



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

The Breiter Side 

Hello, quilters!

I am very excited to see you all in January at our annual Then and Now presentation. It will kick off what I hope will be a wonderful year of quilting and accomplishment for all of us. We have lots of fun things planned for the upcoming months.

Be sure to read everything in the newsletter as there is lots of information.

Check the weather the day of our meeting. If Unified has cancelled classes, then we will not meet.

Stevie Breit, President

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January and February Birthdays

January

Marge Martin	Jan 2
Jennifer Raymond	Jan 2
Diane Seymour	Jan 13
Lynette Lechner	Jan 13
Carol Bunker	Jan 16
Maria Rivest	Jan 17
Catherine Rolfson	Jan 18
Mary Jo Diem	Jan 22
Christy Schliesmann	Jan 25
Sandy Veit	Jan 25
TC Wiley	Jan 29
Maxine Omdahl	Jan 31

February

Rhonda Westmoreland	Feb 8
Ellen Harrison	Feb 10
Kathy Lijewski	Feb 13
Betty Suiter	Feb 18
Catherine Neal	Feb 21
Mary Reisler	Feb 22
Marcelle Christofferson	Feb 24
Michelle Barr	Feb 24
Jacky Tomkins	Feb 26
Louise Shapley	Feb 28
Ginger Wanserski	Feb 28



Next Meeting

January 29, 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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Sue Causey at
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2024 Programs

Jan 29

Then and Now

Feb 26

Stephanie Sliwinski of Fancy That Design House – Her Quilt Journey and Being a Moda Designer

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 & Bethan 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

Check out Facebook!

Please **like** our page and **share** it with your friends.

Updates to meetings and workshops will be posted



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

Zoom **will** be available for the January meeting but, at this point, no link is available. An email blast will be sent out to all members a few days ahead of time, so watch your inbox if you intend to be attending remotely.



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

Happy New Year Everyone!!!!

Welcome to our 2024 Program year! I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and has had time to organize their quilting spaces in preparation for our Finish It Up challenge.

How will the **Finish It Up** Challenge work?

1. Use one of the forms in this newsletter, or the form of your choice, to record all your UFOs. I will have a limited number of copies at this month's meeting and you are welcome to take one if you couldn't access the site or had problems printing.
2. Bring your list(s) to the January and February meeting to have me initial them.
3. Work on any UFOs you want in any month that you want.
4. Bring your finished projects to Show & Tell each month so that you can bask in the accolades of your peers.
5. The challenge will run from our January meeting to our October meeting. If you complete at least 6 UFOs within that time-frame, your name will be entered into our prize drawing.

To answer a few questions, A UFO is an UnFinished Object at any stage of construction. A UFO is **not** a kit that has not been cut into. A UFO does not have to be a quilt but any quilty object a quilter might make i.e., tree skirts, wall hangings, lap quilts, table runners, etc. Please bring any other questions to our meeting because someone else might be wondering the same thing!

This month's program will be our annual Then & Now presentation. Our four members that have volunteered to present are: Linda Artmann, Debbie Blaustein, Stacy Gavin, and Rachel Riley. Our group of quilters range from the long time and very experienced to a relative new quilter who is just starting out. I want to enthusiastically thank the ladies for stepping up and I look forward to hearing their journeys.

Looking ahead, in March we will be hosting a Beginning Machine Quilting class taught by Cheryl Schenck. Cheryl says, "If you'd like to learn how to free motion quilt, this class is for you! Yes, you can do it on just about any machine! Turn those quilt tops into quilts on your home sewing machine. You will learn lots of tips and tricks and several quilting patterns!" I hope to have a flyer and sign-up sheet at the meeting. If interested don't wait, sign up right away!

See you on the 29th!

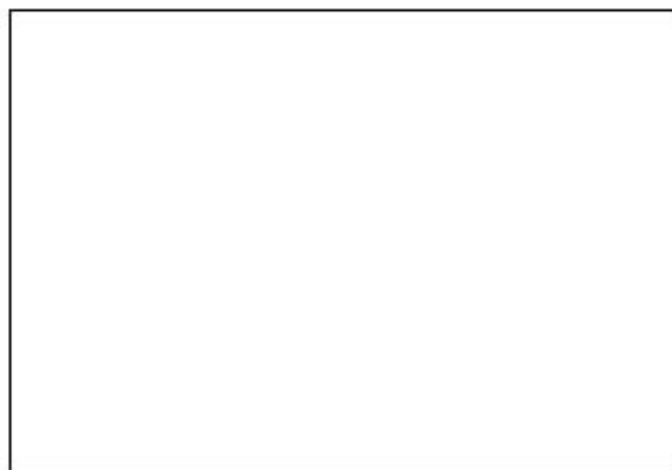
Regina Scott Brooks, VP Programs

2024 UFO Challenge

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Project Title



Pattern Info:

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Recipient:

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Target Date:

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Priority:

☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3

Project Stage

☐ Materials Purchased ☐ Cutting ☐ Blocks ☐ Quilt Top ☐ Backing ☐ Basting ☐ Quilting ☐ Binding

Steps to Take

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Notes

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Project Stage Key: M= Purchased Materials C= Material Cut Bl= Blocks Pieced Qt= Quilt Top Pieced Bk= Back Pieced Ba= Basted Qu= Quilted B= Binding

Workshop available to LHQ members



Southport Quilters will be hosting a workshop presented by Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs using her Accordion Sewn Half Square Triangles technique to make the Carpenter's Apprentice quilt. The quilt as shown finishes at 40" x 40". The workshop is SIX HOURS long, and includes a break for a Subway boxed lunch (included). Pattern is also included in workshop cost. Prep work will be necessary before the workshop.

Where: Kenosha County Center, 19600 75th St., Bristol, WI
(The northeast corner of Hwys. 50 and 45)

When: Tuesday, April 9, 2024; 9:30 am – 4 pm

Cost (Pattern included): \$100 for Southport Quilters Guild members

\$110 for non-members. This includes admission to Beth's presentation the evening before the workshop.

Registration is limited. The workshop will be opened to non-members on March 7, 2024. For any questions or to register, by contact Pat Frieman at: patfrieman@gmail.com or 262-496-1428.

Sew 'n Save's February Community Charity Projects

February 13	noon	Angel Gowns
February 16	1:30	Quilts for Soldiers and others in need
February 20	10 am	Hugs for Kids
February 27	noon	Your Pad or Mine

See Sew n Save website for more information
<https://www.sewnsaveofracine.com>



Sew 'n Save
of Racine

Hospitality

At this month's meeting we have an important vote for where and how we'll be donating our hospitality food items. If you recall, we had a robust discussion back in October and decided to table our decision until this month.

Here are the options we were considering:

- We continue to choose a monthly item or food category to be donated to the Racine County Food Pantry January - October with a cash donation in November.
- We donate a monthly food choice donation to The Marketplace of the Tiny House Village for Veterans. These items are available for free to area vets and or their spouses who use The Marketplace when they identify as "food insecure." We then can opt to donate cash donations in November to either the The Marketplace or the Racine County Food Pantry.
- We donate a monthly food choice to The Marketplace or The Racine County Food Pantry, depending on the month. The collected cash donation in November would be split between the two charities.

There can be amendments added to these options but these are the basic choices we'll be reviewing for our meeting.

This Month's Donation:

Also, for this month, regardless of our vote, we're asking for **SHELF STABLE MILK**. This is seen as a premium item for the pantry because of the expense for most food pantry patrons. Depending on the store, these products can be found in the aisles by the cereal, juice, coffee, or hot chocolate! You gotta SEARCH! Shelf stable milk includes: Powdered dry milk (Found at the Piggly Wigglys), Almond milk* (on shelves at most grocery stores), Rice milk, or Oat milk.

Please **do NOT include: evaporated milk or coconut milk!**



Pig on Spring
w/cocoa



Walmart
w/juice



Pig on Washington- Almond w/cereal
Dry powdered w/cocoa



P & S on Spring
w/cereal

*If you'd like to make a cash contribution towards shelf stable milk, Sue Causey has volunteered to purchase cases of almond milk from Costco-- a case of 6 cartons can be purchased for under \$10 - versus 1 carton for \$3 at most grocery stores. We'll have a specific envelope for milk donations.

Enthusiastically submitted,

Autumn Latimore, Hospitality Chair

Charity Quilts for the Community

2023 Charity Quilt Donation Report

Lighthouse, Peaceful and Rainbow Quilters donated a total of 273 quilts in 2023 recorded by Barbara Vallone! I am sure more were given by many of you as well as more have been stored by many of you!!!

81 Racine Foster Children!

55 St Monica's and other local needs in Racine AND Kenosha

14 NICU at All Saints ~ 36x36 Isolet blankets

14 Union Grove Veterans Home ~ Regina's Lighthouse Project

77 Camp Serenity

16 Quilts for Soldiers (sent with the Camp Serenity Quilts)

16 Children's Hospital, Milwaukee

273 TOTAL GIVEN out in 2023 and I still have lots of quilts waiting for when we will again need about 80+ for Camp Serenity plus all the other places!!

The estimated total of 273 given quilts is over **\$95,500!!!**

This total includes fabric used and time served! Pretty amazing!!

We did a good job in 2023 for Racine Foster Kids Program, Camp Serenity, Wounded Warriors, local veterans and MANY other places in Racine and Kenosha Counties so keep making quilts in sizes 36 x 36 to 60 x 70! We also pray that 2024 will keep us ALL safe with time to use our stash and skill to meet the needs of others!

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

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

TC Wiley for Foster Children's Project: Baby to Large Lap—40x40 to 55x70

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, Habitat for Humanity and other local needs: Small Lap--45x50 to Nap Lap--55x70

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

Baby to twin bed 36x36 to 60x75

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



In Case You Missed It

It's a bit early but don't want you to miss out. February is National Embroidery Month. I would think this would include counted cross stitch and machine embroidery. After Claudia Grace presented her samplers at Then and Now, I found many cross stitch/embroidery enthusiasts in our guild. It's a good hobby to try if you haven't already. There are many web sites to purchase kits, supplies and tutorials.

I will have guild bookmarks available for you to share with a friend or prospective member at our January meeting. They list our 2024 programs and information about our guild. Please do not take for your personal use as the same information is in the newsletter.

Keep up to date and informed of your guild's goings on by reading your newsletter. If you have any questions, call me.

- *Pat Henningfeld*, Publicity

Quilting Events

Feb. 10. Winter Quilt Show. Washington County Fair Park & Conference Center, 3000 Hwy PV, West Bend. Sat., 9 am.-4 pm. \$10. Sponsored by Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts. www.winterquiltshow.com.

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

Quilt Camps for 2024

LUTHERDALE: March 13-17 Lauderdale Lakes near Elkhorn

Arrival/Price Options:

Wed 3/13 (4 nights) \$354 Triple, \$389 Double, \$549 Single

Thur 3/14 (3 nights) \$304 Triple, \$329 Double, \$464 Single

Fri 3/15 (2 nights) \$239 Triple, \$259 Double, \$359 Single

Meals begin Wednesday supper and end with Sunday breakfast

Quilt and sleep in the NEW Hope Center - no bunk beds!

Meals are a very short walk away in the Dining Hall.

Contact Lutherdale directly at 262-742-2352 to register.

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



Library Notes

Did you know that we have our very own lending library for LHQG members? If not, please come join us at the next meeting to browse before or afterward. If you're curious about how to utilize the library, you can go to the LHQG website and look under the 'Resources' heading for the link to all library information. For the New Year we will be taking an inventory to update the current book list that is on the web page. Let us know how we can make the library work even better for you. Are there guild members stuck at home during the bad weather that would like a book delivered? Are there books you would like to see us acquire? Are there tools such as rulers that you would like to borrow that we could try to source for lending?

Donations welcome. We hope to see you at the library!

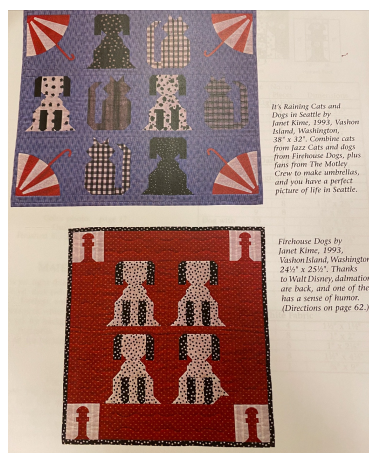
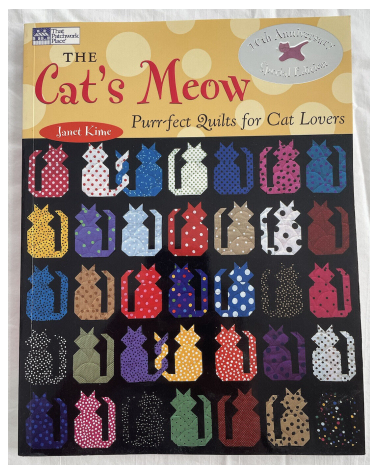
Laura Bond, Librarian

Library Book of the Month

Featured book of the month: The Cat's Meow: Purr-Fect Quilts For Cat Lovers by Janet Kime

There are 18 fantastic feline quilt designs in the book, one even features cats and dogs together! There are cats made from Traditional Log Cabin blocks, a sampler where the body of each of the 15 cats is a different traditional block, cats with bodies made from the traditional Grandmother's fan block, and a two Sunbonnet Sue style quilts where there's a cat in the traditional dress and hat instead of a child.

There's sure to be something in this book for the cat lover in your life!



Historian

Please help me make a record of our wonderful guild. If you have any quilts entered in a quilt show near or far, please send me the info. Include a picture if possible, and if you won an award. Also, if you are working with a community group on a quilting project, send any pertinent information to share with our members.

Thank you for your help.

Sue Lerch, Historian



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 and payment to the January meeting

Or mail it before February 15th 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 _____



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Welcome New and Returning Members!



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