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October 2020

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

October 5, 2020 **Cancelled**
6:30 pm Meeting

Fellowship Reformed Church
4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

2020 PALS Executive Board
Chairpersons**

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Co-Chairpersons**
Unfilled

Secretary**
Unfilled

Treasurer**
Suzette Mattson

Asst. Treasurer
Connie Pluger

Media**
Deb Taylor

Resources**
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

Next Board Meeting

October 26, 2020 6:30pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

October 10, 2020

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From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Hello friends,

Snap! And just like that, Fall has arrived!

We should have known by now that fall weather would be as unpredictable as the rest of this year has been so far!

With the start of cooler weather, what does that mean for you? More time inside? Most likely, especially when it's rainy, which typically means more quilting time too.

Do you use different batting for your 'winter' quilts than you use for your 'summer' quilts? I feel like I am still a newer quilter (about 8 years), and I really haven't ever given that topic much thought. I find it interesting to hear what others use and their reasons. That also goes for tools, techniques, and all other aspects of quilting. There is always something new to learn from more experienced/seasoned quilters. There is so much knowledge and expertise within our guild, it just makes me happy to go to each meeting and talk with our members.

Speaking of meetings – we decided at our virtual board meeting to cancel our membership meetings for the remainder of 2020. This decision did not come easy. Many board members feel that even when we are able to come back to meetings again, even with social distancing and wearing masks, that many members still won't feel comfortable enough to come back yet. We have to pay the same fees for our space at the church, for set-up and clean-up, whether we have 20 or 120 people attending. Please bear with us as we try to make the best decisions for all of our membership. We really can't wait to get together in person again – safely!

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

Covid-19 has caused us to have to make many difficult decisions. The PALS board has decided that it would be best to postpone our next quilt show. Instead of hosting in 2021, we will move it out to Mother's Day weekend, May 12-13, 2023. There are too many unknowns for us to proceed with planning for 2021. We have heard rumors that West Michigan Quilt Guild, who always hosted their quilt show in the fall, changed it to Spring of 2021, and have now postponed to an undetermined date. We are hoping they will maybe stay with even years (2022), so neither of our shows will interfere with the other. It's difficult to move forward in planning with so many unknowns.

Upcoming Board Vacancies

Chairs: Jami Harwood and LouAnn Mrotz - both will remain

Co-Chairs: Vacant

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Suzette Mattson – will remain

Assistant Treasurer: Connie Pluger - will be leaving

Media: Deb Taylor – will remain

Resources: Vicki Gale – will remain

Marketing: Marilyn Anderson – will remain

Membership: LuAnne Sloop, Niki Studabaker – both will remain, Niki will take over lead position

Historian: Joy Lamphere – will remain

Donation Quilts: Cindy Vogel – will remain, Sallie Lawrence - will be leaving

Quilts of Valor: Cathy Baker - will be leaving

Library: Barb Reynolds – will remain

Bee-Keeper & Lighthouse Liaison: Margarete Fochtman– will remain

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show Chairs: Ann Caris, Sue Fiori, & Terry Maleski - will be leaving

You can nominate someone for any position, even if it's not going to be vacant. The membership will need to vote to decide who they want to be in that position. We hope we can count on you to step up and fill these vacancies to make our guild the best it can be! These positions are not difficult, don't generally take a ton of time, and the other board members are here to help. Please try a position! You only need to commit to a year.



Quilts of Valor

Cathy Baker

We are still on hold with our sewing bees and award presentations, like many other activities. If you have an in-process, or even better, a finished QOV quilt, please let me know via email at cbaker804@yahoo.com . I'm trying to get a count and a feel for how many are completed vs. in-process. Thanks for all you do to support this worthwhile organization.

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel & Sallie Lawrence

This is the time of year that we sort, package up and deliver all the beautiful quilts our guild members have donated throughout the year. Five Charities will be receiving our quilts this month. One Day with God prison outreach ministry with Fellowship Church has requested 15 lap-sized quilts this year. Muskegon Pregnancy Services is happy to take our donated baby quilts. They give them out to expectant mothers at their 8-week ultrasound appointment. The Women and Family Rescue Mission is “very thankful and excited that we include them in our quilt donations every year”. Melissa Bouchner, Program Director at Every Women’s Place, has requested 20 lap-sized quilts. Each child is given a quilt and a teddy bear when they arrive at the shelter. Catholic Charities are “thrilled to be receiving our quilts again this year.” They will be getting a large number of our quilts. Many of these quilts will be given to children in foster care. Thank you, thank you quilters, for all the work you do!



Membership

LuAnne Sloop & Niki Studabaker

Since we have been unable to meet because of Covid-19, PALS has decided that membership fees will be waived for 2021 for those who paid full dues in 2020. Any monetary gifts to the guild are always welcome, but not expected. We look forward to the day that we can safely meet again and share our love of quilting.

Resources

Vicki Gale

As mentioned last month, all of the Flurry quilt blocks have been collected and redistributed to participants. Unfortunately, since we have now canceled meetings for the rest of the year, we won't be able to do a show and tell for them in December. Blessed as we are with super-talented members, we will be able to share our Christmas quilts via Facebook -- thanks to the guild's historian, Joy Lamphere. She will be setting up an album page on the PALS Facebook site so that all those who wish, can show off their handiwork. We are really hoping to see as many as possible so you still have a goal for completing YOUR Flurry quilt in time for this Christmas.

We have a blank slate for classes for the year 2021, so if ANY of you have suggestions for them, please let me know. If you have a topic in mind but don't know of a specific instructor, again, please let me know that as well so one can be researched. You can phone me at 231-670-5535 or e-mail me at galevicki66@gmail.com. Watch this space! Online retreat being considered. Details to come.

A Cartoon for Quilters: The Story of Mrs. Bobbins
By Abby Glassenberg/whilesheaps.com. 05/29/2017
(Continued from PALS September Newsletter)

Stocky with a shock of gray hair and round green glasses, Mrs. Bobbins leads a quilt-focused life with attitude. "She's a young 60. Mrs. Bobbins is a lady who is going to have an opinion about every single thing and she's going to be very vocal about that, standing with her hands on her hips the whole time, loud and complaining about most things," says Icenogle of her character who has become something of an icon in the quilting world. "She's very excited about stocking up on fabrics and quilting is her entire life. She doesn't really do many other things besides quilting."

Needless to say, the editors were pleased and the comic ran on Pickle Dish, the Kansas City Star blog, weekly for five years from 2008-2013. In total, Icenogle drew 500 comics featuring Mrs. Bobbins. Often Mr. Bobbins, her soft-spoken husband who secretly would like to try quilting himself, makes an appearance along with several middle-aged girlfriends.

When the contract with the newspaper ended, the rights to Mrs. Bobbins reverted to Icenogle, who after taking a break for a few years, is now revamping and replenishing them on her blog. In a recent one, Mr. Bobbins is talking with a friend while he has giant butterfly-shaped holes in his pants. "The wife's been into quilting with wool lately," he says.

The comics have been shared widely in quilting circles online. Icenogle says the jokes in which Mrs. Bobbins shows a glint of self-awareness about the amount of fabric she's amassed seem to resonate the most with readers. A strip in which Mrs. Bobbins is standing in front of her closet saying, "Oh this fabric stash," sold well as a print. (...to be continued next month)





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