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September 2020

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

September 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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#### **Secretary\*\***

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#### **Marketing**

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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**

September 28, 2020 6:30pm

### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

September 10, 2020  
[quilterscafe278@yahoo.com](mailto:quilterscafe278@yahoo.com)

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

Hello friends,

Life is filled with challenges. And that seems to be so much more evident in these past six months.

Life is so different now than before last March. So much has happened that has changed each one of us in many ways. Things are not the way they used to be, not the normal we were used to. We've almost forgotten what a schedule or calendar is because it's nearly impossible to plan anything these days. One thing that is certain: we are still quilters - our sewing machines, rulers, and tools still work the same as they always have, and we still belong to our wonderful PALS guild.

What challenges have you faced? As quilters, we might think of our first challenge as choosing the right fabrics and colors for our next project. We may still need to perfect that elusive ¼" seam, figure out how to get points to match, or not cut off those points! It can be challenging to find just the right border, backing or binding fabrics. And then, how to create a label and what to write! Which thread colors, which stitch? Can I free motion quilt this, or should I quilt by checkbook instead?

We work through each challenge one by one. They aren't as difficult when you look at them one at a time. We have many very talented quilters in our guild. When you are facing one of these challenges, reach out to another caring member. Together we can work through most any challenge!

Take care quilting friends! We miss seeing your smiling faces and hearing your friendly voices. We will make it through this huge challenge and be able to meet together again one day.

Jami & LouAnn

## **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.**

## 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 AOS 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! Post a pic on our FB page when you're done.

### 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](mailto: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**

In August we had a drive-by drop off at Fellowship Church for donation quilts and we collected 23! Thank you, quilters, for your wonderful work! Thank you for all the love and effort you put into making quilts for our community. I will be contacting local agencies to see the need they have for our quilts. We want to get them collected and distributed to kids and moms in our community.

Drop off times for September are:

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 9:30 a.m. -11:00 a.m. at Fellowship Church

Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. at Quilted Memories Quilt Shop

Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, 12:30 p.m. -2:00 p.m. at Quilted Memories Quilt Shop



We have now collected all the Flurry blocks and have given them out to each person participating in the swap. 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. Any questions please contact me at: [galevicki66@gmail.com](mailto:galevicki66@gmail.com)

**A Cartoon for Quilters: The Story of Mrs. Bobbins**  
 By Abby Glassenberg/[whilshenaps.com](http://whilshenaps.com) 5/29/2017

One afternoon in 2008, while mingling at the opening reception of an art show where her work was displayed, illustrator Julia Icenogle was approached by the editors of the Kansas City Star. The newspaper was looking to create a blog and they'd decided a web comic would keep readers coming back each week. "I had a cartoony style and thought it kind of looked like the Far Side comics by Gary Larson," Icenogle recalls. The paper had a popular column on quilting and wanted that to be the focus of the comics.

"The artwork I had at the show wasn't about quilting," says Icenogle, who is 30. "I'm not a quilter, I'm a knitter and I'm very into knitting and other crafts, but I've never actually tried quilting." She was caught off guard but gave the opportunity further consideration when the editors called a week later. "I was like I don't think I'm the right person for this. Yes, I can draw funny cartoons, but I don't know a thing about quilting," she said, but despite her protestations they handed her a stack of quilting magazines and sent her home to see what she could come up with.

"I went to the library and checked out all the books on quilting so I could get all the plays on words about different names of quilt blocks," Icenogle says. "And then I started studying my aunt."

Her aunt Camille is an avid quilter who was living in Lawrence, Kansas, at the time. Icenogle describes her as "really blunt about some things, and really opinionated and passionate about quilting." With her aunt as her muse she came up with the character for the comic, Mrs. Bobbins. To be continued next month....



Julia Icenogle and her Aunt Camille



Mrs. Bobbins





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