



Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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November 2020

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

November 2, 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

November 30, 2020 6:30pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

November 10, 2020

quilterscafe278@yahoo.com

From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Hello friends,

Welcome Fall, cooler weather, trees showing off their special colors. Love this time of year!

As most of you know, we have cancelled our upcoming Quilt Show for May of 2021. Another blow to quilters was the recent cancellation of the AQS Quilt show in Grand Rapids in August of 2021. I came across some ideas of things to do or things to keep you busy in place of attending these shows.

What To Do When Your Quilt Show Is Cancelled:

Your favorite quilt show has been cancelled. Whatever will you do now? Here are some suggestions based on the activities that you would have done at the show.

Suggestions that will save you money:

Buy some fabric from your local quilt shop for your fabric library. You don't have to "need" it, you just need to love it! Chat with the store owner about trends in fabrics and colors to learn what you would have learned at a quilt show. Take an online class. You would have taken a class at the quilt show anyway. Buy a book that you've been wanting and take the time to read it! Buy from an online quilt shop that you haven't tried before. This will expand your future choices. Donate to your Guild or make something for community service. Add a new tool. Maybe something you have always worked around in the past such as perfect circles.

Suggestions that are free:

Join a new list or Facebook group online. Email someone from your Guild that you've always admired and ask them a good discussion question. Remember, she is probably home as well. Make something you would never try. Being at home is a good time to learn from failure. Try your nemesis – such as curves! Host a reunion of your quilt show friends over video conferencing. Do Show 'n Tell or sip wine together. Volunteer for a committee for next year's show. They need you!!

Previously Posted on the Quilting Hub

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.

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

Secretary Job Description

Secretary duties include keeping accurate records of all PALS guild business and activities. Minutes should be taken at all board meetings and guild membership meetings. Plan to read previous meeting minutes at board meetings for approval. Also send a copy of minutes to Chair and Treasurer for proofing.

Maintain a notebook with guild business and minutes of previous meetings. Bring notebook to all meetings to use as reference for any questions. The notebook should include By-laws and Articles of Incorporation and Policies.

Work with Chair and Treasurer to ensure Articles of Incorporation are filed annually, usually in October.

Secretary is responsible to send cards; thank you, thinking of you or sympathy to vendors and speakers, members who may be ill or hospitalized, sympathy cards to deceased members family.

Record any guild information and correspondence and retain in notebook.

Please notify Treasurer if you are not attending board or membership meetings, they will need to take minutes.



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

Congratulations Quilters, 203 quilts were collected since last October for our annual donation drive! I couldn't be prouder of our guild and the generous hearts you have! Thank you to everyone who donated quilts this year. When I see one of my grandchildren get their special quilt out, I think of the children who will receive one of our quilts and I smile. To a child in a shelter or foster care, a quilt can bring much comfort and it helps them know they are loved. Thank you quilting friends!!!

I am sending out a thank you to Sue Lohr, who again this year, helped sort, fold, and package up the quilts.

It was a fun day admiring all your wonderful quilts.



Resources

Vicki Gale

As mentioned last month, Joy Lamphere will be setting up an album on the PALS Facebook site for all those who wish to show off their finished Flurry quilts in December. We are hoping to see as many as possible, so you still have a goal for completing YOUR Flurry quilt in time for this Christmas. If you finish your Flurry quilt and are not on Facebook, but would like to show your quilt, please contact Joy at 231-220-9319, and she will try to help you.

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 the PALS Facebook page on our regular meeting night, Monday, Nov. 2, for a PALS University video presentation from Joy Lamphere.

Our annual Toys for Tots event will still happen this year! There will be a drive-by drop-off at Fellowship Church, in the front parking lot, on Monday, December 7, 2020, from 6:00-7:00 PM. Please plan to support Toys for Tots again this year!

Marketing

Marilyn Anderson

Marketing has a Christmas special. Remember those cute Santas that the board made for Christmas gifts last year? Wonderful gift idea for this Christmas. Cute over a bottle of soap, flavored water, wine... Purchase a Santa for \$10.00 and receive a free Santa pattern. Limited supply. Email Marilyn at anderson.terry@frontier.com and we will set up a spot to meet.

Membership

Niki Studabaker and LuAnne Sloop

November is membership month. Due to Covid-19, PALS is waiving 2021 membership fees for those that paid 2020 fees. If you would still like to send a payment, it will be accepted by PALS as a monetary donation. Whether you are sending a payment or not, membership still needs a completed membership form by Dec. 31 for your 2021 membership. Make any check payable to PALS. Please mail completed forms to:

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November is Membership Month

Easy Instructions

1. Clip the dues form below.
2. Fill out completely and legibly, especially your email address.
3. If you were a member who paid 2020 dues, the \$25 fee (\$30 if your newsletter is mailed) has been waived due to Covid 19. If you are waived and you still send a payment it will be accepted by PALS as a monetary donation.
4. Mail your membership form with or without payment to: P.O. Box 5373, North Muskegon, MI 49445

*Whether you are paying or not, membership must receive your membership form by Dec.31, 2020 to continue receiving newsletters

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

Many quilters see themselves and their friends in Mrs. Bobbins. Designer and teacher Cheryl Sieboda understands well why the cartoons have become so popular. "What I see is brilliant branding towards the largest segment of the quilting market. Every quilter has said most of these things," Sieboda remarks. "The ladies in the two very traditional guilds I belong to certainly have said everything in these cartoons."

Others are bothered by the gender roles depicted in some of the Mrs. Bobbins cartoons that can feel outdated. "She is definitely based on the stereotyped old school quilter," says Icenogle of her character. "It's kind of what I observed in most of the quilters I talked to from the Midwest. That's kind of what people are joking about."

Icenogle is considering creating a character foil for Mrs. Bobbins, a friend who is different and modern, but until now hasn't pursued it. "To be honest, I just don't think I'm immersed enough into the more feminist quilter culture to even know that is a thing. My knowledge of quilting is limited to just what I see and most of what I see is the stereotyped older lady quilter."

Mrs. Bobbins has become a driving force in Icenogle's illustration career. The web comic helped her pay her way through a master's degree program in occupational therapy. It led to a book, published by C&T in 2010, as well as a 2012 wall calendar. Last year (2016), Northcott, a major manufacturer of quilting cotton, licensed Mrs. Bobbins for fabrics that will be released soon. A selection of the cartoons is also available as machinery embroidery designs.

"Looking back and looking at all the things I've drawn in the past I don't think I ever expected that it would take off more than just a very local crowd, like here is our Kansas City blog and I think we're going to maybe reach people within a 200-mile radius of here," laughs Icenogle. "But here's somebody in Australia and here's somebody in England who wants to buy something with Mrs. Bobbins on it and so that was kind of like, 'oh my goodness.' And now with Facebook I'm pretty much getting interest all over the place which I never expected that to happen."

Happy Thanksgiving!! I hope you've enjoyed the story of Mrs. Bobbins.





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Come Sew With Us

We are excited to announce...
The 2020 Hoffman Challenge Collection
fabric will be here starting November 1st!
(Our events page has a link to The Challenge rules.)



Gall News

- New fabric is being added regularly to our website. **FREE SHIPPING** on any size order.
- In-person events are on hold **BUT** we are having online events. Check our events page regularly for all the latest updates.



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