



Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

February 2022

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

February 14, 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

March 15, 2022 at 6:30 on Zoom

Next Newsletter Deadline

February 20, 2022

In February, 11 years ago, I was living on a mini ranch in California with my husband, myself, a dog, a few barn cats, and several sheep (mostly to keep the grass down). The previous Christmas, my husband, Tom, had given me a Baby Lock-Elizabeth, my first sewing machine EVER.

I had friends who pieced and quilted, and I had long admired their work. They gifted me that Christmas with a cutting mat, rotary cutter, and a beginning quilting book, plus the promise of their time to teach me the basics. Less than a month later, Tom was diagnosed with Pancreatic Cancer and five weeks later, he passed away.

Sewing became my release from my grief. My friends diligently taught me what they knew and patiently walked me through my deep loss. A year later, I decided to move to Michigan. I had two sons and their wives who lived here and I made the plunge.

I quickly discovered the Lighthouse Quilt Guild and got involved there. Since then, I have greatly benefited from the mentoring from Darla Parks and Elizabeth Clark. With Elizabeth's guidance, we started the quilt program for the NOCH Mammogram Center.

One year, I entered a quilt in the LQG's Annual Show and won a first-place ribbon! When I walked around the corner and saw that beauty on my quilt, I literally burst into tears. I wished so much that Tom could have seen that, but, in truth, if he had not died, we would still be happily living in California with sheep, barn cats, and a dog!

Now I sail, enjoy two beautiful grandsons, have made many wonderful friends, and feel very grateful! So, as you can see, since my beloved passed, my life has truly changed so very much. I have managed to reinvent myself and have thrived doing it. It's funny how changes, both glad and sad, can alter your life, but faith provides the ability to move forward with confidence

Susan Harper

Upcoming Programs and Classes

Marie Huyge & Joan Thomas

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.

February 14, 2022. The February 14, 2022 will be an in-person meeting 7:00pm at Church of the Dunes and via Zoom. Since this is Valentine's Day, members are encouraged to bring a red/pink/white quilt for Show and Tell. The meeting is also being offered via Zoom and those that are attending from a remote location are encouraged to show their red/pink/white quilt. This can be done by holding up your quilt, showing a picture on your phone and then holding your phone up to the device you are logged in on or holding printed out picture of your quilt.

March 14, 2022. Speaker: Gemstone artist MJ Kinman will be presenting "Gems and Joy" to the Lighthouse Quilt Guild..

This meeting will be in person with MJ Kinman presenting via Zoom. "Gems & Joy" is a slide lecture and trunk show that chronicles her 25-year adventure learning how to create the biggest diamonds in the world using fabric. She will talk about her techniques to create and assemble the hundreds of pieces in each diamond, materials used, and quilting that is done to enhance the gems facets. For more information on MJ, visit her website and social media sites: Website: www.MJKinman.com / Facebook: www.facebook.com/mjkinmantextileartist Instagram: www.instagram.com/mjkinman_textileartist

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

Location and Date: Saturday March 19, 2022 from 10:00am to 4:00pm at Church of the Dunes

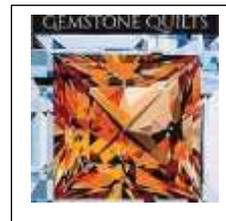
Cost: \$30.00.

Fabrics: Students will supply/bring their own fabrics.

MJ Kinman has designed a gem exclusively for the Guild and will be teaching participants how to create their own beautiful work of faceted light using the same single-foundation piecing techniques she uses to create her own "diamond quilts". MJ will provide the pattern for the attendees. Students will then learn how 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.

Please sign-up with Marie at [jmhuige@att.net](mailto:jmhuyge@att.net) or Joan at rjthomas2@sbcglobal.net.



April 11, 2022. Speaker: Janelle Schwartz, Scrappy Applique, talk and trunk show. Janelle is coming to us via Zoom from Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Please note due to Easter and Spring Break, the workshop will be

Saturday, April 9, 2022, before the trunk show.

Zoom Workshop: Saturday, April 9, 2022, 9am-1pm.

Scrappy Applique, \$25. Participants will purchase one of Janelle's patterns from her website.

<http://www.janelleschwartz.com>



"Things Change." Now that is a phrase which is used often and in different ways. Now it applies directly to the needs of LQG. Some guild members who have served the Guild in various ways are now stepping down from their positions and responsibilities. Plus, as aspects of our guild expand, additional members are needed in the area of technology. A sincere THANKS to Barb Wexall for her over 80 publications of the Beacons News as editor and THANKS to Jackie Baden who has handled Publicity for the guild for many years.

- TWO MEMBERS are needed as Zoom Technical Support as the guild continues to use ZOOM in different ways to connect with all of its members
- ONE MEMBER who has some experience in print and layout is needed to serve as EDITOR of the Beacon News. A current member will continue to assist that new editor.
- ONE MEMBER is needed to further promote guild activities in the area of PUBLICITY.
- TWO MEMBERS are needed as join the Program Committee to handle details and various responsibilities relating to speakers, meetings, etc..

Many of these positions can be handled in one's home and need not be an in-person involvement.

If you are willing to step up to any of these positions or just want 'to talk about the possibility' of serving, then please contact one of the guild's officers. Please take these requests very seriously. The guild is ready for 'some new blood' and energy.

Blogmaster**Wendy Rice**

Information on these and future programs are on the website along with pictures and information of past programs and gatherings. <http://www.lighthousequilters.org/>
Updates, pictures or corrections can be sent to Wendy at wendyrice49@gmail.com

Tips & Tricks**Dottie DeGlopper**

1. When going to class, use a glasses case for storing small items.
2. If sashing is needed between three rows of blocks, sew the sashing to opposite sides of the center row first then add the other rows.

Hospitality**Jean Stordahl & Monica Leenhouts**

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.

Community Outreach**Elizabeth Clark & Kim Frisch**

We delivered a bundle of "baby" quilts to Project Linus last month. That organization has a broader reach than our county infant program has and the quilts we chose to send will be perfect for children of all ages from two to twenty one. To find out more about their programs you can Google "Project Linus". The person who received the quilts from us is responsible for needs in Muskegon, Kent and Ottawa Counties. Anyone who would like to assemble a kit for a baby or a breast cancer patient, call Elizabeth or Kim.

2022 Quilt Show Volunteers**Amy Stuparits**

Our first opening is for Publicity which is just like it sounds: Promoting the Show. Putting in the papers, other guilds, posters, in quilt shops, on local radio etc. and anything else you can think of.

The second opening is for Downtown window displays. This position can be taken by a duo as well which has been easiest in the past then you can have fun while walking the town. You walk the downtown shops meeting shop owners and asking if they would be willing to hang a quilt and poster in their window to promote the guild's show. More information is of course available upon request and mentorship is always available. Any of us on the show committee would be glad to have additional hands and voices. If you are interested or even curious about either please contact me or Alicia Gilewski or Jackie Fisher. Find our info on your guild roster

Spring Fling Retreat

Lisa Schooley & Pat Navis

Lisa Schooley, with assistance of Pat Navis, getting ready for the Lighthouse Quilt Guild Spring Retreat: April 22, 23 and 24, 2022 at the Christian Reformed Conference Grounds, located south of Grand Haven on Lakeshore Drive.

Sorry for you who missed the December retreat, we had a good and safe time. We abide by the rules set by C.R.C.G. regarding face mask, etc.. You are always welcome to wear one and eat by your machine if not comfortable with eating at a table.

Three fun days to just quilt and relax! We sew in a large center with plenty of light and a cozy fireplace. Lunch and dinner are included on Friday and Saturday with only lunch served on Sunday as we must be out of the center by 3:00 pm. The retreat opens at 9:00 am on Friday and you can sew as late as you wish. PLEASE DO NOT SHOW UP PRIOR TO 9:00 am on Friday as we need to setup first. Saturday and Sunday the room is open at 8:00 am.

You have a choice of signing up for attending days only for \$75.00 or you may wish to stay over Friday and Saturday nights in the large cottage for \$130.00. To hold your spot for the retreat, make a \$30.00 (non-refundable) payment at the February meeting. Please make checks payable to Lighthouse Quilt Guild. You must be a member in good standing to register for the retreat. Balance of payment will be due at or by the April meeting.

We are limited to signing up a maximum of 26 for the retreat. We will have eight beds available for those who wish to stay overnight in the large cottage.

If you are unable to attend the February meeting in person, please mail checks to Lisa Schooley, 6260 S. Quarterline Rd, Spring Lake, MI 49456.

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*I will be attending the April Retreat. Please put me down for \_\_\_\_\_ days or \_\_\_\_\_ over-night, Deposit of \$30.00 \_\_ with balance due in April; Days paid in full \$75.00 \_\_ or Overnight paid in full \$130,00 \_\_ I will NOT be eating on Friday noon \_\_ Fri. night \_\_ Sat. noon \_\_ Sat. Night \_\_ Sun. noon \_\_ If your meal schedule changes please let me know by April 8<sup>th</sup>, so we can adjust the meal count. We pay for all meals unless we let them know differently.*  
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**Lighthouse Quilt Guild
Treasurer's Report
as of December 31, 2021**

	Current Month	Year to Date	2021-2022 Annual Budget
	December	Sep - Dec	
INCOME			
Community Outreach Income			300.00
Interest Income	0.53	2.10	10.00
Membership Dues	60.00	720.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Income		30.00	250.00
Newsletter Advertising Income			500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income	10.00	40.00	50.00
Program Guest Fees		40.00	50.00
Quilt Raffle Income			1,500.00
Quilt Show Income			6,500.00
Retreat Income	936.00	936.00	5,000.00
Special Project Income	61.00	184.00	500.00
Take a Chance Income		33.00	400.00
Workshop Income	410.00	1,043.00	3,000.00
Total Income	1,477.53	3,028.10	20,560.00
EXPENSES			
Administrative Expenses		(240.31)	400.00
Community Outreach Expenses			1,000.00
Facility Rental	(75.00)	(225.00)	525.00
Hospitality Expenses			100.00
Library Expenses			300.00
Membership Expenses	(61.00)	(61.00)	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	(30.00)	(30.00)	250.00
Newsletter Expenses	(38.20)	(187.20)	500.00
Program Expenses	(200.00)	(1,050.00)	6,000.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		(162.53)	1,500.00
Quilt Show Expenses		(37.63)	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses	(1,198.05)	(1,198.05)	4,000.00
Special Projects Expenses			500.00
Take a Chance Expenses	(62.60)	(77.60)	350.00
Technology Expenses		(158.89)	1,000.00
Workshop Expense	(930.00)	(1,735.55)	3,500.00
Total Expenses	(2,594.85)	(5,163.76)	23,125.00
General Fund Balance	11,886.58		
Program Reserve Balance	850.00		
Equipment Reserve Balance	3,000.00		
	15,736.58		
LQG Assets as of 12/31/2021			
Checking	3,279.13		
outstanding checks	(168.55)		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	12,596.00		
	15,736.58		

For Sale:

2021 Gammill Vision 2.0 / 26-10 model (selling this machine to buy a Gammill Statler)

\$19,500

Comes with: 12' Pivotal Access Stand, Overhead Light Bar, Swivel Casters, Micro Handles, Zippered Leaders, (6) M-style bobbins, (50) Groz-Beckert 110/19 (4.0) needles, (1) screw driver set, (1) Hex Key Set, (2) Cones Omni rthread #3002 & #3051, (12) Pantograph Patterns.

Located in Fruitport, MI 49415. Purchaser responsible for take down, pickup, transportation, re-assembly and all associated costs.

Contact Darla Parks (616) 607-8122 or Roxanne Herder (231) 329-9206



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Our February 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, March 15, 2022
Room B, Loutit District Library (or Zoom) at 6:30 pm

