



# Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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April 2020

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

April 6, 2020 **Cancelled**

6:30 pm Meeting

## **Fellowship Reformed Church**

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

### **2020 PALS Executive Board**

#### **Chairpersons\*\***

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

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#### **Marketing**

Marilyn Anderson

#### **Membership**

LuAnne Sloop & Niki Studabaker

#### **Historian**

Joy Lamphere

#### **Donation & QOV Quilts**

Cindy Vogel, Sallie Lawrence

Cathy Baker

#### **Library**

Barb Reynolds

#### **Beekeeper**

Margarete Fochtman

#### **Lighthouse Liaison**

Margarete Fochtman

#### **Quilt Show**

Ann Caris, Sue Fiori & Terry Maleski

## **Next Board Meeting**

TBA

## **Next Newsletter Deadline**

April 10, 2020

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## ***From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz***

### **Is it, does it feel like it, can it be ..... Spring!**

As I write this, the snow has finally disappeared from my deck. Now comes the bad part of winter/spring: the dirty, leftover leaves, bare grass and flower beds and leftover piles of snow from clearing the driveway. Haven't seen a robin yet, but fingers crossed! In keeping with the topic Jami wrote about in the March Newsletter, I just want to say the stories we heard from some of you about the first quilt you made, how you got into quilting and where you are now in your quilting journey were interesting and fun. Thank you for sharing.

The first quilt I can ever remember was when I was a little girl, my mother had this quilt she was always careful with. It was made by my grandmother and made up of yo-yo's. It was on my parents' bed and I remember hearing my mother talk about the yo-yo's being made of her mother's old dresses and aprons, her dad's work shirts and old sheets. It was very colorful, and my mom would mention pieces of fabric that reminded her of the time when ..... lots of wonderful stories. The yo-yo's started coming apart and mom wanted to keep it safe from any more damage, so it was stored away. Then, somewhere during a move the quilt got misplaced. It was found again and put in safe keeping but, as the story goes, water damage and age destroyed more of it. Unfortunately, one more move, and it was lost. What I wouldn't give to have that quilt now.

So much history in the art of quilting: family stories, family events, who made it and why. I hope in the making of the quilts I have done so far for family and friends, that many stories will be remembered through the years. As we move ahead this year, take some time to take a class, encourage a new quilter when they ask for advice or share some ideas that make your quilting hobby easier or more enjoyable.

Happy Spring, Happy Quilting!

LouAnn and Jami

## **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.**

## Resources

Vicki Gale

### April

Our membership meeting for April has been cancelled. Creative Grid classes with Penny Haren at Quilted Memories on April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> have been rescheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please contact Jill at Quilted Memories (231-893-0096) with questions about these classes. We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused.

### May

#### Lynn Carson Harris

At this point we don't know if we will be able to have a membership meeting in May due to COVID-19. We have had to reschedule Lynn Carson Harris. She will **NOT** be presenting her classes and trunk show for us in May. We have her confirmed for October 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. If you are already signed up for May classes and the new dates don't work for you, please let us know. If you have not signed up, but would like to, please contact Vicki Gale or see Vicki when we get together again. We want to keep all our members safe and healthy.

Lynn lives in Michigan where she creates art, raises chickens, and grows vegetables. Both of Lynn's parents grew up on farms and, like the little red hen in the children's story, she was taught to do things from scratch and to never let anything go to waste. Her thrifty upbringing led her to her current style of working with scraps and the desire to use "every last piece." Her quilts have been juried into international shows and gallery exhibits and her work is in private collections around the world. She is the author of Every Last Piece and has also been published in numerous books and magazines. Classes will be "Tiny Piecing" (Sunday 10/4) and "Liberated Log Cabins" (Monday 10/5).

### June

Jill from Quilted Memories will be hosting Penny Haren, a representative from Creative Grids. Penny will be teaching techniques utilizing 13 various rulers. Classes will be on Sunday, May 31, 2020 and Monday June 1, 2020. There will be two sessions daily – one from 8:30 am to 11:30 am and the other from Noon to 3:30 pm. Each class has a fee of \$25.00 which includes fabric kit. You will be able to sign up at our next meeting or call Jill at 231-893-0096

All those who signed up to bring in the Flurries Christmas blocks in June, NOW'S the time! The swap will be done during the meeting so you will take home the beginnings of your newest quilt.

For bagging the Flurry Swap Blocks:

- \*Use Gallon Zip Bags, one for each block to be swapped, including your own. Put your name on the outside of each large bag.
- \*In a Snack bag, one for each block swapped, place: 8 matching 2 ½" squares of "gift" fabric and one 2 ½" square ribbon fabric.
- \*These Large zip bags, will be turned in at the June meeting. If you have any questions please ask Joy Lamphere and Jami Harwood.

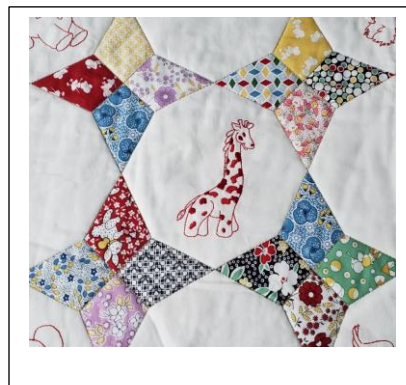
## Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel & Sallie Lawrence

As I write this update, we have collected 86 quilts for babies, toddlers and older children. Thank you for these wonderful quilts! These quilts will be distributed to 4 agencies in our community and to One Day with God to partner with Fellowship Reformed Church. As you consider donating, think also about the older children. Or maybe a mom at one of the shelters who needs to be wrapped in your loving care.

We could use more quilts: Infant size  
Crib Size  
Toddler size  
Lap/Throw size

Please consider making a quilt or quilts for these worthy causes.



## Quilts of Valor

Cathy Baker

PALS Quilts of Valor group has talked with Abbi Mays about QOV being inclusive and needing a sew-space to work in a quilting bee atmosphere. They said they would love to have us meet there to work on this important project. They also issued a challenge in support of QOV. If we would meet once or twice a month for three months and have a minimum of ten quilters working on a group QOV top, they'll quilt it for free. YIPPEE! Of course, we can make more than one top.

So, let's take this opportunity to share our passion for quilting, to get to know our quilting community better, and give ourselves the gift of volunteering. We're sure everyone who participates will be enriched in some way: maybe make a new friend, improved skills or techniques or gain feelings of a job well done.

Come and sew with us April 15<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>. Times are 10am-2pm. Mark your calendars and join us for the fun!

## **Beekeeper**

**Margarete Fochtman**

It was an awesome sight to see what members shared at the March meeting. I came away with a head full of ideas...Thanks to all who shared! I will keep a list of Bees and at least one contact person for each. If anyone wishes to start a bee, please contact me. If anyone wishes to join a bee, please contact me. I will try to facilitate connections

## **Membership**

**LuAnne Sloop & Niki Studabaker**

Membership welcomed one new member in March, Carol Turner. Attendance at the March meeting was 69 members. Our total membership count is 134. Please remember to pick up your membership cards when you register at the next meeting; the cards are sitting on the table right after the registration sheets.

## **Marketing**

**Marilyn Anderson**

Marketing Special: We have Christmas Santas, including the pattern, for \$10.00 each. Enter a special drawing when you stop by the Marketing table and check out our available shirt styles.

## **Threads of Friendship Quilt Show**

**Ann Caris, Sue Fiori, and Terry Maleski**

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show is our guild's biggest fundraiser and we can't do it without you! The proceeds from the show pay for the speakers and programs for our monthly meetings. Part of the proceeds come from the sale of raffle tickets for the beautiful baskets of goodies put together by the Raffle Basket committee chair(s). That could be you! We need someone to organize and lead this endeavor.

We still need someone for Quilt Registration (collecting and organizing the quilts entered in the show). The three of us did this for the last show and, not only were we able to see all the great works of art first, we got to know many of the guild members submitting their quilts. We also need co-chairs, someone to work beside us as we set up the 2021 show to learn and become chairs for the 2023 show. Ask a friend to work with you and fill this position! Please join us in making Threads of Friendship 2021 the best PALS quilt show, yet!



## SHIPSHEWANA QUILT FESTIVAL AND VENDOR SHOW

### BUS TRIP

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2020

### SPONSORED BY LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD, GRAND HAVEN

Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 27, 2020. We are planning a bus trip to the Shipshewana Quilt Festival and Vendor Show. We will have a fun-filled day with 200+ quilts to admire and lots of vendors, where you will find just the right items to purchase. At 1:30 the bus will take people into town, or you can walk into town on your own. It's less than ½ mile. There you can shop your favorite stores, like Lolly's, Yoder's, and others, concluding our day with dinner at the Blue Gate Restaurant.

The bus will leave Muskegon at 6:45 AM at the Harvey Street Meijer. It will arrive at Meijer in Grand Haven at approximately 7:10 AM where we will pick up more friends and leave at 7:30 AM. We will return around 10:00-11:00 PM.

The cost will be \$69.00 for members of Lighthouse and PALS Quilt Guilds and \$79.00 for nonmembers. This fee includes the bus, ticket to quilt show, and dinner. Lunch is on your own. Sign-ups will begin Monday, April 6, 2020 at our meeting. Fee must be paid in full at time of signup.

Any questions, please email or call Cochairs

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## “Flurry” by Kate Spain - Fabric Requirements

Quilt is 55" x 65" These requirements are for 16 blocks to swap.

### Quilt Fabric Requirements

#### **Gifts & Pieced Border:**

1-3/4 yards

#### **Ribbon:**

3/4 yard

#### **Background:**

2-1/4 yards of white on white fabric

**No** off-whites or creams

#### **Binding:**

5/8 yard

#### **Backing:**

4 yards

### Quilt Fabric Cutting

#### **Gifts & Pieced Border:**

8 – 4" x WOF strips(**Width Of Fabric**)

subcut 32 – 4" x 8-1/2"

8 – 2- 1/2" x WOF strips

subcut 128 - 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"

#### **Ribbon:**

3 – 2-12" x WOF strips

Subcut 48 – 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"

4 – 1-1/2" x WOF strips

Subcut 16 – 1-1/2" x 8-1/2"

#### **Background:**

18 – 2-1/2" x WOF strips

Subcut 3 – 2-1/2" x 42-1/2"

20 – 2-1/2" x 10-1/2"

12 – 2-1/2" x 8-1/2"

16 – 2-1/2" x 4-1/2"

40 – 2-1/2" x 2-1/2"

15 – 2" x WOF strips

Set aside 11 strips

Subcut 4 – 2" x 42-1/2"

**Binding:** 7 – 2-1/2" x WOF strips

This pattern calls for “One Flurry Panel.”

I’m sure this is no longer available. This is

Step 1 (A) in the pattern. You will need to decide

which fabric(s) you want to use in the four corners.

For 1(B) and 1(C) in the pattern, you will use the

2-1/2" squares of swapped ribbon fabrics.

For **each** block you swap, you must also include 8 – 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" squares of your gifts fabric to be used in the pieced border. Also include 1 – 2-1/2" x 2-1/2" square of your ribbon fabric for **each** block you swap. You will receive 16 of these back, but will only need 9 for the sashing cornerstones.



Support local business on-line. They can still deliver, and some are doing curbside. Don't forget them.

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# Come Sew With Us

## Upcoming Shows & Events for 2020



•Home & Garden Show - Grand Rapids, March 5 - 8

•Home & Garden Show - Lansing, March 12 - 15

•Anita Goodesign Event - Grand Rapids, May 15, 16  
- more information coming soon

•Kids Camp - All Locations - June, July, August  
Kids learn how to sew in a week. All materials are included PLUS the brand new sewing machine they used in class. Class schedules will soon be online.



We hope you can join us for these upcoming special events.  
We love being able to share these experiences with you.



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Wyoming - 3/19, 5-9 PM



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### Discount for Guild Members

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