all have different interests and skills at quilting, each of us has something unique to give—and get—from new members and guests.

Let's enjoy the friendships we look forward to each month, but occasionally step out of our comfort zone, sit at a new table, or volunteer to help with a committee. Sew-ins, classes and retreats are other great ways to get involved, know each other better, and learn tips and techniques from each encounter.

Dianne Gustafson
Program co-chair

Our next meeting is March 9th, 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

School closing due to road conditions forced the cancellation of our February meeting and also a workshop planned for that day.

Karen Katje's

Pineapple Quilt Workshop has been rescheduled to **Monday, March 2** from 10:30 am to 4:00pm. Fee for this class is just \$10.00. The Creative Grids Pineapple Trim Tool is required.

Karen has also offered to be available at the **Saturday, March 14** at our Sew-in honoring National Quilting Month. If you have not already done so, let your program chairs know which of these sessions you will attend.

March 9, 2020:

Program: Barb Bredemeier and Janet Haines from Big Red in Holland, lecture and trunk show sharing the Tiled Background landscapes they learned from Australian designer Gloria Loughman

Workshop: Monday, March 9, 2020 10:30 am–4:00 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.

April 13, 2020:

Program: Fiber artist Sally Manke, a multiple-time award winner at AQS. Learn more about her at <http://sallymanke.com>.

Workshop: Landscape Confetti Art Quilt, Monday, April 13, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Sally's newest offering, continually sold out at AQS shows. Working from your photograph or one of hers, create a colorful scene with layered tiny bits of fabric, "painting" on quilt batting. Class fee of \$35 includes kit of specialty fibers and tulle.



May 11, 2020

Program: 2020 Challenge Quilts. Creations 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, Michigan, is a certified instructor of Laura Heine's designs and technique.

Workshop: Monday, June 8, 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Project is the sewing machine from Laura's Teeny Tiny patterns. She will have kits for each student that includes everything you need, plus the pattern, for \$30 each. This way everyone will have success with their first time making Laura's collages. The project is about 16" x 20" and new sewing is required during class. Visit Laura's website <http://www.fiberworks-heine.com>

July 13, 2020

Program: Terri Watson www.threadtalesquiltworks.com. Terri has her own long-arm quilting business in Grandville, Michigan 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.

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.

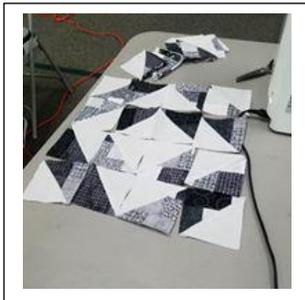
A table and chair will be provided for each participant as will be the needed extension cords, a few ironing boards and irons.

Do you know of someone who might like to experience a day of sewing / quilting with members of Lighthouse Quilt Guild?

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



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 are paper entry forms available at the registration desk at the guild meetings in 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 off during Tulip Time. Raffle tickets are \$1 each.



Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

The February 17th Baby Quilt Sew-In brought 18 members to sew quilts from kits. We served a hot breakfast made by Kim and Elizabeth and everyone got busy. The results were 23 finished quilts and a lot of tops ready for quilting. Sue Lowther took a stack home and Connie Townsend did, too. A nice handful of the sewists took their tops home for finishing. Kim Frisch unrolled an entire 50-yard batt and cut and packaged batts for our members.

The event turned out to be an in-gathering, too, with Kay E., Bonnie. Gary, Connie, and Kay W. all dropping off finished quilts.

A number of participants said they hoped we could do these more frequently, and we told them to come to another event in March for National Quilt Week. We will have kits available there for anyone who wishes to make them. Thanks to all from the Babies of Ottawa County.



Hospitality

Jean Stordahl

Looking forward to treats from all our March birthday members.

Spring Retreat

Sue Doyle and Amanda Garvin

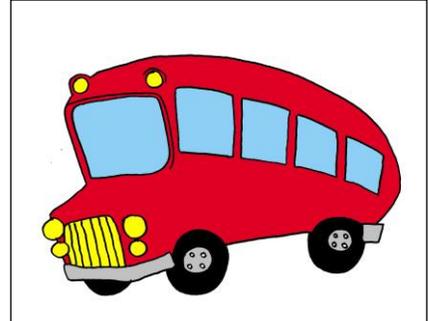
Lighthouse Quilt Guild Spring Retreat: April 24, 25 and 26, 2020, at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds located south of Grand Haven on Lakeshore Drive. Three fun days to just quilt and relax! We sew in a large center with plenty of light and a cozy fireplace. Lunch and dinner are included on 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 March 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.

Bus Trip

Kathy Myers and Alicia Gilewski

Shipshewana Quilt Festival and Vendor Show Bus Trip
Saturday, June 27, 2020
Sponsored by Lighthouse Quilt Guild, Grand Haven.

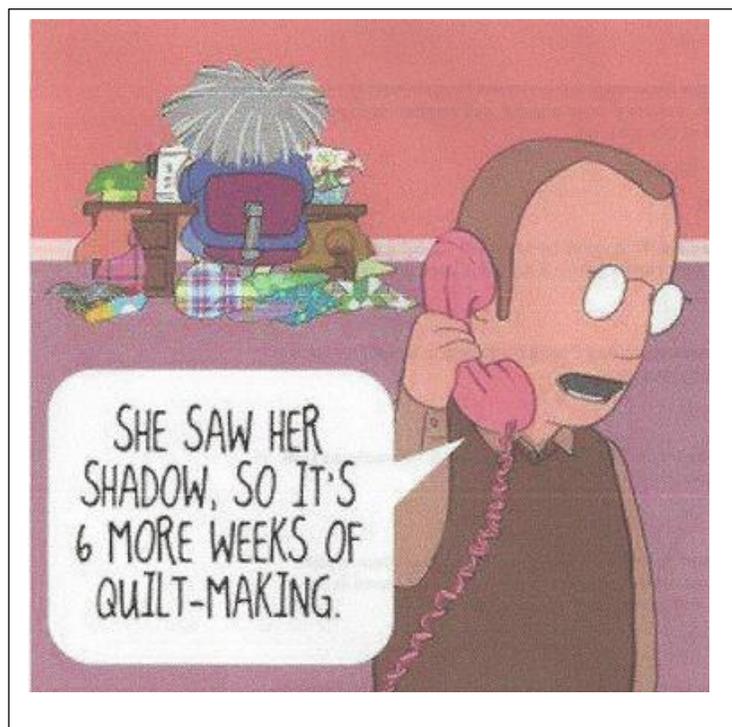
Mark your calendar for **Saturday, June 27, 2020**. We are planning a bus trip to the Shipshewana Quilt Festival and Vendor Show. We will have a fun filled day with 200 quilts to admire and lots of vendors, where you will find just the right items to purchase. At 1:30 pm, the bus will take people into town, or you can walk into town on your own. It's less than ½ mile. There you can shop your favorite stores, like Lolly's, Yoder's, and others, concluding our day with dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant.



The bus will leave Muskegon at 6:45 am at Lakes Mall. It will arrive at Meijer in Grand Haven at approximately 7:10 am where we will pick up more friends and leave at 7:30 am. We will return around 10:00-11:00 pm.

The cost will be \$69.00 for members of Lighthouse and PALS Quilt Guilds and \$79.00 for non-members. This fee includes the bus, ticket to quilt show, and dinner. Lunch is on your own. Sign-ups will begin Monday, March 9, 2020 at our meeting. Fee must be paid in full at time of signup.

Any questions, please email or call co-chairs
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Alicia Gilewski 586 914-4521, aligil7491@gmail.com



Travel tips for quilters

1. Pack a small project: Is there something that you have been wanting to try but never bothered to do before as you always had larger projects to finish. What about hexagons? Or some hand work? Both can fit into a pencil case-size storage unit and can go with you. In North America you can travel by airplane with scissors as long as they are 4" or less in length, and a few needles and thread are acceptable as well.
2. Find a quilt store: Use your favorite search engine to locate the quilting stores in the area of your vacation.
3. Pack a sketch pad: If actual quilting is not your cup of tea while you are way, grab a sketch pad and your favorite beverage, and take the time to let your imagination soar while in new surroundings.
4. Learn a new technique: Is there a technique in quilting you have never taken the time to learn? Grab a book on the subject or some YouTube videos and learn it? Hand appliqué and different embroidery stitches come to mind as great ways to increase your quilting portfolio and easy to do while on vacation.
5. Simply Surf: Do you always want to take the time to just search the internet for interesting patterns and quilts? Grab an iPad, laptop or cellphone and surf away.

However, if you choose to bring quilting on your vacation, check out the setup in the picture to the right.



What a great way to travel !!!

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Sewing Cabinet and Sewing Station Showcase Night

Please join us for an evening devoted to sewing furniture and sewing stations.

Choose from a great selection of models from many manufacturers: Horn, Kangaroo, Arrow, Unique, Koala, and Tailormade.

Whether you're thinking about a simple sewing table or sewing room showcase, this is a night devoted to furniture to make your sewing better.

Muskegon - 3/17, 5-9 PM

Wyoming - 3/19, 5-9 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 2020

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 01/31/2020**

	January	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.74	6.38	10.00
Membership Dues	15.00	1,025.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income			300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income			500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income		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		2,290.00	7,000.00
Take a Chance Income	60.00	217.35	500.00
Workshop Income	150.00	2,445.00	4,000.00
Total Income	225.74	6,964.18	23,760.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		163.70	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses		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	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	350.00	361.00	100.00
Newsletter Expenses	63.00	209.50	600.00
Program Expenses		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	7,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses	87.63	159.38	500.00
Technology Expenses			750.00
Workshop Expense		1,700.00	4,000.00
Total Expenses	500.63	9,739.67	27,500.00
General Fund Balance	21,035.41		
Program Reserve Balance	1,000.00		
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00		
	25,035.41		
LQG Assets as of 01/31/2020			
Checking	7,819.98		
outstanding checks	(395.56)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	17,580.99		
	25,035.41		

** \$350 - Deposits made on June bus trip



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

