



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

January 2016

The Presidents' Pieces



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Happy 2016! I am certainly looking forward to a new year of enriched productivity. I am just ending a two week whirlwind of non-stop adventure with my daughter who is home on leave from Japan for the first time in 18 months. We have enjoyed interacting with friends and family, traveling to Chicago, museums, restaurants and still squeezing in work. My youngest of three children has always kept me on my toes and she hasn't slowed up a bit. She'll head back to Yokosuka Japan on January 13th and I will miss her, but as parents, we taught her to fly on her own! I'll fill the void with re-sorting my fabric and delving into forgotten UFOs. I'll cuddle my 21 month old granddaughter while I can and remember receiving a beautiful baby quilt from the guild my first year as a member in 1995 when my little adventurer was born. Have a "piece-full" 2016,

Jayne Marie Armbruster

I hope all of you had a wonderful holiday season! I know I did...hectic but fun! It started with my family celebration, continued to Evanston for Christmas Eve with our youngest son, daughter-in-law, two grandkids, another one on the way, and our DIL's family. Christmas Day we flew to Boston to spend time with our oldest son, DIL and her family, and three grandkids. PHEW!

Now that the hectic pace of the holidays is over, it's time to hunker down and get some quilting done! To that end our VP of Programs is all set with some great programs and workshops. First up is "Now and Then" where members share their quilt journey. We also have a fun new challenge. See you on the 25th.

Kirsten Artmann Weiss

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Rita Curty 1/05
Judy Erickson 1/06
Meg Fleischmann 1/07
Roxanne Mierow 1/17
Maria Rivest 1/17
Cathie Rolfson 1/18
Linda Worman 1/18
Christy Schliesmann 1/25
Sandy Veit 1/25
TC Wiley 1/29



Shirley Graham 2/1
Mindy Baumgartner 2/9

Kathy Lijewski 2/13
Shirley Kramer 2/15
Vernette Cairns 2/18
Betty Suiter 2/18
Janet Geisner 2/21
Mary Piper 2/22
Mary Risler 2/22
Carol Uebe 2/22
Jacky Tompkins 2/26
Jeanne Garrett 2/27
Louise Shapley 2/28
Ginger Wanserski 2/28

Next Meeting Mon. Jan 25, 2016 7:00 pm

Things to bring

- Name tag
- Show and Tell
- Enthusiasm for a new year

Articles for the Newsletter

The deadline for submitting articles is **on or before the 8th of each month.**

Submit your articles to:

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2016 Programs

Jan 25	The New Year starts with a Guild favorite, Now and Then . Select Guild members will visually show us their quilting journey as they share one of their "starter" quilts as well as a quilt made recently. Featured presenters are TBA.
Feb 29	Yoga for Quilters . Do you get up from your sewing machine with aching shoulders?? Mary Toter , a certified yoga instructor from Yoga Roots Racine will show us some yoga stretches that will increase strength and flexibility in our sewing muscles. This presentation gives "stretch and sew" a whole new meaning. Come prepared to laugh and to move...no stretch pants required.
Mar 28	Sew Many Pieces . How many pieces? Mickey Mowrey , from Richfield makes quilts with an average of 5,000 pieces! In Mickey's trunk show, she will start with the least pieced and work her way to the most pieced. As you can imagine, the quilts are amazing.
Apr 25	Lola Jenkins will present a lecture and a workshop on Pictorial Quilts . Lola is nationally recognized for her distinctive art quilts (you may have seen her on "The Quilt Show". She will teach us how to make a collage portrait by manipulating fabric and using thread painting. To see her work, go to: www.lolasdesignerquilts.com
May 23	Quilting with Laura Ingalls Wilder: The Story of Quilting in the Years of Laura's Youth will be presented by Linda Halpin in a combination slide and trunk show. Linda will explore quilts as Laura would have known them, tracing the history of quiltmaking during that time. Linda will also lead a workshop on a dilemma most quilters face, "Fabric Selection Made Easy".
June 27	Mickey Depre . Mickey Depre will lead us through the mysteries of fabric selection in her Colorrific Quilts - The Lecture . She will help us find our wings and consider colors and patterns that will add "zing" to our creations. Are you curious about "Hexies"? Then Mickey's afternoon workshop* "Pieced Hexies Buffet" is for you. Participants will learn and make three different hexie patterns.
July 25	Lighthouse Picnic
August 29	Laurie Ceesay in her presentation, How to Move Past the Kit Quilt , will show us how to apply rules from the art world to create beautiful quilts whether traditional or contemporary and she'll bring along the quilts to prove it. During her afternoon workshop* prepare to have fun making fabric postcards.
Sept 17	A Saturday Workshop*! Back by popular demand, Cindy Garcia will offer her "Favorite Faces" workshop from 9 to 4. This is a wonderful opportunity to make a unique and beautiful portrait quilt.
Sept 26	Mary Hart, Needles and Thread
Oct 31	Lighthouse Classroom At this meeting we disprove the theory that prophets are never welcome in their own country. Our Guild has experts and we love to learn from them. This is the time to share, learn and appreciate our local experts!
Nov 28	Guild Holiday Party



Program Notes 2016

Correction: Kudos were given to Judy Stapleman-Kroes for this year's programs, when in fact it was Jayne Steffens and Pat Henningfeld who did the 2016 planning...sorry for the error. Our 2015 programs were planned and scheduled by Judy. We sure enjoyed them all!



Founding member Gleet Leet passed away
December 5, 2015

Plaids & Gingham: Ageless Appeal

You are invited to join the Racine Quilt Study Group to look at quilts featuring plaids and gingham, two fabric patterns that seem to have had endless appeal. When did these fabric patterns thrive? And what's the earliest quilt containing a plaid or gingham? The group will meet at Sew 'N Save on Saturday, March 5th from 10:00 am to noon. Bring a quilt to share or just bring yourself to see the gingham and plaid quilts that will be shown.

Questions? Contact Jayne Steffens at jaynesteffens22@gmail.com.

January Means "Now and Then" - An Annual Favorite

Our individual quilting journeys make for some interesting stories. By sharing the stories, we can learn different ways to approach challenges, find motivational ideas to spur us on and last, but not least, realize that our silly mistakes have usually happened to others. Join us at the Lighthouse Quilters Guild meeting on January 25th to see the earliest and latest quilts from some of the guild members and to hear the unique stories of their quilting journeys. Come and see who will be sharing their stories this year.

Meeting Cancellation Policy

Remember that if businesses or schools closed on meeting day, there will be no general meeting of Lighthouse Quilters Guild.



Sew 'n Save
of Racine, Inc.
Established 1984

SLEEP IN YOUR OWN BED RETREAT NEW DATE ADDED!!

Have you always wanted to go to a Quilt Retreat, but can't seem to get away? Have you tried to participate in Sleep In Your Own Bed Retreat and it is always full?

Here's the solution for you.
We are providing a local Quilt Retreat just for YOU!!

Spend the day sewing with us and go home and sleep in your own bed at night. Bring unfinished projects, start new ones, get help with the projects you are stuck on.

February 12, 13, and 14 - 2016

Retreat Hours:

Friday: Anytime after 10:00am 'til 8:00pm
(light dinner provided)

Saturday 9:00am 'til 6:00pm
(lunch provided and dinner on your own)

Sunday 10:00am 'til 4:00pm
(light lunch provided)



Retreat Cost \$55.00 for the weekend
Or \$25.00 per day

262-554-8708

Save the Date



Join Lola Jenkins on April 25 for our first quilting workshop of the year. Students will learn to make a collage portrait using one of the patterns provided by the instructor. Students will be given all information necessary to make a portrait from a photo. Students will learn how to choose and manipulate fabrics to create a colorful collage portrait the size of 11x17. Students will also learn how to sew a portrait quilt using a variety of methods including thread painting.

Details will follow in the next newsletter.

QUILTS for the COMMUNITY 2015 REPORT

The First Friday, Lighthouse and Rainbow Quilters donated a total of 224 quilts in 2015!

23	Women's Resource Center
25	NICU, All Saints, Racine
44	St. Monica's Home, Racine
48	Children's Hospital, Milwaukee
4	Racine/Kenosha Hospice Alliance
81	Operation Snuggles to Camp Serenity in Tomahawk WI
21	Wounded Warrior Quilts
23	Racine Foster Children, made & given by the Wannabe Quilters of Lighthouse Quilters
19	Other includes 7 to Relay for Life, 3 to Habitat for Humanity, 5 to Nepal

288 TOTAL GIVEN out in 2015 with help from our **quilter friends** in SE WI.

LEFT for 2016: 24 11 for Operation Snuggles 1 Wounded Warrior 12 Wherever Needed

The estimated total of 288 quilts is close to \$90,000.00!!! This total includes fabric used and time served! Pretty amazing!!

We again had help in 2015 ~ **Southport Quilters in Kenosha gave 24, Log Cabin Quilters in Muskego gave 15, and Courthaus Quilters in Monroe gave 12** which brings the total to 288. The quilts from Kenosha, Monroe, and Muskego were given to Operation Snuggles Camp Serenity in July.

THANK YOU for continuing to make this project such a success. *Nancy Larsen & Barbara Vallone*

Lighthouse Charity Quilts for 2016

Two members are distributing quilts this year:

Nancy Larsen Women's Resource Center

Barbara Vallone for Quilts for the Community which includes:

All Saints NICU, Racine, and Children's Hospital, Milwaukee

St. Monica's Home plus Habitat for Humanity and to other local needs

Operation Snuggles - quilts for soldiers' children, Camp Serenity, and Wounded Warriors

Racine/Kenosha Hospice Alliance

Please visit our Charity Quilt display which has:

A slip of **paper** for you to say WHERE your quilt goes and if it's WASHED or not

A **place** to leave your quilt (two wash baskets!) before OR after Show & Tell

Quilt size can range from 36" x 36" to twin bed; square or rectangular. Women's Resource Center welcome pieced, cheaters, fleece, crocheted and knitted items.

The needs for 2016 are as yet unknown. Keep making quilts. There will always be a need to cover someone with the amazing hug of a quilt. If you need fabric, FREE kits are available for the asking. Please do what you can. THANK YOU!!!

Nancy Larsen and Barbara Vallone

QUILT STUDIO TIME at RESURRECTION 2016

Dates for the four Quilt Studio Times in 2016 will be:

January 29 & 30 April 1 & 2 August 5 & 6 November 4 & 5

These dates have been approved by Resurrection. January dates are late because Fellowship Hall was already booked! The rest of the dates may change if a wedding, funeral, or Vacation Bible School needs to happen.

If you have not discovered that Quilt Studio Time at Resurrection is the best deal ever, you need to come see what happens four times a year! We gather at 9 am on Friday and sew until 9 pm on Friday for just \$6. We leave all our "stuff" at Resurrection and come back Saturday and sew from 9 am to 9 pm for just another \$5.

That's 24 hours of sewing for \$11 and a finger snack to share! Plus you need to provide your lunches and suppers. Questions? Contact Barb Vallone, 262-639-8185 or qltingb@gmail.com

STRIP PIECING WORKSHOP at RESURRECTION

MEMBERSHIP

QUILT CAMP DATES & PLACES FOR 2016

**Hospitality for 2016**

This will make you Appreciate the Charity Work you Do

Below are a few of the most recent Thank You notes received for all the quilts we have given last year.

From the Wisconsin National Guard, Mark E. Anderson, Brigadier General

A beautiful certificate for our 81 quilts to Camp Serenity presented to Operation Snuggle (that's us!) for our outstanding support and dedication to the Families of the Fallen.

From Lori, the Support Coordinator who is my contact for Camp Serenity:

"The Survivor Outreach Services would like to sincerely say "thank you" for all the support over the years with Camp Serenity and the gift of all the lovely quilts. The families love them and appreciate all the love and time that went into every stitch."

I told them we would try to get to 80 quilts again for this year.

WFHC All Saints NICU

"We would like to say thank you for the beautiful quilts we received. they are amazing and full of wonderful colors. We appreciate the huge number of quilts made and also the beautifully crocheted and knitted blankets. You are a blessing."

They send a note each time I deliver quilts to them. I gave them quilts in February, July, and November.

Children's Hospital of Milwaukee, MACC Fund Center:

"Thank you so much for the donation of quilts to MACC. As always, the kids love getting them and al this time of year!"

I gave them quilts in February, August and November last year. This note was for the 20 quilts in November.

St. Monica's Senior Home:

"The quilts, afghans, and coverlets are just lovely. Please extend our heartfelt gratitude to your fellow needle-women. These handmade gifts are so beautiful and truly appreciated. Many times our residents don't feel well and there is nothing so comforting as a homemade blanket or cover-up. With our deepest appreciation and warmest wishes."

" We distributed some more of your wonderful quilts to our residents. These quilts are so beautiful and our residents so enjoy them. A very blessed and joyous Christmas!"

I gave them quilts in February, August, and November.

Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee:

"Dear wonderful, thoughtful volunteers, Thank you so very much for your thoughtfulness and generosity of spirit, time and talent and personal expense. It has touched the hearts of the veterans and staff that so many people are remembering our veterans. With sincere thanks, Veterans and Staff at Green House, renamed Community House by veterans"

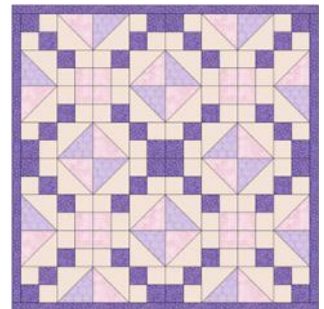
This card was personally signed by ten veterans and Nancy Larsen's Quilts for Soldiers gave 16 beautiful and big quilts plus Jayne Armbruster's aunt and her Knit Wits from the Franksville Methodist Church gave 11 lap size afghans.

The attached quilt pattern may inspire you to get your project going! It is made of 4 blocks by 4 blocks...scrappy is a wonderful way to use up that stash.

Happy Quilting!!

http://www.flickr.com/photos/johanna-fritz_sets/72157632707711013/

<http://quiltpatternfactory.weebly.com/about.html> : Free Patterns



20TH ANNUAL QUILTERS LAND CRUISE IS MARCH 4, 5, & 6, 2016
"SAILING ALONG and COMING HOME!"



This will be the LAST Quilters Land Cruise! I will take your registrations at our January 25 guild meeting so visit the web site NOW for color photos of all the workshop projects at www.quilterslandcruise.com and decide soon what workshop interests YOU. Some may be full because there is a FIRM maximum of 10 students per workshop.

Questions? Contact Barbara Vallone at 262-639-8185 or gltingb@gmail.com

Request for Assistance with Community Fundraising Project

This message was received by our social media chairman Autumn Latimore

Message:

I'm putting together a campaign to raise funds for domestic violence programs in the state of Wisconsin called "Take the Heat Off Of Domestic Violence." During the campaign my group will be selling handmade pot-holders, coasters, and cup cozies to raise funds to "Take the Heat Off Of Domestic Violence." 100% of the proceeds will be donated to a domestic violence program in Wisconsin. I will be working closely with Domestic Abuse Intervention Services (DAIS) of Madison and any other domestic violence non-profit that expresses a need for funding. Could you please do a "shout out" to your group regarding this campaign and ask anyone interested in donating items that could be sold to contact me? Also, we've created a group page on FB to post patterns, provide pictures of donated items, track funds raised, and provide info on domestic violence in Wisconsin. The group page is "Take the Heat Off Of Domestic Violence." <https://www.facebook.com/groups/942420199162128/> Thank you for any assistance you can provide.

Therese M. Schmidt



We are going to be on Television

Discover Wisconsin's film crew came to our October quilt show. Lighthouse Legacies XIII is scheduled to be part of a "Girlfriend Getaways" episode on Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13. It will be shown locally on Fox Sports-Wisconsin (cable) at 10 a.m. Saturday and on WITI-TV (Fox/Channel 6) at 10 a.m. Sunday. The episode includes stops at Milaeger's, Bead Camp run by Funky Hannah's, O&H Danish Bakery flagship store, and our quilt show. Plan ahead and program your TV to record this! You can also watch online at www.discoverwisconsin.com/events.

This is a reminder to bring back to the library those books taken out in October (or before!). As a help to you when you are looking for your book(s) to return, all of our library books have a piece of yellow tape on outside (binding) of the book. Thank you, Monica Bissen, Lighthouse Guild Librarian



2016 Quilting Events

Jan. 11-Feb. 19. Quilt Making: A Modern Practice. Madison College Gallery at Truax, 1701 Wright St., Madison. For more information, 608-246-6369.

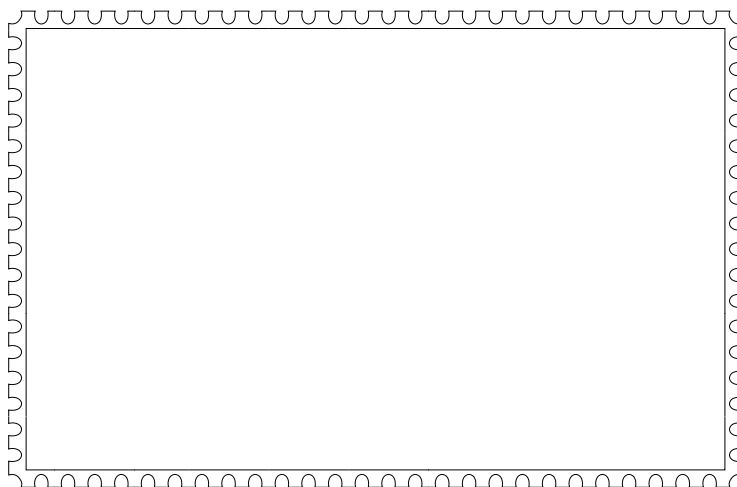
Feb. 12-14. Sleep in Your Own Bed Retreat. Sew 'N Save Fabric Gallery, 3701 Durand Ave. Fri., 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. \$55 weekend/\$25 per day. For more information, 262-554-8708.

Feb. 27. Viewer's Choice Quilt Show. Washington County Fair Park, West Bend. 9-4 p.m. (15 mins. north of Milwaukee on Hwy. 45) Admission \$5; 12 & under free.

Mar. 4-6. 20th Annual Quilters Land Cruise. Harbourwalk Hotel, 223 Gaslight Circle, Racine. Full brochure on web site only. For more information, www.quilterslandcruise.com or Barbara Vallone, qilt-ingb@gmail.com.

Mar. 6-8. Sun Prairie Heritage Quilters Annual Show. Saint Albert the Great Church, 220 Saint Albert Drive, Sun Prairie. (Entry deadline Feb. 10.) Admission \$6. For more information www.sunprairiequiltshow.com or 608-837-2298.

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January Hospitality

Chairperson:

Theme:

Jane Kotowski	Maria Rivest
Cecilia Johnson	Barb Van Ruden
Mary Risler	Donna Wheeler
Betty Suiter	Caroline Kuehneman
Nancy Fenske	Carol Bunker

February Hospitality

Chairperson:

Theme:

Janet Kuhl	Pat Limburg
Rachel Riley	Marge Martin
Kathy Simon	Judy Erickson
Pat Rigby	Sandy Veit
Ruth Rohlfing	Regina Scott Brooks

JUST A NOTE:

For the security of our members, we are no longer listing phone numbers or email addresses for our monthly hospitality volunteers because our newsletter information can be accessed by anyone via our website. Please use your membership directory or contact the newsletter editors for any contact information you may need.