



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

The Presidents' Pieces



Spring is a time for rebirth and renewal. After the dark days of winter, it is so refreshing to look out the window and see the early flowers popping up, the grass getting greener, the leaves budding, and the robins and other birds returning. Hopefully, the April showers have taken a Spring break! LOL!

As this spring season begins, let's renew and redouble our efforts toward the quilt show. We need everyone to participate both by making items to enter and to sell, as well as helping out at the show. Now that I'm back from my trip, I look forward to getting back to my own quilting!

Kirsten

April showers bring more than spring flowers this year! They also bring spring fever and I am itching to get outside to clean up my yard and feel some sunshine. My family has survived a rather tumultuous stretch and I look forward to a new grandson due in May and a son getting married in August. I find the distractions of life requiring me to pay more attention to me as it is easy to become overwhelmed. It's OK to binge watch The Crown or snuggle under a quilt to read, but it's time to get outside and burn off energy. Yes, a positive focus will provide a more positive outcome. (Those attending the March meeting enjoyed Judy Levine presenting without her projected pictures. It was wonderful!) Happy Spring and I personally hope everything will be coming up roses!

Jayne

APRIL AND MAY BIRTHDAYS

Marylou Wendzinski 4/4
Sandy Kruppstadt 4/13
Charity Pedersen 4/19
Linda Berger 4/21
Jayne Steffens 4/22
Pat Limburg 4/23
Dee Klacan 4/23
Barbara Van Ruden 4/25

Sue Scheckel 5/6
Kathy Craig 5/6
Donna Wheeler 5/7
Dorothy Broihier 5/9
JoAnn Haselhuhn 5/19
Rachel Riley 5/20
Janet Kuhl 5/23
Jo Lettsome 5/23
Mary Kay Shimkus 5/23
Gen Hostak 5/26
Mary Bielefeldt 5/29



April 2017

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Next Meeting Mon. April 24, 2017

7:00 pm Fellowship Hall

Show and Tell

Welcoming smile

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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2017 Programs

Apr 24	JIM DEIBLER: The Lighter Side of Machine Maintenance
May 22	SUZI PARRON: Barn Quilts www.barnquiltinfo.com
June 26	BILL KERR: Transforming Traditions: Modernism and Quilts www.ModernQuiltStudio.com WORKSHOPS: Quilting the Modern Quilt Piecing Curves
July 31	PICNIC
Aug 28	DONNA WISNOSKI: Feedsack Quilts
Sept 25	KATHLEEN TRACY: A Little History of Quilting
Sept. 26	KATHLEEN TRACY: Workshop: TBA
Oct 30	CAROL BUTZKE: Care and Feeding of Quilts
Nov 27	Holiday Party

April Meeting



At our next Guild meeting on April 24th, we are happy to welcome Jim Deibler of Sew and Save. In THE LIGHTER SIDE OF MACHINE MAINTENANCE, Jim will be reminding us of ways to keep our sewing machines running smoothly and out of the repair shop.

If someone is attending a meeting from the north side of town, Gen Hostak would appreciate a ride. Please call her at 639-7937 for further information.



BILL KERR WORKSHOPS IN JUNE!

Bill Kerr of Modern Quilt Studio will be coming on Tuesday, June 27th and offering two workshops. **QUILTING THE MODERN QUILT** will be offered from 9am to noon, and **PIECING CURVES** from 1-4 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church, 1700 South Green Bay Road.

QUILTING THE MODERN QUILT

Whether it's figuring out how to quilt a large expanse of negative space or how to choose the best thread for quilting a quilt made entirely of solids, learn how to choose the best quilting pattern and thread for your modern quilt. Students will leave with a variety of quilted samples that will be useful for quilting future quilts.

PIECING CURVES

Learn to design and draft templates, cut precisely, and sew inset curves. You will conquer curves using our original Eclipse design (the pattern will be provided) to make either a wall hanging or a napping quilt. Using your own fabrics, you can learn about value and create a unique variation of our Eclipse quilt.

Sign-up sheets and supply lists for each workshop will be available at the next Guild meeting. Plan to sign up before we open the workshops to non-Guild members!!! Cost of each workshop for Guild members is \$50.

Questions? Contact Judy Martin at jmartin121845@gmail.com or 920-265-9758.

Membership News from Regina

Join me in welcoming new member **Jackie Costabile** and returning members **Dianne Benefiel & Linda Focareto**. Our numbers continue to grow each month. We currently have 129 members!

I would like to give a HUGE thank you to members that have donated to our door prize coffers. Recent donations were received from Grace Kragness and Pat Limburg. Last month we received an extra special donation so our door prize drawing this month will be extraordinary - you do not want to miss our April meeting!

Membership has its Privileges

1. Did you know that your Lighthouse membership card can get you a discount at Jo-Ann Fabric? As a member of the guild you qualify for their VIP Discount card which gives you a 10% discount on regular and sale priced items. Get more information and apply for your card at <http://www.joann.com/vip-discounts.html>.

2. Some quilt shops offer a discount to quilt guild members. During check out I have asked, "Do you offer a discount to quilt guild members?" and on several occasions have received a 10-15% discount! If anyone does receive a discount let me know and I will list that shop in the newsletter so that all members are aware of this benefit.

If you haven't picked up your membership card, remember to get it this month because membership does have its privileges!

LIGHTHOUSE CHARITY QUILT PROJECTS FOR 2017

ONE quilt and ONE crocheted blanket were given at our March meeting! Here is where they will go:

2 to Children's Hospital in Milwaukee

Two members distributed 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 find our Charity Quilt BLUE WASH BASKETS where there will be:

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. Please keep your biggest quilt to twin bed size. Women's Resource Center welcome pieced, cheaters, fleece, crocheted and knitted items.

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

New Charity Quilt Donation Site

Members asked and I finally delivered! Boland Hall, the VA Home in Union Grove, would be pleased to accept quilts from Lighthouse members. Donated quilts should be twin size (can be a little larger), any theme, and prewashed. Unlike our other charity quilts I will not collect quilts each month but twice a year. Our first collection will be at our October meeting for a November delivery.

Ladies, lets rev up our machines for our vets! ~ Regina



Guild membership pins for Tracy Koenen, Diane Lange, Ann Smith and Joyce Springmann can be picked up and paid for at the April 24th meeting.

Quilt Camp 2017

May 18, 19, 20, 21, 22 at Camp Zion in Door County. Cost is \$68 per night. We begin at 4 pm on Thursday, May 18, and depart after 11 am on Sunday, May 21. Sleeping is dormitory-style with bunk beds (no one goes UP!) and shared baths. There are STEEP hills in camp. Parking is limited so car-pooling is appreciated!

June 5, 6, 7, 8 at Conference Point in Williams Bay on Geneva Lake. This one is now during the week. We arrive after 10:30 am on Monday, June 5, and depart by 12:30 pm on Thursday, June 8. Cost for 3 nights and 7 meals is \$210. Shared sleeping rooms with twin or double beds have toilet and sink in each room. Showers down the hall. The entire building is air conditioned.



Lighthouse Quilt Guild General Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2017, 7 PM

The meeting was called to order by President Jayne Armbruster

Announcements: New members & guests were introduced. Lynn Hooper was there with fabrics from Tangiers. Judy Barnes is selling raffle tickets for Southport Quilters for a sewing machine.

Program: Judy Levine "Silks, Satins and other fun stuff."

Judy Martin introduced our speaker Judy Levine. She talked about breaking the rules of quilting and using fabrics such as lame, silks, velvet, acetate & polyester. She explained that when given burn tests silk is self extinguishing and poly just melts. She also said to tear silk to get straight lines. She talked about using interfacing on these fabrics. Use either a featherweight or tricot interfacing. Sew with a small, fine, new needle, a walking foot and cotton thread. You can find silk in shirts, ties & sample upholstery books. Satin ravelers so cut and use immediately. You can use fray check applied with a brush for raveling on satins.

Business: Membership has a printed directory at the meetings for those without access to a printer. There will be workshops June 27 (Tues) with Bill Kerr. The morning workshop will be quilting the modern quilt and the afternoon will be piecing curves. Our next speaker will be Jim Deibler of Sew n Save "The lighter side of machine maintenance".

Information on the quilt show was next on the agenda.

Luwayne Snow is coordinating the bed turning and should have between 15-20 quilts.

Rachel Riley took names for those that would like the pattern for the Lighthouse quilt kit that will be sold in the boutique. Mary Ludvigsen and Sharon Guetzlaff (publicity)

handed out one bookmark for the show to each person in attendance. The raffle tickets should be ready to distribute at the April meeting. Each member will get 30 raffle tickets that are 6 for \$5 to sell. There will be bookmarks given out with the tickets. Yard signs were also shown.

The raffle quilt for the Holiday party is being worked on.

Ann Smith talked about the West Racine farmers market.

The flyers for the Wisconsin state shop hop were handed out to all attending.

Hospitality committee was introduced. Regina explained about a project to help veterans.

Regina is working with Carrie from the VA. The VA would like to have twin size bed quilts for vets. We will deliver these quilts 2 times per year.

Door Prizes:

Regina had names drawn for members with a birthday this month and for attendees.

The spotlight was on new member Charity Pedersen.

Show and Tell: There was some great show and tell. Check the Facebook page for the guild to see some of the wonderful quilts shown.

The next Board meeting is April 3 at 7 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm for refreshments.

Respectfully submitted

Marge Martin

Secretary

2017 Quilting Events

Apr. 6-23. 8th Annual International PEEPS Art Exhibition (includes quilt block exhibition) Racine Art Museum, 441 Main St. Tues.-Sat., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun., Noon-5 p.m. Free.

Apr. 22-23. Mukwonago Crazy Quilters Annual Quilt Show. Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester St. Sat., 9 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sun. 10 1.m.-4 p.m.

Apr. 22-23. Prairie Heritage Quilt Show. St. Albert's Parish, 2420 St. Albert Dr. Sun., 12-5 p.m.; Mon., 9 a.m.-6p.m.; Tues., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. \$6.262

Apr. 26-29. AQS Quilt Show/Quilt Week. Paducah, KY. Learn more at QuiltWeek.com. or americanquilter.com.

Apr. 29. Spring Open House. Sew 'n Save & Fabric Gallery, 3701 Durand Ave. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Meet teachers, view class samples for classes thru Aug.

May 6. Holcombe United Methodist Church Quilt Show. County Road M, Holcombe.

May 6-7. Celebration of Quilts. Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School, 3349 Davison Rd., Jackson. \$5. For more information, itsastitchquiltguild.com.

May 8-10. Missouri Star Bus Trip 2017. Sew 'n Save & Fabric Gallery. \$399. For more information contact Karin Janssen Potter, 414-852-8800 or Karinjanssenpotter@gmail.com.

May 18-22. Quilt Camp Zion in Door County. \$68 nightly. For more information contact Barb Vallone, 262-639-8185.

May 31. WI Shop Hop Fabric Preview Party. Sew 'n Save & Fabric Gallery, 3701 Durand Ave. 4-7 p.m. \$5. For reservations or more information, 262-554-8708.

June 5-8. Quilt Camp at Conference Point. Williams Bay, Lake Geneva. \$210. For more information contact Barb Vallone., 262-639-8185.

June 16. Magical Mystery Bus Trip. Sew 'n Save and Fabric Gallery, Bus leaves 6:30 a.m.; returns 5:30 p.m. \$70. For reservations or more information, 262-554-87008.

Interested in Quilt History?

The Racine Quilt History Group welcomes anyone interested in learning more about the rich and colorful history of quilt making. We generally meet from 10 to noon on Saturdays at Sew 'n Save. Here are the upcoming proposed dates and topics for 2017:

June 24 - Quilts with the color brown September 23 - Foundation piecing.

Bring a quilt, a question or just yourself. For more information contact Jayne at jaynesteffens22@gmail.com.



Calling All Paper Piecers

A few years ago I announced a group purchase of 8.5x11 newsprint used for paper piecing in LQG's Yahoo group. My supply is low so I'm placing another order. I order the paper through my employer which allows us no shipping charges and no taxes. The paper is \$3.99 a ream. I will take orders in at our April meeting (money is due when I take your order) and deliver the paper at our May meeting. I will not take orders for half reams, you will need to find a friend to split the ream if you only want half.

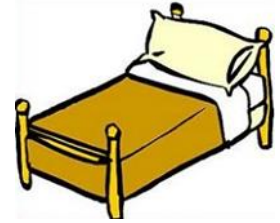


Regina Scott Brooks

Lighthouse Legacies 2017 Quilt Show

I am looking for old and new quilts for the bed turning at our next quilt show. Grandmother Flower Garden, Double Wedding Ring, Maple Leaf, Bear Paw, Four Patch, Nine Patch, Double Irish Chain, etc. I would like to see what you have and then we can put the turning together. So please e-mail me a copy of a picture of your quilt and its short story. Or you can bring me a copy of the quilt (picture) to the next meeting. I will need your name, e-mail or address, and phone number on the picture so I can contact you.

Lu Wayne Snow luwaynesnow@gmail.com



Looking for the entry form and rules for the Quilt Show? Click on the following links to take you directly to the forms for printing.

[Entry Form](#)

[Entry Rules](#)

Quilt Raffle Tickets

You will receive 30 raffle tickets at the April meeting. The sale of these tickets, as well as admissions to the show, support our guild programming budget for 2 years. Selling a raffle ticket will encourage people to come to the show just to see if they won. Our Raffle Quilt is a beauty! It is a Bradley and Judy Niemeyer Design pieced by award winner, Jacky Tomkins, and quilted by a national award winner, teacher and book author, Pat Barry. You are doing people a favor by selling them a ticket so...SELL,



It is not too early to get your entry forms mailed into me (Pat Limburg). Our rules, divisions and entry forms are available on line at www.lighthousequiltersguild.com. For those of you unable to print, let me know and I will have some forms available at the guild meetings. This show is judged which helps us improve as quilters. More importantly it shows the community what quilters do. We would love an entry from every member.

CHALLENGE

TWO completed Crayon Challenge Quilts came in at our April meeting! I think you can see both of them on our Facebook page!

Also, Crayola has decided to "retire" the color Dandelion so THIS little quilt will be a Collector's Item!! Yes, that was one of the colors. Now we just wait to see what it will look like.

Deadline is July 31 at our Potluck meeting.

Proceeds from the Silent Auction at our Quilt Show will go to All Saints Foundation for the Mental Health and Addiction Program at the Wisconsin Avenue site. This is the ONLY in-patient care center in Racine and Kenosha serving about 6,500 patients a year. Plus, this program is one of the few in the state that accepts Medicaid.

2017 Quilt Show challenge

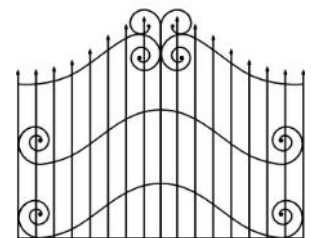
There are only 2 bags left for the challenge. Don't miss a chance to participate.

Thank you to all guild members who purchased a bag and are working on their challenge.

Remember the entry forms are due Thurs Sept 21, 2017. Quilts will need to be dropped off Wed Oct. 18, 2017. Details are on the 2017 Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show Rules on our website.

Marge Martin

A Grand Entrance



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April Hospitality

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Dee Klacan	Autumn Latimore
Mary Ludvigsen	Rachel Riley
Louise Shapley	Linda Worman

May Hospitality

Chairman: Vicki Madsen

If I stitch fast enough, does it count as aerobic exercise?