



Lighthouse Beacon News

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September 2021

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

September 13, 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

September 21, 2021 at 6:30 on Zoom

Next Newsletter Deadline

September 20, 2021

Three Generations of Quilters

It may be strange to see a family with three generations of quilters all sewing together, but I can assure you that our story is not that much different than many of yours. My mom taught me to sew when I was around 7 years old and I taught my kids. I was lucky. Today, so often both parents work and there is little time left over for sewing. My mom was a stay-at-home mom and I was able to be a homeschooling mom.

Before tackling the sewing machine, I learned to sew by hand. I remember sewing yarn through punched holes around the exterior of simple felt and leather shapes like stars and trees that were stuffed to make Christmas ornaments. Later I remember making tights that I wore to dance and gymnastics. Believe it or not, I also wore tights skiing. I don't remember feeling cold, but my friends and I were clearly visible on the hills.

Once I had kids of my own, I taught all three of them to sew. Jaela, my oldest daughter (currently age 20) really liked making dance costumes and clothes for her stuffed polar bear. She went on to sew approximately eight quilts when she was between the ages of 8-13. I had only completed two quilts at that time and I would be embarrassed to show them to you today. Therefore, Jaela taught herself quilting techniques by experimenting and reading quilting books.

My son Jace had little interest in sewing so only learned the basics before moving onto raising his own chickens.

Like Jaela, Jemma enjoyed sewing and is extremely proficient. When she was 5 years old and Grandma Jill was visiting, they decided to sew a dress together. After selecting a pattern and fabric, Grandma Jill went upstairs to use the bathroom. When she returned, Jemma exclaimed that she had the dress all cut out. Jemma was not afraid of sewing then and she is still not afraid today.

Since Jemma was homeschooled and we lived near Grandma Jill, we had the time and resources to build sewing into our curriculum. For three years, we spent Wednesday mornings sewing together at Grandma Jill's house. The first year our focus was learning to sew by making projects. We made pillows on the serger, table runners with cording and piping, paper pieced Christmas trees and more. My only rule was that if it was part of school, the project had to expand on our current skills by incorporating a new technique or tool. The second year we mastered embroidery techniques by each making a Jenny Haskins Elegant Elements quilt, and the third year we focused on clothes. During those three years, we expanded our skills by learning new techniques together. Today Jemma creates her own patterns, designs her own quilts and digitizes her own embroidery designs.

If you think back to when you learned to sew, you were likely mentored by a parent, aunt, or loving adult that you spent hours sewing with. The key to building generations of quilters is simply finding a child that likes to create and then spending time sewing together.

Julie Norkoli

LQG Member

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Wendy Rice & Dianne Gustafson

Over 50 members braved a rainy August 9 evening to celebrate the reopening of our in-person meetings at the Church of the Dunes. We wore masks for everyone's safety and were socially-distanced in our seating arrangements, but had a great time visiting with friends. Amy Stuparits presented the Virtual Quilt Show submitted by guild members and announced the winners of the Viewers' Choice awards in online voting. Many thanks to Amy for a beautiful presentation.

The 30 members who participated in last October's Officers' Challenge shared their creativity, displaying finished projects made from Moda Blockheads II squares assigned for the challenge.

Hospitality chairs Monica and Jean furnished an appetizing assortment of wrapped snacks and cold drinks, and our familiar "Take a Chance" was back once more.

September 13, 2021

Program: Ann Shaw, Visualizing Quilts. We are back to Zoom for Ann's lecture. She is an art quilter from Washington State with a unique method of using freezer paper to create 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", taught in two sessions: Sept. 14 and 16, 1pm -4pm., \$50 plus pattern. There are four pattern choices in the Foliage Collection: Maple, Red Oak, Gingko and Ti. Openings are still available and patterns for purchase: wendyrice49@gmail.com. In addition to chosen fabrics, you will need an 18-inch square of freezer paper, a Sharpie Ultrafine marker, and colored pencils.



October 11, 2021

Program: Officers' Challenge "Put Stars in Your Eyes." This will be an in-person meeting at the Church of the Dunes, presenting the Medallion quilts created for the latest Officers' Challenge. A festive new challenge will be introduced this evening. We are asking you to bring change in dollar bills to participate.

November 8, 2021

Program: Timna Tarr, "What if?" Lecture (via Zoom)

Join innovative modern quilter, Timna Tarr, as she explores the question of "what if?" while she is working. Those two small words often lead her to new quilts, which then put her on the path to creating both accidental and planned series of work. Timna will also discuss what a series is and why it is important for quilters to consider working with one in mind. Visit her website to view her fresh, original style. <http://www.timnatarr.com>

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

Tips and Tricks

Dottie DeGlopper

1. If you have inferior thread and hesitate to throw it out, wind it on some bobbins and mark the bobbins with a dab of red nail polish. Use for basting your fabric.
2. When sewing the quilt sandwich together and leaving an opening for turning, put two pins at the starting point and two pins at the ending point. Be sure to back stitch at these areas.

Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark & Kim Frisch

A few days ago, Lake Michigan "turned over," bringing the icy deep water up to the surface where it shocked a lot of swimmers. Something similar happened to our baby quilt supply. Ottawa County Infant and Maternal Health Program brought in a new Director, Maria Alvarez de Lopez, to head up the team of nurses who help mothers of at-risk babies. Maria was delighted with our program -- so she brought Devon Stewart along when they visited my home a week ago. They picked up 96 baby quilts. Maria said, "Those quilts are not just for a child to play with, they are keepsakes." She told me of a 24-year-old mother who brought out the quilt she had received as an infant and it has a place of honor in her new baby's room. She wants all our members who make the quilts to enjoy the warmth, happiness, and gratitude from those new mothers.

We already have more than 30 quilts that you have turned in at our summer meetings. If you are interested in participating in our Community Outreach team, please call Elizabeth Clark (616 212-0844) or Barb Wexall (616 607-2161).

POTTAWATTOMIE MONDAYS!

Our next in-person monthly gathering will be Monday, September 20, at Pottawattomie Park in Grand Haven. This will be our 5th and final outdoor meeting for the year. We have had a great response to these meetings and have had a lot of fun. If you have not joined us yet at the Park, please try to come in September. We will meet at Shelter #1, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

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. Visit with each other, bring your latest projects for "show and tell" time, check out some of our library books, and just have fun. This is also a chance to drop off finished quilts for Community Outreach or to pick up kits or other supplies.

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. Come – rain or shine!

LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD CONTINUES TO THRIVE

Lighthouse Quilt Guild continues to thrive in many ways with our members being involved in various activities. There have been up to 55 members in attendance at the gatherings at Pottawattomie Park. There is always a wonderful Show 'n Tell of beautiful quilts that have been completed over this year. Marianne presented various new books that have been added to the guild's library collection. Also, the 13 + members who are working on their medallion / border challenges share their developing projects. Often they comment *It has been quite a challenge to get this next border to work for me.* A few participants have even started over more than once. Check out the guild's Blog to see many photos.

The in-person guild meeting on August 9 was attended by 53 members including two new members - Marcia VanderBroek and Judi Hetzel. Members were treated to a Power Point presentation of the Virtual Quilt Show as prepared by Amy Stuparits. Most of the 30 participants of the Officer's Challenge showed their completed projects of placemats, table runners or even lap size quilts. Of the members who turned in their sheets which recorded their "*projects worked on and projects completed*", the top eight each received a charm pack. Marie Huyge won the grand prize of a layer cake of fabric by Debbie Maddy. Monica and Jean of the Hospitality Committee had so many yummy treats set out to enjoy. The following were elected as officers for the coming year:

Co-Chairs: Carol Keen and Susan Yancer-Hatcher Secretary: Linda Engel Treasurer: Barb Dryer

Six members have volunteered to serve on three different committees. Their names will be shared at the board meeting on September 21 and at the October guild meeting.

The total number of those who paid their dues to date is 79. You will be able to pay your dues in person at Pottawattomie Park on September 20 or at the in-person guild meeting on October 11.

If you wish, you can cut out and complete the registration form below and send that in. Those who have not paid their dues by October 20 will no longer be considered a member and will not receive any emails or newsletters from the guild.

Lighthouse Quilt Guild Membership Form

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Email newsletter: Yes _____ No _____ Birthday month: _____

1. Dues are \$20 if newsletter is sent via email. Dues are \$25 if newsletter is sent via USPS mail.
2. Make check or money order (no cash) payable to Lighthouse Quilt Guild for appropriate amount
3. Send this form, check or money order, AND self-addressed stamped envelope for your membership card and receipt Mail to: Lighthouse Quilt Guild PO Box 852 Grand Haven, MI 49417

Officers: Carol Keen, Susan Yancer-Hatcher, Linda Engel and Barb Dryer



Here are the specifics for September 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 SEPTEMBER 2021:
FIFTH and FINAL BORDER**

-USING THE WIDTH OF YOUR CHOICE ...-BE CREATIVE

Now it is your turn to determine what design element you will use for your final border. You will have a sense as to what will best compliment your other borders and what will give it a nice finished look.

The design element for August: **THE FOURTH BORDER WITH THE WIDTH OF YOUR CHOICE - BE CREATIVE AGAIN USING GEOMETRIC UNITS -lines -rectangles -triangles -circles**

The design element for July: **THE THIRD BORDER WITH THE WIDTH OF YOUR CHOICE -BE CREATIVE and design a 'quiet border' in whatever way your quiet calls for -less busy -less noisy.**

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" - 12".**

We hope to see you on Monday, September 20 from 6:00 -8:30 PM.
See article in newsletter for details on Pottawattamie Mondays- where - when -why- who

We guesstimate that you will need 6+ coordinating fabrics using neutrals, solids, prints, etc.; batiks would work well also. 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



Virtual Quilt Show 2021

Amy Stuparits

So pleased to note that voters from as far away as Georgia and Missouri saw the show and submitted ballots.

Winners:

- 1st Marianne Stuparits with "A Witchin' Good Time" Quilt
- 2nd Barb Post "Out of Africa"
- 3rd Barb Dryer "Temperature Quilt"
- 4th Lisa Schooley "Sunflowers"

Honorable Mention

1. Leslie Johnson "365 One-A-Day" quilt
2. Jackie Fisher "Changing Directions"
3. Susan Yancer-Hatcher "Navy Blue Table Runner"

If you would like to participate in the Quilt Show for 2022, we would welcome and love all help. Please email me at amy.stuparits1@gmail.com.



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LQG Sept. 2021

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of 7/31/2021**

	July	Year to Date	Annual Budget
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income			300.00
Interest Income	0.53	7.28	10.00
Membership Dues	820.00	875.00	500.00
Miscellaneous Income		120.00	300.00
Newsletter Advertising Income		22.00	500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income	15.00	15.00	0.00
Program Guest Fees	55.00	65.00	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	450.00	1,020.00	2,000.00
Total Income	1,340.53	3,172.73	14,860.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		(477.85)	250.00
Community Outreach Expenses	(241.15)	(616.46)	1,000.00
Facility Rental			500.00
Hospitality Expenses		(36.04)	25.00
Library Expenses	(51.41)	(323.19)	300.00
Membership Expenses	(168.61)	(517.87)	300.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	(50.00)	(500.00)	100.00
Newsletter Expenses	(36.75)	(394.50)	600.00
Program Expenses	(795.00)	(2,115.00)	5,000.00
Quilt Show Expenses	(68.79)	(281.33)	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses			3,500.00
Special Projects Expenses	(24.00)	(289.00)	2,000.00
Take a Chance Expenses		(22.24)	500.00
Technology Expenses	(224.97)	(361.17)	1,000.00
Workshop Expense		(1,000.00)	2,000.00
Total Expenses	(1,660.68)	(6,934.65)	20,075.00
General Fund Balance	13,546.55		
Program Reserve Balance	1,000.00		
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00		
	17,546.55		
LQG Assets as of 7/31/2021			
Checking	5,431.85		
outstanding checks	(508.67)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	12,593.37		
	<u>17,546.55</u>		



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Our September 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, September 21, 2021
Room B, Loutit District Library (or Zoom) at 6:30 pm

