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August 2020

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

August 3, 2020 **Cancelled**

6:30 pm Meeting

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Hello friends,

Hope everyone is staying cool and getting lots of projects done..... or enjoying our beautiful, hot Michigan summer and playing outdoors or traveling our wonderful state.

Covid is still with us and unfortunately, we will be cancelling our August membership meeting as our state numbers are climbing again and our meeting place is still not allowing large numbers to gather in their spaces. We will keep you posted regarding our future meetings.

Continue with your sewing and quilting. Continue to keep on making those recipients of your quilt projects smile and appreciate all your hard work and the love you put into your projects. And remember, we are all in this together. We may not be able to meet face to face, but we are all members of a wonderful established guild and we will get together again.

Jami & LouAnn

Next Board Meeting

August 31, 2020 6:30pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

August 10, 2020

quilterscafe278@yahoo.com

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.

Adapted by LouAnn Mrotz

In looking for something informative to write, I came across some simple ideas for keeping your sewing spaces organized. I know, with all our WIP (Works in Progress) and PHD (Projects half done) and new things we want to start, it's not easy, but here are some suggestions:

1. Store Your Most-Used Items In Easy To Access Places – example: small scissors and pins/pincushion and small ruler near your sewing machine, so they are handy when needed. If you have a separate cutting area keep your rulers, rotary cutter and scissors close at hand so you are ready to work without having to look and/or gather things. Waste cans or thread keepers can be placed near your sewing machine, cutting table and ironing table to catch those threads and small bits of fabric.
2. Keep Your Work Surfaces Clear - THIS is a BIG ONE! Make sure all your notions, tools, fabric markers etc. have a place to call home. If you clean up an area after a cutting or pressing session, the area will be ready again when you are.
3. Have A System for Pattern Storage - How many of us have purchased two of the same patterns because we can't find the one we thought we had? Here are a few ideas: Use bins for frequently used patterns/projects you want to start. Group unused patterns by designer/type; jelly roll, fat quarter, table runners, baby quilts, bags, etc. I keep my patterns together by instructors that I have taken a class from. Some I have had signed by the instructor so they are extra special. Store patterns in plastic sheet protectors in notebook/binders; organize by pattern type. Use a filing cabinet or hanging files to move between categories and add or change category names.
4. Keep Your Fabrics Together - there are lots of ways to organize fabric. Of course, it depends on your preference and space. I try to keep all my larger pieces, 1 yard or more together, when I need a large piece I can see everything I have. Same with less than a yard, each drawer has a designated fabric size; 1/2 yard, less than 1/2 yard, fat quarters.
5. Don't Be Afraid to Make Changes - an organizing system is only good if it works for you. It's your sewing space, make changes whenever necessary. If you have problems continually finding the same item, you may need a new storage plan.
6. Donate or Sell Items You No Longer Use - The biggest rule of organizing and decluttering is: "don't keep anything you don't intend to use". Look into charities and/or quilt guilds in your area that will take donations or look into selling items, lots of media sites will post your "for sale" items.

I realize a lot of us already know most of these suggestions. Sometimes it's good just to read them again and maybe spark some ideas for your own sewing "Happy Place".

Dancing Ribbons Quilt-Along (Free)

Dancing Ribbons pattern by Cindy Rounds Richards

Quilt to the right made by Beverly Mattila

This 12" x 12" miniature quilt has captured a lot of imaginations since its release in September 2010. And now, almost a decade later, we're celebrating this fun project with a 4-week quilt-along!



How to Join the Quilt-Along

[Subscribe to the OnPoint newsletter](#) to be notified of the new post each week. [Join the AQS Quilting Project Parade on Facebook](#) to talk to fellow quilters, share your progress, and ask questions. Look at this site for when the posts go up each week! This is a free quilt-along and there is no formal sign-up. Make the project at your pace and enjoy!

4 Ways To Hang A Quilt!!

from Lauren Lang of Right Sides Together blog

Adapted by Suzette Mattson

Most of us have heard the idiom “There’s more than one way to skin a cat.” meaning there’s more than one way of doing something. Lauren Lang of Right Sides Together quilting/sewing blog shared some thoughts on how to hang a quilt.

The Clamp Method

Quilt clamps are a great choice if you want to swap out your quilts regularly. They mount to the wall, are evenly spaced across the top edge of your quilt, and pinch or clip it (like a chip clip!!) to hold the quilt taut. They can be found made of wood or metal finishes and come in a variety of shapes.

Difficulty: Depends. They can be mounted by screws into the wall or hung by 3M Command Strips.

Pros: Easy to rotate quilts; no sleeve or loops needed.

Cons: Take care to line up the clips on the wall. Also, the clamps will be visible after you hang your quilt.

The Rod-and-Sleeve Method

The rod-and-sleeve method requires an attached sleeve/tube of fabric across the top back width of the quilt. Then, you insert a rod or dowel and find some way to hang it up. Attaching the sleeve by hand and using the Hang It Dang It product is one recommendation. The rod and wall bracket are included and it’s easy to take the quilt down to change it out.

Difficulty: 3/5 You have to nail the bracket into the wall and stitch a sleeve onto your quilt. A large initial investment in time, but when you want to change out the quilt, it’s easy.

Pros: It’s invisible. It looks like your quilt is floating on the wall. Also, easy to adjust by pulling the extendable rod for different quilt sizes (and to make sure the quilt hangs straight on the wall).

Cons: Expensive. They can run from \$28 (small) - \$75 (large). Aesthetics cost!!

The Pocket Method

This method involves adding two triangles to the top back corners of your unbound quilt. Baste them to the top corners and then bind the quilt. To hang your quilt, put a rod that is cut to the length between triangles. Hang on wall with Command Strips.

Difficulty: 2/5

Pros: Super easy and CHEAP. Just buy a rod/dowel and Command Strips.

Cons: Requires forethought before binding. Not recommended for large, heavy quilts.

The Lazy-Ass Method

Sometimes there’s a spot that’s mostly unappreciated...a child’s room or basement wall. This method might just be that one to use. Using a couple long thumbtacks, get it up there! Will your guild members judge you, should they ever visit? Would your grandmother cluck with disapproval? Sure. But if you match colors and do it sparingly, hanging-by-thumbtack is really okay.

Difficulty: 0/5

Pros: Takes minimal time to do and you still have time to play games on your phone before bed.

Cons: Small tack holes in your quilt. Oh, and eternal judgement from others, but that’s a small price to pay. Happy quilt-hanging.

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel & Sallie Lawrence

We hope you are doing well during this crazy time! We want you to know that we have received some cute, donated fabrics for our Donation Quilt Stash and we are cutting it up and putting it into kits. Our community is in need of donated quilts: All sizes, infant - throw.

If you would like a kit to sew together, need backing or batting to finish a donation quilt, please call or message: Cindy Vogel at 231-557-4224. I can drop it off at your doorstep.



Resources

Vicki Gale

We have now collected all the Flurry blocks and are in the process of sorting them into pizza boxes with each participant's name on their box. Next will come deciding when and how to safely distribute them. As soon as that decision has been made, all the recipients will be contacted and the pickups/deliveries will start. Our Christmas meeting will be your target date for Show and Tell. SOOOO exciting!

Our classes for 2020 have all been cancelled so now's the time to start looking at 2021 for teachers/instructors.

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show

Ann Caris, Sue Fiori, and Terry Maleski

In preparing for our quilt show next May, we still need to fill many positions to make this a success. Covid-19 may change our current plans. We are currently evaluating our options and will keep you all posted as soon as we have discussed this with all the involved parties.

In the meantime, if you are able to help with our show in any way, the Quilt Show Chairs would love to hear from you. Feel free to ask questions without feeling obligated to take a position. We can help you understand each committee and their responsibilities. Thanks everyone!

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