



# Lighthouse Beacon News

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October 2020

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Welcome to October!

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

October 12, 2020 (Zoom)

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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Alicia Gilewski

### Vendors

Wendy Rice & Dianne Gustafson

### Webpage Manager

Chris Bussell

### Next Board Meeting

November 17 at 6:30 on Zoom

### Next Newsletter Deadline

October 20, 2020

It is the time of year when the earth shows her colors, shows us she still has order, ignoring our stay-at-home and mask mandates. These days I know it is the earth's colors that will ground me. I am always mindful of it whether it is in my yard, or someone's skin tone / eyes / hair color, or trim on new houses, or the leggings and top a woman wears to the farmers' market. And of course the fabric I choose to use in my sewing. It is what inspires me first to make something. "I feel like using green. What do I want to make?" Because I do not think of color as my strong suit when sewing, I have used ideas from others to build my knowledge of what goes together well. (Fair warning: I make what I like, AND I have used colors that are true hues, I've seldom used tints or shades or pastels.)

I like what Mary Coyne Penders says in her *COLOR AND CLOTH*, 1989: "*Knowing with color means doing with cloth.* When a quilter declares, 'I just don't have a very good color sense,' she means first of all she has difficulty identifying color as it occurs in cloth, and second, with combining color and cloth effectively." Boy, does she have me pegged. She says fabric is my medium of expression just as my artist friend uses her paints. So I start with the color wheel. But when I now look at color, I work to see the fabric as a pure color or one lighter than the pure color such as with white added (a tint) or darker than the pure color such as with black added (a shade). McKelvey and Wickell in *QUILTING AND COLOR MADE EASY*, 2002, call that *value*. That alone has opened my eyes to why some fabrics just sing together.

Both books are designed to be used as workbooks, using my own fabrics pasted up to see relationships between fabrics as they go around the color wheel. Trouble with that is that my stash is not static, fabric goes in and out, and I want to get to sewing, not do any bookwork. But reading and looking at examples has made a difference for me. I think I am becoming more aware of how I react to various colors based on past lived experiences (why I avoid black), emotional responses to certain colors (my mother's favorites), and accepting the fact I do not pay attention to fads (remember when mauve was the rage?).

Finally, a suggestion that has made a difference for me is that if a quilt looks less spectacular than I want it to, add a dash of the main color's complement - the color directly across from it on the color wheel.

Linda Engel

## 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)

For the rest of the year, meetings will be held on the regular second Monday of each month via Zoom. We will open the meeting at 6:30 for a social half-hour to reconnect with quilting friends.

During the brief business meeting at 7 pm, members will be muted to allow officers and chairpersons to make their reports.

### **October 12, 2020**

**Program: Bloom Challenge Quilts** Co-President Carol Keen has prepared a Power-Point presentation of the challenge quilts, their creators, and new owners. Remember 2 fabric fat quarters swapped, create a small original quilt or table runner with flowers, buds or blossoms displayed in an uneven number. You won't want to miss this!

### **November 9, 2020**

**Program: Colossal Show and Tell.** Members will have the chance to share their screens to show something made during our months of lockdown and say a few words about their creations. Zoom makes it easy to share and everyone has a front-row seat.

### **December 14, 2020**

**Program:** For December we are planning a very different type of program, it is called *cartonnage*. **Claudia Squio of Grand Haven** will do a virtual lecture and workshop, Many of you may have seen her at AQS and our own Quilt Show. She is very proficient with Zoom. Visit her website: <https://www.colorwayarts.com/> Wendy has made several cartonnage items, a multi-sectioned box, fabric-covered notebooks, and ornaments. "Not always in love with gluing, I much prefer stitching, I love the way Claudia has you glue fabric to cardboard without gluing your fingers together. She has a special technique for corners that make your project look so good. I really hope that some of you will be excited about this project. She has free online classes that would help you become familiar with her technique."

**Workshop:** Tuesday, December 15, a 3-hour Zoom workshop, time TBD. We will make a notebook cover that would be a lovely Christmas gift—or one to keep for yourself!

## **OTHER ONLINE LEARNING YOU MAY HAVE MISSED**

**Mancuso Pacific International Quilt Festival** online: [quiltfest.com](http://quiltfest.com) More than 30 of the luminaries in the quilting world offering classes via Zoom October 14-17. Some are bargain-priced!



Immerse yourself in Jane Austen. **A Chawton Cottage Romance**, a free quilt-along sponsored by Riley Blake Fabrics and [quiltingdaily.com](http://quiltingdaily.com). Seven video lessons and the pattern are free for a limited time, led by Kate Colleran.

Art quilter, author and shop owner, **Jean Wells** of the reknowned *Stitchin'Post* in Sisters, OR, has a **Mini Mystery Quilt** series. You get an emailed pattern, fabric suggestions, questions answered and coaching for 3 months. [stitchinpost.com](http://stitchinpost.com)

## From the Officers

As officers of Lighthouse Quilt Guild, we have been meeting often to assure that matters of the LQG are being handled well. We are so pleased to share the decisions and progress of various guild matters.

### MEMBERSHIP **DUES**

reminder: The board has decided that the dues paid for 2019 -2020 year will extend through August 31, 2021.

A sincere THANK YOU to the many guild members who completed **SAILBOAT BLOCKS**. Amy and Marianne Stuparits report that there are enough for two sets of 38 blocks each, which would be used to complete a quilt. The drawing for the two winners of those sets of blocks will be held at the October Guild Meeting



THANKS Alicia Gilewski and Chris Bussell for acquainting guild members with Zoom. Happiness is ...**LQG GUILD MEETING via Zoom on Monday, October 12.** Dianne Gustafson and Wendy Rice of Programs have arranged for an interesting program that evening. Be sure to ZOOM IN and attend

The Board has decided to begin offering a **DOOR PRIZE** with a value of \$25 at each meeting to members, but not to guests. Each prize will be an item(s) directly related to quilting. Kathy Schripsema, the new Registrar, and Marcia Knorr both of whom are on the Welcoming Committee will handle the drawing of the winning name beginning at the October 12 meeting. The prize will be mailed to the winner.



## QUILT CHALLENGE

**LQG OFFICERS QUILT CHALLENGE** As officers, we are providing an opportunity to work with fellow guild members to create six 12 1/2" unfinished blocks for each other. We are hoping for a good participation.

**BLOOMS and BLOOMERS** On Monday, September 14, most of the 21 participants of the BLOOM Challenge met near the Grand River and each gave her BLOOM to the one whose two fat quarters were used to create that project.



## **Zoom Meetings for the Guild**

As you have read, our October meeting will be over Zoom. Thanks to all of you who participated in our test meetings. If you were not able to participate in one of those meetings, want to attend the October meeting and have not yet used Zoom, please contact either Alicia Gilewski ([aligil7492@gmail.com](mailto:aligil7492@gmail.com)) or Chris Bussell ([cmb1771@gmail.com](mailto:cmb1771@gmail.com)) for a one-on-one practice meeting. We also may need some additional helpers/cohosts for our Zoom guild meetings, so please let Alicia or Chris 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.

## **Zoom Tips**

**Alicia Gilewski**

By now most of you have participated in a Zoom meeting or two; or, maybe you haven't. Here are a few tips and tricks along with some etiquette pointers to help everyone have a great Zoom experience.

Before the Meeting:

- Test your technology—this includes camera/video on your smart device, Wi-Fi access, and screen sharing (if you are the host or presenter).
- Practice speaking to the camera—not to the screen. Remember most of us are not naturals in front of the camera and it takes practice to become comfortable.
- Turn off all notification—if you are using your cell phone or tablet for the meeting turn off notifications before entering the meeting.
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Zoom Meeting Participants:

- Be on time—arrive a little early and wait for the meeting to begin.
- Speak up upon entry—just to make sure not to interrupt someone mid-sentence.
- Mute yourself when not talking—click the “mute” microphone option located in the bottom left hand corner.
- Be present and attentive—don't stare at your phone or surroundings, don't type in the background. It may be tempting to check your inbox or carry on a side conversation during a dull moment in a meeting (we don't have those), but don't do it! You may miss out on a key information or an opportunity to give input.
- Be respectful—raise your hand. If you want to speak, physically raise your hand or use the “raise hand” feature that is available in the participant panel
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Video Conferencing Etiquette

- Be courteous to other participants
- Speak clearly
- Keep body movements minimal
- Move and gesture slowly and naturally
- Maintain eye contact by looking into the camera
- Dress appropriately
- Make the session animated
- Be yourself and have fun.

## **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 one 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.

## **Membership**

**Kathy Schripsema**

It has been decided by the Board that there will be no assessment of membership fees for the 2020-2021 year.

## **Community Outreach**

**Elizabeth Clark and Kim Frisch**

### **Baby Quilt Project**

The baby quilts keep rolling in from our members. Elizabeth sews labels and washes all the quilts in Orvus quilt soap, using a Shout Color Catcher to prevent color "bleeding" problems. Then they are machine-dried and packed in sets of eight (8) for storage. Right now, there are 72+ quilts ready for distribution by Ottawa County Maternal and Infant Health. That means we made over 213 baby quilts in our "program year" (September 2019 through August 2020). Thanks to all the members who made those quilts!

### **Breast Cancer Comfort Quilts**

The quilts made for the Breast Center come in two ways -- some are quilt tops pieced from kits or the maker's pattern and need to be machine-quilted by one of our volunteers who does long-arm quilting -- others are completely finished by a member. Either way, we have seen a steady flow of quilts over this "lock-down" period.. We try to have about seven (7) quilts so the clients can select from a nice range of colors, styles, and patterns. At this time, the Center is well-stocked and we have about 25 quilts in reserve or awaiting binding.

### **Habitat for Humanity Quilts**

There are five (5) quilts ready for distribution to new homeowners through Habitat for Humanity.

If any of our members would like to make a quilt using one of our kits, we have them available for either baby quilts or breast comfort quilts. Call or text Elizabeth or Kim to arrange pick-up or delivery.

## GUILD FABRIC/BOUTIQUE SALE!!!

Amy Stuparits and Leslie Johnson

We are having a Guild Fabric/Boutique sale on Friday, October 9th and Saturday, October 10th. We are currently not accepting drop offs/donations due to the fact we want to try and clear storage space for next year's guild show and want to really sell all the great stuff we have from this summer's show that didn't happen. We are hoping to invite Big Red Quilt Guild in Holland and PALS in Muskegon and public possibly after the time we have set aside for LQG members. The new restrictions from the governor now allow 20 people inside a gathering at a time so if we have more than that come at once we will have a line outside, if it's cold, we will do something like take cell phone numbers so you can stay in your car to be warm. As mandated we are expecting everyone to wear a face mask/covering. If there are any questions please call/email: Amy Stuparits (616) 502-1857 / [Amy.stuparits1@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.stuparits1@gmail.com)

Information is as follows:

When: Friday October 9th & Saturday, October 10th

Location: Grand River Sailing Club ([219 N Harbor Dr., Grand Haven](#))

Times: Friday 11am-4pm (open for LQG members ONLY), 4pm-7pm open to all  
Saturday 9am-3pm open to all



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LQG Oct. 2020

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report  
as of 08/31/2020**

	August	Year to Date	Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Community Outreach Income		447.45	300.00
Interest Income	0.74	8.78	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
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.74</b>	<b>7,687.83</b>	<b>23,760.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
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	(40.29)	147.28	150.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		748.03	100.00
Newsletter Expenses	(55.00)	446.80	600.00
Program Expenses	(856.41)	3,239.29	7,000.00
Program Expenses - Bus Trip	100.00	0.00	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	(9.74)	197.12	500.00
Technology Expenses	(158.89)	180.06	750.00
Workshop Expense		2,275.00	4,000.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(1,020.33)</b>	<b>14,192.96</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>17,308.47</b>		
<b>Program Reserve Balance</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>Equipment Reserve Balance</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>		
	<b>21,308.47</b>		
LQG Assets as of 08/31/2020			
Checking		4,757.71	
outstanding checks		(1,065.33)	
Petty Cash (Membership)		30.00	
Savings		17,586.09	
		<u>21,308.47</u>	



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

Our October meeting will be with Zoom (a new adventure).

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, November 17, 2020  
Room B, Loutit District Library (or Zoom ) at 6:30 pm

