



Lighthouse Beacon News

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July 2021

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

July 12, 2021 (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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Next Board Meeting

July 20, 2021 at 6:30 on Zoom

Next Newsletter Deadline

July 20, 2021

Three Sisters Quilting

It was the middle sister, Nancy who brought our older sister, Sue and me into the world of quilting. It all began on a beautiful fall day in the UP. On Saturday, Nan took Sue and me to her favorite quilt store in Iron Mountain. While sitting outside the shop eating lunch, we began to discuss Christmas gifts for our hard-to-buy for parents. It wasn't hard to decide upon a quilt for our father for Christmas. We went back into the shop, bought the fabric and hurried back to Nan's to wash, cut and distribute the fabric before Sue and I headed back down state on Sunday morning. About 10:00 Saturday night, we laid out the cut pieces of the quilt only to discover we didn't like the way it looked. We scrambled and it was well after midnight when we had revised the quilt to our satisfaction. We each took a portion of the quilt home to sew. We mailed fabric back and forth. It was a tight time line for us but we completed the quilt by Christmas.

The quilt was a huge success. Our father loved it and our mother made it quite clear she wanted one too. We assured her we would make her one for next Christmas. That wasn't soon enough for her. So again, we scrambled and had the quilt completely done by our mother's oldest granddaughter's wedding in early April. By now, the three of us were hooked on quilting.

When our mother became terminally ill, the three of us, as well as our mother's sister, Jean, all gathered to care for her in the last few weeks of her life. Our mother voiced concerns about the family staying connected but quickly realized our quilting would keep us together. And so it has. Less than a year after our mother's death, my sisters and I, Aunt Jean, our cousin Marg (Jean's daughter) and our handsome men folk all gathered for our first annual tradition of a family quilting retreat. For five days we laughed, ate and even sewed. Word spread amongst the family and each year more family members participated until we capped out at nine quilters, five children, six handsome men and one wide eyed observer. Cousins, children and spouses all wanted to partake in the fun of making quilts (or maybe just the eating).

The first year or two of the family quilting retreat we took classes and worked on our own projects. That quickly changed as we began to make quilts as gifts and give-aways. We made wedding quilts, baby quilts, thank you quilts, friendship quilts. It's amazing how quickly a quilt can come together when there are eight sewing machines, two irons and many busy hands. We almost always had a quilt completed by the end of the five days. Only once did we have to re-design the quilt at a late hour as we did with our very first quilt.

With my aunt's declining health and COVID, we've been unable to gather as a quilting family the last couple of years. However, my sisters and I and our extended family continue to discuss, design, re-design and sew quilts. Our mother was right. Like a well-made quilt, quilting has kept us together. We look forward to when we can gather, in person, once again, to laugh, eat and maybe even sew together.

Priscilla Taylor
LQG Member

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Wendy Rice & Dianne Gustafson

Until we can safely meet in person again, our meetings will be held on the second Monday of each month via Zoom. Every LQG member will receive an email invitation prior to each meeting. Please check your email to be sure of correct time. We usually open the meeting at 6:15 for a social visit with friends. During the brief business meeting at 7 pm, members will be muted to allow officers and chairpersons to make their reports.

Apologies to those members who joined our June 14 regular meeting to hear Patricia Belyea of Okan Arts. She was embarrassed to have missed our agreed on time, out in the fields in eastern Washington State, transplanting Indigo seedlings with her husband. See below for the new date that Patricia will graciously give her presentation to our guild free of charge.

June 28, 2021 6 pm via Zoom. NOTE EARLY TIME

Program: Patricia Belyea, teacher, author, shop owner of Seattle-based Okan Arts, specializing in imported Japanese textiles, including yukata cottons. In addition, she designs innovative quilts and is noted for the unique curved piecing featured in her book, *East Meets West*. Patricia will take us on an insider tour of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival. Her virtual tour continues to a traditional *chusen*-dyeing workshop to explain the hand-dyeing process for yukata fabric. Patricia finishes with a show of her own quilts made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspire her. We'll be sure to ask her about the plans she has for her current crop of Indigo plants. website: <http://www.okanarts.com>.



July 12, 2021

Program: Debbie Maddy, Tiori Designs, Zoom Lecture: Shibori Dyeing. Her lecture will be a combination slide presentation and trunk show. The slide presentation will be of her Shibori experiences in Japan and the US, followed by a trunk show of her collection of hand-dyed fabrics and quilts made from Shibori fabrics. She has studied with prestigious artists in Japan, England and the US. Debbie designs patterns for quilts made from Shibori fabrics, and is a fabric designer for Moda. <http://www.debbiemaddy.com>



August 9, 2021

Program: Presentation of Challenge Quilts. The blocks were chosen from Moda's Blockheads II collection, created over six months with each participant's supplied fabric and finally assembled into an original quilt design by each owner. Amy Stuparits and Jill Highhill have collected pictures of quilts made by guildmembers and made them into a Power Point for a Virtual 2021 LQG Quilt Show. It will be shown that evening.

September 13, 2021

Program: Ann Shaw, Visualizing Quilts. Ann is an art quilter with a unique method of using freezer paper for success with her colorful, intricate designs.

Visit OUR website for more information:

<http://www.lighthousequilters.org> and Ann's website to see more of her work: <http://www.annshawquilting.com>.

Zoom Workshop: Foliage, Sept. 14 and 16 (tentative). There are still openings in this workshop, taught in two sessions, \$50 plus pattern. We will open this to PALS in July, as this is our usual joint meeting.



Information on these and future programs are on the website along with pictures and information of past programs and gatherings. <http://www.lighthousequilters.org>

Other opportunities you might want to check out:

Jennifer Sampou has made her reputation designing with ombre fabrics and offers a new class on her Octagon Shimmer quilt July 5-6, open to all. See pictures of the quilt and all particulars at: <http://www.jennifersampou.com>

Creative Spark teacher **Judy Gauthier** has a self-directed class titled "Transform Your Scraps: Treasure Box Blocks," discounted to \$49.99 until July 15. <http://www.creativespark.ctpub.com>

Essential Math for Quilters, taught by Donna Mae Norris at Quilting Daily runs for five weeks beginning July 7 for the bargain price of \$15 (and an early registration additional discount). Bring pencil, paper and calculator and learn to change block sizes, calculate fabric yardage, design borders that fit, and much more. <http://www.quiltingdaily.com>.

Tips and Tricks

Dottie DeGlopper

1. Save your slivers of bar soap and use them instead of a marking pen. The thinner the better. This is particularly good on dark fabrics and the soap is easily brushed off or washed off.
2. If you have looked at your partly finished or completely finished quilt too much, any errors are probably not obvious. Instead, stand back and hold it in front of a large mirror and the look is different. The pattern will pop out and any distortions will probably show up.

POTTAWATTOMIE MONDAYS!

Our next in-person monthly gathering will be Monday, July 19th at Pottawattomie Park in Grand Haven. We will continue to meet the third Monday of each month through September. This will be in addition to our usual guild meetings on the second Monday of each month. This will be a chance to see each other face to face in a socially responsible way, as we hopefully move our way towards more "normal" social gatherings. We have rented Shelter #1 at the park for the following days, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. This is a chance to drop off finished quilts for Community Outreach or to pick up kits or other supplies.

Monday, July 19
Monday, August 16
Monday, September 20

Parking is free and there are tables at the covered picnic shelter. You are welcome to bring your own chairs and non-alcoholic beverages. Wear your guild name tag. We envision this as a time to get re-acquainted with each other, to have some "show and tell" time, to check out some of our library books, and to just have fun. The park is located on 15600 Comstock Street, east of the airport. From US 31, turn east onto Comstock Street which runs between Meijer's and Walmart. Please put these dates on your calendar – rain or shine! If you have any CRAZY QUILTS, do take them along for additional Show 'n Tell.

Big Red Quilters' Guild

Big Red Quilters' Guild is excited to present Rayna Gillman. She has taught internationally helping quilters improvise and create original quilts without patterns. Author of "Create Your Own Improv Quilts" & "Create Your Own Free Form Quilts" her August 16 lecture is entitled "What If?". She will present two workshops:

"No Strings Attached" on Tuesday, August 17th and "Cinderella Quilts: Everything Old Is New Again" on August 18th.

Cost for each class: \$30 for members, \$35 for non-members

Location: Tiara Yachts, 725 E. 40th St. Holland, MI; this will allow ample room at the meeting and workshop venue to safely social distance.

For more information, please visit Bigredquiltersguild.org or email at bigredquiltersguild@gmail.com.



Here are the specifics for July which we officers have planned for the 2021 LQG Challenge.



PUT STARS IN YOUR EYES

It will be a medallion quilt with borders around it with a maximum finished size up to 50" X 50".

DESIGN ELEMENT for July 2021: THIRD BORDER

Be creative and design a "quiet border" in whatever way your quilt calls for a border that is less busy, less noisy. Challenge yourself! Seriously consider what width will enhance that quietness we are asking you to add. Remember to consider proportion and variety when deciding on this border's width.

The design element for JUNE : THE SECOND BORDER -WITH THE WIDTH OF YOUR CHOICE
-BE CREATIVE USING 3D techniques, etc. See the June Beacon News for many ideas.

The design element for May: THE FIRST BORDER WITH THE WIDTH OF YOUR CHOICE
- BE CREATIVE USING GEOMETRIC UNITS -lines -rectangles -triangles -circles -rhombus -trapezoid

The design element for April: THE CENTER WILL BE A SQUARE QUILT BLOCK WITH A STAR PATTERN OF YOUR CHOICE. THE FINISHED BLOCK NEEDS TO MEASURE BETWEEN 8" and 12".

This will be an individual project, not a pass-it-on type project. We have made arrangements for Show 'n Tell and to personally interact with each other on our Pottawattamie Mondays. We hope to see you on Monday, July 19 from 6:00 -8:30 PM. See article in newsletter for details on Pottawattamie Mondays- where - when -why- who



We encourage all members to participate because there is a level appropriate to everyone. This project will begin in April and finish in October. It will be a medallion quilt; Information for each border will be given in The Beacon News every month. We are giving you **wings to fly** using your creative ideas as seen in your choices of different patterns, fabrics, colors, designs and techniques which may be new to you.



We guesstimate that you will need 6+ coordinating fabrics using neutrals, solids, prints, etc.; batiks would also work well. You might need up to 1/2 yard of each fabric. You can add fabrics as you go if needed. It will be okay for you to join this challenge at any time you wish to do so.



PLEASE NOTIFY LINDA ENGEL, the guild's secretary, that you are going to participate in this challenge: engelangel@frontier.com or 213-773-6620. Feel free to contact her if you have any questions or concerns.



Until then. Carol, Barb, Linda

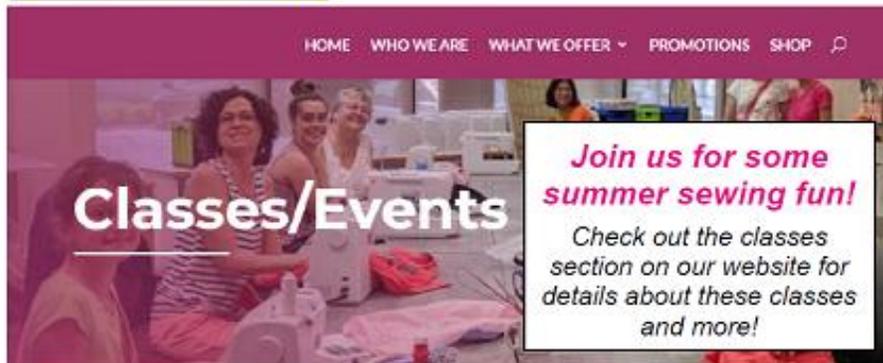


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Classes/Events

Join us for some summer sewing fun!

Check out the classes section on our website for details about these classes and more!

July Classes in Muskegon include:

- 7/5 Boxy Tote Bag with J'Ann
- 7/8 Custom Labels with Julie
- 7/8 Beginning Skill Builder Series
- 7/12 Embroidery Social with Judy
- 7/15 Kathy's Embroidery Club with Kathy
- 7/22 Computer to Stick with Julie
- 7/24 BQ3 Quilt with J'Ann

In Wyoming:

- 7/8 Monster Quilt with J'Ann
- 7/13 Learn a New Block Technique with J'Ann
- 7/15 Tool Tote with J'Ann
- 7/17 Coronet Club with J'Ann (also in Muskegon on 7/20)
- 7/23 Quilting with Rulers with J'Ann



Discount for Guild Members

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

Valid through July 31, 2021

Offer not applicable to classes.

LQG July 2021

FOR SALE

I have two solid, custom made, Cherry display cabinets, originally designed for displaying handmade quilts, but can be used for all collectables. The base is 17.5" deep, 43.5" wide and 82" high. The shelves are adjustable, the drawers are full extension and the glass is Conservation Clear Glass -99% of the harmful UV light is blocked.

\$950 or the best offer for each of them.

Dick Darby (from Holland) 616-218-4372, dickdarby@sbcglobal.net
(a friend of Carol Keen)



SALE

I am selling my collections of wool fabric, patterns, kits and Primitive Gatherings magazines with full size patterns. I have bags of scraps which are great for small circles and accents, charm packs, fat eights and larger pieces for backgrounds. Please email, call or text me for more information.

klbandstra@gmail.com,
616-566-0182

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 5/31/2021**

	May	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income			300.00
Interest Income	0.53	6.23	10.00
Membership Dues	20.00	55.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Income		120.00	300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income		22.00	500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income			0.00
Program Guest Fees	10.00	10.00	0.00
Quilt Show Income		1,048.45	6,500.00
Retreat Income			3,500.00
Special Projects Income			1,000.00
Take a Chance Income			250.00
Workshop Income		570.00	2,000.00
Total Income	30.53	1,831.68	14,860.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses	(21.37)	(400.37)	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses		(375.31)	1,000.00
Facility Rental			500.00
Hospitality Expenses			25.00
Library Expenses		(150.64)	300.00
Membership Expenses	(134.73)	(349.26)	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		(450.00)	100.00
Newsletter Expenses		(266.00)	600.00
Program Expenses	(400.00)	(1,320.00)	5,000.00
Quilt Show Expenses		(212.54)	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses			3,500.00
Special Projects Expenses		(265.00)	2,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses	(22.24)	(22.24)	500.00
Technology Expenses		(47.20)	1,000.00
Workshop Expense		(1,000.00)	2,000.00
Total Expenses	(578.34)	(4,858.56)	20,075.00
General Fund Balance		14,281.59	
Program Reserve Balance		1,000.00	
Equipment Reserve Balance		3,000.00	
		18,281.59	
LQG Assets as of 5/31/2021			
Checking	5,702.88		
outstanding checks	(43.61)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	12,592.32		
	<u>18,281.59</u>		



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Jemma Norkoli, a young teenager, and Donna VanderBroek over 90 years of age represent the youngest member and the oldest member of Lighthouse Quilt Guild. Both of them continue to be active in quilting in various ways. The guild is proud to have each of you as members!



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Your July Lighthouse Quilt Guild Newsletter is here

Our July meeting will be with Zoom.

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, July 20, 2021

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

