



# Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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May 2020

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

May 4, 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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Unfilled

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Vicki Gale

### **Committees**

#### **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**

May 25, 2020 6:30pm

### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

May 10, 2020

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

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

We are all feeling the effects of the stay-at-home order due to the Coronavirus, Covid-19.

At this point, we are not planning on having a May membership meeting. I'm sorry to have to cancel again but we feel it's just too soon after our current 'anticipated' stay-at-home end date of April 30, 2020. I'm sure you all realize that this date could possibly be extended once again. Crossing our fingers and praying that our country will be in much better condition by the time you read this.

On the plus side, I hope you are all taking advantage of extra time to sew. Be thankful we have a hobby that can give us something to do whenever we choose. I will never understand how anyone can be bored! I hear it from people all the time. When you find a hobby and immerse yourself into something you love, you'll never be bored. I have found plenty of non-sewing activities if I don't feel like sewing. We have puzzles, games, books, magazines, and music, along with TV and internet, to help us get thru this quarantine. You've probably also been sorting, reorganizing and purging, like us. I hope you are finding plenty of things to keep you busy until we can meet again.

Please stay home, stay safe, & remember to wash your hands frequently.

We miss you all!  
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

### May

#### Lynn Carson Harris

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 Flurry 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

I just wanted to share some of the good I see our members doing for others.  
I see quilters busy making masks for hospital staff and nursing home staff.  
I see quilters making masks for family and friends and neighbors.  
I see quilters making masks and leaving them for their mailman.  
I see quilters setting masks out on their porches and inviting all who need masks to come take one. When things get difficult quilters always find a way to help!  
Thank you, quilters for all you do! We look forward to the time we can meet again.



## 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, improve skills or techniques or gain feelings of a job well done. We will post dates after the quarantine has lifted.

## **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 upcoming 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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*A Personal Note from Brian*

### Thank You, Thank You, West Michigan Mask Force!

I have never seen anything like the effort put forth by the sewing community in the last month or so, producing thousands and thousands of masks for individuals and organizations here in West Michigan and throughout the state.

When this passes and you are able to get out, we would like to give those who have given their time and resources **50% Off the service of their machines** that were used for mask making.

We will announce the time frame for this "thank you" offer through email and our Facebook page. It will simply be the honor system.

**Awesome work everyone - Thank You!**



Show us (or mention) this ad and receive 15% off your total purchase of regularly priced items.

Offer not applicable to classes.

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