



## Next Meeting

January 12

Friendship Center

1322 Anderson Rd.  
Petoskey, MI

Social  
Meeting

5:30  
6:00

## Program

Outreach Programs

## Upcoming Event

### Quilter's Winterfest

Bavarian Inn Frankenmuth

Feb. 19-21

Featured teachers: Paula  
Nadelstern, Mark Lipinski, Allie  
Aller, Stacy West

[www.quilterswinterfest.com](http://www.quilterswinterfest.com)

### 2017 Quilts from the Heart

April 21-22

Roseville Recreation Center  
Roseville, MI

### Quilter to Quilter Sale

April 22

1<sup>st</sup> Methodist Church  
Troy, MI

### Quilt Show

May 10-12

Capac Historical Society Center  
Capac, MI

### Quilts by the Bay Quilt Show

Emmet County Fairgrounds

June 16-17

## President's News

*When the song of the angels is stilled,  
when the star in the sky is gone,  
when the kings and princes are home,  
when the shepherds are back with their flocks, the work of Christmas begins:  
to find the lost,  
to heal the broken,  
to feed the hungry,  
to release the prisoner,  
to rebuild the nations,  
to bring peace among the people,  
to make music in the heart. ----Howard Thurman*

I found this poem on one of the charity requests we received. I thought its message fit the giving spirit of LTBQG. Thanks for all your gifts of love to our community here in Northern Mi. in 2016. We begin 2017 with renewed benevolent hearts and our love of quilting makes it easy to gladden the hospitalized children; deserving Veterans, lonely elderly, families down on their luck and folks in the care of Hospice.

Our guild program for January will enable all of us to check out these outreach efforts that we sponsor. I hope your New Year's resolution includes making time to help with one or more of these very worthy causes.

Old man winter caused some havoc with our holiday fun in Dec. I apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Please consider putting your talents toward making our July picnic or September Tea successful. These still need chairs and committees. Programs are already in place, so this involves finding a place, table decorations, food, etc. A bee or friendship group could take these on together.

Lynn Parrish is leaving the Board, my thanks to her for always picking up the pieces, in my absence. Ken Thompson will join the Board as the new Vice President. Sandy Rogers joins as well, as Assistant for Program Committee. Welcome to both of them and THANKS to the dedicated officers and members who will continue to serve your guild in 2017.

I can't wait to see what new 1930 creation will result from your generous gifts to me of 1930 pinwheels, stay tuned. I love them, thanks sew much.

May God be with you and yours in the New Year,  
And sew on-----Tresa

Dear Guild Members,

Thank you so much for the generous gift presented to me at the November guild meeting. I was so surprised since I enjoyed our bus trip as much as you all. The planning, the gifts, and the fun events were brought to you by so many of our guild members. Many thanks to all of them as well.

Get ready to hear about our next adventure. Stay tuned for the info to arrive in your newsletter and at the presentation in February. I'm looking forward to traveling with you again!

Jan Gray

**Shelley Stallard** opened the meeting with the evening's program, which was the recognition of charitable recipients. **Pat Nolan** introduced Lisa Holt, who is in charge of the Meals on Wheels program. The program has 60 or more participants, providing 175 hot meals per day and 1,200 per week. For the year 2015/2016, the program provided 50,000 meals, for either temporary or permanent recipients. Pat presented Lisa with the 176 placemats the Guild made over the past year. **Judy Goldsmith** read a touching letter from the mother of a boy who frequently had been hospitalized and had received several quilts. She then introduced Anne Heier, Child Life Specialist at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, who talked about the donations of quilts to the Pediatric Unit over the past 18+ years. She related several stories about recipients and their appreciation of the quilt donation.

**Shelley** presented flowers and a monetary gift to Jan Gray in appreciation of her hard work organizing the Thumb area bus trip.

**Tresa Keys** officially opened the Guild meeting at 6:17 p.m. with a reading of "Barns and Birthdays." She also welcomed guests and recognized the October and November birthday celebrants. There was no Secretary's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented in the newsletter.

**Kay Geuder** introduced several new members: Judy Lightfoot, Janice Cook, Claudia Libby, Margaret Syverson and guests Evelyn Howell and Jean Sargent, bringing total membership to 124.

**Tresa** introduced an additional charity, Hospice of Little Traverse Bay. Barb Gutuskey, spokesperson for the Hospice quilters, stated that 56 quilts were donated to Hospice from May to November 2016. The group needs another long arm quilter, as well as more fabric. The group meets on Wednesdays, 9-12:00, at the Hilland House.

**Quilts of Valor:** Tresa informed the Guild that QOA cannot take any more names until January 2017. They currently have a backlog of 40 quilts. 103 quilts have been completed, but some need binding.

**Johanna Kutcher** discussed a group called "Servant Hearts", members of which make scrap quilts, hats, scarves and mittens to donate to Manna for distribution. They meet every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at Johanna's home. Members were reminded to call Sue Thompson, Corresponding Secretary, for illnesses and deaths.

**Lynn Parrish**, the Nomination Co-chair, began the process of voting for officers for the 2017 Board. Ballots were included in the October newsletter. There were no nominations from the floor and nominations were then closed. Ballots were collected from the members. As a piece of trivia for the 30s, Tresa explained the meanings of a "pullet" poll and a "straw" poll.

**Sandy Rogers** volunteered to assist and be the backup person for Program Chair Diane Simancek. Still needed are chairs for the July picnic, Christmas party and the September Tea for 2017. Also, volunteers are needed for clean-up crews and refreshments. Signup sheets were distributed.

**Shelley** reminded members that the Christmas party will be held on December 8<sup>th</sup> at Stafford's Bay View Inn. Attendees need to bring a \$10 gift for exchange.

Members also were reminded that only quilt guild members, who have joined and paid by January 1<sup>st</sup>, may submit a quilt to the June Quilt Show. Raffle fabric (dots in white and black) is still available. A new category has been added: Multi-generational Quilts. Also, Shelley explained the difference between a miniature quilt and just a "small" quilt. Judith urged members to sell items at the Quilt Show Boutique, which garnered \$3,700 in sales in 2015. Photos of show quilts need to be submitted by January to be considered for the postcard advertising the 2017 Quilt Show.

**Tresa** asked members to consider volunteering for an intergenerational program called the Learning Studio through the Crooked Tree Arts Council, in which 4<sup>th</sup> grade enrichment students would work with Guild volunteers to make a quilt block related to the Underground Railroad. Their reference will be the book "Fabric and Fabrications of the Underground Railroad." They will meet this winter on three dates to be determined. Guild members agreed to the change to a 5:30 meet-and-greet time with a 6:00 meeting start.

**Diane Simancek** presented suggestions for the 2018 programs which include quilt challenges. She suggested either "New Quilts from Old Favorites" or "Oxymorons." Suggestions for teachers and classes are Sue Cortes (Bullseye Quilts and New York Beauty) and the Great Lakes Quilt Project. Also, she would like websites for possible teachers. The business meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Renee Prevo won the evening's drawing. Tresa Keys won the batik quilt challenge. Unfortunately, only 2 individuals participated in the Sunbonnet Sue exchange.

Show and Tell followed the meeting.  
Respectfully submitted by Helene Kleymeer, Recording Secretary

Treasurer's Report

November

December

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 9017.94
	(Q of V - * \$1664.20)	
INCOME		
Education Raffle	44.00	
Membership	120.00	
Quilts of Valor	*	
Challenge Fabric	207.00	
Classes	160.00	
Bank Interest	<u>.18</u>	
	\$ 531.18	+ \$ 531.18
TOTAL	(Q of V - \$1664.20)	\$ 9549.12
EXPENSES		
Northern Copy Express	47.52	
Miscellaneous supplies	118.80	
Class payment	500.00	
Friendship Center donation	1000.00	
Quilts of Valor	*	
Charge for paper statement	<u>3.00</u>	
	\$ 1669.32 →	<u>-\$ 1669.32</u>
BALANCE	(Q of V - * \$1664.20)	\$ 7879.80
DEDICATED SAVINGS		
	\$9765.71	
Interest	<u>.41</u>	
Total	\$9766.12	
Submitted by Johanna Kutcher Treasurer, LTBQG 2016		

BEGINNING BALANCE		\$ 7879.80
	(Q of V - * \$ 1664.20)	
INCOME		
Education Raffle		
Membership	369.00	
Program - March class		
Quilts of Valor	* 75.00	
Challenge Fabric		
Classes		
Bus Trip		
Newsletter advertising		
Bank Interest	<u>.18</u>	
	\$ 444.18 →	+ \$ 444.18
TOTAL	(Q of V - \$ 1739.20)	\$ 8323.98
EXPENSES		
Hearts to Holly - Q of V	* 1140.39	
Challenge Fabric	264.38	
NCE - Booklets	296.50	
Quilts of Valor - gifts	288.40	
Charlevoix library	62.50	
Name tags	35.00	
Misc. supplies		
QofV Foundation	*40.00	
Newsletters		
Charge for paper statement	<u>3.00</u>	
	\$ 2130.17 →	<u>-\$ 2130.17</u>
BALANCE	(Q of V - * 558.81)	\$ 6193.81
DEDICATED SAVINGS		
	\$9766.12	
Interest	<u>.40</u>	
Total	\$9766.52	
Submitted by Johanna Kutcher Treasurer, LTBQG 2016		

Quilts of Valor

Quilts of Valor dedicated volunteer sewers and long arm quilters made and presented 68 quilts to deserving Veterans in 2016, making a 3 year total of 114! Generous donations of time, funds, quilting, fabrics etc. from all of you allow this great project to continue in 2017.

We start the New Year with 25 requests outstanding, but you may now submit requests, up to three at a time. Please consider joining this group on the first Wed. of each month at Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop in Charlevoix. We meet this Jan 4th from 10:00-2:30, we take a break for lunch at Kelsey's or you may bring a lunch. Please bring a sewing machine and general sewing supplies, along with a generous heart to help.

Tresa Keys  
Quilts of Valor coordinator

## Membership

**From the membership desk...** Please join me in welcoming two new members to the guild. Sue LaRoy is from Indian River and Jean Sergent lives in Charlevoix. Welcome to both ladies. Their addresses and E-mail information is in the 2017 Membership Book which will be available at the January meeting. We are now at 135 members.

Kay Geuder  
Membership Chair

### December Birthdays



12-01 Judy Goldsmith  
12-02 Judy Zasadny  
12-06 Shawna DePlonty  
12-07 Jeanette Kling  
12-07 Shirley Nunes  
12-08 Marty Dellenbach  
12-08 Sue Stackhouse  
12-08 Helen Truchan  
12-10 Judy Ettema  
12-10 Lucy Mainwaring  
12-11 Debbie Jarvis  
12-12 Sue Miller  
12-19 Sandy Rogers  
12-21 Lynn Czar  
12-25 Don Weber  
12-30 Carol Keith  
12-30 Diane Picotte  
12-31 Lois Hart  
12-31 Margaret Sitterson

*Hope your day was great!*

### January Birthdays



1-02 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  
1-28 Janice Juday

Spend your day doing what you love...SEWING!

“In my dream world, fabric is free and quilting makes you thin!”

### Tips for Finishing your Quilt on a Longarm

Your longarm machine quilter **wants** to do a good job for you. It is normal for the quilter to have some requirements for the quilts coming in to be quilted. It is possible that the long armer will do some of the tasks listed below, but you should expect to pay for them. If the quilter performs these tasks, she/he is taking time away from what she does best...the machine quilting.

**Quilt Backing** 1. The quilt back will need to be larger than the quilt top, usually by 4-6 inches on each side. (i.e. a 60" x 80" quilt top needs a backing 68-72" x 88-92") This is so the quilter can load your quilt onto their long arm quilting machine. Though this sounds like a lot, remember that you will cut off the excess before you bind the quilt. This excess can go straight back into your stash. 2. The backing should be square and neat so that it will roll properly onto the roller bars. 3. Remove the selvages. Do not include them within the seam allowances as they will pucker the seam allowance as they are pressed. 4. Do not use sheets. Many quilters will not guarantee their results if you've sent a sheet for the backing fabric. 5. Quilt backing should be pressed. Many will want any seams pressed open to reduce bulk. Check with the quilter you choose to be sure. The quilter is using her limited time to press, not to quilt, which is the real skill that you are paying for.

Date	Refreshments	Meeting	Classes	Clean Up
January 12 <sup>th</sup>	Kay Geuder, Judy Goldsmith, Pat Nolan	Outreach Programs		Mary Nelson, Judith Ivan
February 9 <sup>th</sup>	Barb Malpass, Robin Peters, Cynthia Tschudy, Shelley Stallard, Ann Ward, Sharon Gardner	Sew in and Barn bus trip DVD presentation		Jaime McGuiness
March 9 <sup>th</sup>	John and Julie Dyle, Renee Prevost, Lois Hart	Strip Piecing Reveal and Bag Making with Peggy Spang		Val Dingman
April 13 <sup>th</sup>	Penny Harrison, Lie Rayl, Carol Yorkison	Hand Piecing with Nettie Hosler	"To Knot or Not to Knot" Saturday, April 15 Hearts to Holly Hand piecing with Nettie Hosler	Johanna Kutcher
May 11 <sup>th</sup>	Phyllis Hosier, Linda Fry, Lynn Parrish	Trunk Show with Mickey Dupree	To be announced	Phyllis Hosier
June 8 <sup>th</sup>	Sharon Koskus, Suzanne Johnson, Nancy McKinnon, Pat Shannon	Quilt Show UFO Reveal		Ken and Sue Thompson
July 14 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic	Wool with Barb		
August 10 <sup>th</sup>		Machine Quilting		
September 14 <sup>th</sup>		Quilt Art with Kathryn Andrews	To be announced	
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Cindy Johnson, Ken and Sue Thompson, Kay Kepner, Miriam Jacobson	Trunk Show with Karen Kay Buckley	To be announced	
November 9 <sup>th</sup>				
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	Chair: Linda Fry Barb Gutuskey, Sue Gravados, Other hospice quilters	Holiday Party		

## January Meeting

On January 12th our charitable project leaders will explain their missions.  
"Where can you pitch in and help these generous people?" Find the right spot.

Jeanette Kling

Important information for ALL members! **We need your participation!**

As part of our quilt show advertising, we develop a postcard with a full color photo of a member's quilt that will be in the show. This has been a very successful campaign as well as an honor for a guild member to have their quilt showcased.

With that in mind, it's time to start preparing for this year's postcard. Any current member, with paid 2017 membership can submit a quilt for consideration for our postcard. In order to have photos taken and for printing lead time, we will need to have the quilt photos submitted to the quilt show chairperson (Shelley Stallard) by the January meeting. Then the quilt show committee will vote on the winner. All submissions will be kept confidential and Shelley will not vote.

In order for your quilt to be considered for the postcard, your quilt must be finished, quilted and bound by the February guild meeting. The quilt will be turned over to Jan Gray at that meeting so photographs can be taken.

Rules:

1. Must be a paid member for the current Sept 2016- Sept 2017 guild year.
2. The chosen quilt must be finished by the February guild meeting for photography.
3. Member must mail (do not email) a color photo to Shelley by the January guild meeting.
4. Do not write on the photo in any way.
5. Shelley Stallard, P.O. Box 463, East Jordan, MI, 49727
6. This will be how the committee members vote, so make it a good photo.
7. One photo per quilt.
8. Members can enter multiple quilts for the postcard.
9. The quilt must be shown in our 2017 show and cannot have been in a previous LTBQG show.
10. The chosen quilt will be turned over to Jan Gray at the February guild meeting.

If you have any questions, please email me. My work schedule is irregular, so I'd rather not get phone calls. [shelley.k.stallard@gmail.com](mailto:shelley.k.stallard@gmail.com)

This only applies to quilts for our postcard. More information on quilts for the actual show will be in future guild newsletters. Stay tuned and good luck!!

Quilt show committee.