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January 2021

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

January 4, 2021 **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**

Margarete Fochtman

Treasurer**

Suzette Mattson

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Unfilled

Media**

Deb Taylor

Resources**

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Marketing

Marilyn Anderson

Membership

LuAnne Sloop & Niki Studabaker

Historian

Joy Lamphere

Donation & QOV Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhessa Martin

Eileen Grunstra

Library

Barb Reynolds

Beekeeper

Margarete Fochtman

Lighthouse Liaison

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From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

For the past couple of months, we have been praying that 2021 will bring hope, health, and good news. It has finally arrived, so we shall see! A new year tends to bring about hope for better things, fresh starts, and resolutions. A new President will be inaugurated this month. And our government has rolled out a new vaccine to help with the Covid-19 pandemic. Sounds like lots of big changes are possible. Whether you believe these changes will be better or not, I think we can agree that we all have HOPE.

I've never been one to make resolutions, or at least not to make them known. We resolve to start a new diet, eat healthier, get more sleep, exercise, become a better version of ourselves, spend more quality time with those we love, etc.

Do you make resolutions? Have you made QUILTING resolutions? For 2021?

I think I'm going to start small and see if I can manage that. Maybe I will resolve to finish at least one project each and every month. Or maybe I will resolve to finish a UFO with each NEW project I start. I'm better at starting new projects than I am with finishing almost anything. Or maybe I could also resolve to make a donation quilt every 2-3 months. That would make me feel good along with helping someone else. You might want to start small so you can succeed, and then add more as you reach that goal. Or maybe you're the type of person who needs bigger goals. Shoot for the moon, and then if you don't quite make it, you'll still end up among the stars! Challenge yourself, but be kind to yourself if life's challenges get in the way and your goal or resolution needs to be paused.

Looking forward to seeing what you create in 2021.

Wishing each of you a VERY HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR!!

Next Board Meeting
January 25, 2021 6:30pm
Next Newsletter Deadline
January 10, 2021
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.

Fat Quarter Challenge

We still have Fat Quarters available for our Challenge. If you were unable to pick yours up, contact Joy Lamphere shout4joy.geo@yahoo.com to get one. There is NO cost to Guild Members to participate in this challenge!

RULES:

Use the challenge fabric in ANY project of your choice. The fabric must be identifiable on the front of the piece and not used for backing or binding only. You have until our membership meeting on May 3, 2021 to complete your project for Show and Tell.

If we are still unable to meet in person come May, we will post pictures on our Facebook page.

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Eileen Grunstra

Happy New Year PALS friends! Let's have a productive year and make some cute quilts for our community! Even though PALS is not currently meeting, your Donation Quilt committee is busy and ready to help. We have charm square kits, simple quick quilt kits, batting and backing from our donated stash. You can call or e-mail me to set up a meeting time and place for drop-off at Abbi Mays, Quilted Memories or Fellowship Church.

Cindy Vogel email: cindyjo56@frontier.com Phone 231-766-2956.

This cute quilt was made by LuAnne Sloop. The pattern name is Babe in the Woods and is available free online.



The 2021 PALS Board is as follows

Chairs	Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz
Co-Chairs	
Secretary	Margarete Fochtman
Treasurer	Suzette Mattson
Assistant Treasurer	
Media	Deb Taylor
Resources	Vicki Gale
Marketing	Marilyn Anderson
Membership	Niki Studabaker & LuAnne Sloop
Historian	Joy Lamphere
Donation Quilts	Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Eileen Grunstra
Quilts of Valor	
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We are in great need of a Co-Chair, along with Assistant Treasurer and QOV Chair. Please think seriously about stepping up to help your guild. You may contact any board member with questions, or if you wish to be considered for any position on the 2021 board.

Membership

Niki Studabaker and LuAnne Sloop

With sadness we announce the passing of two members/former members:

Beverly Flowers-Coleman November 4, 2020

Jan Marshall November 25, 2020

Books will be purchased for the PALS library in memory of each of them.

Due to Covid-19, PALS is waiving 2021 membership fees for those who paid 2020 dues.

If you would still like to send a payment, it will be accepted by PALS as a monetary donation. We will renew your 2020 membership for 2021 automatically. Jami would like to apologize for any confusion with this. We are still learning as we go, rethinking some things, and Covid has not helped at all. If you no longer wish to be a PALS member or receive newsletters, please contact Niki Studabaker at 231-286-1511 or nstudabaker@comcast.net and we will take you off our membership list. Thank you for your patience and understanding. **If you are sending a payment, or if any of your contact information has changed in the past year, please complete the membership form.** Make any check payable to PALS. Please mail completed forms to: **PALS, P.O. Box 5373, North Muskegon, MI 49445**

In an average year, our guild expenses are about \$3468, without teacher expenses. Our best estimate for a year without meeting/church & custodian expenses is about \$1548. Those expenses include: Business Registration, Web hosting, Media/newsletters, storage unit, and our post office box. Please contact Suzette Mattson, 231-894-3555, themattsons@hotmail.com, Jami Harwood, 231-740-1126, stampwithjami@gmail.com or LouAnn Mrotz, 231-557-4652, louannmrotz@gmail.com. If you have any questions about these expenses.

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**

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY			
Renewing Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	New Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
Name _____			
(Last)	(First)	(Nickname-if Preferred)	
Street Address _____		City _____	ZIP _____
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How do you prefer to receive your newsletter? Email <input type="checkbox"/> US Mail <input type="checkbox"/>			
FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR			

Cash	<input type="checkbox"/>	Check	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Check#	_____
		Date	_____
Signature _____			



**Support local
businesses on-line.
They are reopening as
well as operating
online. Don't forget
them.**

PALS 2ND VIRTUAL QUILT RETREAT

This will take place Friday, February 5th, 2021, beginning at 10:00 am, until Sunday, February 7, 2021 at 2:00 pm. Su Palmer has graciously volunteered to host this again like she did last October. Fun was had by all who joined us last fall. You can join us for the whole weekend, or just to check in for a brief visit if you'd like. No requirements, just work on whatever projects you choose. This will be held on Facebook Room. You DO NOT have to use Facebook to join us. If you're unfamiliar with how that works, contact Su at 231-740-7104, or Jami Harwood at 231-740-1126. We can try to set up a practice date ahead so you'll be ready to join us. More details in the next newsletter.



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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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