



Lighthouse Quilters Guild

The Breiter Side



February 2025
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We are off to a roaring start this year! We had a wonderful presentation of Then and Now quilts, including Laura Bond and her charming daughters, along with Kimi Heller-Neale. It's nice to know there are young, enthusiastic quilters coming up behind us.

Our raffle quilt made its debut at the Winter Quilt Show in West Bend on the 8th. We received lots of positive feedback on the quilt and our booths. Kudos to Mary Wolter and Kitty Friend for arranging for our appearance at that show. I hope we can make it a semi-annual thing. I feel like I saw half our guild at the show, so it was a great turn out!

As you will see below, we will have a Zoom-only meeting in February, so we will be able to stay in our warm houses and see the program. There are instructions below and how to get into the meeting, and there will be an email blast sent out as a reminder closer to the event. We will not have a business meeting in February.

Stay warm and keep quilting,

Stevie Brett, President

Zoom Available

For members who live out of town, or are on vacation or are unable to attend the meetings in person, you may attend the meetings on Zoom!

Zoom Link is mailed out to all members before the meeting or you may request a link from Sue Causey or Sharon Matusевичius



Check out Facebook!

Please **LIKE** our page and **share** it with your friends!

Updates to meetings and workshops will be posted



facebook.com/lighthousequiltersguild

Next Meeting

February 24, 2025

Zoom Only!!!

6:30 pm

See information to log on in the Program Notes

2025 LHQ Board Members

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Social Media/Newsletter

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2025 Programs

All programs begin at 6:30 pm

- Feb 24** ZOOM ONLY! Make your Best Quilt
Www.lequilts.com Lisa Erlandson
- Mar 31** Bead Embellishment Design on Quilts
Lisa Binkley www.lisabinkley.com
- April 28** Evolution of a Modern Quilter
Joan Cain, Lakeshore Modern Quilt Guild
- May 19** Fabric Collage Workshop and Lecture
Laura Heine's Teeny-Tiny-Sewing-Machine-Collage
Rebecca Ever
- June 30** Orphan Blocks with Sentimental Endings
Eileen Daniels www.danielsstudios.com
- July 28** Rummage Sale,
TBA
- Aug 25** Guild Schoolhouse
Kime Heller Neal + 2 others
- Sept 29** You Be The Judge!
Mary Wolter & Kitty Friend
- Oct 27** Fabulous Finishes Workshop
Quarter Century of Quilts lecture
Maribeth Schmit, www.wiquiltjudge.com
- Nov 25** Annual Holiday Party

February and March Birthdays

Rhonda Westmoreland 2/08
Ellen Harrison 2/10
Kathy Lijewski 2/13
Betty Suiter 2/18
Catherine Neal 2/21
Mary Piper 2/22
Mary Risler 2/22
Jacky Tomkins 2/26
Ginger Wanserski 2/28

Yvonne Parks 3/02
Autumn Latimore 3/19
Dianna Zimmerman 3/19



Program Notes

Our guild members will be able to access the speaker on Monday, February 24, by registering on the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts website. I recommend that they do this in advance! <https://www.wiquiltmuseum.com/products/make-your-best-quilt-with-lisa-erlandson-of-le-quilts-virtual-lecture>

When signing up, they will see a fee of \$15. However, as a sponsor, our guild members get to attend the lecture free. The promo code is "**LHQFREE**". Please ask everyone to keep this code private for our guild members only!

The lecture will start at 6:30 pm. I have seen Lisa's presentation, and it is terrific!

I encourage members to browse the website - there are a lot of fun fiber arts classes coming up this year. And if there is interest, I would like to offer a field trip this year to our members to see the museum and get a private tour of the collections area as well as the gallery. Probably in the summer for Heidi Parkes or the "Wit/Whim" exhibit.

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Mary Wolter
cell: 262-930-4900

Workshop

Our May workshop will be working on a 16" x 20" Laura Heine collage. The instructor, Rebecca Ever, will be presenting the Sewing Machine project but you can bring your own Laura Heine-based kit of your choice and we can work together on them.

Buy your pattern and kit online or from a local shop soon, so you are ready to participate!

Here's the link to the website if you want to order them directly from her website. The kit and pattern are sold separately! You can use your own fabrics if you want to purchase the pattern only.

- Kit: <https://www.fiberworks-heine.com/shop/c/p/Teeny-Tiny-Sewing-Machine-Collage-Kit-3rd-Edition-by-Laura-Heine-x42515316.htm>
- Pattern (makes all three different projects): <https://www.fiberworks-heine.com/shop/c/p/Teeny-Tiny-Collage-PATTERN-Group-5-Pincushion-Dress-Form-Sewing-Machine-x42515421.htm>

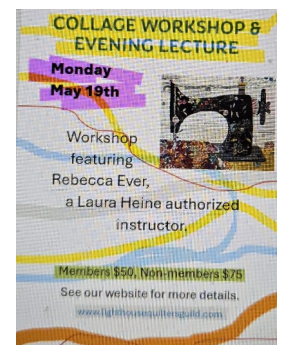
Amazon also carries the pattern set for about \$5 less.

Other supplies needed include 3 yards of 12" wide Steam-A-Seam-2 and a silicone applique fusing mat (about \$20 each on Amazon). I have Pattern Ease for everyone.

Some of you already own a Laura Heine project so just pay the workshop fee and join us! We only need a minimum of 10 people.

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Mary Wolter
NACQJ Certified Quilt Judge
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January Meeting Minutes

Guild Meeting Minutes

January 27, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Stevie Breit. Stevie thanked Mary Risler for opening the doors for members. She also announced that the Food Pantry item for March will be fruit - fruit packets, canned fruit, etc. There won't be a Food Pantry collection until the March meeting because February's guild meeting will be virtual. There was one guest, who will be a new member.

Mary Wolter introduced tonight's speakers for our annual "Then and Now" program, Laura Bond and Kim Heller-Neal. Laura Bond introduced her two teenage daughters (also members of our guild), 15-year-old Cassandra and 14-year-old Joanna. Cassandra is a member of 4H and showed us a table runner and panel pillow she had made, and she talked about a quilt she is making now. She thanked guild members who have helped her learn how to do various quilting techniques. Joanna, also in 4H, has won ribbons for all three quilts she has entered. Both girls are prolific crafters, enjoying quilting, cake decorating and paper crafting. The banter between the two of them was delightful. Laura, their mom and our librarian, learned how to quilt from her 97-year-old neighbor. She showed us some of what she has done. When her kids became active in 4H, they also wanted to learn to quilt. Kim started quilting in 2017. She showed us many delightful quilts, quite a few which she has made for her now 3-year-old son. She shared many fun stories of her quilting journey.

Mary Wolter talked about the February meeting, which will be Zoom only. There will not be an in-person meeting. Our speaker will be Lisa Erlandson, a nationally known quilt appraiser, judge and speaker. The presentation topic will be "Make Your Best Quilt", and Lisa will talk about what a judge looks for in a winning quilt, how an appraiser determines what a quilt is worth and what may increase or decrease the value of a quilt. She will give us tips to help us make the best quilt we can. Mary announced that the 2025 quilt show will be held at Festival Hall. Members were asked to make items for the Boutique. Many items were suggested in the January newsletter.

TC Wiley talked about the quilt categories for the show. There are some changes, and the lists will be distributed to guild members as soon as TC finalizes the list. Kitty Friend said she needs a committee chairperson/classroom coordinator for the show. A classroom holding 75 people will be available. We also need a chairperson for food. Festival Hall will be doing the food, but the guild will be selling desserts. We also need a chairperson for demos.

The 2025 raffle quilt was shown to the guild. Guild members who participated in making the quilt are Stevie Breit, Jacky Tompkins, Regina Scott Brooks, Grace Kragness, Debbie Blaustein and Linda Worman.

Grace Kragness presented the 2025 Budget. The program budget was increased by \$500, Social Media was up \$50, and quilt rack storage went up \$25. \$2,600 will be taken from reserve funds. There were no questions. Regina Scott Brooks made a motion to accept the budget. There were no objections. Motion passed.

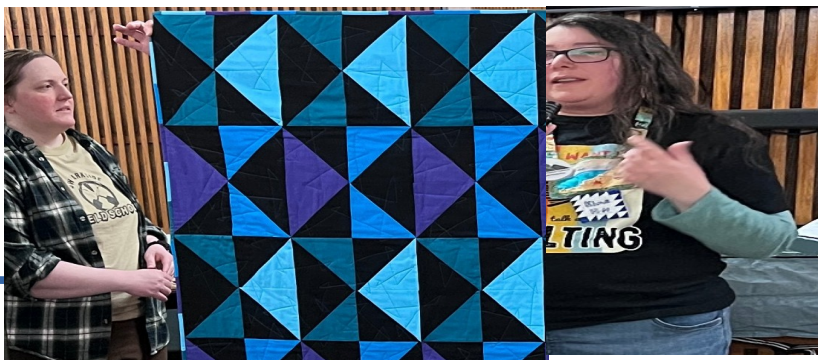
Sue Lerch, a member of our guild and the Mukwonago guild, was selling raffle tickets for their quilt and a sewing machine in the back of the room.

Show & Tell was had, many members showing boutique items they had made. Meeting was adjourned.

Debbie Blaustein, Secretary

Then and Now

January's meeting featured guild members Kime Heller-Neal and The Bond Girls- Laura, Cassandra and Joanna. They drove us through their quilting journey and provided a fabulous trunk show of their creations.



Show and Tell

Our members are not only talented and creative, they are also generous!

Show and tell featured lots of beautiful quilts and also, our members answered the call for boutique items for our booth at the Winter Quilt show in West Bend.

And our quilt show raffle quilt was unveiled!!!! What a stunning quilt!

See more photos on our Facebook page!



Monica Bissen



Sandy Kruppstadt



Sue Lerch



Stacy Gavin



Katie Lang



Kris Hagen



Vicki Madsen



Christy Peters



TC Wiley



Lighthouse Legacies Raffle Quilt 2025!

Thanks to Debbie, Stevie, Regina, Grace, Jacky, Linda and Kitty for creating such a fabulous quilt for Lighthouse Legacies 25!

Great job, ladies!!!



Quilting Events

Thru Mar. 2. Shin-hee Chin: Rootedness and Paula Nadelstern: Kaleidoscopes and Quilts. Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts., N50W5050 Portland Rd., Cedarburg. Wed-Sat., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., Noon-4 p.m. Admission, \$10. For more exhibit information, wiqiltsmuseum.com.

Mar. 3. Empty Bowls 2025. Festival Hall, 5 Fifth St. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4 p.m.-7 p.m. \$20 donation to choose a bowl, savor soup and support HALO, Racine County Food Bank and the Hospitality Center.



Mar. 14 -15 **Color My World With Quilts**; West Suburban Quilt Guild, Waukesha County Fairgrounds-FORUM BUILDING, 100 Northview Road, Waukesha, WI 53188. Over 300 quilted items displayed for viewer's choice ribbons; vendor mall with area's finest shops. Friday 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, Saturday 10:00 am to 4:00pm. Admission: \$7.00 cash

Mar. 29. Spring Fling Quilt Show. Lakeshore Quilters. Lourdes Academy, 110 N. Sawyer Rd., Door 12, Oshkosh. Free admission.

Mar. 29-30. 36th Annual Crazy Quilters Guild Show. Parkview Middle School, 930 N. Rochester (Hwy 83), Mukwonago. Sat., 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sun., 10 a.m-3 p.m. Admission \$8; two-day, \$10.

Cares and Concerns

This month has been difficult for several of our members. We are happy to learn that Debby Gillmore and Debbie Blaustein are on the mend. Please continue to reach out to them.



Sadly, two members have experienced deaths in their families.

David Wendzinski, husband of Marylou, passed on 02/09.

Michael (Mick) Ulrich, son-in-law of Dan and Ginger Wanserski, passed on 02/14. They appreciate your thoughts and prayers,

Hospitality

Since we are meeting virtually this month, there is no collection for the food bank. March will be fruits and nuts.



Historian

Calling all past historians from 2019 through 2024. Could you please bring to the March meeting your information about these years. There is nothing in the filing cabinets and I would be grateful to get this information so that everything can be located in one place. Thank you for your help.

Fun Facts

LIGHTHOUSE QUILTERS GUILD

SUMMARY OF 1981

The meetings were held at the Methodist Church in Franksville starting in the fall of 1981. They were quilters bees, and everyone came and worked on a quilt.

They just started having nametags

Members did the presentations

There were 38 members

They did not have a checking account to save the \$3.00 monthly service fee. Their income was \$204.00, and they spent \$86.00 for the year

The first raffle quilt was offered to the guild only and it was an Ohio Star pattern

Geneva Watts became a Certified National Quilt Teacher and there were only 50 in the United States. Quite an accomplishment



LQG 1982

Dues were \$7.00, \$5.00 if over 65. If you did not wear your name tag it cost you 25 cents.

A short program was started before everyone started doing their quilting time together.

A pot luck was held once a quarter

Recipes from the pot lucks were put into the newsletters

The income for the year was 724.19 and the expenses were 550.87

They opened a checking account at the Heritage Bank

Blankets started being made for guild members who were having babies. Five quilts were made that year, all of the heart design.



LQG 1983

Six quilts were given to the Ronald McDonald house that opened Oct 1983.

The first spring workshop was held with classes, exhibitions and awards, it was very successful.

Income was \$1,391.88 and expenses were \$1,175.39

Programs were held before the quilting by the members done at the meetings.

Elveda Morrill, Historian

Membership

As of the January meeting, 78 members have paid their dues and submitted renewal forms. Please continue to mail to the PO Box as listed on the form. Grace will get them to me. Thank you.

I chuckled at the responses to the "Winter Address" question: "I wish" and "In the house :)".

66 members attended the January meeting 56 in person and 10 via Zoom.

The five (5) Sew and Save gift cards were won by Linda Worman, Kime Heller Neal, Sandy Kruppstadt, Kitty Friend and Gina Knierim. Congratulations to all. Have fun shopping.

Welcome to, Sandra Allison, she was a guest and joined as new member to the guild. Also welcome back, to Retta (Loretta) Falaschi. Retta attended via Zoom. And lastly welcome back to Judy Stapleman Kroes as returning member.

- *Kris Hagen*, VP-Membership

Road Trip



Sew 'n Save
of Racine



MADISON BUS TRIP

Friday, September 5, 2025
Alliant Energy Center Exhibition Hall

Sign up now and save your spot on the bus!

\$55 per person

Includes admission the the Expo,
transportation and parking.

Buses depart from

Sew 'n Save at 6:45 am

With pick up points at

Hwy 20 park and ride and ~7:10 am

Ryan Road park and Ride! ~7:30 am

Specify pick up location when you sign up!

Bus will leave Madison at 4:30 pm

Sign up online or
call the Fabric Gallery:
262-554-6445

Quilts for the Community

We had a very good 2024 and our 2024 Final Report will appear in the March Newsletter! Thank you for donating!!!!

Four members distributed quilts this year:

Nancy Larsen for Women's Resource Center

Baby to Lap size--36x36 to 55x70, pieced, cheaters, fleece, crocheted and knitted items.

Regina Scott Brooks for Quilts for VA Home in Union Grove

Twin size or a little larger but not much larger, fabrics can be either for men or women

Barbara Vallone for Quilts for the Community which includes:

All Saints NICU, Racine, and Children's Hospital, Milwaukee -

Baby to Lap size--36x36 to 55x70

St. Monica's Home plus Habitat for Humanity and other needs.

Small Lap--45x50 to Nap Lap—55x70

Operation Snuggles – quilts for soldiers' children, Camp Serenity, and Wounded Warriors. Baby to twin bed—36x36 to 60x75

TC Wiley for Foster Children's Project

Baby to Large Lap—40x40 to 55x70

Quilt size can range from 36 x36 to 60 x 75—see sizes above.

Please keep your biggest quilt to twin bed size.

THANK YOU!!!

Nancy Larsen, Regina Scott Brooks, Barbara Vallone, and TC Wiley

I am collecting for Cap Serenity again and need at least 70 quilts by our **June 30, 2025**

Quilt Camps for 2025

Schedule your quilt camps now!

Lutherdale:: March 12-13-14-15-16, 2025 Lauderdale Lakes near Elkhorn Arrival/Price Options:

Wed 3/12 ~ \$364 Triple, \$399 Double, \$559 Single Thu 3/13 ~ \$314 Triple, \$339 Double, \$474 Single

Fri 3/14~ \$249 Triple, \$269 Double, \$369 Single Meals begin Wed supper and end with Sunday breakfast

Quilt and sleep in the NEW Hope Center ~ no bunk beds! Meals a very short walk away in the Dining Hall.

Contact Lutherdale directly at 262-742-2352 to register.

The rest of my camps are in May, September and October. YOU decide when you can come to each retreat. NO requirements to work on a group project. Come when you can and work on your OWN projects. ALL my camps are open to ALL quilters and even those who love camp but don't quilt at all. So gather your friends and decide which camp but do this SOON! You can get my complete list by sending me an email at qltingb@gmail.com Thank you and hope 2025 is the year you get to come back to a camp as a QUILTING CAMPER!

-Barbara Vallone

Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show 2025



Are you getting excited about the quilt show in October? Our beautiful raffle quilt is beginning to visit some guilds to sell tickets. We will have our raffle packets soon. This month is a sneak peak and a closeup of one of the magnificent blocks in this work of art. Examine each block as it is featured in this page to experience the detailed use of geometry and color in its creation. You will surely buy many chances to win it!

Boutique

Sue Lerch showed her adorable animals in sleeping bags last month. Vicki Madsen has more animals in very good condition that she is willing to donate to make more.

Bed turning and Demonstrations

It is time for creative minds to consider ideas for the show. I am seeking interested members to help me with a theme for the bed turning and ideas and volunteers to do a short demonstration during one of the time slots in the show. It is not a lot of work to help with these popular events. Please contact me with your suggestions and willingness to help out. My contact information is in the directory. I do best with text messages and email.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

**Sharon
Matusevicius**



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Reminder:
Meetings begin at 6:30 pm
This year



Deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter is on or before the 8th day of the month.

Submit articles to:

Newsletter/Facebook Editors

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Sue Causey LHQSueCausey@hotmail.com