



Lighthouse Beacon News

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June 2020

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

July 13, 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

June 20, 2020

My Journey

I started sewing on my mother's converted treadle Singer sewing machine in my early teens. I made most of my clothes in this time.

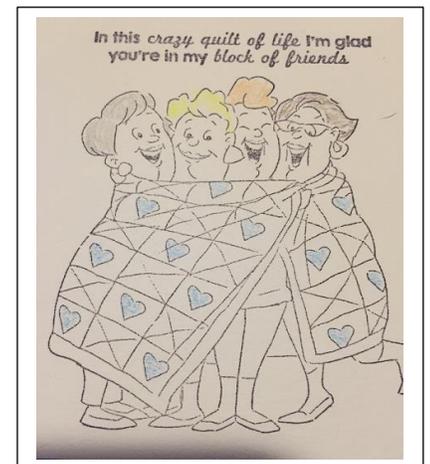
Over many years, I went through a gambit of crafts—knitting, crochet, petit-point, needlepoint, macramé, weaving and even stained glass. I was always drawn back to my sewing machine.

In the mid 80's, we returned to Ann Arbor and shortly after settling in, I discovered a quilt shop had moved into a local mall. It was small, but the owner was very talented in selecting fabrics and teaching classes. I was hooked on quilting. A group of us from our first class remained friends and had our weekly quilting bee (or stitch & bitch sessions).

Around the same time, I found a used Husqvarna 1+ at the Ann Arbor Sewing Center. It did everything I could want. The Center offered a class on the Bernina Stitch Regulator and I was able to use a sample Bernina machine. This I had to have, but would need to wait awhile for this. Many years later, I found a used Bernina 750 with the BSR—I am now in heaven.

In 2011, we retired and moved to Grand Haven to be closer to our son and family. Following my love of quilting, I sought out and joined the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. I have so enjoyed the friendships that I have found through the guild. It is always difficult to find a way into a group the size of our guild, however, when you put yourself out there—volunteer for a board position, take classes, participate in the retreats, the quilt show and the challenges, you will find rewards.

The governor's "stay at home" order has been a challenge for many. Thanks to Carol & Jackie for their creative "Stay Connected" fun.



Barb Wexall
Newsletter

Our next meeting is July 13, and the next board meeting is July 21 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

June 8, 2020 Meeting: Meeting has been cancelled

Valina agreed to be "penciled in" for **October 12, 2020**.

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.

August 10 COLOSSAL SHOW AND TELL from our months of isolation., 2020

September 14, 2020

PALS is scheduled to host our joint meeting with featured speaker Cristy Fincher, Sharon Schamber's daughter. They have not yet made a decision on this event. Visit Cristy's website, <http://www.purpledaisiesquilting.com>.

October 12, 2020

Program: 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 at our June meeting. We contacted everyone who signed up for Valina's workshop, and the consensus was that nearly all would be interested in a future date. Valina agreed to be "penciled in" for **October 12, 2020**, assuming we would have clearance from the governor and the church to resume our meetings, and that workshop participants would be comfortable with gathering .

November 9, 2020

Program: Karen Eckmeier <http://www.kareneckmeier.com>. Trunk show and lecture titled "Wiggles and Waves," based on the techniques taught in her book with the same title.

Workshop: She will offer two different 3-hour workshops on Monday: **Color Twists and Leaves** from 9 a.m. to noon and **Large Logs** from 1 to 4:00 p.m.. You can sign up for one or both. Visit her website to learn more, or check out the three books she donated to our guild library.

Notes from the Board

Carol Keen and Jackie Baden

THE GUILD MEETING FOR JUNE 8 HAS BEEN CANCELED. Valina James' class and presentation is tentatively rescheduled for October 12. 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

On May 19, 18 board members met via Zoom and discussed various matters. Linda Engle, the board secretary, will have the minutes posted on the website soon.

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

Keep Track of Your Projects

Carol Keen and Jackie Baden

Each of us continues to have plenty of time to work on quilting projects with this new normal way of life. We crafters have a 'built in' activity during this stay-at-home time which is to our advantage. Jackie Baden and Carol Keen are asking each of you to keep a written record of your quilting projects and have it ready for a guild activity when we do meet again.

Please create a sheet with this title and add your information as shown:

QUILTING PROJECTS I HAVE **WORKED ON** and **HAVE FINISHED** since LQG last met on March 9, 2020. EXAMPLES:

1. pieced top for quilt - **worked on 1 item**
2. (finally) added binding to sandwiched layers-**worked on 1 item** and **finished 1 item**
3. created labels for four projects-**worked on 4 items**
4. pieced and quilted fall table runner - **worked on 1 item** and **finished 1 item**
5. started T shirt quilt for granddaughter - **worked on 1 item**
6. made six Christmas stockings - **worked on 6 items** and **finished 6 items**
7. cut out pieces for lap-size quilt – **worked on 1 item**
8. machine pieced and quilted small table topper for my friend- **worked on 1 item** and **finished 1 item**
9. am working on bargello top for queen size quilt – **worked on 1 item**
10. just starting to sew blocks together for upcoming quilt – **worked on 1 item**
11. mended two holes in a pair of jeans-**does not qualify because this is a sewing project and not a quilting project.**
12. Sewed some doll clothes for my granddaughter's American Girl Doll-**does not qualify because this is a sewing project and not a quilting project**

This would show that you had worked on 18 different quilting projects.

This would show that you had finished 9 different quilting projects

Please keep an ACCURATE RECORD of projects you "worked on" AND of "finished" projects since we last met on March 9.

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 and to Jackie Baden at 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

Quilters may be quarantined, but they have been busy with their sewing machines. We have continued to distribute kits for baby quilts, so the finished quilts have been coming in at a rate of around 12 per week! That is nearly double the number during "normal" times. We put out a "cry for help" for machine quilting and the next morning my phone rang continually. We have already had breast cancer comfort quilts turned in and they have been passed along for distribution at the NOCH Breast Cancer Center.

All this has been wonderful and the storage closet has almost 70 quilts awaiting the resumption of the Maternal and Infant Health Program.

This month we bought two large (124" wide) bolts of Warm and Natural batting for the breast cancer and Habitat for Humanity quilts. It should last us for a couple of years, but one of our team members agreed to store it at her home and she cuts the amount needed for each quilt. We also bought two more 48" wide bolts of polyester batting for the baby quilt program.

If you are getting low on UFOs and would like to help our programs, we have kits for both baby quilts and breast cancer comfort quilts. Just call (616) 212-0844. We have pick-up and delivery services.



Collection of Community Outreach donated quilts.

Volunteer Openings

Jackie Baden

We are looking for someone to join the membership committee for the upcoming year. You may want to speak with members of the group and possibly sit at the table at our next meeting to see how much fun you can have meeting and greeting.

Dianne and Wendy suggested a new composition of the Program Committee: they recommend adding two more members and have a rotation every two years. They are willing to stay for next year since so many programs are already scheduled, but would like someone to take over getting the new speakers for part of 2021 and 2022. Please contact either Dianne or Wendy if you need more information.

Bus Trip

Kathy Myers and Alicia Gilewski

The Shipshewana Quilt Festival and Vendor Show Bus trip is cancelled for this year. It was very popular and we are disappointed that we will not be able to have it this year. We will be planning another trip for next year.



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LQG June 2020

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 04/30/2020**

	April	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.72	5.84	10.00
Membership Dues		1,055.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income		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	0.00
Quilt Raffle Ticket Sales (2019)		378.00	1,500.00
Quilt Show Income			6,500.00
Retreat Income	(1,795.00)	2,290.00	7,000.00
Take a Chance Income		264.60	500.00
Workshop Income	(400.00)	2,535.00	4,000.00
Total Income	(2,194.28)	8,260.89	23,760.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses	95.23	258.93	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses	601.71	1,106.82	1,000.00
Facility Rental			1,000.00
Hospitality Expenses		35.94	50.00
Library Expenses		91.34	300.00
Membership Expenses		106.99	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses			100.00
Newsletter Expenses		301.50	600.00
Program Expenses		2,582.88	7,000.00
Program Expenses - Bus Trip		361.00	0.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		1,819.00	1,800.00
Quilt Show Expenses	149.00	1,198.21	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		2,275.00	4,000.00
Total Expenses	845.94	12,555.13	27,500.00
General Fund Balance	19,519.36		
Program Reserve Balance	1,000.00		
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00		
	23,519.36		
LQG Assets as of 04/30/2020			
Checking	6,830.21		
outstanding checks	(924.00)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	17,583.15		
	23,519.36		



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Our June meeting has been cancelled.

What to Bring to the July 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

