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March 2021

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

March 1, 2021 **Cancelled**

6:30 pm Meeting

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

2020 PALS Executive Board

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Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

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Next Board Meeting

March 29, 2021 6:30pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

March 10, 2021

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From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Here we are, March 2021.... I can hardly believe that this month marks a whole year since our guild last gathered for our meetings. I can't predict when we will be able to safely gather again, but I'm hoping, like the rest of you, that it won't be much longer.

Winter really got a hold on us in February, didn't it? I think a lot of us were quite surprised that it hit like it did! That groundhog wasn't kidding, was he???

We had a wonderful virtual quilt retreat Feb. 5th-7th. There was a total of 22 participants including 2 ladies from Lighthouse Guild. We really had a lot of fun and it was nice getting to know new friends also. It turned out to be a perfect weekend to hunker down and not venture too far from our sewing machines and snack tables! LOL

Our door prize winners: Karen Durgan, Joy Lamphere, Deb Alderink, Deb Tilton, Cinda Cogswell, and Pat Navis. Congratulations again, ladies! Hope you all enjoy your prizes! Especially the grand prize trip to the Bahamas (aka "gift certificate to Quilted Memories")! Two of the other prizes were donated by Quilted Memories. Thank-you, Jill!

Happy Quilting everyone, and Happy Spring!

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

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.

National Quilting Day

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

National Quilting Day happens each year on the third Saturday in March. This year the date is the 20th. That also happens to be the first day of SPRING! YAY! (Insert Happy Dance!). Do you have plans to sew that day? You still have time to plan a project and set that time aside to sew. I'm sure you'll be joining many others across the country on that day. If you happen to be in a 'rut' like some quilters I've talked to recently, reach out to another quilter or a friend who might encourage you to keep up with the beautiful work you do. Maybe pick up a new project to get you excited again – something small in your favorite colors or style might be all you need to get your mojo back again.

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Eileen Grunstra

Quilters have been busy and have been asking, so we will be having a drive-by drop-off for Donation Quilts. Drop off your completed quilts or pick up batting or a kid's quilt kit to work on.

Saturday, March 13th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at the front of Abbi Mays' parking lot

We would like to thank the anonymous donor who dropped off 22 adorable baby quilts last month at Abbi Mays'. That was such a generous thing to do.

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



Flurry Quilt Block Exchange

These Flurry quilts are made with blocks from our 2020 Flurry Block Swap. We enjoy seeing finished projects, even if we are sharing them while far apart.

If you have a picture of your finished quilt (or top) send them to Joy Lamphere shout4joy.geo@yahoo.com or post them in the Flurry Block Swap album on PALS Facebook page.



Joy Lamphere



Kathy Johnson



LouAnn Mrotz



Pat Saims



Suzette Mattson



Vicki Gale



Kathy Webster Table Topper

Resources

Vicki Gale

With all the recent indoor time, thanks to COVID and snow, I have been digging into my stash. Some of what I've brought out hasn't seen the light of day in over 15 years. Just last week, I was able to secure fabric matching some I originally purchased in the mid-90's. This was possible thanks to a website called Etsy.

Etsy ([etsy.com](https://www.etsy.com)) is an American e-commerce website focused on handmade or vintage items and craft supplies. These items fall under a wide range of categories, including jewelry, bags, clothing, home décor and furniture, toys, art, as well as craft supplies and tools. All vintage items must be at least twenty years old. Currently they are offering free shipping on orders \$35 and up when ordered from any participating shop.

About a year ago, new to this position, I decided I needed to know more about local quilt shops and what they had to offer. I spiraled out from Muskegon and made road trips to visit several different areas, trying to see three or four shops in each loop. I found Sew Unique Threads in Battle Creek. According to their website, they have Southwest Michigan's largest selection of the Kaffe Fassett Collection and it is front and center as you walk in the door. What a riot of color and pattern! Before I left, I *had* to purchase a kit (even though I had sworn I could NOT be buying at every shop I visited!). It was a simple pattern but the fabrics were from their aboriginal line and a departure for me since I tend to be pretty traditional. I completed it last month and you can see it here.

Please check out the website at [sewuniquethreads.com](https://www.sewuniquethreads.com). They are open limited hours but you can also schedule a private shopping appointment or curbside pickup. Their address is 7175 Tower Road, Battle Creek, MI 49014 and the phone number is (269) 317-3022.

It is a couple of hours from Muskegon, but make a day of it and check out a couple of other shops while you're out – Quilts Plus and Bernina Sewing Center & Quilt Shop, both in Kalamazoo.





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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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