



# Lighthouse Beacon News

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May 2020

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

June 8, 2020 (hopefully)

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

May 20, 2020

## Greetings

I want to express my thanks to all of you for helping us through this difficult time.

I understand you have made dozens and dozens of masks for our nurses and attending physicians. I can't help but think that they are thanking you as well, even if they don't know who you are.

It is important to remember also that Elizabeth is asking that you pick up one of her quilt kits to sew, either for NOCH Breast Cancer Center, or for Ottawa County Health Center and Pregnancy Center. It is necessary that we keep this going. Call her at 616-212-0844.

My family has sequestered me so I cannot go to the grocery store to shop. Instead they are bringing food to me. I hope that you are experiencing similar circumstances. I like Chris Bussell's comment from last month's newsletter, Unusual Times. This is certainly unusual for us.

I am continuing to work on my Pineapple Log Cabin quilt from Karen Katje's class. I was going for a twin size. So far I am about half there.

I have been in touch regarding the Coast Guard Festival. At this point they are hoping things turnaroud and we can have the Festival that we plan on every year. Not much else we can do but wait and see. This may have changed by the time you get this newsletter.

Take care of yourselves and take care of your neighbors, as well.

This too, shall pass!

Jackie Baden  
Co-Chair

Our next meeting is June 8<sup>th</sup>, and the next board meeting is July 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto:wendyrice49@gmail.com) or Dianne Gustafson 616-844-1659/ [bdqusto@comcast.net](mailto:bdqusto@comcast.net)

**May 11, 2020 Meeting has been cancelled.**

**June 8, 2020 Meeting: Because of the Covid-19 virus and the governor's current shelter-in-place orders, the June meeting is also in question.**

**Valina James**, a certified Laura Heine instructor, was to be our guest lecturer and conduct a workshop on **The Sewing Machine** from Laura's Teeny Tiny patterns. We felt that, even if the governor's restrictions were eased and the church would accommodate us, many members would be reluctant to gather in a large group. We approached Valina about doing the workshop using the Zoom platform for teleconferencing, or producing a YouTube instructional video. She is not experienced with these platforms and felt she would disappoint our members. We are trying to reschedule another date later in the year.

**July 13, 2020**

**Program: Terri Watson** [www.threadtalesquiltworks.com](http://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>.

## Decisions for LQG Meetings

Carol Keen and Jackie Baden

THE GUILD MEETING FOR MAY 11 HAS BEEN CANCELED. The sharing of the BLOOM projects of the 2020 Quilt Guild Challenge will be rescheduled. The officers of the board will continue to monitor matters relating to future meetings. The deciding factors for meeting as usual will be:

- 1) when the Governor allows groups of 50+ to gather inside,
- 2) when Church of the Dunes will allow us non-members to use its facilities,
- 3) when speakers feel comfortable leading a workshop and presenting to a group,
- 4) when most of our members feel comfortable meeting as usual

Jackie Baden and Carol Keen / co-chairs, Linda Engle / secretary, Barb Dryer / treasurer

## Staying Connected While We Are Apart

Carol Keen and Jackie Baden

In order for us to experience some bonding among ourselves, guild members are encouraged to participate in a question / answer activity. Each Thursday, Chris Bussell will email an interesting question relating to some aspect of quilting. Guild members are encouraged to respond to those questions by replying with their answers to Carol Keen at [bckeen1@att.net](mailto:bckeen1@att.net) and to Jackie Baden at [jbaden@charter.net](mailto:jbaden@charter.net). Those answers will be compiled and emailed to everyone the following Wednesday. It is a good opportunity for each of us to share our knowledge, experiences and "words of wisdom" relating to sewing and quilting.

## Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We have received quite a few beautiful quilts over the past months. Even though there was a necessity to cancel or postpone events, our members have still been sewing. Here's a quotation from Grace Coolidge when she was First Lady:

"Everyone should be taught to sew, not merely for the sake of making something, but as an accomplishment which may prove a *stabilizer in times of perplexity or distress*. Many a time when I need to hold myself firmly, I have taken up a needle, a sewing needle, some knitting needles, or a crochet hook. Whatever its form or purpose, it often proved to be as the needle of a compass, keeping me to the course."

How about "Quilt Kit Carry-Out"? We have a stockpile of quilt kits available for members to sew. The bright colors and easy patterns will give you an opportunity to make something bright and beautiful. Call Elizabeth Clark at (616) 212-0844 to arrange for pick-up or delivery. The kits are all in plastic bags which will be sanitized.

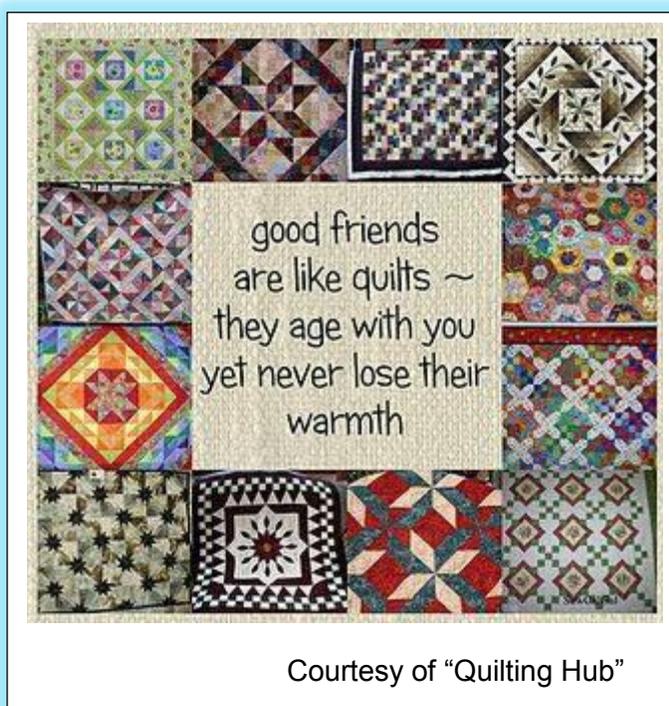
## Quilt Show

Jackie Baden, Carol Keen and Amy Stuparits

Your board has come to the consensus that we are not going to have the Quilt Show this year. We have discussed this with Amy Stuparits and she is in agreement with it for these reasons:

- 1) The US Coast Guard organizers are waiting until June 1<sup>st</sup> to make their decision as to continue with plans for the festival or to cancel it.
- 2) Much of our pre-planning consists of spending money to promote the event. This includes the Country Register as well as the ad for the Coast Guard. We will still have those expenses. Rack cards have been printed, another expense.
- 3) The demographics of many of our guild members who would volunteer to work are in the 'at risk' category. A few have already said that they would choose to not volunteer to help in any way this year.
- 4) We do not know if St Patrick's Church would allow non-members in its facilities for a quilt show the end of July.
- 5) The current uncertainty makes it very difficult to plan.

We are hoping that by this time next year, we will be able to have our Quilt Show.



Courtesy of "Quilting Hub"

## Bus Trip

Kathy Myers and Alicia Gilewski

We are monitoring the situation and will make a decision by May 15<sup>th</sup>. If we do cancel the trip, everyone who has paid will get a full refund. Everyone was so excited about the trip, and we even had two people sign up just a couple of days ago. So let's not give up just yet. We are waiting for Governor Whitmer to guide us!!

Kathy and Alicia

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 sign-up.

Any questions, please email or call co-chairs  
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*A Personal Note from Brian*

### **Thank You, Thank You, West Michigan Mask Force!**

I have never seen anything like the effort put forth by the sewing community in the last month or so, producing thousands and thousands of masks for individuals and organizations here in West Michigan and throughout the state.

When this passes and you are able to get out, we would like to give those who have given their time and resources **50% Off the service of their machines** that were used for mask making.

We will announce the time frame for this "thank you" offer through email and our Facebook page. It will simply be the honor system.

**Awesome work everyone - Thank You!**



### **Discount for Guild Members**

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

Offer not applicable to classes.

LQG May 2020

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report  
as of 03/31/2020**

	March	Year to Date	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.74	5.12	10.00
Membership Dues	30.00	1,055.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	6.00	6.00	300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income			500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income		45.00	100.00
Program Guest Fees		110.00	50.00
Program Income - Bus Trip	1,124.00	1,124.00	0.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales (2019)		378.00	1,500.00
Quilt Show Income			6,500.00
Retreat Income	1,795.00	4,085.00	7,000.00
Take a Chance Income	47.25	264.60	500.00
Workshop Income	490.00	2,935.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>3,492.99</b>	<b>10,455.17</b>	<b>23,760.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative Expenses		163.70	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses	462.25	505.11	1,000.00
Facility Rental			1,000.00
Hospitality Expenses		35.94	50.00
Library Expenses	50.82	91.34	300.00
Membership Expenses	58.24	106.99	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		361.00	100.00
Newsletter Expenses	55.00	301.50	600.00
Program Expenses	375.00	2,553.88	7,000.00
Program Expenses - Bus Trip		361.00	0.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		1,819.00	1,800.00
Quilt Show Expenses	101.21	1,049.21	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses		2,230.14	7,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses		187.38	500.00
Technology Expenses			750.00
Workshop Expense	604.00	2,304.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,706.52</b>	<b>12,070.19</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>22,559.58</b>		
<b>Program Reserve Balance</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>Equipment Reserve Balance</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>		
	<b>26,559.58</b>		
LQG Assets as of 03/31/2020			
Checking	9,328.40		
outstanding checks	(381.25)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	17,582.43		
	<b>26,559.58</b>		



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## Sewing Room Giggles





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### **Your May Lighthouse Quilt Guild Newsletter is here**

Our May meeting has been cancelled.

What to Bring to the June 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, July 21, 2020  
Room B, Loutit District Library 6:30 pm

