

Lighthouse Quilters Guild

Something From Sue

Greetings to all! I hope your Christmas was warm and memorable and the New Year brings more time for quilting projects and maybe even completion of those UFOs.

I'm humbled to be your president and look forward to serving as leader of an organization that has meant so much to so many. We are celebrating our 25th Anniversary this year and your board has addressed this. Look for special tributes monthly to add to the celebration.

One of the first things on the agenda is to ask for a volunteer to chair the next quilt show, scheduled for fall of 2007. This needs to be determined soon so a place can be chosen. If you are interested, and think you'd like to do this, please let me know.

Also, I need to address our responsibilities as Lighthouse members. We are each to make and donate a quilt, any size, to our less fortunate of the community, and everyone is required to sign up for a month on the hospitality committee. Please read about this in this newsletter.



I invite comments and suggestions from you. If you have a question, I'll try to answer it, or find the person who does know it. Please know you can come with any ideas, too. With everyone involved we will surely have a noteworthy year.

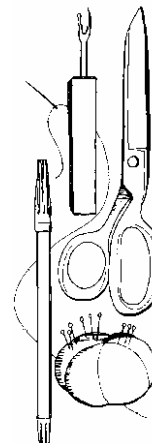
I'm looking forward to seeing you at the meeting on Jan. 30. It will be fun to see our friends again, and make new ones, too.

-Sue Scheckel

January's Program

Tools of the Trade---and then Some

Racine's own Jim Deibler and TC Wiley of Sew 'n Save and the Fabric Gallery will join us for the January meeting. They will "show and tell" us what's new and, perhaps, some not so new (but improved) tools that can not only improve our skills, but inspire us in our quilting endeavors.



January 2006

Things to bring to the January Meeting:

- Membership Form
- Your Nametag
- Show and Tell

Next Board Meeting:

Monday, February 6, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at Lutheran Church of the Resurrection.

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2005 Christmas Party:

The Christmas party was a great success with 97 members attending! Everyone enjoyed the food, friendship, door prizes and the talented choir. Our sincere thanks to Maria Rivest and all who helped make this evening memorable. Special thanks to Janet Kuhl for creating the beautiful raffle quilt. Congratulations to our 2005 raffle quilt winner, Autumn Latimore.

2006 Membership Notice Reminder:

The deadline to be included in the 2006 Membership Directory is January 31, 2006. In case you forget we will have forms available at the membership table in January or on the website at www.lighthousequiltersguild.org. Having this deadline will allow us to have the directory printed and available at the February meeting. Please turn your forms into Laura Kirchoff.

Welcome 2006 LHQ Board

President:	Sue Scheckel
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Hospitality	Maria Rivest



February Birthdays!

2/4 Cindy Falendysz	2/21 Trudee Hart
2/13 Kathy Lijewski	2/22 Mary Piper
2/15 Shirley Kramer	2/22 Mary Risler
2/16 Virginia Carlson	2/23 Joy Hay
2/16 Linda Honsberger	2/26 Jacky Tomkins
2/18 Vernetta Cairns	2/28 Gloria Friesema
2/18 Betty Suiter	2/28 Louise Shapley
2/21 Janet Geisner	2/28 Ginger Wanserski

February Hospitality

Chairperson: Donna Wheeler 639-7948

Jo Lettsome	Barb Seitz
Christine Ciclenski	Mary Risler
Deanne Benefeill	Barb VanRuden
Jody Knudtson	Janet Geisner
Gen Hostak	

Theme: Cakes and Cupcakes

Hospitality Sign-Up...How does it Work?

Each Lighthouse Member should sign up to be on at least one committee. Each month has a theme to serve as a guide for the committee. The chairperson's name and phone number will be in the newsletter, in case you have any questions on what to bring. Each month (except July) the following supplies will be provided to the committee: plates, bowls, cups, silverware, and napkins. Any other supplies should be provided by the committee. The committee is also responsible for setting up the chairs for the meeting and taking them down at the end of the meeting. Please try to sign up, as any member that has not signed up by March will be assigned a month to serve.

Please let me know if there are any questions, - *Maria Rivest 681-9812*



February's Program

HOW MUCH IS THAT QUILT IN THE WINDOW?!?

Did you know that LQG has two NQA Certified Quilt Appraisers in our midst? We do...Linda Honsberger and Jayne Steffens.

Jayne and Linda will be presenting a lecture about the basics of quilt appraising. You will have an opportunity to work in small groups and do actual hands-on appraising of some new & old quilts.

2006 Programs - Looking Ahead

In 2006, LQG will offer three...yes, THREE lecture/workshop opportunities!

In April, Judy Smith, of Euclid, Ohio, will speak on Monday the 24th: In Perfect Harmony: Innovations from Tradition. On Tuesday, she will present a 6-hour workshop during which we will take tradition a step (or two) beyond. This whole "take" on design sounds fascinating...join in!

Diane Gaudynski will join us with a full day workshop on Saturday, June 24th and another half day on Monday the 26th. She will, of course, be our featured speaker at the membership meeting that evening. For those of you who requested (via the survey) a Machine Quilting workshop, this is it! Diane's classes at those larger shows fill faster than you can bat an eye...here through LQG, we have the advantage.

And in September, we are indeed fortunate to have Lura Schwarz Smith, a renowned art quilter from California, with us for 3 days of workshops (September 23-25) followed by her lecture Journey of an Art Quilter at our membership meeting Monday evening. Betty Suiter and I went to Rockford, IL in November to meet and hear her and we were both very impressed. I have also received several inquiries from interested (out of state!) people seeking info... so mark your calendars. Check out her web site for a real treat: www.lura-art.com.

Further information with specifics will be forthcoming...but **SAVE THE DATES!!** - Barb Englander

Quilts For The Needy

We received a letter of thanks for our quilts delivered to the Women's Resource Center. This is an ongoing project our Quilters have done for years. I feel we should continue to commit these quilts to those that need them most. We are asking each member to donate a small quilt for children. I will continue to deliver these to WRC and Homeward Bound. Please help us continue this worthwhile project. For the months of January — March please give your quilts to Sandy Veit.

- Carolyn Christesen

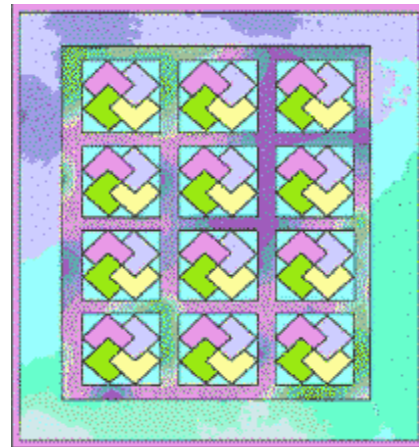
Quilts for the Community — 2006

The All Saints Baby/Children's Quilt Project has taken a new direction for 2006. Because of the number of quilts you have generously given, we can expand! Below is our GOAL and DIRECTIONS for this new year! Please call, e-mail or talk to me at a meeting if you have any questions. Thank you for your participation in 2005. We gave out over 180 quilts from Lighthouse, Rainbow, and First Friday Quilters! THANK YOU! - Barbara Vallone, 262-639-8185 QltingB@aol.com

GOAL for 2006 ~ to make and give 200 quilts no smaller than 36 inches square for use as Isolet covers for newborns, comfort quilts for children, and lap quilts for seniors.

DIRECTIONS:

1. MAKE your quilt 36 inches square or bigger
2. WASH your quilt after it's finished
3. BRING your quilt to a Guild meeting with your name and "washed" on a piece of paper pinned to the back.





Buy, Borrow or Swap Through the Library

Library Features:

The library will be ordering from AQS twice this year (April & September) and welcomes guild members to place orders for their personal collection. Please stop by the library to view the latest AQS book catalogue. All members' orders are prepaid.

We will have an ongoing Magazine Swap in the library before our monthly meetings. Bring magazines for others to take and take a look at what others have to offer.

Library Guidelines To Keep in Mind:

1. Your Guild library opens a minimum of 30 minutes before each meeting for your viewing and selections.
2. Three selections may be checked out per month.
3. Library materials are due at the next month's guild meeting except for the month of October. When materials are checked out in October they are due at the January guild meeting.
4. You may authorize a friend to check out or return materials for you.
5. The library accepts suggestions for new materials throughout the year. Our guild purchases books through AQS.

New Library Acquisitions:

- American Quiltmaking 1970 - 2000 - Eleanor Levie
- Carol Doak's Simply Sensational 9-Patch Stars - Carol Doak
- Fast, Fun, Easy Irresist-A-Bowls - Linda Johansen
- Fat Quarter Frenzy - Susan Purney-Mark & Daphne Greig
- Quiltscapes - Rebecca Barker
- WOW! Wool-on-Wool Folk Art Quilts - Janet Carija Brandt
- Raise the Roof - Appliquéd Houses and Building - Tonee White
- The New Appliqué Sampler - Becky Goldsmith & Linda Jenkins
- Bended Bias Appliqué - Linda M. Poole
- Quilt & Embellish in One Step! - Linda Potter
- Make it Simpler Paper Piecing - Anita Solomon
- Scraps Organized to Perfection - DeLoa Jones
- Quiltagami - Mary Jo Hiney
- The Quilting Bible - Creative Publishing International
- Dutch Treat: 196 Appliqué Blocks Inspired by Delft Designs - Judy Garden

Questions regarding the library should be directed to Regina Scott Brooks 637-0335, Ginarsb@yahoo.com

30% Off

**Pre-Inventory Sale this Saturday - January 14th
at the Fabric Gallery.**

Time: 10 am to 2pm.

Come check out the large selection of fabric offered at 30% off.

Quilters Land Cruise — 2006

As of November 2005 the 9 am Racine Art Museum event with Michael James was FULL. His 11:30 am lecture had less than 10 openings as of January 4. All the rest of the classes and events at the Quilters Land Cruise on March 3, 4, & 5, 2006 have openings! Early registration deadline is January 15, 2006 BUT final registration doesn't close until February 3, 2006.

We also have room left in all the categories of our Instant Quilt Show on March 3 at Sew 'n Save. The deadline for these entries is February 15, 2006.

If you need to see color photos of all the classes (except the Luminosity Class!) along with the entry form for the Instant Quilt Show, you can visit www.quilterslandcruise.com and go to the bottom of the Home Page for the links to Class Descriptions and Registration Form. I will have brochures at the January meeting and you can sign up then. Remember, though, we need a long SASE for your supply lists. We do take cash for the stamp!!! Again, call me if you have questions.

Barbara Vallone, 262-639-8185 or QltingB@aol.com

Quilt Camps for 2006



Welcome to 2006 and the quilt camps I coordinate. These camps are open to ANYONE who likes the concept of escaping real life for a short time. You don't have to quilt. Each camp offers wonderful vacation options and peace along with good meals - can't say quiet because we aren't!! If you have questions, I will be at the Membership Table with the 2006 Quilt Camp fliers. The next camps with OPENINGS are:

May 18-21, 2006 is the Spring Quilt Camp in Door County. The cost is \$45.00 per night. We will be sleeping and quilting in the new building and it's gorgeous!! The quilters from WE Energies will be sharing the camp with us and they will sleep in the Dining Hall and quilt in the Lodge down by the bluff. We have NO stairs and we can drive to both the sleeping room doors and the quilting room doors! Full payment for this camp will be due by February 15! Yes, May is actually around the corner!!

August 21-25, 2006 is the Summer Quilt Camp near Wautoma at Camp Webb. The cost has not been set yet. If you don't mind a bit of warmth (sleeping cottages do have window air conditioners!) this is a perfect time to quilt, enjoy summer up north on a lovely lake and the biggest and best quilting Lodge ever!

October 22-26, 2006 is the second half of the week long quilt camp in Door County. The cost is \$45.00 per night and there is lots of room right now!

And don't forget the quilt camp at The DeKoven Center right here in Racine! Drive time and gas cost is excellent plus the meals are delicious and the sleeping accommodations are great. Dates for 2006 are **August 2-6** and **November 9-12**. The cost will be determined soon.

Quilt camp days run from after lunch to after lunch and the total cost is based on the number of nights you stay at camp. See you at Quilt Camp!!! - Barb Vallone, 262-639-8185.

April Workshop...Can You Guess?

Fibonacci ?

Fibonacci WHO???

"Looking for someone to make a t-shirt quilt?"

Go to www.sticht.com for examples, prices, etc. This is a good option to having to make one of these yourself!"

Regional Quilt Shows and Programs

February 1 - 5, 2006: Jinny Beyer Quilting Seminar, Hilton Head Island, So. Carolina. See brochure at meeting or contact Carole Nicholas, Seminar Coordinator (toll free 866-759-7373 or Carole@jinnybeyer.com)

Show and Contest Deadlines

January 2, 2006: Deadline for Quilts, Inc, "Small Wonders Embellished Mini-Quilts," contest. Maximum 24" on any side, minimum of 100 beads or buttons. Ribbons awarded, exhibited at Int. Quilt Festivals in Chicago and Houston. \$5.00 entry fee. Brochure at LHQ meeting. (Quilts, Inc., 7660 Woodway Drive, Suite 550, Houston, TX 77063 or www.quilts.com)

February 1 - 5: Jinny Beyer Quilting Seminar, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Contact 866.759.7373 or Carole@jinnybeyer.com

February 4 - 5: Wisconsin Quilters, Inc, Winter meeting, Four Points Sheraton, Brown Deer, WI. Lectures and workshops by Diane Gaudynski and Melody Johnson. \$40.00 members, \$50.00 non-members. Deadline Jan 23. Newsletter posted at LHQ meeting. Contact www.wisconsinquilters.com

March 3 - 5: Quilters Land Cruise, "Quilts with Circles." Radisson Inn Harbourwalk, Racine, WI. Featuring Michael James, Chris Lynn Kirsch, Wendy Rieves, Barbara Vallone, Marsha Toshner, and Weeks Ringle. Contact www.quilterslandcruise.com

April 1 - 2: Evergreen Quilters, "Treasured Scraps: 12th Biennial Quilt Show," Ashwaubenon High School, 2391 S. Ridge Rd, Green Bay, WI. Saturday 10 - 5:00 pm, Sunday 10 - 4:00 pm. Traveling exhibit: The Permanent Collection of Keepsake Challenge Quilts. Also silent auction, raffle, merchant mall, appraisals. Map & flier posted at LHQ. Contact Sara Reichert, 1330 N. Summer Range Rd, De Pere, WI 54115 or Reichertr4@aol.com Also www.geocities.com/evergreenguild

April 7 - 9: International Quilt Festival/Chicago, Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont, IL. shows@quilts.com

April 26 - 29: American Quilter's Society 22nd Show & Contest, Paducah Expo Center, Paducah, KY. www.AmericanQuilter.com

See the Events Board at the next LHQ meeting for details of these events.
- Ruth Rohlfing 262.639.2915 or rohlfing@execpc.com



Show Contest and Deadlines

March 15: Evergreen Quilters, "Treasured Scraps: 12th Biennial Quilt Show," Ashwaubenon, WI. For entry info contact Sheila Postel at 920.468.7173 or www.geocities.com/evergreenguild

An Invitation to Quilters

Enter a 2006 Door County Quilt Show and Sale. All quilts entered will be sold, the quilter gets 50% of the sale price. Balance of sale price benefits the Door County Land Trust which preserves scenic views and the natural character of the Door Peninsula. Quilts can be any style but must be inspired by the landscape in Door Co. Entry deadline April 15, 2006. Contact Karen Wilkinson at 920.746.1359 or kwilkinson@dcwis.com

Odds and Ends

The Wisconsin Quilt History Project, Inc purchased an historical farm in Cedarburg to create the Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Textiles. Recently the Jeffris Family Foundation of Janesville awarded this project a grant of \$801,167 IF an additional \$1,602,334 is raised by February 2007. The WQHP Board of Directors encourages you to contribute to this campaign. See mailing posted at LHQ meeting or contact Kay Walters, 262.377.0345.

Raffle tickets for a quilt called, "A Perfect Union of Patchwork and Appliqué," are available at the Oshkosh Public Museum in Oshkosh. The Baltimore Album style quilt includes several star blocks and was created by 9 members of the Lakeside Quilters of Oshkosh. The winner will be drawn on May 14 and all profits will support the museum. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00 and can be purchased at the museum store, by phone at 920.236.5760, or at museum-info@ci.oshkoshwi.us

Regional Quilt Shows and Programs—Cont'd

There are three **Ben Franklin Craft Stores in the Fox Valley area**. All have innovative ideas and great products. They will special order and bulk order products needed for personal or guild workshop use. They also have space available for meetings. Stop in or go to www.craftsavers.com

1640 South Koeller Rd

Oshkosh, WI 54901

920.231.1213

Contact: Kurt

317 Mall Drive

Appleton, WI 54915

920.735.1702

Contact: Mark

2641 W. Mason

Green Bay, WI 53403

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Contact: Rob

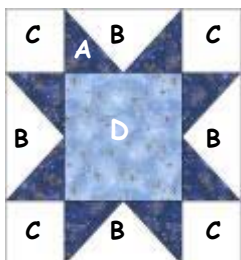
Looking for a **retreat in the Eau Claire area**? **Bridge Creek Cottage** is a 5,000 sq ft crafting retreat house in Augusta, WI. Main room has a wall of windows, 5 ft tables, numerous electrical outlets, counter-height cutting table, flannel design wall. Located near Amish families and the Wood Shed furnishings store and other specialty shops. See brochure at LHQ. Contact Anita Norha - Owner, Bridge Creek Cottage, 444 Larson Street SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350. Cell: 320.420.0250. Home: 320.587.3258. www.bridgescreekcottage.com

2006 "Star" Block of the Month

We thought it would be fun to offer a "2006 Star Block of the Month" for anyone interested in joining in the excitement. These blocks can be used to create a quilt for yourself, to use as a gift, or even to donate to charity. *Why not create two!* The program will be very simple with lots of room for you to use your creativity to change and enhance the blocks and truly make these quilts your own.

This is how it works... From January—October, we will publish one or two "star blocks" (total of 12 blocks). You can use the basic directions listed or any alternate method you choose to create these blocks. This is ONLY A STARTING POINT!

January- Sawtooth Star



The fun begins when you use your creativity to pick the overall theme of your quilt, change the size of your blocks, add appliqué, embroidery, redwork, additional inner-piecing, or any embellishments you wish to enhance these stars.

Your quilts will truly be unique depending on the decisions you make and where your creativity leads you.

Think of how fun it will be to see all of the unique quilts at the end of the year!

Some possible ideas for themes are Seasonal Stars, Rock & Roll Stars, Baby Stars, Stars of Africa, East Meets West Stars, Pet Stars, Patriotic Stars, etc... The possibilities are endless! We hope you all have fun and HAPPY QUILTING!

- Angela Balazs

6" Sawtooth Star

(one cutting & piecing method)

Fabric 1—Points and Center

- Cut 4 squares 2 3/8" x 2 3/8", then cut in half diagonally for eight (A) triangles.
- Cut 1 square 3 1/2" x 3 1/2" for the center square (D).

Fabric 2—Background

- Cut 1 square 4 1/4" x 4 1/4", then cut in half diagonally in both directions for the four (B) triangles.
- Cut 4 squares 2" x 2" for the four (C) squares.

Assembly

1. Sew two A triangles to each short side of a B triangle, pressing toward the A after each step. (for 4 units)
2. Layout all the units you just pieced with the C and D squares to form the star. (diagram on right)
3. Sew into 3 rows and then sew rows together. Alternate your pressing.

Hospitality Committee: January 2006

Chairperson: Janet Kuhl 639-6907

- Bev Simon
- Barb Vallone
- Nancy Willant
- Judy Stapleman-Kroes
- Carol Wright
- Mary Ann Stamp
- Betty Suiter
- Barb Salisbury
- Meg Fleischman
- Shirley Kramer
- Vicki Madsen

Theme: Ice Cream Sundaes

A Friendly Reminder ...

One of the goals of the LHQ Guild is for each member to create and donate one charity quilt to those less fortunate in our community. For more detailed information please see the "Quilts for the Community" and "Quilts for the Needy" updates in this newsletter. You can also contact Barbara Vallone, 262-639-8185, QltingB@aol.com or Carolyn Christensen.



Back By Popular Demand....

Sew 'n Save and the Fabric Gallery can host YOUR TRIP to the International Quilt Festival this Spring (April 7th or 8th) featuring Royal Coach busses, fun and games and your entry ticket. You will have your choice of a Friday or Saturday trip!

Cost is \$40. Reservation details to follow.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND STAY TUNED!

Books for Soldiers



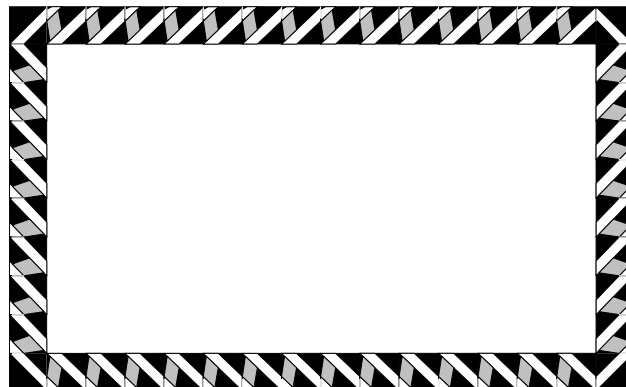
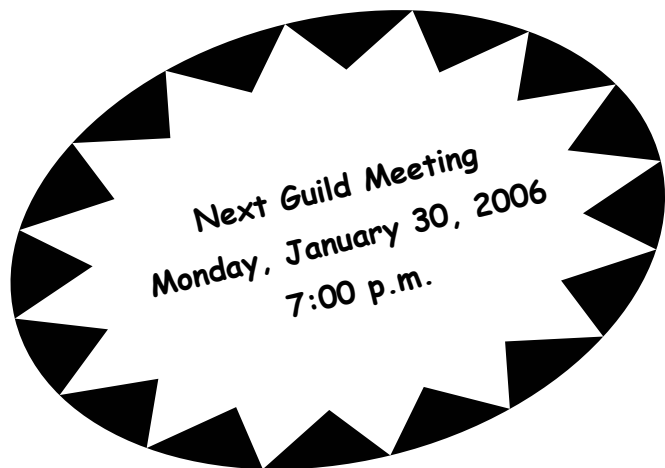
Thanks again for all the pillowcases! Now we have turned in 568 pillowcases for the troops serving in Iraq. To date 98 women have made at least 1 pillowcase and 13 have made 10 or more. Have you made at least one? If not give a half hour of your time to donate to this cause. There will be more pillowcase kits available at the January meeting. Keep finishing up those kits you have at home and bring them to the next meeting.

Do we want to keep up with this project?

I have used up all of the donated fabric. If we continue to make pillowcases, I will need donated (selvage to selvage) fabric to make kits. Otherwise, you can use the directions for cutting your own stash, and then sew the pillowcases. I will continue to collect and deliver them to the Franklin Library. *- Lois Pedersen*



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