

## Bits & Pieces Newsletter

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Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild



Next Meeting February 8<sup>th</sup> Charlevoix Library

Social 5:30 Meeting 6:00

Program
Spinning Wool
With
Christina Abramowski

**Upcoming Event** 

3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Quilters Winterfest February 17-19 2018 Frankenmuth, MI. Quilt Show-Vendors-Classes-Presentations www.quilterswinterfest.com

Grand Hotel Annual Needle Art Seminar May 6-11 2018 needleart@grandhotel.com

Wool Workshop Retreat Sept. 24-27 Barb Brooks (Backstreet Quilt Shop) 989-375-4620 Limit 25 people February always seems like a dreary month to me. This year "cabin fever" has hit me sooner than I think it should. We are still in winter weather here in northern Michigan and spring seems like it's a long way away. With the cold and snow we've had earlier I am already tired of shoveling and watching out for ice where I walk.

The Christmas season is over and I'm tired from all the rushing to get things made for gifts. I'm telling myself it is a good time to get at some of those UFOs and even some other needlework that has been sitting around. But sometimes I get caught up in the "have to do" vs "the want to do". I feel the need for some time to do quilting things that are just plain fun. It might just be a day out of my week where I can allow myself to try some new things or just play and have fun with my quilting.

The recent Customer Daze that four of our local shops organized was like a breath of fresh air for me. Although I admit I purchased more than I thought I should (and I know no one else does that) it was just good to get out and see cheery displays of fabrics, patterns, notions, and friends who didn't plan on purchasing anything either.

I find I want to try something new such as working with colors or fabric styles I normally don't use or try a new skill. Sometimes trying to teach "old dog new tricks" can bring out the playful puppy. So, if you are feeling like me, the Guild has programs made just for us! CHECK THEM OUT!!

Phyllis Hosler





### February Meeting Reminder

The February meeting is at the Charlevoix Library. You may arrive any time after 4:30.

Since Jan Gray will be out of town there will be no cancellation email or phone call if the weather is bad. If you are unsure of meeting cancellation, you can call the Charlevoix Library.

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### **January Meeting Minutes**

~Outgoing President, Tresa Keys, brought the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and presented Phyllis Hosier, 2018 President, with the president's gavel.

#### **PRESIDENT**

- -Phyllis started the meeting by assuring all guild members that she has no ties to Russia and believes in full disclosure! She proceeded to thank the outgoing board, Tresa, Ken, Helene, Johanna and Sue, for their service and introduced the new board: Phyllis-President, Judith-VP, Linda-Sec., Char-Treas., Barb-Rec. Sec.
- ~There were no December minutes and the Nov. Treasurer's reports were accepted as printed in the newsletter.
- ~Phyllis thanked Lois H., John and Julie (aka. Raggedy Ann and Andy), Diane, and The Charlevoix Gang for providing tonight's refreshments.
- ~Phyllis explained some changes for using the Friendship Center. Trash must be taken out to the dumpster and we no longer have a small cupboard to store our refreshment supplies. All tables need to be put away and we must use the front entrance.
- ~Phyllis acknowledged the Christmas Luncheon Committee for a job well done.
- ~Phyllis recognized December and January birthdays.
- ~ February's meeting is at the Charlevoix Library with the possibility of an open sew at Charlevoix also. Linda S. will update this in the Feb. Newsletter. There will be no open sew at the Friendship Center on Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### STANDING COMMITTEES and ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ~Kay Gueder-Membership: New Member booklets were passed out.
- ~Linda Schofield/Kristin Beauchamp-Program: Feb.-May's programs were explained. See the January Newsletter or the website for information.
- ~Kathy Slack explained her Next Generation Quilt project starting in February and asked for volunteers.
- ~Jan Gray-Newsletter and trip planner: June's bus trip was explained.

Mon-Wed, June 18-20 Leaves from the Petoskey Sewing Center, 9am. 2 nights at Amish Acres
Shipshewana Quilt Show admission
Entertainment and Quilted Gardens
\$125 deposit/rest in May

- ~Tresa Keys-Quilts of Valor Chairperson: 90 quilts were given out in 2017 and \$235 in donations have been received so far in 2018. Next QOV work session will be 2/7/18 at H2H 10-2pm.
- ~Elizabeth Rayl-Quilt Show co-chair told members that the price for the Fairgrounds has almost tripled and is now not an option. They are looking for another venue.

#### **OTHER**

Raffle-Linda Schofield won the education raffle.

Show and Tell-6 members participated in showing 8 quilts.

Program- Linda introduced the program "All Dolled Up" by Julie and John Dyle

The business meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Fry Recording Secretary

#### **Committee Reports**

### Membership

Two more members, Nettie Hosler and Carol Yorkison, renewed their memberships at the Jan. meeting. Welcome back ladies! This brings our current membership to 131 people.

If you have not picked up your membership book for 2018 please stop by the membership desk and get your copy. If there is a mistake in your information, please let me know. Kay Geuder

Membership chair

#### **Quilts of Valor**

The weather gremlins didn't allow QOV group to meet on Jan. 3rd. but that didn't keep us from delivering 6 QOV already in this New Year.

In my absence, Linda Fry will conduct the workshop scheduled for Feb. 7th at Hearts to Holly Quilt Shop. If the weather is bad, we try to communicate by e-mail; further doubt, call the shop to see if there has been a cancellation. Please consider joining this productive and fun group from 10:00-2:30 (with a lunch break). Bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies and a willing heart to honor our Veterans. They are always surprised and grateful.

In lieu of National QOV Day (Feb. 3rd.), we are celebrating NATIONAL QUILT DAY with our NATIONAL QOV DAY on SAT. MARCH 17TH. This will be held at the Boyne City Library's meeting room on the lower level. There is close and easy parking. Time---10 a.m.-3:00 p.m.. Sign up is required as there is only sewing space for about 20 people with machines. Sign up for a reserved space and for a food item will be held at the March 8th Guild meeting.

To prepare for this workshop please bring patriotic themed quilt shop quality 100% cotton fabric (NO FLORALS OR METALLICS). There will be patterns available that use fat quarters; 2-1/2" coordinated strips; or patriotic jelly rolls. We will demo several patterns and will have a few kits for quilts and pillowcases, as well as some pre-cut 2-1/2" strips and a box of fabric. You may also bring a favorite pattern and fabrics of your own to work independently. You will need to bring your sewing machine and basic sewing supplies. Let's get together for comradery, to celebrate our quilting passion and to make a gift of love for our Veterans------remember

"Freedom isn't Free". Tresa Keys and Linda Fry Questions 231-587-6530

### February Birthdays



- 2-01 Shannon Notestine
- 2-07 Carol Yorkison
- 2-11 Sallie Thompson
- 2-12 Sharon Koskuc
- 2-14 Suzanne Johnson
- 2-14 Claudia Libbey
- 2-16 Janet Rogers-Tyer
- 2-17 Margaret Nemec
- 2-19 Ruth Harris
- 2-21 Peggy Spang
- 2-27 Val Dingman

Happy birthday! Hope it is fantastic!

#### Olive & Artichoke Tapenade

- 1 jar green olives, with pimento, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 can black olives, chopped (1 cup)
- 1 can plain artichokes (not marinated), sliced
- 1 small can chili peppers (green), mild,
- chopped, drained
- 2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
- 2 tsp. olive oil
- Optional: 3 Tbsp. capers, rinsed

I chop the olives in my food processor on CHOP, and pulse it until it is chopped up.

Make the night before and serve with scoops taco chips or on thin baguette rounds. It is good for a couple of weeks in the refrigerator.

(Recipe from Diane Simancek, who got it from Barb Nuhn, "Quilt Therapy" group in Oakland County)

### **More Committee Reports**

#### Volunteers Needed

I am both member of the Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild and a teacher in the Public Schools of Petoskey. Last year we worked with the Crooked Tree Arts Center on an Intergenerational project. My 4<sup>th</sup> grade students studied the Underground Railroad and then worked with local adults who helped them sew an Underground Railroad replica quilt block. I then put the quilt blocks together, which was then auctioned off at the Arts Center so that we could do the project again.

This year I have 18 students for the project, so I am searching for 18 adults who would be available to work with a student. I currently have 6 women signed up. Here are the important details for the project:

Intergenerational Civil War Replica Quilt

4<sup>th</sup> Grade Gifted kids from all 4 Petoskey elementary schools

Where: Crooked Tree Arts Center

When: February 7, 2018 (10:00-12:00) - Get to know your student, sew a small wallet together, and select quilt block and fabric.

February 21, 2018 (10:00-12:00) - Sew 12" quilt block together. You will need to have everything pre-cut.

April 11, 2018 (10:00-12:00) - Quilt reveal and lunch with your child.

What to bring: sewing machine, sewing notions, willingness to teach and build a relationship with a 4th grader

(I will provide all patterns and materials)

Last year, this project proved to be a highly successful event for both the students and the mentors. Please let me know if you would like to participate in this rewarding project.

Kathy Slack



#### Everything in Life I Learned from a Snowman

- \*It's okay if you're a little bottom heavy.
- \*Hold your ground, even when the heat is on.
- \*Wearing white is always appropriate.
- \*Winter is the best of the four seasons.
- \*It takes a few extra rolls to make a good midsection.
- \*The key to life is to be a jolly happy soul.
- \*We're all made up of mostly water.
- \*You know you've made it when they write a song about you.
- \*Accessorize! Accessorize!
- \*Avoid yellow snow!
- \*Don't get too much sun.
- \*It's embarrassing when you can't look down and see your feet.
- \*It's fun to hang out in your front yard
- \*There's no stopping you once you're on a roll!

Date	Refreshments	Meeting	Classes	Clean Up
February 8 Charlevoix Library	Barb Malpass, Ann Ward, Cynthia Tschudy, Janet	Spinning wool with a spinning wheel and drop spindle		Judith Ivan, Diane Picotte
Library		Christina Abramowski		
March 8	Johanna Kutcher Hospice Group	Murder Mystery Setting the Stage and Meeting the Actors	Friday, March 9 \$35 Murder Mystery Quilt Dinner @ Scovies Restaurant in Charlevoix	Pam Miller
April 12	Elizabeth Rayl, Carol Yorkison, Kristin Beauchamp	Just what are the judges looking for? Appraisals Dee Dadik Molly Butler	April 20 or April 21 \$20 Project Travel Pillow (prep for bus trip) Shelley Stallard	
May 10	Liz Bitterman, Mary Nelson, Judy Ettema, Margaret Sitterson, Shirley Phillips	Let's Talk Design	Friday, May 11 \$40 ½ Square Triangle Play	
		Sue Cortese	Saturday, May 12 Cut-N-Stitch Charlevoix Library	
June 14	Linda Fry, Phyllis Hosier, Michelle Valuet, Peggy Gervais	UFO's and ½ Square triangle exchange		Ken and Sue Thompson
		Linda Schofield		
June 18-20		3 <sup>rd</sup> Annual Bus Trip		
July 12	Chair: Teresa Keys Linda Fry, Lois Furness	Picnic		Sharon Warner, Mary Lee Huber, Ruth Schwartzfisher
August 9	Marno Lane, Betsy Koss, Marian Henthorne, Eleanor LaVictor, Debbie Jarvis, Ruby Parkkonen, Helene Kleymeer	Resizing Blocks Miniature Quilt Trunk Show Carmen Hartwig	Friday, August 10 \$30 Miniature Quilt Carmen Hartwig	Betsy Koss, Marian Henthorne, Debby Jarvis, Helene Kleymeer
September 13		T-Shirt Trunk Show Membership Tea	Friday, September 14 \$30 T-Shirt Quilt Shelley Stallard	Kristin Beauchamp
October 11	Darlene Tollini, Dee Prediger, Kathy Helner, Mary Cowan, Sue Dahl, Sue Baker	"Patching Things Together on the Road Less Traveled" Karen Duling	Friday, Oct. 12 or Saturday, Oct. 13 \$30 Charlevoix Library Mumbo Gumbo Shelley Stallard	
November 8	Lois Furness, Jean Sargent, Becky Griffin	Cake Walk		Jane Denay, Evelyn Howell
		Linda Schofield		
December 13		Christmas Luncheon		

**February 8**<sup>th</sup> **Lecture** - Meet Christina Abramowski, a master spinner. Discover the unique qualities of wool, the preferred spinning fiber. Like many art forms, hand spinning is done in a variety of ways. Christina will discuss and demonstrate the process of spinning wool with a spinning wheel and a drop spindle. Both have benefits and drawbacks.

\*\*\*REMINDER -Guild meeting will be held in the Charlevoix Library.

The Library will be open at 4:30 for open sewing.

## Treasurer's Report

### December 2017 Report

Operating account	Savings Account 8226.26
Beginning balance 13,007.15	Fund Reports:
General Fund	General Fund
<u>Income</u>	Beginning balance 9322.20
Membership 40.00	Income 1173.00
Donation 483.00	Expenses <u>- 1506.94</u>
Canceled check 150.00	Ending balance 8988.26
Christmas lunch 500.00	
Expenses	Quilts of Valor 1677.45
Christmas lunch 186.94	
Christmas lunch meal 1320.00	Bus Trip Fund 1519.15
Bus Trip	Quilt Show 338.35
Income0	
Expenses (refund) 150	Total all funds 12,523.21
Ending Cash balance 12,523.21	

#### January 2018 Report

Operating account	Savings account	8226.26
Beginning balance 12,523.21	Fund Reports:	
General Fund	General Fund beginning balance	8988.26
Income 2.4	<u>Income</u>	1131.24
Interest/Dec24	Expenses	<u>-463.40</u>
Raffle 51.00	Ending balance	9,656.10
Membership 80.00		
Voided check #3006 1,000.00	Quilts of Valor beginning balance	
Expenses	<u>Income</u>	175.00
Newsletter copies 8.40	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>-420.65</u>
Liability insurance 255.00	Ending balance	1,431.80
Jan. program 200.00		
Quilts of Valor	Bus Trip beginning balance	1,519.15
<u>Income</u>	<u>Income</u>	2, 275.00
Donations 175.00	<u>Expenses</u>	0.00
<u>Expenses</u>		3,794.15
Supplies 375.65		
National membership 45.00	Quilt Show	338.35
Bus Trip		
Income	Total all funds	15,220.40
Registrations 2,275.00		•
_ Expenses 0		
Ending Cash Balance 15,220.40		

March 8<sup>th</sup> Lecture - Meet the players and a sneak preview for Friday's (March 9<sup>th</sup>) Murder Mystery Quilt Dinner at Scovies Restaurant, Charlevoix - an evening of murder, mayhem, and lively quilt show politics combined in a two and one-half hour evening of mystery, dinner and quilting. Who really murdered Betty Bitchayay?

Little Traverse Bay Quilters Guild  Quilters Guild  Quilt Guild Program Registration Form			
Please write legible Name Date of Registration			
Telephone Number			
Class Murder Mystery Quilt Dinner Date March 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2018			
Instructor Linda Schofield			
Payment Method (\$35 Members \$45 Non-members) Cash Check Number			
Send check to Linda Schofield or Kristin Beauchamp			

**Looking ahead** - Our April 12<sup>th</sup> meeting Dee Dadik: and Molly Butler will be here to share and demonstrate with our own Guild Member's award-winning quilts just what the Judges are looking for. Written appraisals (\$55) or verbal appraisals (\$33) may be arranged by appointment at the Senior Center Library from 10:20a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Only 20 spaces available so sign up early. Filling up quickly!



# Our Third Annual Bus Trip

Get Ready for a New Adventure!

June 18-20 (three days, two nights)

Destination: Shipshewana, Indiana

### Trip includes:

Two nights lodging at Amish Acres (breakfast included)
Tour of the Quilt Gardens
Live play, Plain and Fancy, in the Round Barn Theater
Half a day to tour the town of Shipshewana
Admission to the Shipshewana Quilt Show
(Plus visits to quilt shops of course)

Cost: \$250 (based on double occupancy)

Deposit: \$125 (final payment due May 1st)

Make check out to LTBQG and send to Jan Gray (1325 Lakeshore, Boyne City 49712)