



Lighthouse Beacon News

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September 2020

Dear Members of the Lighthouse Quilt Guild,

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

September 14, 2020 (cancelled)

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 Board Meeting

September 15 at 6:30 on Zoom

Next Newsletter Deadline

September 20, 2020

This letter is filled with two perspectives on the month of August belonging to Elizabeth Clark and *Kim Frisch*. Elizabeth's comments are first and then *Kim's will follow in italics*

Weather - We had lots of very hot and humid weather, making sewing seem quite uncomfortable. Who wants to sew together blocks that feel soggy? And ironing? No A/C in my house, so I retreat to the basement and catch up on fabric sorting and laundry. My ancient mangle sits idle -- it's even too hot for that. Now as we approach Labor Day, the humidity is gone and the temperature has gone down enough to allow for long pleasant sleep, the windows open for the lake breezes. *Elizabeth mentioned the heat and she was right. Over 90 degrees and with me commuting to our cottage every weekend makes it difficult to get any stitching in. Between staining our two decks and cottage, which is outside Gladwin, building a kayak stand and building a small beach-- hauling sand, who has time to stitch?*

Tourists - Without a Coast Guard Fest, the city was relatively quiet and the visitors weren't coming for parades, carnival, and greasy food vendors. We could find places to park and even to eat outside. Such a lovely town we live in, without all the glitz! *While at our cottage, we have no real "tourists" just family and us regular residents. ☺ Normally during this time, my husband or both of us, go to the cottage to get away from all the hub bub. This year we went up north to work our "buns" off!*

Family - There were lots of family members here and it was nice to see them, to share s'mores and campfires, to look at pictures old and new, and to remember summers stretching back as far as any of us could remember (and that's into the 1940's). Welcoming new members in a family wedding and enjoying the youngest member of our newest generation who turned seven in June prompted us to plan visits for next summer in hopes we will be seeing the end of this pandemic. *Our family usually goes in so many directions, we are lucky to get any time together. Throw in the COVID and us isolating up north, made it impossible. We are abiding to the rules of being "safe, a proper social distance, and masked!"*

Food - We are so sick of being family chef, even with beautiful farmer's market salads and lots of perfect sweet corn. A saving grace in our family is that the men and boys have the responsibility for kitchen clean-up after meals. It's nice to come down in the morning to a tidy counter and a mug of morning brew. *On the way to the lake, the fresh fruit and veggie stands have had so many wonderful items to pick from. I am starting to feel like turkey at Thanksgiving only with corn, tomatoes and cukes! How many more things can I do with those darn things, but I know I will miss the deliciousness of them all when the season is over.*

We miss seeing you all each month.... Just stay safe and healthy!

Elizabeth and Kim

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

Here's a collection of online classes and workshops coming up, offered virtually via Zoom or prerecorded lessons...no need to lug a heavy machine around and all your tools and fabric are at your fingertips. Please send suggestions of your own that we can publish for others to explore and enjoy.

Cherrywood is offering Zoom workshops led by owner Karla Overland: 4 hours of instruction, 4 yards of Cherrywood fabrics, 4 you with a \$100 fee. Next workshop is Cherry Roll Vine, a best seller, offered September 11. Several others still to be announced. Check their website for details and to enroll: cherrywoodfabrics.bigcartel.com.

Emily Taylor, The Collage Quilter, has a free owl pattern on her website and many YouTube videos to learn her technique. She also offers a number of inexpensive classes on line via Teachable. www.collagequilter.com/pages/free-owl-pattern.

Bonnie Hunter has a scrap quilting workshop on line Sept.11 to October 9. Learn from the scrap-quilting queen. You can download the workshop materials and work at your own pace. \$129. quiltingdaily.com

Cheryl Lynch, the creator of mini-mosaics, offers a number of patterns for small pieces and kits as well. The process is addictive and she has demos online. cherylynchquilts.com/home/html.

Lakeshore Sewing's Beth Ann Williams will teach a Zoom workshop on Quilting with the Walking Foot September 12 & 19, 9:30–12:00, \$35. Call the Grand Rapids store to register, 616-531-5561. Visit their website for more info and to download the supply list. lakeshoresewing.com

Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr of Modern Quilt Studio have a number of Zoom classes planned. Visit their website: <http://www.modernquiltstudio.com/online-lectures-classes/>

Notes from the Board

Carol Keen and Jackie Baden

GUILD MEETING FOR SEPTEMBER HAS BEEN CANCELED. 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.

We would love to hear from you with suggestions for more "Staying Connected" questions. Please submit your suggestions to Carol Keen at bckeen1@att.net and to Jackie Baden at jbaden@charter.net

Zoom Meetings for the Guild

Jackie Baden, Carol Keen & Alicia Gilewski

Seven members of the guild's board are investigating the possibility of using Zoom for our monthly meetings until we can meet again in person. The whole guild's board has met twice via Zoom so each has some experience with it. Many other guilds are using it successfully and are happy to be back together, at least virtually. A survey was recently sent to all of our members via email, and it will be very helpful if you would all take a few minutes to reply with your thoughts to that email. Our hope is to connect with members individually to assess their readiness to use Zoom and to guide them through the process of setting up a Zoom account, if necessary. Then, we will schedule a couple of test meetings so that everyone is comfortable with the process of attending a meeting via Zoom. We also plan to have a test of an actual guild meeting via Zoom for just the board members to work out that process.

We are hoping that this can all be completed in time to hold our regular October meeting via Zoom. We will need some additional helpers/cohosts for our Zoom guild meetings, so please let Alicia Gilewski (aliquil7491@gmail.com) or Chris Bussell (cmb1771@gmail.com) know if you are interested in helping.

Zoom Task Force committee - Carol Keen, Jackie Baden, Alicia Gilewski, Wendy Rice, Dianne Gustafson, and Chris Bussell

Let Chris, Carol, Jackie or Alicia know if you have any questions.

Sharing Some Thoughts

Jackie Baden and Carol Keen

LQG Board Subcommittee members Carol Keen, Jackie Baden, Wendy Rice, Dianne Gustafson, Alicia Gilewski and Chris Bussell met at Wendy's home to put together some ideas about LQG's future programming.

We have determined that most teachers are generally charging \$350 - \$500 for a 1 hour lecture, so discussions of using Zoom were the topic of interest. This will take some time to put together so we are hoping that you as members will get involved.

A special THANK YOU to those involved in the Sailboat Block Project; those who provided the material and each member who has made a block or more. Also, a THANK YOU to various board members who continue to do their jobs so this monthly newsletter is full of LQG news.

We sure would like to be able to have an open guild meeting again as we have had in the distant past, but there are still many limitations that won't allow us to meet. Hopefully, you enjoy reading the weekly *STAYING CONNECTED ...while we are apart* questions and answers. Your responses are always appreciated.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch

We want everyone to know that our Community Outreach projects have been going like gang busters and now nearly 60 baby quilts plus are lodged in Elizabeth's closet. We have been putting kits together and folks have been picking them up almost as fast as we can make them. Keep it up!

Community - We miss our guild meetings, but keep busy with the community outreach quilts that continue to flow smoothly. We hope there will be enough sailboats for a couple of drawings



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ARE YOU SAFE?

Is your fabric addiction a serious case?
Can you pass a quilt shop without stopping?
For the fabrics you buy, do you have enough space?
Is your life devoted to shopping?
If quilting is a new passion
Exposure to quilt shops and the fabrics therein
Is a thing the susceptible should ration.
Be sensible, strong and limit your visits
To these dens of textilean seduction.
Say 'No' now and then just to show that you can.
Claim you are practicing safe stash reduction.
It may well not help -- once you have been hooked
On the thrill of the fabric chase,
Nothing can quite compare to the feeling you get
When your acquisitions are home and in place.

[Jacquie Scuitto. aka The Muse](http://quiltmuse.blogspot.com/)
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**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 07/31/2020**

	July	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.74	8.04	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	(20.00)	2,290.00	7,000.00
Take a Chance Income		264.60	500.00
Workshop Income	(35.00)	2,475.00	4,000.00
Total Income	(54.26)	7,687.09	23,760.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		258.93	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses		1,310.75	1,000.00
Facility Rental			1,000.00
Hospitality Expenses		35.94	50.00
Library Expenses		106.41	300.00
Membership Expenses		106.99	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	(335.95)	748.03	100.00
Newsletter Expenses		391.80	600.00
Program Expenses		2,382.88	7,000.00
Program Expenses - Bus Trip		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	(335.95)	13,172.63	27,500.00
General Fund Balance	18,273.06		
Program Reserve Balance	1,000.00		
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00		
	22,273.06		
LQG Assets as of 07/31/2020			
Checking	4,732.71		
outstanding checks	(75.00)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	17,585.35		
	22,273.06		



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SHARING YOUR STORY

How many of you enjoy reading our cover articles each month. It would be wonderful to hear your story.

Please consider submitting an article for future newsletters, sharing your history, your story, your interests and what you enjoy about quilting and the guild.

We would love to hear from you. Please contact Jackie or Carol.



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Your September Lighthouse Quilt Guild Newsletter is here

Our September 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 on Zoom at 6:30 pm

