

President's News

"Volunteers are not paid because they are WORTHLESS, but because they are PRICELESS"!

Beth Raddatz volunteered to take responsibility for newspaper announcements of LTBQG meetings and special events. If you would like announcements in your local newspaper, please let her know.

Our new Bee Group coordinator is Lynn Parrish-V.P. Please help her understand where there is interest in forming new groups e.g. newbies, special interest, area or town. Also, let her know if there are openings in standing groups.

Mary Lee Huber has helped us secure a larger venue for the Sept. tea. It will be held in the undercroft/ church hall of St. Francis Xavier Church in Petoskey.

It is almost Mother's Day and I reflect-(excerpt from MQN Link, Spring 2015) A gift from Mom-----I am sure there were gifts when I was young but time has dimmed much of their significance. But, there was this one gift of an old quilt, just a summer quilt, not very well done and not in very good condition. She wasn't able to impart to me the gift of sewing or quilting. In fact, as a critical teenager, I remember thinking that her needle art skills didn't quite measure up.

One day while browsing in an upscale interiors shop, I noticed beautiful furniture pieces exquisitely upholstered in museum quality quilts, with a price tag to match! A "a light bulb moment" and I said to myself, "I could rescue that old tattered 1950's quilt from the far reaches of the closet". It had been a vagabond icon, complete with dust bunnies and wrinkles for many years now. With lots of repair, removal of strange green threads, some sturdy long arm quilting to upholstery weight linen and the addition of some blue and white buffalo check fabric to coordinate with it, off to the upholster it went. Would you believe, that dejected Shoo-fly quilt, covered not just one, but two wing back chairs that might rival any pieces I had seen in the pricey interiors store! The satisfied smile of approval and that I told you so look of my Mother are gifts indeed! So are the hugs of warmth and comfort each time I am enfolded in the wings of those chairs-----Thanks Mom!---- and sometimes I wonder are they a gift from Mom or for Mom?

-----and Sew on, Tresa

Next Meeting

May 12th

Friendship Center

1322 Anderson Rd.
Petoskey

Social 6:00
Meeting 6:30

Program

Northwoods Quilting Lecture

Upcoming Event

Ann Loveless ArtPrize quilt
Crooked Tree Arts Center
Petoskey
April 1 - May 20

Coffee with Ann Loveless
Crooked Tree Art Center
Petoskey
November 1 @ 10:00 AM

Tulip Time Quilt Show
May 7-14
150 East 8th St. Holland, MI

Shipshewana Quilt Festival
June 22-25
Shipshewana, Indiana

Quilts in Bloom Quilt Show
July 9-10
Marshall High School

For the Love of Quilting Quilt Show
Causeway Bay Hotel
July 15-16
Lansing, MI

Tula Pink Trunk Show
August 8
www.calcoquiltersguild.com

Quilt Size Reference Chart

Placemats - 12"X18" (approximately)
Peds Quilts - crib size to twin size
Quilts of Valor -Recommended 60"X80" Minimum 55"x65" No larger than twin 72"x90"
Hospice - twin size, wheelchair, or lap size

The April meeting of the Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild was brought to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Tresa Keys. To open the meeting, Tresa shared some interesting demographics of the burgeoning quilting industry.

Kay Geuder, Membership Chair, introduced a guest, Kathy Harris, and new members, Debbie Jarvis, Cindy Johnson and Susanna Schmidt. Our current membership is now at 138.

Tresa recognized the April birthday celebrants, as listed in the newsletter. Sue Thompson sent a get-well card to Carolyn Hubbard for her recent surgery.

The March minutes were read with a motion to accept by Marian Henthorne, seconded by Nettie Hosler.

Johanna Kutcher, Treasurer, clarified that the Emmet County rebate was a building use refund. A motion to accept the March Treasurer's Report was submitted by Kay Geuder and seconded by Peggy Spang.

Tresa reported that sign-up for various tasks has been filled. If a member is uncertain where he or she has committed, a complete list for refreshments and set-up/take-down is in the newsletter.

Tresa commended Jan Gray for her dedication in providing the monthly newsletter to members since 2012. She also recognized Penny Harrison for her fine work in maintaining the website. However, the Guild needs a publicity person, who will submit announcements in the various newspapers in the area.

Since this is the 30th anniversary of the Guild, Tresa asked members if they recalled various facts about the Guild, such as, the first male president, date and location of the first Guild quilt show, etc. She is also looking for more trivia about the Guild.

Tresa inquired whether someone would be interested in compiling a list of the "Quilt Bee" groups and other small groups, as well as exploring the need for additional groups.

Tresa announced that Ann Loveless' quilt (winner of Art Prize 2015) will be displayed at the Crooked Tree Art Gallery through May 16th.

Quilts of Valor: Tresa is looking for Robert Cardinal, of Indian River, regarding a Quilt of Valor. Seventy-six quilts have been delivered and 11 are ready for the next workshop on May 4th, at Hearts to Holly. She also needs pillowcases for the quilts.

Shelley Stallard, Program Chair, updated the members on the following monthly programs:

1. The fabric challenge for the 2017 quilt show will be black and white. Fat quarters and half yards of black, white, black polka dots on white and white dots on black are available. Cost is \$3 for a fat quarter and \$6 for ½ yard.
2. Members can submit their UFO Challenge quilts at the June meeting. The cost will be \$5 per project. It must have been started (sewn on). Quilt tops (ready for quilting) and quilts that only need binding do not apply. As an example, Shelley shared her many UFOs.
3. Quilts from the String Quilt class will be shown at Show and Tell next March.
4. Payment of for the October bus trip must be made by the June meeting.
5. The appliqué class (August) is full. For September, the Pumpkin Peel class has 3 openings and the English Paper Piecing class has 9 spots left.
6. Coleen Merte, of Northwater Quilts, will be our speaker in May.
7. Shelley is looking for someone to coordinate a placemat sew-along for a future program.
8. Tresa will teach Dresden Plate quilt construction in November from her "Series of Seven."

Winner of the drawing was Kay Geuder. Show and Tell will feature baby quilts. The night's program will feature demonstrations of new tools and techniques by various vendors.

Tresa Keys adjourned the business meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Helene Kleymeer

April Treasurer's Report

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$9089.12		
INCOME			
Education Raffle	55.00		
Bank Interest	.15		
Membership	144.00		
Classes	1305.00		
Bus Trip	3000.00		
Challenge Fabric	_____		
	4504.15	----à	+ 4504.15
TOTAL	\$13,593.27		
EXPENSES			
Name tags	14.00		
Quilts of Valor	279.44		
Newsletters	29.68		
March Class	400.00		
Challenge fabric	378.79		
Charge for paper statement	<u>3.00</u>		
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ENDING BALANCE	\$12,488.36		
DEDICATED SAVINGS	\$9762.88		
	<u>Interest .41</u>		
	\$9763.29		

Submitted by Johanna Kutcher
Treasurer, LTBQG 2016

Placemats

Thanks for all the placemats. We have 100 as of April. So we need 100 more. Keep sewing! They need to be approximately 12"x18" quilted.

Pat Nolan

May Birthdays



- 5-08 Pat Nolan
- 5-09 Mary Jane Nugent
- 5-10 Linda Couzens
- 5-16 Barb Malpass
- 5-16 Nancy McKinnon
- 5-24 Sue Ann Wiltse
- 5-24 Maribeth Hemstreet
- 5-25 Mary Nelson



Have a great day!

Free Stuff

The "Free" table needs to be items that are quilt related only! There was no one to rescue the leftovers last meeting, please let me know if you are in charge. Thanks, Tresa

Quilts of Valor

Quilt #80 has just been sent to honor another of the veterans on our perpetual list. Our long arm quilting volunteers are working very hard to keep up. We could use more long arm volunteers if you know of anyone that could help. Those who help get the quilts bound are wonderful, too. There will be quilts to bind at the next guild meeting. We are completely out of pillowcases, please help out there if you can.

If you are making QOV tops to donate here are the sizes recommended by QOV International: Recommended 60"x 80"; minimum 55' x 65"; not larger than 72' x 90" (twin). Also remember when donating fabric only first quality 100% cotton with a patriotic theme.

Please join us for the workshop Wed. May 4th at Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop from 10:00-2:30-----"many hands make light of work"

Tresa Keys, QOV chair

Membership

We continue to grow as a guild as we took in three new members at the April meeting. Their information is listed here so you can write them into the blank pages at the end of your membership books.

Debbie Jarvis (b.d. 12/11)
1031 Old Tannery Creek
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-348-5280 glenharbordj@gmail.com

Cindy Marovich (b.d. 11/30)
cynthias702@aol.com

Cindy Johnson (b.d. 8/28)
215 Fairview Ave.
Petoskey, MI 49770
231-753-2411 Johnson1349@yahoo.com

Sue Schmidt (b.d. 6/04)
321 Second Street
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
231-242-8163 Memories39@charter.net

We also welcomed Carmen Hartwig as a renewal. Please record her information as well.

Carmen Hartwig (b.d. 6/07)
4152 Shady Nook Rd.
Central Lake, MI 49622
231-544-2707
231-533-4661 (work)
hartwig@torchlake.com

Our membership stands at 139.
Kay Geuder
Membership Chair

30 Year Guild Celebration

Can you answer these questions about your guild?

- In what year did we adopt not for profit status?
- Has the newsletter always been called "Bits and Pieces"?
- What class and well know lecture/ teacher was cancelled because of the 9/11 crisis?
- Who co-chaired the first guild sponsored quilt show?
- When did we start providing quilts for kids at the Pediatric Unit of the hospital? Who chaired this effort?

"You can't buy happiness, but buying fabric comes in close!"

Date	Refreshments	Lecture/Program	Classes	Set up
May 12	Hospice Quilters	Northwoods Quilting Lecture		
June 9	Sue Vorpapel, Judy Goldsmith, Kay Geuder, Pat Nolan	UFO Challenge		Dort Loe
July 14		Picnic Nancy McKinnon		
August 11	Jane Denay, Lois Furness	Connie Sue Haidle Apple Blossom Quilts	August 12 Charlevoix Library 10-4 Classes full	Jane Denay
Sept. 8	Linda DeGrow, Gail Seidel, Lenore Senter	Mary Elizabeth Kinch www.maryelizabethkinch.com St. Francis Church	English Paper Piecing September 9 Charlevoix Library 10-4 Pumpkin Peel September 10 Charlevoix Library 10-4	
Oct. 13		Bus Trip		
Nov. 10	Lynn Frazee, Jane Baker, Lynn Parrish	Reveal Batik Challenge		
Dec. 8		Holiday Dinner Party		

May Meeting

We are very excited to be welcoming Coleen Merte to our guild for a trunk show. Coleen is from Clarkston, Mi. and loves sharing her pieced and wool applique quilts. She is an accomplished quilter, pattern designer and quilt teacher. You can check out her website at www.northwaterquilts.com.

Our guild is blessed to be able to offer such great lecturers. Please remember, all members get to enjoy these lectures for free. Guests and visitors will be asked to pay the small fee of \$5.00 for attending.

Thank you,
Jeanette, Shelley and Linda

Show and Tell

Since we have a speaker this month, we will have our regular show and tell, but will not have an additional theme show and tell. This will insure that we have more time for our guest lecturer.

"Addictive English Paper Piecing"
From the book
"Small Blocks, Stunning Quilts"

Saturday's Class
"Pumpkin Peel Foundation Piecing Fundamentals"
From the book
"Small Pieces, Spectacular Quilts"

"Addictive English Paper Piecing" Registration Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Complete and send check for \$40.00, made out to LTBQG to:
(Additional \$5.00 kit fee will be paid to instructor on the day of class.)

Shelley Stallard
P.O. Box 463
East Jordan, MI 49727
231-536-3461

"Pumpkin Peel Paper Piecing Fundamentals" Registration Form

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Complete and send check for \$40.00, made out to LTBQG to:
(Additional \$10.00 kit fee will be paid to instructor on the day of class.)

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

Quilt Barn Bus Trip Registration Form October 13-14, 2016

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Roommate (optional) _____

Complete and send check for \$150.00 made out to LTBQG to:

Shelley Stallard
P.O. Box 463
East Jordan, MI 49727
231-536-3461

Learn Open-Source Software Class Details for Free Software for Quilters

Want to develop your own designs from a photograph or a sketch? Want to be able to tweak it multiple times without hand drawing it each time? Want to be able to EASILY & QUICKLY change the colors in different sections, resize it or make templates? Want to be able to “scale” a photo so it is properly pixelated and sized so you can submit photos of your quilt into a national quilt show? Then, I have the class for you!

The Dean of Academy of Quilting, Ruth Blanchet, has just written an on-line class to learn these things. and the best part is, you can do these things without having to buy expensive software or programs. The software is free to download and use for as long as you like.

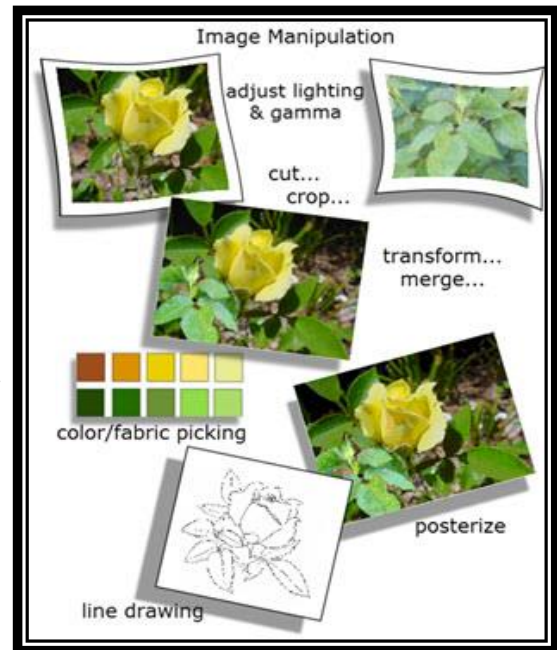
Check out the details here:

<http://academyofquilting.com/class-schedule-2/online-class-details/?classesID=125>

While you are on their website, you may want to peruse the many other classes taught.

I just finished an online class through the AOQ with instructor Elizabeth Barton. I can attest that you get daily feedback to any of your questions posted on their classroom forum.

Diane Simancek



And more....

UFO Challenge

June 9, 2016-April 13, 2017

It's spring cleaning time!! What better place to spend the day "cleaning" than in your sewing room? In honor of our upcoming 2017 quilt show, we want to inspire you to finish some of those UFOs (Unfinished Objects). This is open to all guild members and there is no limit to the amount of UFOs you can enter. The UFOs will be shown at our June 2016 meeting, in their wonderful, unfinished state. Each entry must be accompanied by the form below, \$5.00 entry fee for each UFO and some kind of picture so we will be able to keep track of what was entered. Then at the April 2017 guild meeting, those who actually finish their quilts will show them and get entered in a drawing to win BIG MONEY!!! We hope these wonderful quilts will be in our 2017 Quilt Show!

If you don't have any UFOs, I will be happy to let you borrow one for the challenge.....

Thank you,
Shelley, Linda and Jeanette

UFO Challenge Registration Rules

1. A UFO is defined by a quilt already started, in a partially cut out and sewn state. Quilts only, please.
2. Each UFO will require a registration form and \$5.00.
3. Each UFO will require a picture for later identification.
4. It cannot be a quilt top that needs borders or quilting or binding.
5. The quilt must be made by the entrant, but can be quilted by someone else.
6. Antique blocks can be used, but the entrant must piece them together with other fabrics.
7. In order to be considered "finished" for the April 2017 guild meeting reveal, the quilt must be completely quilted and bound.
8. If the entrant cannot make the meeting, they can have another member present their UFOs and/or finished quilt.
9. The members that present finished quilts at the April 2017 meeting will be entered in a drawing to win the entry fee money collected.

UFO Challenge Registration Form--

One registration form for each UFO. Please staple photo to this form.

UFO name: _____

UFO Owner: _____

UFO Owner email: _____

UFO Owner phone: _____

\$5.00 paid ___check ___cash



NEW QUILT STORE
COMING TO PETOSKEY

Quilting, Yarn, Weaving, Spinning and Gifts



Cindy's NORTHERN CRAFTS

**UPCOMING GRAND OPENING
: June 18, 2016**

Store will open at the new location on June 13, 2016.

1187 North US 31 Hwy., Petoskey, MI 49770
(231) 439-9221

12 Free spots for hand massage. Put your name in the drawing to win!

Stillwater Massage ...Gwyn will be providing hand therapy!

Drawing - FREE gifts for quilters and knitters/crocheters.

FREE gifts to first 25 customers.

Mini cupcake snacks!

Meet and Greet Instructors! Come have input on classes you would like to take!

Come join us with fun and friends!

WIN A MONTHLY QUILT SPOT AT CINDY'S NEW STORE!

Drawing starts now! Once a month we will have a drawing for a quilt spot at the store. If you win that drawing you will allow us to hang your quilt in the store for a month on display. During the time your quilt is on display you will be able to purchase any items in the store for a discount of 20% off!

To enter the drawing for the "QUILT OF THE MONTH" email me a picture of the quilt you are entering, your name, the name of the pattern your quilt was made my. Also, any special comments you'd like to post. For example: if it was made for someone, why, and what inspired you about this quilt.

A special deal for the first person to display their quilt at the Grand Opening...25% off of everything purchased for the first month! The quilt will hang from June 13th to July 13, 2016. We will continue drawing on the 13th of every month. We will request the garment be turned in by the end of every month for the next month's display.

"THE BEGINNING OF QUILTING WITH CINDY'S IN YOUR COMMUNITY!"

Benartex - Fun designs!

Checkers...a huge supply of notions, batting and gifts for quilters. "Tula Pink".

Robert Kaufman Fabrics: Kona Cotton, Batik, Tigerfish, Linen, Wools...and MORE!

Michael Miller fabrics and Moda flannel.

Assortment of patterns. Mug rug kits. Renaissance ribbons.

Of course lets not forget the fat quarters, 5" squares and the jelly rolls that I called donuts!

We will also be offering some wonderful classes and keep sewn to upcoming news!

15% OFF

Discount on total purchase one day only in the month of June. Offer available to all Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild!

Offer Expires June 30th, 2016. One coupon per customer. Offer valid on all regular priced items. Not valid with any other discounts or Schacht products.