Lighthouse Quilters Guild

July 2026

Lighthouse Laura

After several technical difficulties getting the June meeting started, I was able to thoroughly enjoy learning all about Gelli painting from Phyllis Stengel. It's also a wonderful medium for practicing free-motion quilting to highlight the Gelli painting. Look for a potential future workshop in the newsletters.

In July, we will not have a Zoom option since we will be meeting in person for our annual guild rummage sale. It's a wonderful opportunity to comb through our craft supplies and quilting stashes to share with our friends. We can keep the clutter in our sewing spaces to a minimum while supporting our guild. There are always treasures to find that will be new to you!

Laura Bond, President

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Zoom Available

For members who live out of town, 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 Matusevicius

July and August Birthdays

Iras Sramek	July 4
Monica Bissen	July 6
Sue Causey	July 7
Sharon Matusevicius	July 8
Laura Sanders	July 10
Ellen Shiflet	July 20
Gina Knierim	July 27
Jennifer Clingaman	July 28

Stevie Breit	August 2
LuWayne Snow	August 8
Darlene Heiden	August 11
Grace Kragness	August 11
Susan Steiner	August 17
Antoinette Eugene	August 20
Susie Cooke	August 22
Sarah Gabby	August 22
Leslie Fallion	August 29
Colleen Schneider	August 31

2026 LHQ Board Members

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2026 Programs

All programs begin at 6:30

July 27	**Rummage Sale**
August 31	**Angie Dugan** **The Quilting Connection** **Longarm Quilting**
September 28	**Schoolhouse (presenters TBD)**
October 26	**Jim Deibler** **Scary Maintenance Tales**
November 30	**Holiday Party**

Check out Facebook!

Please LIKE our page and share it with your friends!

Updates to meetings and Workshops will be posted

Monthly Features

For our newer members, here are some of the ongoing features that our guild enjoys!

- Show and Tell: Each month, our members show their creations or tell their stories.

- Community outreach: Each member is asked to donate at least one charity quilt per year to be donated to an organization in the greater Racine area. Additionally, members are asked to bring a non-perishable food item (or cash) each month to be donated to the Racine County Food bank to help those in our community with food insecurities.

- Bee Hives: This was a pilot program last year that was very successful and is ongoing this year. Based on the premise of yesteryear's "Sewing Bees", our guild offers small groups that works in a specific area of interest. Sign up sheets for each hive are posted early in the year. Each hive includes:
- Bee Keepers - Autumn and Laura work together to manage the hives and touch base
- Queen Bees - run each hive and determines the location the hive will meet, dates, and times.
- Hives – Group of quilters interested in the specific topic of each hive
- Honey Harvest – Report activities mid-year and show their projects at the annual holiday party.

Past and current hives include: Applique, Beginner Bee, Book Club, Community Quilts for Kids, Hand stitching, Free Motion on Domestic, Modern quilting, and more.

Program Notes

Monday July 27, starting at 6:00pm. Items may be dropped off between 4:00 and 6:00, or brought to the meeting. We'd be grateful to those who can drop off items early, starting around 4:00. The It's like Christmas in July at Lighthouse Quilters Guild during our annual Rummage Sale on doors to the lower level will be open.

We will have tables marked $1, $2, $5, $10, etc. Another table will feature more expensive items ($15 and up) like kits and yardage. Put a price on it for us in advance and place it on that table.

For more valuable items, there's going to be a Silent Auction. If you have a reserve price on those items, please let us know.
What goes? Who knows! Someone else's discarded items will be someone else's Best Of Show quilt. Yardage, notions, rulers, patterns, books, bags of scraps, half used jelly rolls & layer cakes.

Speaking of bakery themed items…

Shopping is hungry work, so there's going to be a bakery table, yay! We'd love to see a nice variety of homemade goodies, and all proceeds go to our beloved Guild. If people know what they're bringing it would be helpful to let Bakery Table Goddess Leslie Fellion know at 262-930-4290

We will have some bags, but bring your own if you can, please. For the love of all that is holy in Rummage Sale Land, small bills would be greatly appreciated

We would love to have you work with us! The more people we have, the more everyone can shop, including workers.

Questions, please call or text me at 414-702-8213. That is, right up until Friday, July 24 at noon, when I turn into She Who Runs The Cafe Roma Serving Line at Italian Festival. (Stop by). From Friday to Late Sunday the call desk will be personed by Sue Causey at 262-498-6888

Mary Jo Diem, **VP of Programs**

June Meeting Notes

Lighthouse Quilters Guild
Guild Meeting Minutes
June 29, 2026

The meeting was called to order by President Laura Bond at 6:38 pm.

Two guests were welcomed.

Mary Jo - VP of Programs introduced our speaker, Phyllis Stengel of Racine. She provided a fascinating discussion of her fabric projects using leaves and resist dye (gelli print) techniques. There were lots of questions and discussion regarding her process.

Mary Jo announced that the annual rummage sale would be the topic of our July meeting. Members should go through their stash and bring items for sale. Tables will be designated for lower valued items (e.g., $1, $2, $5) and more expensive items will be set aside for a silent auction section. All proceeds go to the guild for speakers and other business expenses.

Business Meeting

1) Door prizes were given out by Stacy Cicero and Darlene Krueger.
2) Laura announced that two board positions will be open in 2027: VP-Planning and Treasurer. The duties were explained. Anyone interested should contact Laura Bond or any other board member.
3) The Racine Art Museum is hosting an artist event in which the museum will be draped in large cloth banners. Sew & Save and Stitched are accepting donations of large pieces of fabric (solids only) and sites have been set up for volunteers to sew them together. See the museum's website for more details. https://www.ramart.org/class/community-sewing-day-at-racine-farmers-market/
4) Next month's Food Bank item: Grains!
5) Show & Tell was spectacular and the attendees enjoyed fun stories and lots of laughs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Mary Wolter, **Secretary**

June Meeting Photos

June Show and Tell

Another Show and Tell full of gorgeous creations from out talented guild!

Andrea Johnson

Vicki Madsen

Sandy Allison

Regina Scott-Brooks

Jacky Tomkins

Antoinette Eugene

Dianna Zimmerman

Ginger Wanserski

Kime Heller-Neal

Jackie Mekemson

Laura Sanders

Mary Piper

Hospitality

Our guild continues to demonstrate what a caring and generous community we are. Thanks to your kindness, last month we donated more than **$100** along with a wonderful assortment of fruit-based foods to support the Racine County Food Bank. Every contribution—whether it's a few dollars or a few cans—helps local families, and together we truly make a difference. Thank you to everyone who participated!

For this month's collection, we're focusing once again on **protein-rich foods**, which are always in high demand. If you're able to contribute, please consider bringing **peanut butter, canned tuna or chicken, other canned meats or fish, or beans** to our next guild meeting. These nutritious staples help food pantry clients prepare filling, balanced meals and are greatly appreciated.

And believe it or not…it's almost time to start thinking about the holidays! ? Beginning with our **August** newsletter, I'll be sharing all the details for our annual **Holiday Party**, including this year's location, ticket price, and schedule. In the meantime, be sure to **save the date: Monday, November 30**. It's one of our favorite guild traditions—a chance to celebrate another wonderful year together, enjoy great company, and share a little holiday cheer. I hope you'll mark your calendar now so you can join us.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity, your enthusiasm, and for making the Lighthouse Quilters Guild such a special community. I can't wait to share more Holiday Party details with you next month!

Autumn Latimore, **Hospitality**

Member Request

Debbie Blaustein is interested in obtaining a Singer featherweight sewing machine. If you have one or know someone willing to give one a new home, please contact Debbie. Her contact information is in the membership directory.

The Singer Featherweight, produced from 1933 to 1968, is a lightweight, portable sewing machine renowned for its durability, precision, and enduring popularity among quilters and collectors.

—Member Spotlight: Lighthouse Quilters Guild —

Racine Arts Council Magazine

Lighthouse Quilters Guild: Engaged in Our Community

Lighthouse Quilters Guild was founded in 1981 by 18 women who shared an interest in quilting and has grown to a current membership of 120!

The guild now meets monthly at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, 322 Ohio St. Meetings are held at 6:30 p.m. the last Monday of each month. Monthly programs with guest speakers and workshops encourage and educate the quilters.

Members range in age from high school students to grandmothers, including beginners and very experienced quilters. Each of these quilters readily share their talents and ideas with each other.

Monthly meetings feature different topics each time, constantly bringing new ideas and techniques. Meetings close with a Show and Tell of members recent quilted projects – each one a work of art. Meetings are also offered via Zoom for those vacationing or unable to leave home.

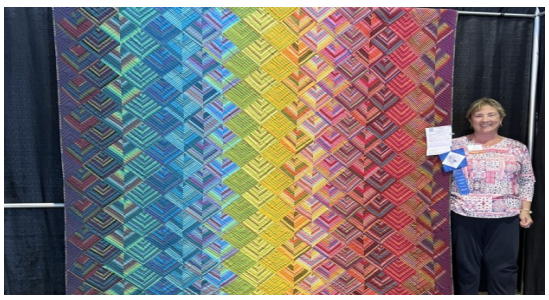
To further fund projects, the guild hosts the biennial Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show, with proceeds shared between the guild and area charities. The next show is scheduled for October 2027. The tradition of making a group quilt began in the early days and continues today; the community quilt is raffled at the Quilt Show.

The Guild actively engages and supports the Racine community: members share their talents with Quilts for the VA Home in Union Grove, Foster Children's Project, Women's Resource Center, nursing and assisted living homes, All Saints NICU, and Children's Hospital. The guild also supports entries at the Racine County and State Fairs with ribbons and monetary awards. In addition, members donate food items to the Racine County Food Bank at their monthly meetings.

The guild welcomes new members. Dues are $30 annually. Members are requested to donate a charity quilt, volunteer at the quilt show, and participate in the hospitality endeavors. To help new members feel welcome, the guild has started the Beehive Project. Newer members have the opportunity to sign up with a "hive group" that shares their interests in beginner and experienced quilting, applique, wool applique and block of the month. These "bees" say they now feel a part of the guild and have acquired new friendships.

They encourage prospective members to attend a meeting with no obligation to join.

For more information visit their website at lighthousequiltersguild.com.
Information about membership in RAC on our website: racineartscouncil.org



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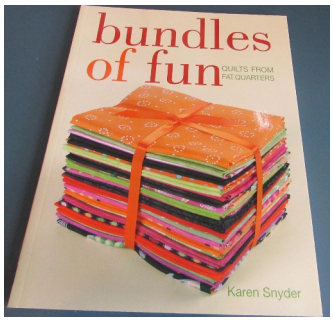

Bundles of Fun, quilts from fat quarters, by Karen Snyder

Pull out your fat quarters from your stash and try one or two of the eleven designs in the book. You do have to purchase yardage fabric for borders and binding.
It has excellent cutting instructions, and they show the quilt designs in different color schemes. There are directions for wall-hangings, baby size and twin size.

Judy Stapleman Kroes, Co-Librarian

Marlene Quigg, Co-Librarian

Some things from Sew and Save

Waxed Canvas Crossbody Tote

Cost: $35.00

- 07/29/26 - 07/29/26 (1 Session)

The Crossbody Tote is a beginner-friendly project that's just the right size for everyday use. It features an adjustable strap, a brass zipper with leather pull, a lining, and an interior patch pocket, perfect for carrying your phone and a few essentials. Whether this is your first bag or you are a seasoned bag maker, you will learn new skills and have lots of fun making this bag! Waxed canvas is fun and easy to work with!

Requirement: pattern and kit

Big Bright Star

Cost: $40.00

- 07/30/26 - 07/30/26 (1 Session)

Hey there, beginners! You're going to love Quiltsmart's Big Bright Star pattern—it's designed to be both speedy and precise! With no inset piecing and just straight strips to cut, you'll achieve stunning intersections and beautiful points effortlessly. This classic design leads to a quick and satisfying finish! Each pack includes easy-to-follow directions and printed interfacing for one of the projects. Plus, you can choose to create a charming lap quilt, a cozy twin quilt, or a lovely queen quilt with the materials provided.

Requirement: fabric, pattern and template interfacing

Instructor: Karin Janssen-Potter

Quilting Events

July 23. 36th Fly-In Quilt Show. Lourdes Academy, 110 N, Sawyer St., Oshkosh. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Free admission.

July 23. A Holiday Trunk Show 2026. Sew ‘n Save, 3710 Durand Ave. Thursday, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-3 p m/ $10 event fee. Pre-register on line or call 262-554-6445. View this year’s seasonal fabric, kits and patterns.

Aug. 1. A Quilters Community. Sponsored by Hayward Piecemakers Quilt Guild. Hayward Wesleyan Church, 10655 Nyman Ave., Hayward. 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Freewill admission.

Aug. 15-16. Quilt Show. Southeastern Wisconsin Modern Quilt Guild. Oak Creek Historical Society, Forest Hill Ave. & S. 15th Ave., Oak Creek. Sat.-Sun., 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

Aug. 30-Oct. 11. Stars, Stripes & Stitches. Southport Quilters Guild. Andersons Art Center, 6603 3rd Ave., Kenosha. Tuesdays-Sundays, 1-4 p.m. Free admission.

Sept. 1-Oct. 31. All Wisconsin Shop Hop. Information on purchasing a guide to participating shops, In Case You Missed It.

Sept. 10-12. The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. Allliant Energy Center, 1919 Alliant Energy Center Way, Madison. Thurs.-Fri., 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sat.,9 a.m.-5 p.m. Daily admission at the door, $15. For more information, quiltshow.com.

Sept. 23-25. 2026 Bobbin Bus Tour. Quilt shop hopping to and from Shipshewana/Sew ‘n Save. Registration form on line. $499 pp. For more information, 262-554-8708

In Case You Missed It

I just happened to be in the Northwoods right before the Fourth. Of course I had to visit that new quilt shop, Sassy Girls. The employee and I talked quite a long time, asking me if I was familiar with the area and the shops that had come and gone. Yes, I said. I lived in Minocqua for six years after retirement. Her claim to fame was working for Nancy Zieman. If you happen to be in the area this summer, stop in. The shop is located at 715 First Ave. Suite 1, in Woodruff, across from Walgreens but down the road a bit.

I’m sorry but I don’t have a lot to offer on the All-Wisconsin State Shop Hop. Sew ‘n Save has sent an e-mail with instructions to order online from the shop. Unfortunately, it is $13.95.

Sassy Girl QUILT SHOP

Pat Henningfeld, ***Publicity***

FALL 2026 QUILT CAMP RETREATS

These are the best camps for quilters! And it is not too early to register for Fall camps! ALL our members are welcome and these camps have room as of June 8!!

Quilt Retreats at real camps that have children in the summer are the best! Come with friends or come by yourself and join the “Quilt Campers Forever” and come as often as you can!! Quilt Camps at St Iakovos began in 2017~TEN Years!~ Camp Zion began in 1999~ TWENTY SEVEN Years!

ST. IAKOVOS RETREAT CENTER: Kansasville, WI Sept 9, 10, 11, 12 13, 2026~12 noon Thu/3 pm Sun

Overnight Price: 2 per room, $105 per night Private room, $165 per night

Day Price: $50 on Thu, May 21; $60 each on Fri & Sat, May 22 & 23; and $45 on Sun, May 24

This beautiful Retreat Center is just west of Union Grove and south of Hwy 11 on Schoen Road which means you can choose to stay overnight or commute each day! Meals are 10 am breakfast and 5 pm supper which makes it nice for DAY quilters! Max 33 DEADLINE TO REGISTER: July 27

CAMP ZION: Door County, WI

September 23 to 27, 2026~afternoon Wed to 11 am Sun, 4 nites/8 meals $360

Early Start: Mon, Tue, Sept 21 & 22, 2026 after 3 pm/NO meals until WED SUPPER! $35 per night

Camp Zion is at the tip of Door County on the Bay side just north of Ellison Bay. Sleeping is dormitory style with bunk beds and shared baths. There are steep hills in camp. Parking is limited so car-pooling is appreciated! Max 36 ~ Please contact me for this one by Monday. August 10!

All the quilt camps that I coordinate are open to anyone who loves to quilt. These two have wonderful options and great prices. Again, they are both at places that have children for Summer Camp Sessions! Please contact me if you have any questions at qltingb@gmail.com. Thanks and come to Camp this FALL! Barbara Vallone

Barbara Vallone

Quilts for the Community

One quilt was given at our June meeting and it will go to the Wherever needed! THANK YOU!

Four members distribute 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--70"x90" ~ fabrics can be either for men or women

Barbara Vallone for Quilts for the Community which includes:

Ascension NICU, Racine
Baby to Lap size--36x36 to 55x70
Children's Hospital, Racine & Kenosha - Baby to Lap size--36x36 to 55x70
St. Monica's Home + other local needs Small Lap - 45x50 to Nap Lap--55x70
Operation Snuggles – quilts for the soldiers' children and Wounded Warriors
Baby to Small 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 70 x 90—see sizes above. Please keep your biggest quilt to twin bed size.

THANK YOU!!! Nancy Larsen, Regina Scott Brooks, Barbara Vallone, and TC Wiley

Barbara Vallone

More from Sew and Save

The All Wisconsin Shop Hop is about to begin. Running from September 1 thru October 31, many stores are beginning to offer the magazine. As a Participating Shop Hop Store, you can obtain a copy from Sew ' n Save. Your magazine is a guide to all things about the event. You will find patterns, articles and resources for sewing and quilting. There are 5 patterns enclosed; the fabrics are available at the participating stores. This event is organized by Shop Hop Inc™, a marketing company that organizes the nation's largest sewing and quilting events. By purchasing a copy, you have an opportunity to win fabulous prizes and giveaways.

Don't miss out getting your copy - PRE-ORDER NOW!

Go to our website to order.

All Wisconsin Shop Hop Magazine-sewnsaveofracine.com

Lighthouse Quilters Guild

2026 Membership Form

ALL members, new and returning, must complete this membership form.
Dues are $30
(checks made payable to Lighthouse Quilters Guild).
Bring this form and payment to the next meeting

Or mail it to:

Lighthouse Quilters Guild
c/o Membership Vice-President
PO Box 081153
Racine, WI 53408-1153

All members are asked to make one quilt a year for one of our charities

Name: _____

Address: _____

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City State Zip

Winter Address: _____

Home Phone: _____Cell Phone:_____

E-mail address: _____

Birthday: Month_____Day_____

Areas of interest/skills/talents:_____

How long have you been quilting? _____

New members: How did you hear about us?_____

_____

Returning Members: When did you join our guild?_____

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Doors open at 6:30 for shopping at the rummage sale!

Meeting begins at 6:30!

Wear your name tag and
Bring a non-perishable item for the Racine County Food Bank

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