



# Lighthouse Beacon News

lighthousequilters.org

March 2022

## Lighthouse Quilt Guild

March 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

March 20, 2022

## Ten Best Things About the Legacy of Sewing: A Story of Community, Love, and Passionate Stitching

**The tenth-best thing** – When I was eight, my maternal grandmother first put a scrap piece of cotton with an iron-on transfer flower into my hands and taught me to embroider. I treasure many stitching memories with both of my generous-hearted grandmothers.

**The ninth-best thing** – At age 11, my best friend's mother and local 4-H leader initiated teaching us to sew, making pink gingham aprons. Meticulous 4-H sewing projects were a big part of my stitching journey and skill set. Some of you might also have sewing roots and fond(?) 4-H sewing memories?

**The eighth-best thing** – Then, my mother's bright idea was to continue with an A-line plaid skirt—a jump into the deep end of the sewing pond! What warm memories arise of my busy mom always encouraging my sewing interests!

**The seventh-best thing** – At 14, I began entering tailored garments into sewing contests, and during college years, my sewing hobby generated much-needed spending money by taking in mending and alterations.

**The sixth-best thing** – A quilter and my first quilt was born from my girlhood fabric scrap box; a self-designed pattern of 25 small squares in each block and blocks set into rows of sashing. Fellow stitchers and the quilt book authors continue to add expert quilting advise.

**The fifth-best thing** – Maternal nesting instincts led me to design a hand-applied quilt (my one and only), with sheep, cattle, and a barn depicting our family farm, to wrap around my coming children.

**The fourth-best thing** – many dresses—sometimes matching—for my three little girls. Once I made them beautiful Daisy Kingdom dresses and threw the patterns away, saying “never again” only to repurchase patterns and make TWO at the request of a friend. Loving stitches.

**The third-best thing** – Quilt after quilt after quilt; Log Cabin, Card Tricks, Block-of-the-Month, Quillows, and more for friends and family, with stitching to bind the fabric of community.

**The second-best thing** – In a life-changing moment at ArtPrize 2013, I viewed Ann Loveless' art quilt panels of Sleeping Bear Dunes. I designed a 24”x36” beach scene with no road map, purchased books to teach myself the quilting style, and began creating art quilts. Within 36 months, I retired from full-time teaching to pursue art quilting. I knew I had been in sewing training my whole life to lead me to this spot.

**The first-best thing** – I've found my passion. With a studio in the lower level of my home, I often spend six to eight hours a day in the design room. My working bio shows where I am today—art quilting and loving it:

Dr. Susan Kruszynski - lives in Muskegon, Michigan, and is an award-winning art quilt designer, teacher, author, and gallery artist. Feeding her artistic nature, Susan, at age 8, started experimenting with fabrics to produce colorful creations. She began landscape fiber art design with collage art quilts in 2014. A native of Michigan, her works, that range in sizes from 3”x5” to 40”x60”, are often inspired by the trees and woodlands along the Lake Michigan shoreline. Susan currently divides her time between creating original collaged art quilt designs, teaching art quilting, marketing this fiber art in shows and galleries, running her Quilting Fabrics in Time business, and only just recently retired as a literacy specialist from Muskegon Community College. Susan uses her 40+ years of K-College level teaching experiences and a PhD in Education to teach this art through in-class experiences in and around the state of Michigan, through on-line instruction, and with art quilt books from Fox-Chapel Publishing.

Susan Kruszynski  
Guild Member

## 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.

**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](http://www.MJKinman.com) / Facebook: [www.Facebook.com/mjkinmantextileartist](http://www.Facebook.com/mjkinmantextileartist) Instagram: [www.Instagram.com/mjkinman\\_textileartist](http://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

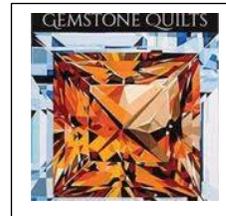
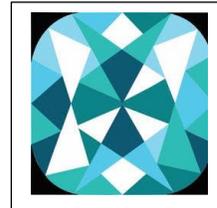
**Cost:** \$30.00.

**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 [jmhuyge@att.net](mailto:jmhuyge@att.net) or Joan at [rithomas2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rithomas2@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>



**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](mailto:wendyrice49@gmail.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.

### **Tips & Tricks**

**Dottie DeGlopper & Carol Keen**

1. Ever wonder when machine sewing if there is enough bobbin thread left to finish the project, but you cannot see because there is too much fabric by the needle? Watch your top thread and if it is moving, it is connecting with the bobbin thread.
2. In a book on quilting, under an article about sewing or quilting accurately, it stated -- Always stitch at a SLOW rate of speed on your machine. It allows you to be very accurate in all aspects of stitching.
3. When I taught some classes on Learning to Quilt to beginners, I always told them two of the most important aspects of quilting are ACCURACY and CONTRAST. ACCURACY in -measuring -cutting -sewing -pressing -etc. CONTRAST, CONTRAST, CONTRAST as seen in -different colors, tones and shades of the same color -the size of the images -the shapes of the pieces that are needed -different techniques -and many more.

Do you have any tips we can use in future newsletters? If so, send them to to [dotdeglo@charter.net](mailto:dotdeglo@charter.net). Thanks

### **Hospitality**

**Jean Stordahl & Monica Leenhouts**

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

### **Tulip Time Quilt Show**

**Carol Keen**



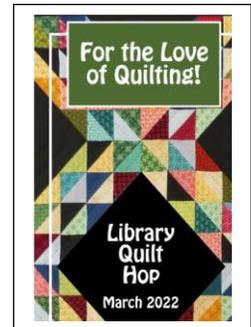
It is so good to know that plans are developing for this year's TTQS. It will run from Saturday, May 1 through Sunday, May 15. It will be at a new venue - Beechwood Church on Ottawa Beach Road opened daily from 10 AM to 7 PM.

So many guild members have shared their quilts through Show 'n Tell. You are encouraged to submit an entry form which will be available at our guild meeting in March. For an online registration form, google ENTRANTS for the 2022 TTQS - scroll down to *submission to the TTQS can be found HERE*.

## Library Quilt Hop

Barb Dryer

Six libraries are celebrating National Quilting Month in March and have many activities planned to entice people to visit their libraries and to celebrate quiltmaking. The participating libraries are Coopersville Area, Gary Byker (Hudsonville), Georgetown, Herrick, Loutit, and Spring Lake. A Quilt Hop Library Card, punched by at least 3 participating libraries, will put you in the running for a \$25 gift certificate from a local quilt shop. Highlights of the month include a special kickoff event featuring Marsha MacDowell of MSU with a Zoom program on *The Quilt Index: Michigan & World Quilt History*, classes, demos, mystery quilt blocks, free bookcase quilt pattern, and displays.



Quilt Display at the Spring Lake Library

The Guild has gathered quilts from our members and put them on display at both Loutit District Library and Spring Lake District Library. In addition, two of our own members will be doing demonstrations.

- Chris Hornby – English Paper Piecing at Loutit, Tuesday, March 8, 6:00 p.m.
- Karen Katje – Quilt Fracturing at Spring Lake Library, Tuesday, March 29, 2:00 p.m.

In addition, Claudia Squio of Cartonnage fame, will be doing a presentation at Loutit on Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m.

We encourage you to visit the libraries and to attend the demos. This is a great opportunity to support both our local libraries and Lighthouse Quilt Guild!

Brochures and Quilt Hop Cards are available at each library, listing all the activities.

Please contact Barb Dryer with any questions. Email ([bdryer@charter.net](mailto:bdryer@charter.net)), phone – 616.502.6718

**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 March 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 March 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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**Challenge**

The Sky and Sea Challenge colors are blue and white in any shade or hue, Your submission should have no more than 96 inches perimeter, and contain at least one dimensional element. May 9th deadline for submission.

**Rack Cards and Raffle Tickets**

Rack Cards will be ready for distribution in March. Tickets will also be distributed in March. Everyone's support is needed for ticket sales. Please, help support this important undertaking. The Raffle will benefit the People Center in Spring Lake. A representative from the People Center will speak at our May meeting.

**Boutique Donations**

The Boutique is accepting donations. Please contact Leslie Johnson for more information.

**Publicity**

The Quilt Show is in need of a publicity chair. Publicity is so important for the success of the show. Please consider volunteering.



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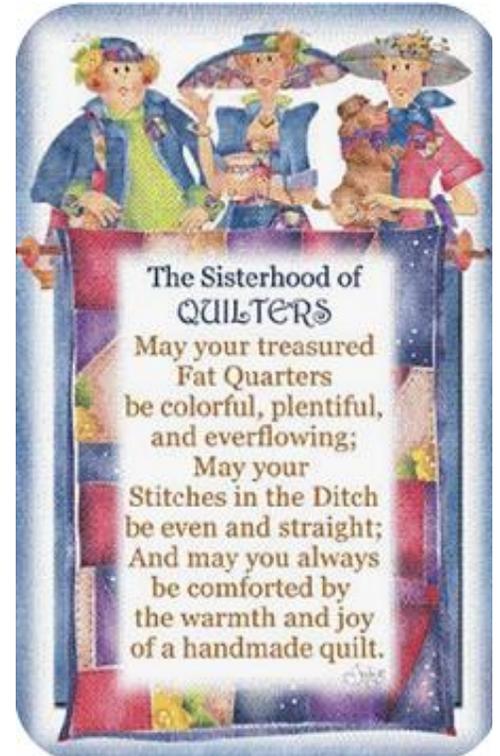
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**Happy Quilting!**

**Lighthouse Quilt Guild  
Treasurer's Report  
as of January 31, 2022**

	Current Month	Year to Date	2021-2022 Annual Budget
<b>INCOME</b>	January	Sep - Jan	Budget
Community Outreach Income			300.00
Interest Income	0.53	2.63	10.00
Membership Dues		720.00	2,500.00
Miscellaneous Income		30.00	250.00
Newsletter Advertising Income			500.00
Newsletter Member Fees Income		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	5,000.00
Special Project Income		184.00	500.00
Take a Chance Income		33.00	400.00
Workshop Income		1,043.00	3,000.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>0.53</b>	<b>3,028.63</b>	<b>20,560.00</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
Administrative Expenses	(29.00)	(269.31)	400.00
Community Outreach Expenses			1,000.00
Facility Rental		(225.00)	525.00
Hospitality Expenses			100.00
Library Expenses			300.00
Membership Expenses	(29.00)	(90.00)	200.00
Miscellaneous Expenses		(30.00)	250.00
Newsletter Expenses	(16.00)	(203.20)	500.00
Program Expenses	(200.00)	(1,250.00)	6,000.00
Quilt Raffle Expenses		(162.53)	1,500.00
Quilt Show Expenses		(37.63)	3,000.00
Retreat Expenses		(1,198.05)	4,000.00
Special Projects Expenses			500.00
Take a Chance Expenses		(77.60)	350.00
Technology Expenses		(158.89)	1,000.00
Workshop Expense	(300.00)	(2,035.55)	3,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>(574.00)</b>	<b>(5,737.76)</b>	<b>23,125.00</b>
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	<b>11,313.11</b>		
<b>Program Reserve Balance</b>	<b>850.00</b>		
<b>Equipment Reserve Balance</b>	<b>3,000.00</b>		
	<b>15,163.11</b>		
LQG Assets as of 1/31/2022			
Checking	2,536.58		
outstanding checks	0.00		
Petty Cash (Membership)	30.00		
Savings	12,596.53		
	<u>15,163.11</u>		



I'm just curious. I just finished a quilt and realized that this is the only book I have that I have made each and every quilt in it—at least once.  
Is there anyone else that has done that?

Susan Harper



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**Your March Lighthouse Quilt Guild Newsletter is here**

Our March 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

