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April 2018

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

April 9, 2018

6:30 pm Meeting

**Fellowship Reformed Church**

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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### **Quilt Show (2019)**

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### **Next Board Meeting**

April 30, 2018 6:30 PM

### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

April 15, 2018

[quilterscafe278@yahoo.com](mailto:quilterscafe278@yahoo.com)

## ***From Your Chairs-LouAnn Mrotz and Jami Harwood***

What a great start we had with our first guest speaker/teacher for this year! I hope those who took the classes and were present at our membership meeting enjoyed it as much as we did.

Doug Leko of Antler Quilt Designs presented two classes at Quilted Memories Quilt Shop and gave our membership a wonderful presentation and trunk show. And some lucky ladies were winners of his pattern books and his new Folded Corner Ruler. Congratulations!

As Doug mentioned, he started quilting at a young age being taught by his grandmother and his mother. What inspiration and knowledge he learned from them! So, the question is:

### **Who Inspired You to Become a Quilter?**

Were you inspired to start quilting by someone special in your life? Mother, Grandmother, Family Friend, Personal Friend?

My mother was taught to sew by her mother on a treadle machine. That machine provided me with my first sewing experience. Of course when we were kids, (I'm dating myself now) we had "sewing cards", colorful cardboard shapes, which you would "sew" heavy thread or yarn through the holes with a large plastic needle. I used to spend hours sewing, sitting on our front porch swing. I graduated from those cards and the treadle machine to Home Ec class where I learned to sew on a modern sewing machine. I loved sewing so much that the second year of junior high school I actually signed up for sewing class. I never thought about quilting as sewing. It was about making clothes and curtains and pillows etc. Little did I know.

Quilting is a gift to give one another. Quilts not only bring warmth and comfort but also peace and love. Whether you make a quilt for family or friend, charity or sales, share your love of quilting with others. Who knows - you may be that "special person" who shares quilting with someone for the first time and helps them find a new creative passion.

## **Meeting Cancellation Information**

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

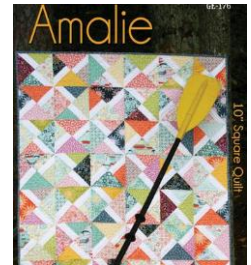


Gudrun Erla, the designer and owner of GE Designs, was born and raised in Iceland. She started quilting at the age of 23 and became immediately addicted to it. After owning and running quilt shops in her home country and designing patterns alongside it, a career move brought the family to Minnesota in 2003. Since then, Gudrun has been designing full time and publishing patterns and books under GE Designs. Her numerous strip patterns and books have been popular among quilt makers who want to make fresh-looking quilts from their collection of strips.

[gequilt designs.com](http://gequilt designs.com)

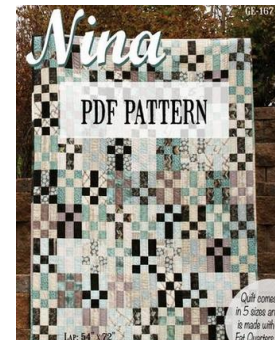
**Bring your lunch and come take one of our classes.  
We have two classes in April with Gudrun Erla.**

**Class: Your choice of Kira, Lexie or Amalie**  
**Date: Sunday, April 8, 2018**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**  
**Place: Quilted Memories in Montague**  
**Cost: \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.**



Check out the short videos on YouTube:  
 KIRA-Quilt Pattern, LEXIE-Quilt Pattern,  
 And NINA-Quilt Pattern by GE Designs  
 Video for MILLIE on “Facebook search  
 Fridays” on her FB page

**Class: Your choice of Millie or Nina**  
**Date: Monday, April 9, 2018**  
**Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.**  
**Place: Quilted Memories in Montague**  
**Cost: \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.**



If the class fills up, we will draw a name from the enrollees and refund one lucky person!  
 Sign up now while there is still space!!

Contact:

Cindy Vogel@231-766-2956 or Cathy Baker@231-750-3425

**May: Board Member Challenge!! Bring in those finished UFOs from February.  
COMING IN JUNE....SIGN UP NOW!!!**



Edyta's love for fabric began at a very young age- when she used her mother's drapes to create her first fabric project!

As the founder and owner of her company, Laundry Basket Quilts [www.laundrybasketquilts.com](http://www.laundrybasketquilts.com), Edyta is proud to carry on her family tradition that fabrics and threads have seamlessly stitched together through the generations. Her true passion and quilter's spirit shine through her classes, workshops, and presentations. She travels all over the world sharing her experiences and connecting with quilters of all levels through the inspiring stories about the quilts she makes.

**These classes will fill up fast!!**

**Class: Tree Farm (using Triangle Papers)**

**Date: Sunday, June 3, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

**Place: Quilted Memories in Montague**

**Cost: \$55 for members and  
\$65 for non-members.**

**Plus \$40 Kit cost (includes Fabric for class)**

Additional fabric will be needed to complete quilt



(Fabrics in kits may differ from what is pictured)

**Class: Tree Farm (using Triangle Papers)**

**Date: Monday, June 4, 2018**

**Time: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

**Place: Quilted Memories in Montague**

**Cost: \$55 for members and  
\$65 for non-members.**

**Plus \$40 Kit cost (includes fabric for class)**

Additional fabric will be needed to complete quilt

**Sign up now while there is still space!!**

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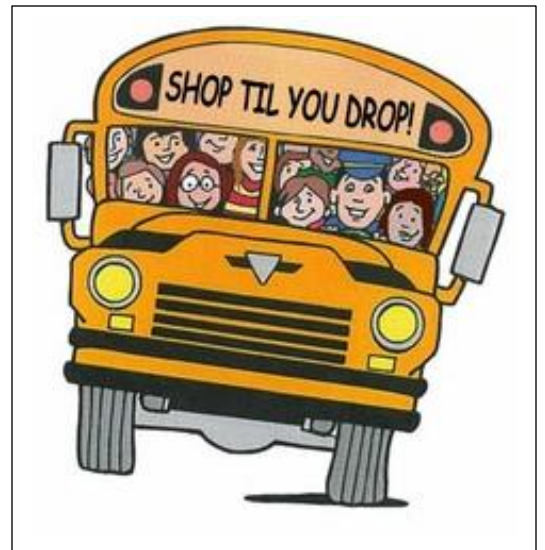


**CHICAGO INTERNATIONAL QUILT FESTIVAL  
BUS TRIP  
SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2018**

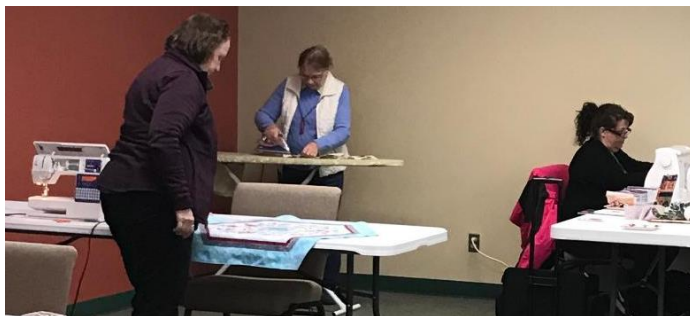
**LAST CHANCE, LAST CHANCE, LAST CHANCE**

This is your last chance to sign up for the big bus trip to the Chicago International Quilt Festival on Saturday, April 14, 2018. We will have a fun filled day, starting with a goodie bag for each of you as you board the bus. There will be hundreds of quilts to admire and also hundreds of vendors where you will find just the right items to purchase. The bus will leave Muskegon at 6:15 AM. It will also stop at Meijer in Grand Haven at 6:45 to pick up our Lighthouse members joining us. We will stop for breakfast at Benton Harbor and arrive in Chicago just in time for the show to begin. After a busy, exciting day at the show, we can relax on the bus and will stop for dinner on the way home. We welcome all Lighthouse members to join us. The cost for the day is \$65, \$70 for non-members. This includes the bus fee and show ticket. You are responsible for your own meals, and you may bring a sack lunch or purchase lunch at the show. Checks should be made out to PALS.

Please call Kathy – 231 798-3952 or Kay – 616 430-0732 to register for the Bus Trip.



A National Quilting Day event was held at Fellowship Church on Saturday, March 17th. There were 17 in attendance and we all had a great time sewing on our own projects. There was also a wonderful assortment of snacks and almost everyone went home with a door prize. Plan on joining us for next year's event!



## Membership

Lisa Schooley & Karen Benham

Please welcome Debbie Alderink, Sally Makowski, Terri McLellan and Lois Bratsburg who joined our guild in March. We also had two guests join us for our meeting featuring Doug Leko of Antler Quilt Design, who brought with him some very beautiful quilts to share. So don't forget to invite a friend; guests pay \$5 for a meeting with a speaker.

## Charity Quilts

Jan Alder & Sheila Baldwin

We have taken in 76 charity quilts to date, wonderful job! Let's keep them coming! FYI- we (Sheila and Jan) will be busy with the 2019 Quilt Show Bazaar so we will not be doing the Charity Quilts next year. I am sure there are some members that will take on that position as it is such a worthwhile part of PALS. We would enjoy interested members to shadow us and definitely help with the distribution in October. Being on the board has so many opportunities to meet more members, be involved with decisions, and make a difference in your Guild!

## PALS Quilt Show Board has started planning your 2019 Quilt Show

## Boutique

Jan Alder & Sheila Baldwin

We are now able to receive items for the boutique:

- 1) Fabric needs to be measured and labeled
- 2) Books and magazines no older than 5 years
- 3) Anything quilt-related (tools, books, fabric etc.)
- 4) **Not accepting anything from household with smokers**

## Raffle

Our April raffle item is this awesome book, "Patches of Blue" by Edyta Sitar of Laundry Basket Quilts donated by our guild members Jan Alder & Sheila Baldwin. Raffle tickets are 4/\$1 and are available at the guild meeting.



## Quilts of Valor

Cathy Baker

Now that PALS is a group member of QOV, anyone interested in joining as a sub-member should contact me at **231-750-3425** or sign-up at our next guild meeting. The membership fee as a sub-member of PALS is only \$5.00 vs. the \$20.00 individual annual fee.

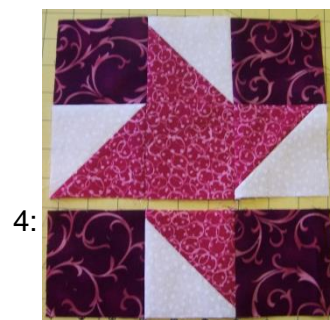
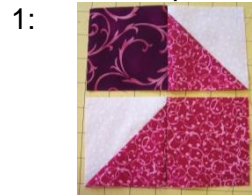
We are doing a QOV group project for anyone interested. You do **not** need to be a sub-member in QOV to participate in our group quilt project. Anyone who wants to participate can make 12" finished (12½ unfinished) **star** blocks in red, white, and blue (patriotic theme). It could be any star pattern – Ohio star, Hunter star, Friendship star, etc. Fabric must be 100% cotton and pre-washed. QOV quilts cannot target a specific branch of the military. Please bring your finished blocks to the May meeting. If you want to volunteer to take some blocks and piece them into a quilt, please let me know or sign up at the next Pals meeting. Of course, if you want to make a complete QOV quilt, that would be great too!



## Waiting for Spring Mystery Quilt Clue Six

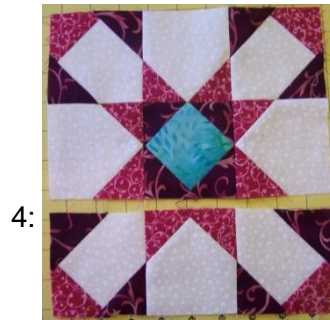
Using Units from Clue #5 assemble blocks in the order shown:

21 Friendship Star Blocks:



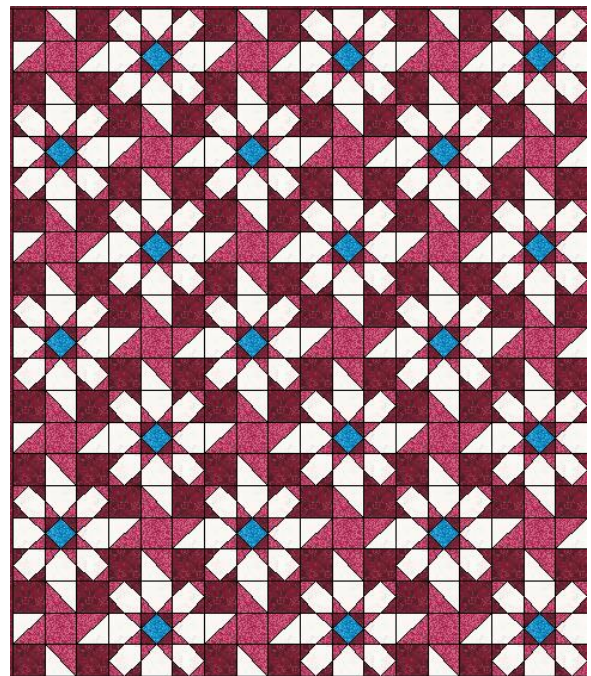
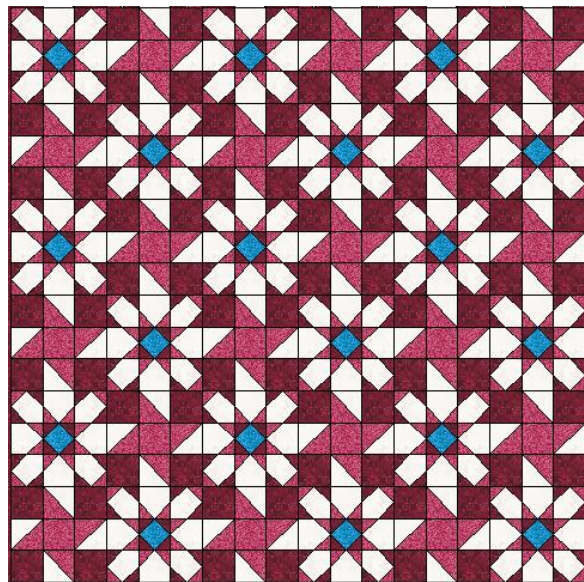
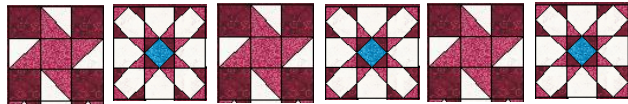
Blocks should measure 9 1/2" square

21 Flower Star Blocks:



Blocks should measure 9 1/2" square

Assemble the field of the quilt in 7 rows of six as shown:



Clue 7 will be the conclusion of the Mystery!  
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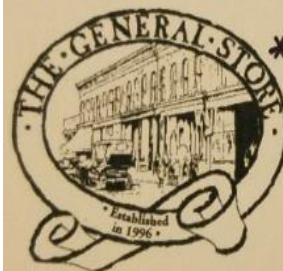
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