

November Meeting Minutes

LTBQG November 13, 2014 meeting was cancelled due to a developina winter storm and deterioratina driving

Membership

I am proud to report that at this time we have 125 members.

We have 2 membership renewals and one new member that were too late to get into the membership book for 2015. Please write their information into the back pages of the book so you will have it.

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If you have ordered a nametag please stop by the membership desk and pick it up
Membership books for 2015 are now available at the membership desk also.

Kay Geuder
Membership Chair

Placemats

Thank you for all the placemats. I'm sure we have brought much happiness to those who receive Meals on Wheels. January begins a new year and the need once again for placemats. By next October we will need about 170 of them. I would love to see several handed in at each meeting beginning in January. Thank you for your support of this valuable program. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year!

Pat Nolan

Quilts of Valor

Twenty quilts were given to warrior recipients in 2014. Our long arm quilters have five to quilt and we have several more tops ready to be put in kits. We will continue using the 2-1/2" strips for the Rail Fence pattern. If you are making a QOV on your own, the minimum recommended size is 55" x 65", 60" x 80" preferred. Members may request a quilt to be sent to a favorite veteran. We can use more patriotic themed pillowcases. You may bring them to the meetings. WE WILL NOT BE HAVING THE JANUARY 7th WORKSHOP AT HEARTS TO HOLLY, plan to resume on first Wednesdays in Feb.

Any questions call Tresa Keys 231-487-1878

2015 Quilt Show Committee Meeting Change

Since our regular meeting on the first Thursday falls on New Year's Day, we will have our meeting at 3:00 on Guild Day at The Friendship Center. We will be back on schedule again in February.

Your Quilt Could Be Famous!

Last year we had my Dear Jane quilt on the full color postcard that we used to advertise our Quilt Show. This year, the Quilt Show Committee is holding a contest to choose the featured quilt. Send a picture BY MAIL to me by February 1, 2015 of a quilt that you will be entering in this year's show. The winning quilt must be quilted and bound by the February guild meeting in order to have pictures taken for the postcard.

I will be the only one who knows the identity of the quilt maker, and I will not vote, just to be fair.

Hope to see a lot of beauties!!

Shelley Stallard P.O. Box 463 East Jordan, MI 49727

November Treasurer's

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 4871.69
INCOME	
Education Raffle	
Bank interest	.21
Membership	201.00
Program	
Newsletter	50.00
Quilt of Valor	
Challenge Fabric	106.00
	<u>357.21</u>
TOTAL	\$5228.90
EXPENSES	
Administration	42.24
Quilt of Valor	
Program	104.00
Membership	14.00
Quilt Show	
Class Refunds	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL	200.24
ENDING BALANCE	\$5028.66
DEDICATED SAVINGS	\$ 9444.50
Submitted by Kenneth Thompson Treasurer, LTBQG 2014	

December Treasurer's

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5028.00
INCOME	
Education Raffle	
Bank interest	.21
Membership	30.00
Program	1008.00
Tickets	150.00
Quilt of Valor	
Challenge Fabric	
	<u>1188.21</u>
TOTAL	\$ 6216.87
EXPENSES	
Administration	
Quilt of Valor	110.00
Program	1379.94
Membership	223.16
Quilt Show	
	<u>1713.10</u>
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 4503.77
DEDICATED SAVINGS	\$ 9444.50
Submitted by Kenneth Thompson Treasurer, LTBQG 2014	

December Birthdays

- 12-01 Judy Goldsmith
- 12-02 Judi Zasadny
- 12-07 Jeannette Kling
- 12-07 Shirley Nunes
- 12-08 Sue Stackhouse
- 12-08 Marty Dellenbach
- 12-10 Judy Ettema
- 12-12 Sue Miller
- 12-17 Sandy Hill
- 12-25 Don Weber
- 12-28 Lois Hart
- 12-30 Carol Keith
- 12-30 Diane Picotte



Hope it was great!

January Birthdays

- 1-01 Mary Ann Wheelock
- 1-08 Kay Geuder
- 1-10 Marg Jeakle
- 1-15 Janet Rowden
- 1-16 Ruby Parkkonen
- 1-18 Pat Shannon
- 1-19 Judy Carey
- 1-21 Kristin Beauchamp
- 1-26 Kathy Helner



Have a great day...sewing I hope!

Date	Refreshments	Lecture/Program	Classes
January 8	Linda Fry, Jan Gray, Kay Kepner, Judy Goldsmith	Evening program Quilt Show Critique -Tresa Keys	
February 12		Thread and Machine Maintenance Ford from Petoskey Sewing	
March 12		Every Quilt Tells a Story Betsy Koss	Friday, March 13 Using Orphan Blocks At Hearts to Holly
April 9		Using 2 ½ inch strips for Rug Weaving Michelle Mueller	
May 14		UFO Challenge Finals	Sat. May 16 Dawn Fletcher's Ribbon Purse
June 11		Informational session on quilt show judging Molly and Dee	
July 9		Guild Picnic	
August		August Garage Sale	
September 10		A Walk in Time Karen Phillips Shwaling	Friday, Sept. 11 TBA Saturday, Sept. 12 TBA
October 8		Shaded Four Patch Carol Keith and Shirley Mauch	

UFO CHALLENGE

Dig into your closet, under your bed, in the attic, or where ever you stashed or hid that quilting project or projects you never finished. You know that UFO that has been out of sight and mind, the one you neglected or inherited. You are officially being challenge to get at least **one** UFO finished. You never know you might fall in love with it again and win a ribbon in the June 2015 quilt show with it. Some of the incentives for rescuing your UFO will be on display January through May at the guild meetings. Just follow the simple rules and "Git Er Done."

The rules:

1. The UFO must be a started project (prior to January 2015) No kits that were purchased and not started.
2. Bring your UFO you want to finish to the January 2015 meeting for show and tell. Share your UFO story - the how, what, where and why you abandoned, neglected or forgot your one time treasure.
3. There is no restriction to the number of UFO's you wish to change to a FO.
4. The challenge ends at the May 2015 meeting. Bring your **finished** UFO back in May for another show and tell and get your prize for a job well done. If you didn't finish it bring it in any way. We want to hear the rest of the story. We might have a surprise for you too.

Now go get that UFO, but don't start working on it until January.

Quilts by the Bay” 2015 Quilt Show Update:

The Show Committee is working hard to make your show the best ever. If you are a new member, or just have a question, please contact me. There are a few important dates to remember:

January 1, 2015: You must be a paid member in order to submit a quilt to our show

February 1, 2015: Quilt photos for our postcard cover are due by mail to Shelley

May 1, 2015: All Registrations and stories for the quilts are due to Kathi Fuller. (Registrations will be printed in the newsletter after the first of the year.)

Tuesday, June 16th: The work begins on the Show. Quilts and boutique items will be due, Time TBA

Wednesday, June 17th: Judging.

Thursday, June 18th: Hanging the quilts, setting up boutique, raffle, vendors and everything else

Friday, June 19th: Quilt Show, 9-6

Saturday, June 20th: Quilt Show, 9-4

Challenge Fabric:

Each show year we sell “Challenge Fabric” for our members to use on a raffle item for our show. This is a major fund raiser for the show, and our guests love the fact that they have over 70 chances to win something in our raffle. **You can make anything for the raffle. The only rule is that at least one of the “Challenge Fabrics” must be visible in your item. It is super fun to see what everyone comes up with.** Linda Schofield will bring in the collected items at each meeting, so we can see what clever things your fellow members are making. It doesn't have to take a lot of time to help. Linda will have fat quarters and half yard cuts to sell at each meeting. Plus, **McLaren Northern Michigan will provide the tickets and printing again this year!** Thank you!!

Boutique:

This is always a big hit with our guests, and our members, too! Members are able to sell new, handmade items in our “Quilts for Sail” Boutique. This is a great way to show our many talents, as well as make a little money. The items are sold on a 80/20 split, member/guild, so it is a wonderful deal. Put on your thinking cap and get busy making your items! I am always amazed how talented everyone is, and how professional and beautiful our boutique looks.

Publicity/Advertising:

We still need some people to head this committee. Believe me when I say you will not be alone in this job! Penny made wonderful notes in the binder. All the information is there for you. Monthly meetings and Committee members are so helpful, and I will help you. Please contact me if you are interested.

Shelley Stallard, Quilt Show Chair
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Dear Jane Support Group/ Handwork Group, 3:00 on Guild Day

Now that our “Dear Jane Girls” have learned the techniques to make the Dear Jane quilt, our meetings will now be a Support Group. I will offer encouragement, instruction and tips for whatever block you are working on. We will also keep the “who made the most blocks” gift going.

We would like to open this time for others to join us. It has always been open for sewing before the meeting, but I think many members don't know this. It is fun to come early before the meeting, visit with us and then do dinner before the meeting. If you want to get to know some fellow members, this is the time. Bring any hand work. I can't guarantee that you will get anything done, as it's much more fun to talk and laugh..... **We will meet at 3:00 on the months when there aren't “Mini Classes” at 3:00. In January, I will be having a quilt show meeting at 3:00. Then I will join the group after.** Questions? Contact Shelley, shelley.k.stallard@gmail.com

GREAT LAKES QUILT- Mini Class in Friendship Center on guild days, 3 pm - 5pm



*Crib size: 60" x 40"
Lakes areas span 45" x 30"

Fabrics:

"Lakes" require one yard. The five lakes are made separately of two layers of light colored fabric. Each lake is sewn like a pillow case, leaving a 1 ½" opening on a side that is the smoothest. "Birth" each lake by turning inside out. Where the lakes connect also leave those areas unstitched so that you can more easily connect the lakes by hand stitching them together, turning raw edges under. Note: You have a choice as to whether you want to include the islands in Lake Huron. They were reverse appliquéed to show the blue background fabric on my quilt.

Backing fabric: You will want to use the same color of thread on the quilt top and backing for the quilting. **Choose a very busy/pretty fabric that will hide the bobbin thread.** The back will NOT be attractive if the thread does not "hide" into the patterned backing.

*Obviously, you could make this quilt any size. If you desire the pattern to be resized, you could do that with a copier at Office Max or elsewhere.

I will teach this class during two afternoon mini classes. The first session will be February 12. Not sure of our travel plans to escape MI weather between March-May, so the 2nd session will be determined by interest/needs of students and myself. Cost of the pattern, two classes & written directions will be \$20. Students may decide to attend one, two or none of the classes (and only receive the pattern for the lakes & mariner's compass plus written directions). If you wish to get started sooner, I can mail the pattern & written directions to you (good option for "snow birds") after the first of the year. The second class could be a repeat of the first session for returning snow birds. Second class: Marking state and country borders, help with machine appliqué.

POSSIBLE WORK TO DO PRIOR TO CLASS:

Actually, I did all the horizontal quilting on my long arm BEFORE the lakes were machine stitched to the quilt. The mariner's compass can be added to the quilt top before or after the background is quilted. The mariner's compass may be paper pieced or drawn/painted on white fabric. Applying the prepared mariner's compass to the quilt can be achieved several ways: hand or machine appliquéed OR 6-minute circle technique (from Dale Fleming's book, Pieced Curves So Simple). The technique is also shown in Martha DeLeonardis' book T-Shirt Quilts Made Easy. Also, Sharon Schamber, Picelique machine curved-piecing may be available online at her website).

FIRST CLASS: Bring cutting mat and small rotary cutter to cut out the patterns or scissors.

I will demonstrate how to cut the lakes out, stitch and "birth" the lakes. You will need a smooth-ended object like a crochet hook to assist with the birthing process to push the nooks & crannies out on the shorelines.

You are welcome to bring your sewing machine or you may wish to just watch and go home and do it there. There should be ample time to press each lake and work on the lay out of the lakes and get them pinned to the background fabric. Depending upon the number of students, we will need some people to bring an iron & pressing surface to speed things up. If you own a stiletto, that will assist in fine tuning the edges of the lakes.

I need to have all registrations by January 15 so that I can prepare the patterns. Please forward your checks for \$20 payable to me at:

Diane Simancek

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dianesimancek@gmail.com -- Please put "Great Lakes Quilt" in the subject line.

Great Lakes Quilt - Sign-up sheet

Name _____

Mailing address (only if you want me to mail the pattern & written instructions to you):

Tel# _____ email _____

Do you plan to attend 1st class? Y N Do you plan to attend a 2nd class? Y N
(circle one)

Scheduling for Second Class:

I'm sure that we will be heading south for a few weeks; not sure when yet. I do know that we will be gone during the May guild meeting...our granddaughter's first birthday in Rochester, NY, on May 6.

Snow Birds especially, please let me know **what guild meeting date would be best for you** so I can get you started on your quilt:

If necessary, I am agreeable to being available on two more dates after the February meeting so that everyone gets the help they need. It will be fun to see what everyone chooses for water and background fabrics! Again, be sure to pick a very **"busy backing" that will hide the bobbin thread** (which will be the same color as the background **quilting thread** on the quilt top.

If you want to bring a sack lunch, I think we **may** be able to work up until 6pm when the social hour starts for the guild.

Comments/Questions:



Proof! Quilters have more fun!




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Annual Spring
Needle Art Seminar

MAY 1-6, 2015
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2015 Registration will begin January 12, 2015.
Register before February 1st and receive a complimentary amenity upon check-in.
Details available October 2014 at www.grandhotel.com/needleart
or by contacting event coordinator Jackie Compton at needleart@grandhotel.com

Guild Policy: If the Petoskey schools are closed, there will not be a guild meeting.