

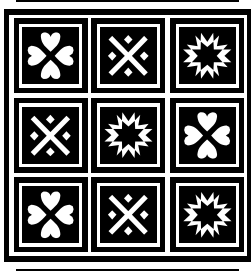


Bits & Pieces Newsletter

www.ltbquiltersguild.org

Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild

February 2016



Next Meeting

February 11

Friendship Center

1322 Anderson Rd.
Petoskey

Social Meeting **6:00**
 6:30

Program

Fabric Sharing



President's Message

Quilting with HEART in February!

My HEART says thank you to Lynn for taking the gavel for the Jan. meeting. My sources tell me she did a great job but that doesn't mean I am going to stay in Fl.!! Kudos too, for the teams of members who presented our charitable projects. I hope that they inspired you to put some more HEART into your quilting by choosing to get on board with one of these special outreach programs.

As I reflect on how rich my life has become because of quilting, I am compelled to give a piece of my HEART to Veterans, children, the elderly shut-ins and those in hospice. We can bring much comfort and love with our gifts of quilting to someone whose health or happiness has been compromised.

Though El Nino has bid Florida some weather tricks it hasn't kept me from taking in a Quilt Show in Ft. Myers; attending the Naples Quilt Guild with fellow LTBQG friends Jeannette Kling, Sharon Koskus and Joyce Oldham, where Karen Kay Buckley from Pa. presented a great lecture on making borders and visiting a local Quilt Shop where Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Co. presented a trunk show/ lecture.

Quilting keeps us bound together, no matter the distance, so share the gift of quilting, it will help to keep you warm and gladden the HEARTS of others.

Bring quilts of red for Show N Tell and participate in the Batik Exchange Challenge for the Feb. meeting.

-----and Sew on,

Tresa Keys

Upcoming Event

AQS Daytona Beach
Feb. 24-27

AQS Lancaster
March 16-19

AQS Paducah
April 20-23

Grand Hotel Needlework Seminar
Mackinaw Island
May 6-11

(If you know of upcoming shows or events, please contact Jan Gray.)

Weather Notice

If the Petoskey schools are closed, the Friendship Center is closed. Therefore, there will not be a meeting. If inclement weather develops during the day of the meeting, check the website for updates. (www.ltbquiltersguild.org)

The January meeting of the Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by Vice President Lynn Parrish.

Lynn welcomed members and guests to the meeting. She thanked the Liddicoats and other members for the wonderful Christmas luncheon, held on Dec. 12th.

She also thanked Julie and John Dyer, Lois Hart and Renee Prevo for providing this month's refreshments. Lynn continued with congratulations to those celebrating December and January birthdays.

Kay Geuder, Membership Chair, welcomed several visitors to the meeting, including Ann Ward, Robin Peters, and Anne Heier.

The November minutes were read with the correction to the fourth paragraph of the October minutes. Lynn Frazee made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Judith Ivan. A motion to accept the November and December Treasurer's Report was submitted by Marian Henthorne and seconded by Jesseca Haslock. Lynn introduced the Guild's new treasurer, Johanna Kutcher, with a reminder that budget items need to be submitted to her by February.

The Quilters Guild meeting will be cancelled if the Petoskey schools are closed. If inclement weather occurs later in the day, a notice will be posted on the website, www.ltbquiltersguild.org.

Lynn Parrish shared the sad news that Celeste Liska's husband, Bob, passed away unexpectedly on January 2nd. The Guild sent a sympathy card to Celeste; however, members individually may wish to contact her.

Ken Thompson announced that he and Sue presented a Quilt of Valor to a ninety-four-year-old female veteran of World War II; the first woman to receive one of the Quilts of Valor made by the Quilters Guild.

Linda Schofield, Program Chair, reviewed upcoming programs. February will be a batik fabric swap. If you wish to participate, please bring one yard of batik fabric to the meeting, along with a small pair of scissors. March's program will be game night. Also, on March 12, the Saturday following the meeting, there will be a stripping class held in the Charlevoix Library. The cost is \$25. There will be additional details at the February meeting. Colleen Murtry, of Northwoods Quilts, will be the lecturer for May.

Lynn Parrish read a touching letter from William Huber, a Vietnam veteran, thanking the Guild for presenting him with a quilt. **Judith Ivan** reminded members that the Quilts of Valor Exhibit in the Charlevoix Library will continue to the end of February and encouraged everyone to see this wonderful exhibit.

The winner of the night's drawing was Ken Thompson.

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by
Helene Kleymeer
Recording Secretary

Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor will NOT meet on Feb. 3rd at Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop. Please bring finished quilt tops, striped pieces / parts or finished quilts to the guild meeting on Feb. 11th. The Quilts of Valor exhibit will continue to hang at the Charlevoix Library thru February. Be sure to drop by to see a variety of quilts this group has made, some of which honor local heroes who served in our armed forces. Our next workshop will be at Hearts to Holly on March 2nd. 10:00-2:30. What a great tangible way to send our gratitude to those who gave so much!



January Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 9319.90
INCOME	
Education Raffle	43.50
Bank Interest	.17
Membership Program	114.00
Quilts of Valor Challenge Fabric	10.00
Transfer from Savings	
	167.67
TOTAL	\$ 9487.57
EXPENSES	
Administration (Insurance)	\$ 255.00
Quilt of Valor Program	
Membership Fabric – Pediatric quilts	60.26
Transfer to Dedicated Savings	
	315.26
Total Expenses	315.26
ENDING BALANCE	\$9172.31
DEDICATED SAVINGS	\$9461.70
interest	.40
	\$9462.10
Submitted by Johanna Kutcher Treasurer, LTBQG 2016	

Quilting Websites

A suggestion was made to list some websites you may want to visit. I'll try to include new ones each month.

New ones this month:

www.sewfreshquilts.blogspot.com

www.cluckclucksew.com (free mini heart quilt pattern)

www.crazyoldladiesquilt.blogspot.com

www.aquiltingsheep.com

www.quarterinchfromtheedgee.blogspot.com

www.ltbquiltersguild.org.

January Birthdays

1-01 Mary Ann Wheelock
1-08 Kay Geuder
1-16 Ruby Parkkonen
1-17 Rebecca Griffin
1-18 Pat Shannon
1-21 Kristin Beauchamp
1-26 Kathy Helner

Happy Birthday



Enjoy your day!

Membership by Kay

At the Jan. Guild meeting we welcomed three new members. Please use the empty pages at the back of your membership book to record their contact information. If one of them lives near you consider calling and asking them to ride to the next meeting with you. New members are:

- Rebecca Griffin (1/17)
6771 Bay Shore West Dr.
Charlevoix, MI 49720
231-330-0309
ragriff1947@gmail.com
- Robin Peters (6/06)
01770 Advance Rd. S.
East Jordan, MI 49727
231-350-1961
r.peters5@hotmail.com
- Ann Ward (3/01)
118 West Pine St.
Boyne City, MI 49712
231-582-7287
anniew@twin-valley.net

Sandy Rogers has moved to Charlevoix and has new contact information. Please change her information in your book to:

Sandy Rogers
P. O. Box 145
Charlevoix, MI 49720
616-240-1312
srogers23@charter.net

And, Judy O'Brien has informed me that I put the wrong zip code in the membership book for her address in California. Please correct your copy. It should be: 92084.

At our meeting there were some who did not know our website address. It is listed on each newsletter as part of the masthead. It is also on the bottom portion of your membership card which was in your membership book. The address is:
www.ltbquiltersguild.org.

Date	Refreshments	Program/Lecture	Classes	Set Up/take down Crew
February 11	Charlevoix Crew	Fabric Sharing Game		Lenore Senter
March 10	Liddicoats, Sue Stackhouse, Linda Fry	Game Night		
April 14	Ken and Sue Thompson	Quilt Shops Demos		
May 12	Mary Ann Wheelock, Mary Daniels, Barb Gutuskey	Northwoods Quilting Lecture		
June 9	Sue Vorpapel, Judy Goldsmith, Kay Geuder, Pat Nolan	TBA		Dort Loe
July 14		Picnic Chairperson: Nancy McKinnon		
August 11	Jane Dunay, Lois Furness	Connie Sue Haidle Apple Blossom Quilts	TBA	Jane Denay
September 8	Linda DeGrow, Gail Seidel	Mary Elizabeth Kinch www.maryelizabethkinch.com	TBA	
October 13		Quilt Walk Chairperson: Jan Gray		
November 10	Lynn Frazee, Jane Baker, Lynn Parrish	TBA		
December 10		Holiday Party		

February Show and Tell

Remember to bring your show and tell to each meeting. We all enjoy admiring the quilts and other items that some of our members actually finish. (I seem to have only UFOs) Be sure to share a short description or story about your quilt, if you have one.

The Program Committee would like to start a new addition to Show and Tell. In addition to all of the great quilts you will show during show and tell, **we would like to see your "Monthly Theme" quilts.** For February, bring your red or heart quilts to show. We will post the month's theme in each newsletter. (Surprise, March will be green and clovers, haha)

Batik Fabric Exchange

February's Guild Activity

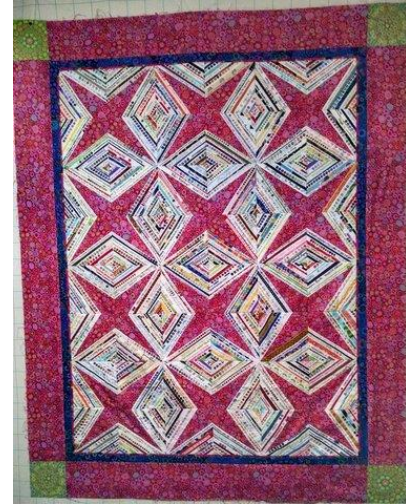
We saw this and thought it would be a fun activity for our group. There is nothing quilters like more than lots of different fabrics! Along with the exchange, we will look forward to seeing the finished projects at a later "reveal" date. I can't wait to see all of the different batiks and color combinations! Remember, it's more fun to join in.....Just bring the following to February's meeting.

- ✓ 1 FULL yard of quilt shop quality batik fabric. Make sure you love it, it will be your biggest piece.
DO NOT cut the yardage.
- ✓ Small pair of scissors

We will announce a little "challenge" for your fabrics, if you would like to participate. There will be a show and tell member vote with a prize for the winner. Incentive to make something. (to donate to peds quilts or placemats perhaps???) Shelley, Jeanette, and Linda

Saturday, March 12, 2016
10:00-4:00 at the Charlevoix Library
Instructors: Linda Schofield and Shelley Stallard
Cost: \$25.00 includes the template!!

This is a great class where you can use up lots of scrap strips. (The more fabrics, the better.) Linda made her quilt with regular fabric strips and Shelley made hers with selvages (pictured). There will be instruction for both methods.



There is cutting that needs to be done before class, so be sure to sign up early and we will give you the requirement list. We will email you the requirement list if you pay by mail.

String Quilt Registration Form

Name: _____

Email _____

Phone: _____

Complete and send check for \$25.00 made out to LTBQG to:
Shelley Stallard
P.O. Box 463
East Jordan, MI 49727
231-536-3461





*Rare Threads:
Ancestral Inspirations
Call to Fiber Artists*

Be inspired by your textile heritage to create contemporary fiber art reflecting traditional techniques reinterpreted for now.

*September 20 - October 31, 2016
Opening Reception: September 20, 1:00-4:00 PM*

Ancestral Inspirations, a juried show at the Jordan River Arts Council, will showcase works inspired by our textile legacy. The 2016 show marks the ninth Rare Threads fiber exhibit! We invite all artists to submit up to three entries that reflect the work of our ancestors' hands. Please consider including the heirloom that inspired you among your entries. You are also strongly encouraged to include at least one piece for sale.

Do make plans to participate in this effort to honor our history. The deadline for submission is August 3, 2016. Entry forms will be available at www.jordanriverarts.com after January 6, 2016. We look forward to seeing how the "rare threads" of your heirlooms have inspired and informed your creativity!

*Jordan River Arts Council
301 Main Street
East Jordan, Michigan 49727*



