



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

January 2022

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

January 10, 2022 (In person)

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

January 18, 2022 at 6:30 on Zoom

## Next Newsletter Deadline

January 20, 2022

As long as I can remember, I have been sewing. My journey started early on when I would play with fabric scraps as my mother and grandmother were sewing. While Mom generally only sewed clothes, I can remember my grandmother spending hours on quilting. It didn't take long until I had a needle and thread and was making "garments" for my dolls. By the age of ten I began using a machine to sew with and made lots of my clothes.

When I took a college class, sewing with knits, the teacher set us all down at electric sewing machines and, with a quick nod to me to start, turned to walk away. Calling her back I asked how to use this machine. With surprise she said "You have been sewing for years, what do you mean that you don't know how to use this machine!" I told her that all my sewing up to that point had been on a treadle machine and I had never used an electric machine. A year or two later I purchased my first electric sewing machine. I still have both the treadle and that electric along with 12 other machines.

In 1980, life changed. I got married and we moved from Michigan to Texas. My mother had been pushing me to get a college degree in business. As I transferred to a college in Texas, I was complaining to my husband that I really didn't like business. So during my senior year, after thinking about what classes I really enjoyed, I switched majors to Fashion Design at North Texas State University. Starting in the Bachelor of Science I discovered very quickly that I wasn't learning much as I was already very good at construction of garments. North Texas also had a Fashion Design program in the Bachelor of Fine Arts area of study and that is the degree I have.

Classes for this program required that you don't think of things as you always have, but challenged the students to view assignments from a different perspective. Assignments that I will never forget: Make a garment using only closures, things that you would normally only use to fasten a garment closed; Use a vegetable as inspiration for the design; Do a piece of art to hang on the wall without using paint and having three dimensions. For this one I did a small quilted wall hanging. While not thinking much about it at the time, this is one of my earlier quilting projects from the mid-1980s.

After graduating I started sewing for people as a way to bring in extra income and to keep me busy while the kids were in school. Most work was in the form of bridal and ballroom gowns which I continue to do today. Somewhere around 2005-2006, while looking for gifts that I could make, I started making table runners. In 2014 when our oldest son found someone special and wanted to give a unique gift, he asked me to make a quilt. He had gathered several T-shirts that had significance to his special interest and I made a quilt using the T-shirts as quilt blocks. This was my first large-size quilt. In 2015 I completed my first row by row quilt.

In short, quilting is something that found me. Through a series of events and circumstances I have added quilting to my enjoyment of sewing and it provides challenges and rewards of mixing art and sewing to produce fun and fulfillment in life.

Susan Yancer-Hatcher, Co-Chair

## Upcoming Programs and Classes

**Chris Hornby, Marie Huyge & Joan Thomas**

As we start the New Year, several of our programs continue to be by Zoom. While we will miss the personal interaction with the presenters, this gives us a rare opportunity to bring quilt experts from all over the country and the world to our Guild without the additional expense of travel and lodging.

Our new Program team has been busy planning for 2022, offering both Zoom and in-person speakers and workshops. In most cases, LQG members will gather at the church for the usual in-person meeting and follow the guidelines of Church of the Dunes for wearing masks. The whole meeting, including the programs will be on Zoom for members to watch at the church or on their own personal devices elsewhere.

**January 10, 2022. (In person and Zoom) Speaker: Dale Allen-Rowse,** the Quilting Cowboy, talk and trunk show.

**Zoom Workshop:** Monday, 1-3 pm. Stetson Cross quilt, a skill level suitable for everyone. Participants must purchase the pattern from his website ahead of time, \$20.00, which includes three video tutorials.

<https://www.quiltingcowboy.com/shop#!/Stetson-Cross-Pattern-&-Video-Tutorial/p/132222191/category=0>

Workshop cost is \$15.00. Supply list is available at the Program table, or contact Marie at 616-402-9035 or [jmhuyge@att.net](mailto:jmhuyge@att.net) to register.



**February 14, 2022 (Zoom).** Send in pictures of your red/pink/white quilts for this Valentine's Day meeting. We will have a slide show with commentary by participants.

**March 14, 2022 (In person and Zoom) Speaker: Gemstone artist MJ Kinman,** talk and trunk show.

The most beautiful gemstone captures light and reflects it back to us with unique brilliance, revealing its fiery personality. These are the divas and drama queens of the gem world. Every one of them has a story to tell...just like people. This slide lecture and trunk show chronicles my story – my 20-year adventure in learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world in cloth.

Website: [www.MJKinman.com](http://www.MJKinman.com)

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[www.Instagram.com/mjkinman\\_textileartist](https://www.instagram.com/mjkinman_textileartist)

**Zoom Workshop: Bite-Size Gems -- Create a Small Faceted Quilt**

**Date:** Saturday March 19, 2022 from 10am to 4:30pm.

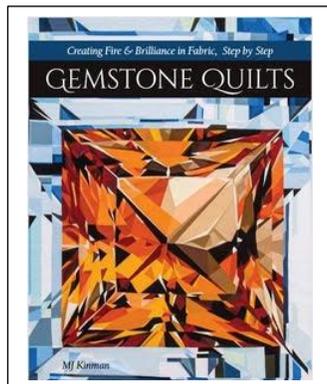
20-24 participants. Cost: \$30.00. Pattern is being specially designed for our Guild by MJ Kinman at no charge to the Guild. She will be sending this to us by the end of 2021.

**Bite-Size Gems** *Participants will create their own singularly beautiful work of faceted light using the same single-foundation piecing techniques I use to create my own "diamond quilts."*

MJ will provide a pattern exclusively designed for the Lighthouse Quilt Guild. Students will learn to chart the design onto freezer paper; code each piece for color, location, and adjacency; position template pieces onto fabric to achieve the desired light effects; and ultimately create their own unique study in faceted color.

Participants will leave the class with an 18" block that can later be hand or machine quilted at home.

**Skill Level:** Confident Beginner to Intermediate



A special thank you to Chris Hornby for her lecture and workshops and for facilitating Zoom at the church in December. All who took her workshops enjoyed them and what fun listening to her humor during her lecture and trunk show.

## Remembering Donna

Donna Vander Broek, the oldest member of LQG, died in December while visiting her family in Alabama. She had been a member of the guild for many years. Many of us got to know her better this summer when she and her daughter Marcia attended many of our gatherings at Pottawattomie Park. Donna also brought along boxes of fabric to share with members. Here are Donna, our oldest member, photographed at the park with Jemma Norkoli, our youngest member.



## Tips & Tricks

1. A good seam ripper used every few stitches, then pulling the bobbin thread, takes care of the unwanted seam - but what about all those itty, bitty threads left behind? Simply use a lint roller or just plain household tape to lift them off.
2. No need for binding on a baby quilt. Use a backing just a bit larger than the quilt front and with right side up pull it taut over a table or other surface. Lay the front, right side down on top of the backing and pin all around. Machine baste these two together keeping the backing on the bottom. If sewing 1/4 inch from the edge, the basting will not have to be removed later. Now lay batting on the table and keep it taut while laying the basted unit on it. With the backside of the quilt front facing up, pin all three layers together. Sew using a backstitch at the beginning and at the end, leaving an opening for turning. Trim the edges and corners and pull through the opening. Remove basting at the opening area. Press the opening seam allowances and pin. These may be hand sewn or when topstitching all around about 1/8 inch from the edges, carefully include the opening seams. Easy! Quilt as desired.

## Dottie DeGlopper

## Membership

Please welcome Kate Alexander as our newest member to the Guild. Sue Steinhauer and Jackie Bailey have recently renewed their membership. Welcome back.

## Kathy Schripsema

## Blogmaster

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

## Wendy Rice

Updates, pictures or corrections can be sent to Wendy at [wendyrice49@gmail.com](mailto:wendyrice49@gmail.com)

## Hospitality

As a matter of precaution we will not be having treats at our January meeting. It will be a joy to be able to gather together, but there will be no refreshments.

## Jean Stordahl & Monica Leenhouts

## Community Outreach

Elizabeth Clark & Kim Frisch

We have been giving thanks for the blessings of family, friends and food during the holidays. The members of our Community Outreach team are especially grateful for the quilters who have used their talents to make a multitude of quilts during these past months.

Those quilts are now in homes throughout the county, cuddling new babies and delighting little children. Women who are being treated for breast cancer have a lovely new quilt to warm their naps. Families who have completed building their new Habitat for Humanity homes are given a quilt big enough to hold the children and their parents. Also, this year our members have made placemats for Meals on Wheels, to brighten their dining during this winter.

Thanks to everyone and keep your machines humming.

## Quilt Show 2022 Member Challenge (Sky & Sea)

Alicia Gilewski & Jackie Fisher

We are excited to present the 2022 Quilt Challenge! Please pull out your creativity and join the fun...

- The perimeter of your submission should be no larger than 96 inches.
- The color scheme should be blue and white. However, you are free to use the full spectrum of blues and whites or white on white.
- The submission must contain at least one embellishment/dimensional element.
- Completed submissions are due at the Membership Meeting on May 9, 2022.



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**MUSKEGON**  
Thursday, Jan. 6, 4-7 PM

**WYOMING**  
Saturday, Jan. 8, 10 AM - noon.

*Check out the classes section on our website for photos, descriptions, and supply lists for our wide selection of in-person and online classes.*

**We now offer online registration, too!**



**Discount for Guild Members**

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

Valid through Jan. 31, 2022

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LQG Jan. 2022

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report  
as of November 30, 2021**

	Current Month	Year to Date	2021-2022 Annual Budget
	November	Sep - Nov	
<b>INCOME</b>			
Community Outreach Income			300.00
Interest Income	0.52	1.57	10.00
Membership Dues	20.00	660.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Income		30.00	250.00
Newsletter Advertising Income			500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income	5.00	30.00	50.00
Program Guest Fees		40.00	50.00
Quilt Raffle Income			1,500.00
Quilt Show Income			6,500.00
Retreat Income			5,000.00
Special Project Income		123.00	500.00
Take a Chance Income		33.00	400.00
Workshop Income	55.00	633.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>80.52</b>	<b>1,550.57</b>	<b>20,560.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative Expenses	(162.00)	(240.31)	400.00
Community Outreach Expenses			1,000.00
Facility Rental		(150.00)	525.00
Hospitality Expenses			100.00
Library Expenses			300.00
Membership Expenses			200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses			250.00
Newsletter Expenses		(149.00)	500.00
Program Expenses	(400.00)	(850.00)	6,000.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		(162.53)	1,500.00
Quilt Show Expenses		(37.63)	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses			4,000.00
Special Projects Expenses			500.00
Take a Chance Expenses		(15.00)	350.00
Technology Expenses		(158.89)	1,000.00
Workshop Expense		(805.55)	3,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(562.00)</b>	<b>(2,568.91)</b>	<b>23,125.00</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>13,003.90</b>		
<b>Program Reserve Balance</b>	<b>1,000.00</b>		
<b>Equipment Reserve Balance</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>		
	<b>17,003.90</b>		
LQG Assets as of 11/30/2021			
Checking	4,424.43		
outstanding checks	(46.00)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	12,595.47		
	<b>17,003.90</b>		



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Our January meeting will be in person at Church of the Dunes.  
What to bring for our next meeting:

- ~ 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, January 18, 2022  
Room B, Loutit District Library (or Zoom ) at 6:30 pm

