



Pals Quilt Guild Meeting

May 1, 2017 6:30 pm Meeting

Fellowship Reformed Church

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www.palsquiltguild.org

May 2017

From Your Chair-Joy Lamphere

The Quilt Show is coming up!

What excites you about a quilt show? Do you like the quilts? The vendors? The demonstrations?

Quilt shows provide plenty of stimulus for creating new quilts. When looking at what others have created, we can be inspired to recreate a quilt, create a quilt from the same pattern (but in our own choice of colors) or apply the color choices to a totally different quilt. A quilt may inspire us to try a new technique or apply an old one in a new way.

Some of those quilts leave us in awe as we can't imagine making them. The details we find can be beyond our attention span. The quilting makes the piecing and applique more than the sum of their parts ... an art quilt that is so well crafted it is hard to understand how the quilter got it to look like that!

The vendors provide us with delightful new fabrics to pet and take home, handy gadgets that make our quilting life more efficient (or accurate) and patterns to prompt us to use those new fabrics.

Don't forget to take in the demonstrations. We can learn new techniques that we are curious about. Or be excited by more quilts in the bed-turning demonstration.

I am looking forward to our quilt show coming up. How about you?

See you at the quilt show!

Meeting Cancellation Information

In case of inclement weather, notifications will be sent to WZZM-TV and WOOD-TV stations. If at all possible, an Email blast will be sent to members who receive their newsletters via email.

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show Cheryl Berggren/Darla Parks/Mary Warden

We are hoping the 2017 Threads of Friendship Quilt Show will top our first Quilt Show. This will only happen if all PALS members participate. Check below to see if there is some place you could help.

- * We have room for 130 quilts in the show. Have you registered one or two of your quilts to be on display? The deadline for registering your quilt is April 19. There is still time for you to put your masterpiece in the show.
- * Volunteers are always needed to have a successful show. We need white glovers, admission table, raffle quilts ticket sellers. Check with LouAnn and Jamie to see where you can help.
- * The Threads of Friendship Quilt Show Boutique will be bursting at the seams. Connie needs volunteers to help out.
- * The Chinese Auction has many baskets for you to try to win. Every basket is filled with wonderful and unique items.
- * The Quilt Challenge is always fun and it is interesting to see how the different quilters interpret the fabric to fit the theme. We haven't seen any but have heard little bits of tantalizing information.
- * The two raffle quilts are beautiful and definitely show superior workmanship. Could you help by selling tickets so two lucky people could win these quilts?
- * Most of the Vendors from the 2015 show will be returning with a few new ones. There will be a wide variety of items for you to peruse and/or purchase.
- * There are interesting demos scheduled both days.
- * Many wonderful quilts will be shown and their story told at the Bed Turning which is scheduled twice on both days.

A lot of opportunities are available for you to help PALS have another successful show. We'll see you all at the show May 12 and 13, 2017. Be sure to spread the word and bring your friends and family.

Demonstrations

Kathy Johnson

| Friday May 12 th | Saturday May 13th |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| 10:30 Ann Caris- Hand Quilting | 10:30 Joy Lamphere – Binding |
| 11:00 Bed Turning | 11:00 Bed Turning |
| 11:45 Darlene VanderBerg -Landscape | 11:45 Abbi Williamson -Small Project |
| 1:00 Joy Lamphere - Binding | 1:00 Ann Caris -Hand Quilting |
| 2:00 Suzie Carr- Rulers | 2:00 Terry Maleski – English Paper Piecing |

Chinese Auction Baskets

Betty Ross

We are including a list of our Auction baskets to give you an idea of the wonderful items that will be auctioned off at the 2017 Quilt Show:

| 1) | Children's Books | 7) | Movie and a Dinner |
|----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------------|
| 2) | Quilting Theme | 8) | Christmas |
| 3) | Quilt Shop | 9) | Knitting |
| 4) | Italian Gourmet | 10) | Two different Michigan State Baskets |
| 5) | Two different Golf Baskets | 11) | University of Michigan |
| 6) | Gardening | 12) | Stained Glass Art Piece |

Vendors Roxanne Herder

Here is a list of the vendors that will be at your 2017 Quilt show. Visit their links and see what they have to offer! We are so excited to have a large variety this year.

| Attic Window Quilt Shop | westmichquilter.blogspot.com |
|--|------------------------------|
| Around the Block Quilt Shop & Mo's Needle & Thread | www.mo'sneedle&thread.com |
| Quilted Memories | www.quiltedmemoriesmi.com |
| New Ewe Yarn & Quilt Shop | www.newewe.com |
| Abbi May's Fabric Shop | www.abbimays.com |
| Smith Owen Sewing Center Inc. | www.smithowensew.com |
| Lee's Line LLC | www.leeslinesllc.com |
| Lakeshore Sewing | www.lakeshoresewing.com |
| Sharon's Quilts & More | www.sharonsquiltsandmore.com |
| At the Heart of Quilting | www.heartofquilting.com |
| The Wood Guy | - |
| SELC Fabrics | www.selcfabrics.com |
| The Quilters Clinic | www.quiltersclinic.com |

Raffle Quilts Suzette Mattson

The Threads of Friendship Quilt Show will be here before you know it. Do you have your raffle tickets for the two beautiful quilts, *Passing Fancy* and *Diamond in the Rough*, made and quilted by Roxanna Herder, Kathy Myers and Darla Parks?

Kathy Johnson and Carla Redenius will be selling them at our May 1st meeting: \$5.00 each or 3 for \$10.00.



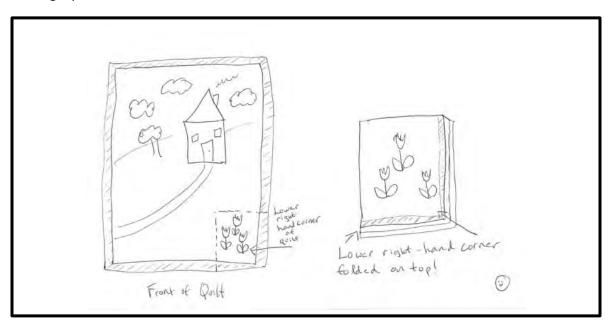


Quilt Photos by Dave Myers

Quilt Registration Table

Kathy Ploughman and Dianna Michelli

We are including a picture of the folding instructions. This will make it easier for hanging the day of the show. Challenge quilts are brought to the church the same time as the other quilts. I hope to see lots of challenge quilts!



Volunteer Table

Jami Harwood and LouAnn Mrotz

A big thank you to members who signed up to volunteer for the Quilt Show positions at our membership meeting! We are still in need of filling a few jobs/time slots for Friday and Saturday during the show so please check your calendars and plan to see Jami and I at the Volunteer Table at our May meeting! The positions open are:

Raffle Ticket Sales - 1 person needed for 3:00 to 5:00 pm/Saturday

Quilt Boutique -

2 people needed for 2pm to 3:30/Friday

2 people needed for 3:30 to 5pm/Friday

1 person needed for 11:00 to12:30pm/Saturday

2 people needed for 12:30 to 2pm/Saturday

2 people needed for 2pm to 3:30/Saturday

2 people needed for 3:30 to 5pm/Saturday

White Glove -

2 people needed for 10am to Noon/Friday

1 person needed for 2:30 to 5pm/Friday

2 people needed for 10am to Noon/Saturday

1 person needed for Noon to 2:30/Saturday

1 person needed for 2:30 to 5pm/Saturday

Admissions Table - 1 person needed for 3:30 to 5pm/Friday

1 person needed for 11:30 to 1pm/Saturday

1 person needed for 1pm to 3:30/Saturday

We are looking forward to a great Quilt Show, lots of beautiful quilts, shopping and spending time with friends and fellow quilters. It's just around the corner and we need you, our members, to join in the fun and make this show a success!!

A note from your co-chairs

LouAnn Mrotz and Jami Harwood

We are still in the process of receiving contracts and setting up ideas for meetings for next year. In the meantime I have come across a few "Quilters" sayings and poems. Enjoy!

The Rules for Quilting

- 1. You can never have enough fabric, that's why you keep a stash.
- 2. Sewing day and night is allowed, cooking and housework are optional.
- 3. UFO's are a badge of honor.
- 4. If you feel inspired by a new fabric line or pattern, start that new quilt. You don't want to lose your creative process!
- 5. See Rule #1
- 6. Unless a fabric is less than 1 inch square DO NOT throw it away......Again, see Rule #1

Quilting

I have stitched, formed friendships, laughed, shared secrets, eased burdens and learned lessons. For this I can be grateful, This is the Journey of a Quilter.

Here's The Reason

A recent study has indicated that fabric gives off certain Pheromones that actually hypnotize women causing them to purchase ungodly amounts at any given quilt shop!

Baby Quilts

Jan Alder and Sheila Baldwin

Welcome to all the new members! One of PALS projects is Charity "Baby" Quilts and we ask each member to donate at least 2 by our October meeting. These quilts can be any size and made of cotton fabric with cotton/poly (20% or less) batting. We distribute these to local charities at our November meeting. It's always an emotional meeting to hear of the desire for our quilts, so please help our guild to meet their needs. We offer free kits to all members or you can get into your own stash and you don't have to be an expert quilter...the recipients don't care how well you quilt! All our kits are made with donated fabrics and you can always drop your quilts at Gall Sewing Center on Apple Avenue if that's more convenient. Let's get quilting!!!

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

Lighthouse Chair: Connie Townsend

Lighthouse Quilt Guild is looking to buy an enclosed 12-foot trailer for sale, to be used for storing and transporting the quilt show racks. If you know of one for sale, please contact Connie Townsend at 616-846-2249.

May PALS Meeting

On May Day we will have a member Trunk Show of Holiday Quilts (postponed from January). Bring your quilts celebrating ANY holiday through the year to share with your fellow Guild Members. National Chocolate Day quilts, anyone?



About Karen Combs

A native of Michigan, Karen Combs began quilting in 1973 while still in high school. She has a degree in library science and has worked at many state, city and school libraries before finding her calling as a professional quilting instructor, writer and designer.

Her quilts are known for taking a traditional pattern and giving it her own unique "twist." Karen is intrigued with quilts of illusions and has been designing quilts with a 3-D look.

Karen is an author and has been a fabric designer for almost two decades, working with several New York- based fabric houses and now working with **Troy's Riverwoods Collections**.

Karen Combs will be our guest speaker and instructor in June. She will be presenting two very interesting and fun classes. "More Patchwork Illusions" will be held on Sunday, June 4 from 9:30-4:00. "Celtic Illusions" will be held on Monday, June 5, from 9:30-4:00. Both classes will be held at Quilted Memories in Montague. Signups for the classes will begin at our April meeting. Karen's lecture will be held Monday evening, June 5, at our general guild meeting. For questions or to enroll in the classes, please call Kathy at 231 798-3952.

Class: More Patchwork Illusions Date: Sunday, June 4, 2017 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Quilted Memories in Montague

Cost: \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members Additional \$16 for handouts and rotary templates

Learn all the tricks and tips to creating 3-D patchwork blocks. You will also learn how to use color to enhance the 3-D effect and how to use different settings to create amazing quilts of illusion!





Class: Celtic Illusions

Date: Monday, June 5, 2017 Time: 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Quilted Memories in Montague

Cost: \$45 for members and \$50 for non-members Additional fee of \$8 for pattern and handouts

Karen has developed a truly magical way to create pieced Celtic quilts. This is one of Karen's favorite classes because it is so easy to create amazing Celtic Quilts. Let Karen share her secrets, so you can quickly and easily create unlimited pieced Celtic quilts. Based on Karen's book *Celtic Pieced Illusions*.

Ingamells offers these top 10 quilting tips for beginners and intermediate quilters:

- 1. Choose only 100 percent cotton fabric. That way the weight and texture of the blocks will be similar.
- 2. Buy the biggest mat and ruler you can: at least an 18 by 42 inch mat; a little bigger can be better.
- 3. Change the rotary blade and needle in your machine at the start of every new project. You get the best results from a crisp blade cut and sharp machine needle.
- 4. Pre-wind five or six bobbins ahead of time from your spool. This speeds up your sewing time and reduces the frustration of rethreading the needle each time you run out of bobbin thread.
- 5. Buy all your fabrics for a particular quilt after choosing your pattern. This enables you to get professional help from the store and ensures all the fabrics match under that lighting. I usually buy an extra quarter of a yard of each fabric to avoid running out and save the extras in a stash for a scrap quilt.
- 6. Create an uncluttered work space for your mat and ruler, preferably a space that doesn't need to be picked up and put away each time. If materials can't be left out, use a bin or box to store the blocks, fabrics and tools in one area so it's easy to start up again.
- 7. For best accuracy, invest in a quarter-inch presser foot for your machine.
- 8. If you've never sewn before, avoid frustration and wasted expense by taking a class with an experienced teacher.
- 9. As you finish each quilt, make a label stating the date it was made, who made it and who it was made for. Include the pattern name. This way, the history of the quilt will not be lost.
- 10. Take a photo of your quilt and the label and start an album of your projects. Include ribbons won at fairs and quilt shows. Store the quilts you keep for yourself on a bed or wrapped in a clean white sheet.



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Meanwhile, don't miss these exciting events:

April 28 - DIME Inspiration Event, which will also feature quilting with the patented BERNINA Stitch Regulator May 4, 5:00-7:00 p.m. - Meet the Teachers Open House (see coupon below)

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