



Lighthouse Beacon News

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August 2020

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

August 10, 2020 (cancelled)

6:30 pm Social Time

7:00 pm Meeting

United Methodist Church of the Dunes

717 Sheldon, at Colfax

Grand Haven, Michigan

2019-2020 Executive Board

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Take-A-Chance

Alicia Gilewski

Vendors

Wendy Rice & Dianne Gustafson

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Next Newsletter Deadline

August 20, 2020

Take A Chance and Starting Over

My name is Alicia Gilewski. I became a member of Lighthouse about three years ago, after relocating from St. Clair, Mi. Last September, I volunteered to take over the Take-A-Chance drawing. I enjoy shopping for the prizes offered, appreciate the opportunity to say hello to members as they enter and get to put faces and names together.

The three prizes for Take-A-Chance vary every month. You also have the option to select a \$15 gift certificate for a Guild sponsored class or retreat, in place of a prize. Occasionally a speaker will donate an additional prize and it is usually a nice offering. Tickets are 5 for \$1.00 or 25 cents each. So take a chance and join the Fun!

Coming from a small guild of about twenty people, I was so happy to discover the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. There is much to like about the guild. The Board is energetic and looks forward, speakers and programs are first rate, the website and newsletter keep us connected, the charitable efforts are outstanding and each meeting new faces join our ranks. It is sometimes easy to forget that all of this requires the commitment and efforts of many willing enthusiastic people. Members just like you and me who have a love of quilting and an admiration for the talents of others. Thanks to those who keep us running!

This year has brought us an epidemic, uncertainty, social unrest, the loss of fellowship and the feeling of being adrift without our normal routines. Hopefully in the near future, we will begin to resume the activities we took for granted. For some of us this may be difficult. When we are able to come together again, please look over and greet the person at the next table, look around for someone that may be missing and give them a call to be sure all is well, make room for one more at your table, greet that newcomer with a warm smile. It will take time for us to settle in, but quilters are a welcoming, resilient bunch, and the laughter and sharing will be back.

Alicia Gilewski

Our August meeting is cancelled, and the next board meeting is September 15 at 6:30 pm in Room B in the Loutit Library (or Zoom).

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/ bdqusto@comcast.net

Since guest lectures and workshops are banned for the foreseeable future, we all find new resources to satisfy our creative urges. Some of these you may have already investigated. Check out the unfamiliar, please offer suggestions of your own that we can publish for others to explore and enjoy.

lorikennedyquilts.com—A FREE opportunity from the free-motion quilting diva— a 25-week free motion class based on her new book, 25 Days to Better Machine Quilting. The course began June 15, but it is an easy catchup. All the lessons are on her website. Post your progress on her Facebook page, Quilting with LKQ, for critique and shares with other participants.

suzyquilts.com Fresh, modern patterns from Suzy Williams, along with many useful tutorials and links to things she likes.

SewltsForSale@groups.io Advertise personal sewing items, including fabrics, patterns, machines, accessories, quilting tools, kits, books. Only personal items, no business sales, can be listed. You must join to be able to post or view posts. It is a very active site – postings appear and disappear like lightning.

thequiltshow.com Alex has just begun a Mystery Quilt-a-Long using Kaffe Fassett fabrics or your choice. Video lessons are M-W-F at 1 pm, recorded later to YouTube.

<http://www.timnatarr.com> Preview one of our guests for 2021 in an on-line workshop. Wendy did Stitched Mosaics, very professional and well worth the fee.

<https://www.swpea.com> Machine embroidery designs, some for quilts too.

Notes from the Board

Carol Keen and Jackie Baden

GUILD MEETING FOR AUGUST HAS BEEN CANCELLED. 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 Engel / 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 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.

Block Lotto

Amy Stuparits, Marianne Stuparits and Elizabeth Clark

The LQG Special Task force recently sent out a surprise project which consisted of making a paper pieced sailboat block. Everyone in the guild should have received the envelope in the mail with the pattern, a blue piece of paper and teal fabric with a single black piece folded inside. September 1st is the deadline to have them in to Marianne and Amy. If you would like to make a second block please put a little note in your return package then they can send you a second set of materials. So far they have not received many, only from 13 guild members so far (out of about 150 sent out!). **REMEMBER:** if you return your block you are entered for the block lotto drawing for a chance to win the set of 38 blocks including the quilt pattern and background fabric for setting triangles. **Hint:** if you return two blocks you have two chances to win!! Marianne and Amy are the members collecting them so if you have finished yours or have yet to finish please mail them back to **13627 Forest Park Dr., Grand Haven, MI 49417**. If you would like more information or have questions about the block please email Amy (Amy.stuparits1@gmail.com) or Elizabeth (elizakzoo@gmail.com). If you have already returned yours and/or asked for a new block to be sent to you thank you so much!



Please do not trim your block.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We have experienced a "spiking" of quilt production during this spring/summer period of sheltering in place. Over the past several years, we had a steady flow of donated quilts for our community outreach programs. But now we are receiving armloads of quilts every week -- beautiful quilts, colorful fabrics and wonderful workmanship. The people who do the quilt finishing -- longarm quilters and binding stitchers -- are kept busy and keep asking for more. The washing machines and dryer are running constantly and the color "catchers" prevent the occasional bleeding incident.

All that makes us happy to be part of this Guild while we are unable to meet safely in a group. And we feel there are a lot of members who are happy to be able to contribute their skills and to use their sewing and quilting talents for good. The nurses in the Maternal and Infant Health Program say that our quilts are so well received by the expectant mothers of our county. The Breast Clinic at North Ottawa Community Hospital loves having a shelf of beautiful quilts to ease the pain of patients who learn they have breast cancer. We get thank you letters from those women and one I remember well said she had always wanted to make a quilt, but work, family and life just got in the way. Selecting a quilt to comfort her, she said, inspired her to get well so she could learn to quilt. She would like to make a quilt for some woman, like her, who would be comforted also.

Just a little note to end this: we've introduced three new quilt kit patterns in the past couple of months. Two are on-point settings of simple blocks and one is a modern technique using mostly solid fabrics. Today I finished a new one from an old resource. We had a huge box of 2 -1/2" x 4-1/2" blocks of baby and kid fabrics, so these are paired with low-volume neutrals in a free quilt pattern called Puzzle Box. The design is from ChristaQuilts.com and you may want to try it out with your own fabrics. Or call for a kit.



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And don't miss the NEW online Zoom classes you can take from the comfort of your own sewing room!

Lakeshore Sewing

Discount for Guild Members

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

Offer not applicable to classes.

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"I wonder if the snow loves the
trees and fields,
that it kisses them so gently?
And then it covers them up
snug, you know,
with a white quilt,
and perhaps it says,
*"Go to sleep, darlings,
till the summer comes again."*

Lewis Carroll

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 06/30/2020**

	June	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.72	7.30	10.00
Membership Dues		1,075.00	3,000.00
Miscellaneous Income		6.00	300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income		588.00	500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income		45.00	100.00
Program Guest Fees		110.00	50.00
Program Income - Bus Trip		0.00	0.00
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		264.60	500.00
Workshop Income		2,475.00	4,000.00
Total Income	0.72	7,686.35	23,760.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		258.93	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses	(203.93)	1,310.75	1,000.00
Facility Rental			1,000.00
Hospitality Expenses		35.94	50.00
Library Expenses	(15.07)	106.41	300.00
Membership Expenses		106.99	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	(401.08)	412.08	100.00
Newsletter Expenses		391.80	600.00
Program Expenses	200.00	2,382.88	7,000.00
Program Expenses - Bus Trip	250.00	100.00	0.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		1,819.00	1,800.00
Quilt Show Expenses		1,198.21	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses		2,230.14	7,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses		187.38	500.00
Technology Expenses		21.17	750.00
Workshop Expense		2,275.00	4,000.00
Total Expenses	(170.08)	12,836.68	27,500.00
General Fund Balance	18,663.27	18,663.27	
Program Reserve Balance	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00	3,000.00	
	22,663.27	22,663.27	
LQG Assets as of 06/30/2020			
Checking	5,172.66		
outstanding checks	(124.00)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	17,584.61		
	<u>22,663.27</u>		



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All the humans with
muzzles!! Who did
they bite????!!!!



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Your August Lighthouse Quilt Guild Newsletter is here

Our August meeting has been cancelled.

What to Bring to the Next Meeting (when we are able to meet):

- ~ 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, September 15, 2020
Room B, Loutit District Library (or Zoom) at 6:30 pm

