



# Lighthouse Quilters Guild

## *The Breiter Side*



Hello, quilters! I hope you all enjoyed the Then and Now presentation as much as I did. We are fortunate to have so many members willing to share their journeys.

The board has been discussing some items that I need to share with you. First, we have a proposal to move the starting time of our meetings to 6:30. Give it some thought. We will have a brief discussion and then a vote at the February meeting. We have also been discussing the future of the quilt show. The show is a wonderful way to share our talents with the community, but it is also an enormous amount of work. We are an aging group, and it is getting harder to get volunteers for the physical labor of putting the show together. We would like to discuss whether or not to have a show, and if we don't, alternate ways to raise money.

There is some food for thought for you all. See you on the 26th!

*Stevie Breit*, President

February 2024

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## February and March Birthdays

### 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

### March

Yvonne Parks	Mar 2
Autumn Latimore	Mar 19
Dianna Zimmerman	Mar 19
Laura Bond	Mar 20



### Next Meeting

February 26, 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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[matusevicius.1@att.net](mailto:matusevicius.1@att.net)

Sue Causey at  
[lhqsuecausey@hotmail.com](mailto:lhqsuecausey@hotmail.com)

## 2024 LHQ Board Members

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Susan Lerch

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Pat Henningfeld

### **Social Media & Newsletter**

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Sue Causey

### **Website Coordinator**

Charity Pedersen

## 2024 Programs

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 & 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**

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 February 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.

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## Program Notes

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Hello Ladies,

We kicked our year off with a great Then & Now program last month! A big thank you to Stacy Gavin, Linda Artmann, Rachel Riley, & Debbie Blaustein for sharing their quilting journey with us! I hope that the ladies' presentations encourage other members to share their stories in the future.

This month we welcome Stephanie Sliwinski of Fancy That Design House & Co and I am excited to hear of her design journey. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for more information.

In March we will welcome Cheryl Schenck for a morning Beginning Free Motion Quilting class and as our evening lecturer. Please see the class announcement in the newsletter and sign up as soon as possible. There is limited space, and the class will be opened up to non-members March 1st.

I hope everyone is making progress on their UFOs. If you haven't already, bring your list of Unfinished Objects to the meeting to sign up for the Finish It Up challenge and bring your finished projects for Show & Tell!

Many of you have waited patiently for the Jelly Roll Rug class with Debbie Blaustein to be rescheduled. Debbie has set the new dates for the class as April 6th & May 4th from 10:00-1:00. If interested sign up as soon as possible. For those who sign up, we will meet before the March meeting so that Debbie can give us instructions and tips on what to do before the first class.

We have a lot going on guild, something for everyone, so make sure you read your newsletter thoroughly each month!

~ Regina

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## Membership

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Hi, I'm Kris Hagen and I am the 2024-2026 VP Membership Board Member. I joined LHQ in January 2023 and am looking forward to meeting more of you as you attend monthly meeting.

Gentle reminder to submit your 2024 Membership form and \$30 payment prior to 2/28/2024, mailing address in on the form. Membership is required for Guild updates sent via email and monthly meetings attendance. Membership form is included in newsletter and our website: [www.lighthousequiltersguild.com](http://www.lighthousequiltersguild.com)

Congratulations to the 1/29/24 meeting door prize winners, for the \$5 Sew and Save gift cards. Members that attend guild meetings via ZOOM are also entered in the door prize drawing.

Kimberly Heller-Neal  
Darlene Krueger  
Cecelia Johnson (Zoom)

Sue Lerch  
Janet Kotowski

Thank you.  
Kris Hagen  
VP Membership

## Save the Date



Stephanie Sliwinski is a surface designer and owner of Fancy That Design House & Co.

She loves finding inspiration in nature, spending time in her garden and kitchen as well as walking through antique stores and treasure hunting at flea markets, sunshine, quiet time in the morning, a good vintage design, off beat color combinations, ornate book spines, and pretty floral vintage linens all bring a smile to her face and sparks her creativity. Stephanie's art is to be enjoyed by timeless old souls and the young at heart. It is her own heart's desire that her illustrations bring you joy and encouragement and simply "brighten the every day".



Today, she spends her time creating at her home studio (with a cup of coffee always close by), illustrating/designing fabric for Moda Fabrics and finding joy in all the little things with her husband, three sons, and ever growing number of backyard chickens.

<https://fancythatdesignhouse.com/>

**Join Lighthouse Quilters Guild** as we welcome Stephanie Sliwinski of Fancy That Design House & Co as our guest lecturer on February 25, 2024 at 7:00pm. We meet at the Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio Street, Racine WI 53405. Doors open at 6:15.



### Cheryl Schenck Beginning Free Motion Quilting

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. Guild members are encouraged to sign up right away as the class will be opened to non guild members March 1, 2024. If you have any questions please contact Regina Scott Brooks at [ginarsb@yahoo.com](mailto:ginarsb@yahoo.com).

## Hospitality

Last month we donated 43 quarts of milk, six bags/boxes of dried milk and \$140 to the Racine Food Pantry! Great job ladies!!! Special thanks for Sue Causey who went and investigated all the local options for us!

### This Month's Donation:

**Canned and dried fruit** – especially consider fruit cups or healthy fruit snacks for children coming home from school who are looking for a snack.

Anndddd we'll have a special guest at our February meeting; Racine County Food Pantry Executive Director, Dan Taivalkoski. We'll welcome him for a few minutes as he tells us a little about the Pantry.

See you in a few weeks!

Enthusiastically submitted,

Autumn Latimore  
Hospitality Chair



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# *Guild Meeting Minutes*

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**January 29, 2024**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm by Stevie Breit. Stevie announced that Crazy Quilters' raffle quilt was displayed at the back of the room. Also being raffled is a Bernina 325.

Regina Scott Brooks told the members that the theme for this year is "Finish It Up". She explained the rules, which included completing the form that's been in the newsletter listing your UFO's and then showing it to Regina at the beginning of the January or February meeting. If you finish six of the UFO's listed on your form by the October meeting, then your name will be entered in a prize drawing. All of the rules and the form to complete were in the January newsletter. Regina announced her favorite show of the year, the annual "Then and Now" presentation by a few guild members where they show a few of the quilts they have completed and talk about their "quilting journey."

The presenters for 2024 were:

Stacey Gavin (a new quilter who just joined the guild last year)

Linda Artmann

Rachel Riley

Debbie Blaustein

Next month's program will be presented by a Moda designer, Stephanie Sliwinski of Fancy That Design House. She will talk about her quilting journey and tell us what it's like to be a Moda designer. In March, Cheryl Schenck will demonstrate quilting tips and tricks, and will also teach a class on machine quilting. More details will be in the February newsletter.

Grace Kragness, Treasurer, presented the 2023 final budget and expenses. All of the 2023 reserves were not used. The cost of the Holiday Party next year will go up a nominal amount. The 2024 Budget was previously emailed to guild members. After discussion, Darlene Krueger made a motion that the 2024 Budget be approved. Judy Martin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Autumn Latimore talked to us about this year's donations by the guild. She had hoped that Dan Taivalski, Director of the Food Pantry, would be available to talk to guild members tonight but he was not available. He will come at a later date. Autumn asked about members' feelings regarding where guild support would be directed this year and listed options: Continue donating food and money to the Food Pantry each month, donate food items and money to the Veterans' Tiny Houses and their marketplace, or a mix of both. Discussion was had among the members and a motion was called for. Claudia Grace made a motion that the guild continue to give to the Food Pantry because of its larger outreach. The motion was seconded. Motion passed with one nay and two abstentions. Claudia Grace mentioned that her church meets at the Tiny Houses once a month with a meal for the residents. Contact Claudia if interested in participating. The food donation to the Food Pantry for February will be cereals and proteins.

Kris Hagen said there were 54 members present in person, nine additional members by Zoom. and two guests. Door prizes were distributed.

The Show & Tell consisted of a few people displaying their new name tags. Regina encouraged everyone to make a new name tag.

Meeting was adjourned.

Debbie Blaustein, Secretary



## Highlights from Then and Now



We had a full house to enjoy the presentations by four members. They each had great stories to share. Here are some samples of their work through the years.



Stacey Gavin (3rd from left)



Linda Artman



Debbie Blaustein



Rachel Riley

## Charity Quilts for the Community

Six quilts were donated at our January meeting ~ to be given 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

**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**

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

**\*\*Quilts for Vets\*\***

As I announced last year, our charity quilts for veterans will be gifted to the James A. Peterson Veterans Village located at 1624 Yout Street here in town. There are currently 13 occupied tiny homes. To ensure that we have a quilt for each veteran I would like to make a list of expected quilts this year. Many of you told me that you would donate a quilt, but I did not record names. Please see me at the meeting or send me an email if you would like to commit to donating a quilt to this cause. I will collect the quilts at the October meeting, as usual. If we have more than 13 quilts donated for vets, I will take the extra ones to the vets' home in Union Grove. ~ Regina

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## *In Case You Missed It*

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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 a.m. with buses departing at 6:45 a.m., with pick up at 7:10 a.m. at Highway 20 Park and Ride, and 7:30 a.m. at the Ryan Road Park and Ride. Buses will leave Madison promptly at 4:30 p.m. Specify pick up location when signing up. Cost is \$55 and includes transportation, parking and show entry ticket. For more information call 262-554-8708.

I will have guild bookmarks available for you to share with a friend or prospective member at our February 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.

"If they don't like you for being yourself...be yourself even more." Taylor Swift

Pat Henningfeld

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## *Quilting Events*

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**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](http://kempercenter.com).

**Mar. 23-24. 35<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.mukwonagocrazyquilters.com).

**Apr. 19-20. Evergreen Quilt Show.** Green Bay Community Church, 600 Cardinal Lane. Fri., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; Sat., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Admission, \$8. [www.Apqs.com](http://www.Apqs.com).

**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](http://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](http://quiltshow.com).

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## *Quilt Camps for 2024*

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LUTHERDALE: Lauderdale Lakes near Elkhorn Arrival/Price Options below March 13-14-15-16--17, 2024  
Wed 3/13~ \$354Triple, \$389Double, \$549 Single Thu 3/14 ~ \$304 Triple, \$329 Double, \$464 Single  
Fri 3/15~ \$239 Triple, \$259 Double, \$359 Single Meals begin Wed supper and end with Sunday breakfast  
Quilt and sleep in the NEW Hope Center ~ no bunk beds! Meals a very short walk to the Dining Hall.  
Contact Lutherdale directly at 262-742-2352 to register.

THE DEKOVEN CENTER, Racine, WI DAY QUILT CAMP Wed, Thu, Fri March 27, 28, 29 \$25 per day  
DAY QUILT CAMP is 9 am~5 pm in historic 1850s Assembly Hall with coffee, tea & water ~ lunch is by you! Max 16 pe  
day

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](mailto:qltingb@gmail.com)



# LIGHTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD

## 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. Mail your membership form and payment before February 28<sup>th</sup> to:**

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

All members are asked to serve at least one month per year on the hospitality committee (once we resume in person meetings) and are asked to make one quilt a year for our charities. Checks will not be deposited until after 1/1/24.

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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	Project Name	When was Project Started	To Be Completed						Date Project Completed	
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10										

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

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## *New and Returning Members*

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We would like to welcome our two new members, and a returning member: Please introduce yourself at your next meeting.

Sandy Anderson  
Jewel Jones  
Gayle Gottfredsen (Returning)

