



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

The Breiter Side

Hi! I'm so happy to be seeing signs of spring everywhere. Including, for me, a spring quilt retreat. I highly recommend a retreat for a little break from reality and a creative push.

Our last speaker was certainly very creative. It's always interesting to see what a non-quilter can contribute to the quilting world. At our last meeting we talked extensively about the quilt show. I had suggested starting a committee to consider possible changes to the quilt show. This committee will become part of the quilt show committee. We will have a suggestion box of sorts at the next guild meeting, so if you have input you can get it to the show committee in writing. Looking forward to seeing you all on March 25.

Stevie Breit, President

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March and April Birthdays

March

Yvonne Parks 3/2
Autumn Latimore 3/19
Dianna Zimmerman 3/19
Laura Bond 3/20

April

Marylou Wendzinski 4/4
Barbara Polzin 4/8
Sandra Kruppstadt 4/13
Charity Pedersen 4/19
Jayne Steffens 4/22
Jill Jelinek 4/23

*Happy
Birthday!*



Next Meeting

March 25, 2024
Zoom or in person

7:00 pm

WEAR YOUR NAME TAG!!!!

Bring hospitality donation!

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

Submit your articles to:

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<https://www.facebook.com/lighthousequiltersguild>

2024 Programs

Mar 25

Cheryl Schenck
Demoing Quilt Tips and Tricks

Apr 29

LuWayne Snow
Her English Paper Piecing Journey

May 20

Judy Zoelzer Levine
Sewing Room Solutions

June 24

Margaret Heller & Bethany Wise
The Pros & Cons of Renting a Studio
Outside of Your Home

July 29

Annual Rummage Sale

Aug 26

Laura Hartrich
Quilt Documentation

Sept 30

Annual Guild School House

Oct 28

Cathy Glover - A Step
Through History With Fabrics of Our Lives

Nov 25

Annual Holiday Party



Zoom link for March LHQ meeting



Time: March 25, 2023 07:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961430609?
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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82961430609>

Editor's note: possible technical difficulties with the link. If you do have the Zoom app, download and install it. Click to join a meeting and enter the above Meeting ID and Passcode.

Program Notes

Hello ladies!!

Last Month

I hope everyone enjoyed hearing Stephanie Sliwinski's surface design journey. Each fabric line from her Fancy that Design House & Co was more and more delightful. I hope everyone who went in search of her older fabric lines was successful!

This Month

This month we welcome Cheryl Schenck for her Beginning Free Motion Quilting class during the day and a lecture that evening for Demoing/Quilting Tips & Tricks. Space is limited but there is currently room in the class, so contact me if you are interested, ginarsb@yahoo.com. The class is open to non-guild members so, invite a friend.

Next Month

Our April lecturer will be our very own LuWayne Snow! LuWayne has been quilting for over 50 years, is a longtime guild member, and past guild president. She is a prolific quilter and loves to share her creations. LuWayne will be sharing her love of English Paper Piecing-EPP..

Guild Challenge

Each month the excitement for our Finish It Up Challenge seems to grow! Ladies, it is not too late to join in the fun. Find the UFO listing sheet on page 15 of this newsletter) and list all of your UFOs and bring those sheets to this month's meeting to have me initial your sheets and collect your participation badge. Work on your UFOs and bring finished projects to Show & Tell each month to collect your stars for your badge! Everyone that completes 6 projects will be entered in our grand prize drawing. Everyone that completes 1-5 projects will be entered into our participation drawing.

When looking over your list of UFOs, consider which ones you want to complete and which ones you might want to pass along. I am a member of an online quilt forum and we discussed UFOs before the new year began. One of our members had the following bits of wisdom to share and now I am sharing it with you all.

- Seek out the joy in your hobby; let go of the things that make you fearful or self-critical
- Remember that even the elements you dislike will bring your work to completion.
- Not every project has to be finished; sometimes it is simply a learning tool.
- Be aware of the joyful moments – the feel of the fabric, seeing that one perfect intersection finally come together; take a chance on something new once in a while; share this joy with others. ~ Courtesy of Karen O.

Something New

It was suggested at the executive board meeting that our Show & Tell during our rummage sale month highlight items that were purchased and completed from previous rummage sales. If you have completed an item from the guild rummage sale, please bring them to our July meeting to show. If I remember correctly, someone showed a table runner last month, please bring it again to show at the July meeting. And just like that a new Lighthouse tradition starts!



Cheryl Schenck

Beginning Free Motion Quilting Workshop

Step into the world of free motion quilting! In this class you'll learn to baste your quilt and use a walking foot, but the focus will be on free motion quilting. Learn several different patterns suitable for beginners. With a little practice, you'll be quilting those unfinished projects in no time. Let's start turning those tops into quilts!

You can find Cheryl at <http://www.unspooledwi.com>.

When: Monday, March 25, 2024; 10:00-3:30
(30 minutes allowed for lunch)

Where: Lutheran Church of the Resurrection
322 Ohio Street, Racine WI 53405

Cost: \$50 Lighthouse Quilters Guild members
\$60 non guild members, students are invited to Cheryl's presentation at our guild meeting that evening

Class space is limited.

If you have any questions please contact Regina Scott Brooks
at ginarsb@yahoo.com.

Guild Meeting Minutes

February 26, 2024

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM by Stevie Breit. Stevie announced that Oconomowoc Quilt Guild members were here with their raffle quilt.

Regina Scott Brooks introduced tonight's speaker, Moda designer Stephanie Sliwinski of Fancy That Design House. Regina met Stephanie a few years ago. Moda had done a write-up on her, and Regina, who describes herself as a Moda fanatic, proceeded to "stalk" Stephanie in order to talk her into coming to our guild. Stephanie majored in art and design in college. Although she is not a quilter and does not sew, she started designing fabric and had an Etsy shop. Moda found her and asked her to design fabric for them. She has designed several lines of fabric and displayed to the guild her designs and quilts that have been made with them. Her presentation was very well received and guild members had questions for her at the end.

Regina talked about next month's meeting and the workshop that will be held from 10 am – 3 pm, March 25th. Cheryl Schenck will teach the workshop on beginning free motion quilting at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection. The workshop will cover basting a quilt and using a walking foot but the focus will be on free motion quilting. The cost is \$50 for LHQ members and \$60 for non-members. Contact Regina for questions. Send your check to Grace Kragness.

Debbie Blaustein will be teaching a jelly roll class on the first Saturday in April and May. Each class will be 3 hours long and if people get stuck or are having trouble making the rug, they will be welcome to call her and go to her house for help. Debbie will meet with prospective class attendees before the March guild meeting at 6:30 to talk what needs to be prepared before the class. If you're interested in making a jelly roll rug, please meet with Debbie in the back of the meeting room at 6:30, March 25th.

Laura Bond, librarian, talked about new books that have been donated to the library. Laura will be doing a complete inventory soon and a list will be available to view.

Stevie talked about requests that have been made to start our meetings at 6:30 rather than 7:00 in order to have more discussion time and to accommodate out-of-town members. Pat Henningfeld said bookmarks have already been printed and she was afraid any potential new members would read the bookmark and assume the meeting started at 7:00. It was decided that a new start time motion will be tabled for next year.

Discussion about the quilt show and the difficulty in getting volunteers for set-up and take-down. At least 100 volunteers are needed to put on a quilt show. Yard signs were taken by fewer members due to yard space or inability to put one up. Discussion about quilt show attendance being down this year and why that was the case. It was mentioned that the quilt show lets people in our community know who we are as a guild and how important that is. Discussion about having a raffle quilt every year and looking at other venues for the show.

Our beloved Nancy Larsen is finally out of the hospital and recovering at a rehab center. A note was emailed to guild members with her daughter's address. Get Well cards would be appreciated.

Autumn said that the Executive Director of the Food Bank was not able to attend but hopefully will give a short talk about the Food Bank at next month's meeting. Autumn said there are still the old Lighthouse pins available if anyone wants them to pin on the new name tags we've all been encouraged to make. The pins are \$5.00. Food Bank donations for March are cereal and grains.

Kris Hagen, Membership, said there are 4 new members at tonight's meeting. Door prizes of \$5.00 gift cards at Sew and Save were presented.

Show and Tell was had. Meeting was adjourned.

Debbie Blaustein, Secretary

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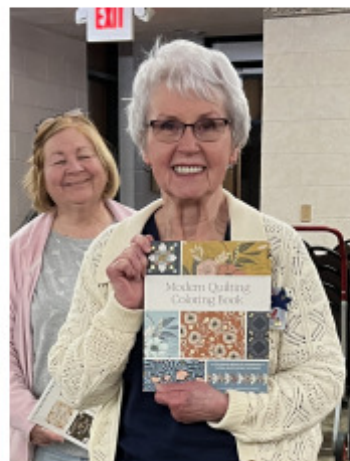
Highlights from February meeting



A few photos from the February meeting featuring Stephanie Sliwinski's surface design journey. She has designed several lines of fabric and brought samples of her fabrics as well as projects that have been created using those fabrics. She brought a few items for a random drawing and a eight lucky guild members were the recipients.



Prize winners!



Show and Tell - February meeting

Our members are "finishing it up"! So many quilters were lined up to show their beautiful projects that we have two pages of photos!



Rachel Riley



Vicki Madsen



Linda Artmann



Rhonda Westmoreland



Stevie Breit



Sue Lerch



Gayle Gottfredsen



Kime Heller-Neal



Show and Tell - February meeting, page 2

Even more photos can be seen on the LHQ Facebook page!

Grace Kragness



Jennifer Clingaman



Jayne Steffens



Judy Martin



Debby Gillmore



Ginger Wanserski



Mary Bielefeldt



Jackie Mekemson



Kathy Fojtik



Hospitality

We should continue to be proud of ourselves for our donations to the Racine County Food Pantry!

Last month we collected over 80 packages of fruit and \$87 to donate to the pantry.

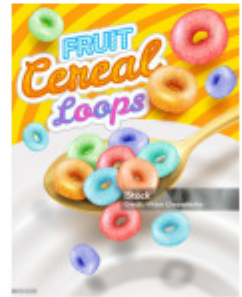


This month's donation is cereal and grains.
This includes rice, oats, boxed cereal.



Thank you ladies!

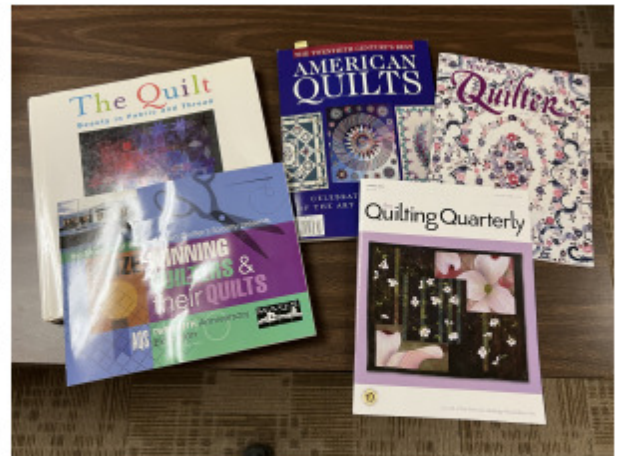
Autumn Latimore
Hospitality Chair



Library

Hopefully you've been able to check out our lending library for LHQG members. We've received some great new donations in the past couple of months.

As mentioned at the February meeting, we had books and magazines donated by Betty Suiter that highlight her quilting legacy and work. Kris Hagen was good to bring us a baker's dozen in new books on topics ranging from using fat quarters, pre-cuts, strip piecing, triangles, hexagons, log cabin possibilities and landscape and pictorial quilts. Donations welcome!



Featured book of the month: Judy Martin's Log Cabin Quilt Book



There are 16 quilt designs in the book that can help take the basic concept of the log cabin block to new heights with the skillful use of color and piecing. Several of the patterns in this book are not quite log cabin quilts but log quilts, meaning they are made from logs that end up creating secondary designs instead of cabins. The 'Shoreline Log Cabin' and 'Sequoia Stars' patterns are impressive, come have a look for yourself at this challenging book!

Laura Bond, Librarian



Charity Quilt Longarm Preparation



As most of you know, Debbie Blaustein will quilt your charity quilts free of charge, on her longarm. All you have to pay for is the batting, unless you provide your own. Debbie provides Hobbs 80/20 batting at her cost, currently \$5.70/yd. That cost seems go up a little with each roll she buys.

Here is a list of things that you should do before you give her your charity quilts:

1. Square up quilt top. If you have pieced borders or pieced blocks up to the edges, stabilize the edges with stay stitching 1/8" to 1/4" from the edge.
 2. Remove selvage edges before piecing the back. Square up quilt back. Backing needs to be 4-5" bigger than quilt top ON ALL FOUR SIDES, i.e., about 8 inches longer and 8" wider than the top. If your backing is pieced, please make sure the sides are trimmed evenly. If seams go to the edge, stabilize the edges with stay stitching 1/8" to 1/4" from the edge.
 3. If you are providing the batting, batting needs to be the same width as the backing.
 4. Press all the seams on top and back.
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Sew 'n Save's Spring Community Charity Projects

Donate a few hours of your time to help those in our community and around the World. Every month Sew 'n Save hosts volunteers to use their time and talents for several different causes.

Angel gowns are burial clothes that are provided to grieving parents in the hospitals after they lose a baby. In order to provide gowns to hospitals in our area, volunteers to deconstruct dresses and create beautiful angel gowns for grieving parents. Donations also accepted are wedding dresses, fabrics, laces, ribbons or trims suitable for the burial gowns. Patterns can be provided to anyone willing to sew. Come for an hour or the entire afternoon. Sessions are at noon, April 9 and May 14.

Hugs for kids are easy-to-assemble stuffed animals that bring needed comfort to children in traumatic situations. Patterns, fabric & accessories are all provided. 10 am – 3 pm, April 10 and May 21.

Your Pad or Mine—these are reusable cloth menstrual pads that can be washed and reused instead of disposable pads. Some areas of the world lack access to disposable pads and the resources to purchase them. These pads will be sent with missionaries to women in third world countries. Volunteers needed to sew, trace, and cut. Noon, March 26, April 23 and May 28.



Check the Sew 'n Save calendar on their website
for dates and times.

<https://www.sewnsaveofracine.com>

Quilt Show 2025

Hello to past quilt show committee members and potential members! It's already time to kick-off the planning for the 2025 Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show. Sorry for the long-winded email, but it's been a while since we "talked".

Kitty and I would like to get the gang back together on Monday, March 25th at 5:30pm in the conference room next to the church office. We'll wrap up by 6:45 so everyone can get to the guild meeting for more fun and fellowship.

Attached is the list of tentative chairs as of our November wrap-up meeting and the minutes from that meeting for your reading pleasure.

The 2025 show was a topic of discussion at the February guild meeting and the formation of a potential new committee was proposed. Instead, the Board decided last night to roll those topics of interest back into the 2025 show committee. (Full disclosure: it was my recommendation not to create a new committee since we already have the framework and experts here to move ideas forward. I've invited all of the Board members that aren't already on this team to attend in case they have ideas for us as well.)

I propose that we begin where we left off in November and hit on the following topics at the kick-off meeting. We won't be able to decide them all in this limited amount of time but we can see where we are headed.

- 1) Motion to revisit the venue choice (I'm in discussions with Festival Hall, for example, who would provide pipe and drape. We do not yet have a contract with Fountain Hall.)
- 2) Motion to revisit the length of show (2 days vs. 1 day - pros and cons)
- 3) Combine some chair positions and fill vacancies
- 4) Generate list of topics for future discussion/resolution (examples: Honored Quilter nominations, potential 4-H exhibit, new and/or revised entry categories, rummage booth, consignment sales of quilts)
- 5) Future meetings - dates, times, locations, Zoom-only?

It's a lot to cover in only an hour, but at least we can reconnect and get things going!

BTW, our guild is growing again - we have 98 members right now, compared to the 80 or so that we had post-COVID when we kicked off the last show. We will be able to do great things with this volunteer base!

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Mary Wolter
Cell: 262-930-4900

Lighthouse Legacies 2025



In Case You Missed It

It's been publicized on quilting sites. March is National Quilting Month and the 16th has been designated National Quilting Day. Check your favorite quilting web site for inspiration. The Quilt Alliance and the National Quilt Museum are coordinators for this special day. Visit their website to read about great ideas on how to celebrate. www.quiltmuseum.org. No matter your quilting style, enjoy this time just for us.

Bloomberg News reports that Joann Inc. is considering a bankruptcy filing in the very near future. I speak for all of us that it would be a great let down for all crafters. Their coupons have been a savings for many years, especially the one for 50%. We'll just have to keep up with the business news and hope for the best.

Several of the quilt shows I have listed are a distance from the Racine area. I include them as you never know when you might be taking a road trip.

- Pat Henningfeld, Publicity

Quilting Events

Thru Mar. 17. **Exploration in Fiber Art.** Anderson Arts Center, 6603 Third Ave., Kenosha. Tues.-Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Free. For more information, kempercenter.com.

Mar. 23-24. **35th Annual Crazy Quilters Guild Show.** Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester (Hwy 83), Mukwonago. Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. -3 p.m. Admission \$7; 2-day \$10. www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com.

Apr. 6-7. **2024 Northwoods Quilters Quilt Show.** Marinette Rec Center, 2501 Pierce Ave., Marinette. Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission, \$5.

Apr. 13-14. **Medford Quilt Show.** Simek Center, 1037 W. Broadway Ave., Medford. Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. TwistedThreadsQuiltGroup.com.

Apr. 19-20. **Magical Mystical Quilting Show.** Sponsored by Evergreen Quilting Guild. Green Bay Community Church, 600 Cardinal Lane. Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission \$8; 2-day, \$12. Evergreenquiltersguild.com/quiltshow.

Apr. 27-28. **2024 Mane Quilt Show.** Nekoosa High School, 500 S. Cedar St. Sat.-Sun., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information, AllEvents.in.

Sept. 5-7. 2024 **Great Wisconsin Quilt Show.** Alliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center, Madison. Thurs.-Fri., 9 a.m.- p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission, \$12 one-day; \$17 two-day; \$20 three-day. For more information, quiltshow.com.

Sew 'n Save is offering an early sign up for The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. The Fabric Gallery, 3701 Durand Ave, will open at 6:15 am with buses departing at 6:45 am and pick up at 7:10 am at Highway 20 Park and Ride, and 7:30 am at the Ryan Road Park and Ride. Buses will leave Madison at 4:30 pm. Cost is \$55 and includes transportation, parking and show entry ticket. For more information, call 262 554 8708

Quilts for the Community

TWENTY-ONE QUILTS were given at our February meeting!! Here is where they will go: 1 to Woman's Resource Center, 7 to All Saints NICU (5 Isolet blankets & 2 little quilts), 2 to Racine Foster Children, 1 to Racine County Veterans, and 10 Wherever Needed!! THANK YOU!!

Four members will distribute quilts this year:

Nancy Larsen for Women's Resource Center - Baby to Lap size--36x36 to 55x70, pieced, cheaters, fleece, crocheted and knitted items.

Regina Scott Brooks for Quilts for VA Home in Union Grove
Twin size or a little larger but not much larger, fabrics can be either for men or women

Barbara Vallone for Quilts for the Community which includes:

- All Saints NICU, Racine, and Children's Hospital, Milwaukee. Baby to Lap size--36x36 to 55x70
- St. Monica's Home plus Habitat for Humanity and other local needs. Lap--45x50 to 55x70
- Operation Snuggles – quilts for soldiers' children, Camp Serenity, and Wounded Warriors
Baby to twin bed—36x36 to 60x75

TC Wiley for Foster Children's Project, Baby to Large Lap—40x40 to 55x70. Quilt size can range from 36 x36 to 60 x 75—see sizes above. Please keep your biggest quilt to twin bed size.

THANK YOU!!! Nancy Larsen, Regina Scott Brooks, Barbara Vallone, and TC Wiley

Quilt Camps for 2024

The DeKoven Center is a lovely three day retreat close to home! Each session can take 16 quilters. The Assembly Hall faces east to Wisconsin Ave with parking right in front of the door with the ramp in! Every quilter gets a six foot table plus there are TWO ironing places and TWO double layout tables!! There are a few openings in each. Contact me SOON!

THE DEKOVEN CENTER, Racine, WI DAY QUILT CAMP

Wed, Thu, Fri March 27, 28, 29 \$25 per day Tue, Wed, Thu, April 16, 17, 18 \$25 per day
DAY QUILT CAMP is 9 am~5 pm in historic 1850s Assembly Hall Bring your lunch! Max 16 per day

Camp Zion is north of Ellison Bay on a bluff facing the Green Bay of Lake Michigan! This camp is literally inside the cedar forest up there! It is amazingly peaceful and so good for the quilters to gather in peace! Again, there are a few openings in this one. Again, contact me SOON!

CAMP ZION: Door County, WI

May 15, 16, 17, 18, 2024~ afternoon Wed to 11 am Sun, 4 nights/8 meals \$328
Early Start: Mon, Tue, May 13 & 14 after 3 pm/NO meals until WED SUPPER! \$35 per night

Camp Zion is at the tip of Door County on the Bay side just north of Ellison Bay. Sleeping is dormitory style with bunk beds and shared baths. There are steep hills in camp. Parking is limited so car-pooling is appreciated! Max 30

If YOU are interested in seeing ALL the camps in 2024, contact me for a two page copy of my Quilt Camp Flier and I will send it to you by e-mail. Thanks!! Barbara Vallone. Call 262-639-8185 or qltingb@gmail.com

QUILT STUDIO TIME FOR 2024

Quilt Studio Time is held at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection twice each year on Thursday, Friday & Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm. Thirty quilters can sign up. Each will get half of an 8 foot table. There are 2 ironing stations, tables for basting and cutting quilts, and microwave and refrigerator access. Bring your projects, a power strip AND extension cord, cutting mat and cutting supplies, plus your favorite beverage (coffee is available and there is a soda machine down the hall) AND your own lunch. I have a few openings for April 25, 26, 27. Contact me SOON! Barbara Vallone, 262-639-8185 or qltingb@gmail.com



2024 Membership Form

ALL members, new and returning, must complete a membership form.

Dues are \$30

(checks made payable to Lighthouse Quilters Guild).

Your information will not be shared.

**Bring this form to the monthly membership meeting
or mail it to:**

Lighthouse Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Vice-President
PO Box 081153
Racine, WI 53408-1153

All members are asked to make one quilt a year for one of our charities

Name: _____

Address: _____

City

State

Zip

Winter Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-mail address: _____

Birthday: Month _____ Day _____



Have you participated in a Zoom Guild meeting? If yes, your opinion. If no, why not?

Please use the reverse side of this form for additional comments and suggestions
regarding lectures or workshops.

Thank you!

2024 UFO Challenge

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Please refer to the January newsletter for additional versions of this form



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Welcome New Members

Welcome to Christy Peters, Jill Jelinek, Jewel Jones, Sarah Gabbey and Sandy Anderson and Marlene Quigg (not pictured—will get them at the next meeting!)



Sarah Gabbey



Christy Peters



Jewel Jones



Jill Jelinek



Sending get well wishes to Nancy Larsen
as she recovers from surgery