

Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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April 2021

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

April 5, 2021 **Cancelled**

6:30 pm Meeting

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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Next Board Meeting

April 26, 2021 6:30pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 10, 2021

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From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Hi Friends!

Hope you are all well and quilting as much as you can. Our weather is changing, and I am looking forward to my favorite seasons. I love Spring! My second favorite is Summer. I love having the windows open with the fresh air, seeing the trees and lawns becoming green again, driving out to watch the waves rolling in at Lake Michigan and all that wonderful SUNSHINE!!!

What is your favorite season? Do you think you will do less quilting now that spring is finally getting closer? I still have a goal to complete at least two projects each month. As long as I don't start any new ones, (HA, HA, HA, HA, HA!!) I will be able to see an end in sight to all my UFO's and even many of the other projects and kits I haven't started yet. I wonder how many of you are in the same boat.... We are so blessed to have such easy access to so many beautiful fabrics and patterns.

I know most of you are more than ready to have a big Show-and-Tell event to exhibit all those projects you've finished in the past year, and to see what everyone else has been working on also. We may be looking at having an outdoor event just so we can see some of these projects. We'll need to wait until the ground is dried out and then pray for no rain on the dates we choose. If anyone has any suggestions for places large enough for us to social distance and hold an event like this, please let us know.

It may also be possible for us to meet at one of the parking lots at Fellowship Church. As soon as we can arrange something, we will let you know.

Keep smiling!
Jami & LouAnn

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Eileen Grunstra

Quilters, you have been busy! We had a wonderful response to our Drive-by Drop-off event held on March 13th at Abbi May's parking lot. We collected 45 kids' quilts! We also collected three completed Quilts of Valor and one QOV quilt top that needs quilting. This was a very successful day due to the work of our PALS quilters.

Thank you to everyone who came out to drop off quilts or pick up kits and labels. For the Quilts of Valor completed quilts, you can see many hands went into making these beautiful quilts. Thank you, Kathy Preston, for longarm quilting the QOV quilts. Thank you, Sue Lohr and Ladies of the Lake, for your work piecing the QOV quilts.



Resources

Vicki Gale

The online resource I seem to use most is Connecting Threads, whose motto is "We're quilters, too". I discovered them at the Grand Rapids quilt show a few years back. I purchased some goodies at their booth, and later went online to see what they had to offer. I don't care for buying fabric I can't see and touch for myself, but found I was drawn to their kits. The Christmas quilt below (1st two pictures) is from one of their kits, given to me by my son for Christmas in 2017. I have also been able to get fabric for other quilts I might be working on and find myself short for some reason. As long as I have the info from the selvage, they have usually been able to bail me out. Look for them at connectingthreads.com.

As for the places you can go and actually handle the fabrics. I would suggest Pressing Matters in Holland. They have been around for about ten years and the owner, Kelly Kindt, says they look to support and inspire the West Michigan quilting community. What I noticed first when I visited, was their large selection of Civil War era reproduction fabrics. Then, of course, I got sidetracked by the colorful baby quilt that was on display and promptly snapped up the charm squares and pattern book. My version is pictured below, done with fabrics from Me and My Sister Design (as was the book). The address is 399 E. 32nd Street, Suite 50, Holland, Michigan 49423 and their phone is (616) 392-9700.

While you're down that way, you may want to continue your road trip to Allegan, which is where you'll find Sharon's Quilts and More. They carry a wide variety of fabrics, as well as notions and patterns. In addition, owner, Sharon Jager, offers several different kinds of classes in rug braiding, purse-making sewing kits, totes and fabric origami. Sharon herself is a certified teacher for Tucker University which is a series of technique classes using Deb Tucker's Studio 180 Design Tools. The address is 118 Locust Street, Suite # 104, Allegan, Michigan 49010 and their phone number is (269) 686-9579.

Bonus field trip this month takes you no farther than our own Lakeshore Museum Center. Exhibited there are quilts showcasing the talent and handiwork of Rosie Lee Wilkins, entitled "Piecing Together Her History". Ms. Wilkins was featured in a book about African-American quilters and even had her quilts featured by the Smithsonian in Washington, D.C. The Museum is located at 430 W. Clay Avenue. The hours are 10 am to 4 pm on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays and 11 am to 4 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The exhibit will be there until April 24, 2021, so don't dawdle. This event is FREE for Muskegon residents and \$5 per person for others.



Results of our recent survey

We received 49 responses. I am sharing the first 40 responses. We had some issues with accessing the last 9. We sent out this survey to help us determine our next steps while we are not able to hold our guild membership meetings in person.

1. How likely are you to participate in online/virtual PALS Guild meetings?

Very likely	8
Likely	9
Somewhat Likely	10
Neither likely nor unlikely	2
Somewhat Unlikely	3
Unlikely	0
Very unlikely	8

2. If you are interested in online/virtual PALS meetings, what is your preferred meeting software?

Zoom	24	Facebook rooms	8
Other (4 responses) - Microsoft meeting, either Zoom or Facebook rooms, unsure, I don't have Facebook and don't know how to do a zoom.			

3. What would you like to see in an online/virtual meeting?

20 answered, 20 skipped this question	
Show and tell/trunk shows, completed projects	13
Tips/tricks/techniques	4
Options for future speakers, virtual guests	
Updates from different boards & Donation Quilts & times for drop-offs	
Info on big stitch quilting, Foundation Paper Piecing, making mug rugs or postcards. Visit someone's sewing room, Stash organization	
Don't understand virtual meetings or how to see them	

4. What are you most looking forward to doing when PALS can meet in person?

29 answered, 11 skipped this question
People, seeing everyone/friends/members/others, being in the same room, seeing completed quilts/projects, demos, teachers, classes, learning new things, vendors, sharing stories & ideas, quilt challenges, update on charities, free table

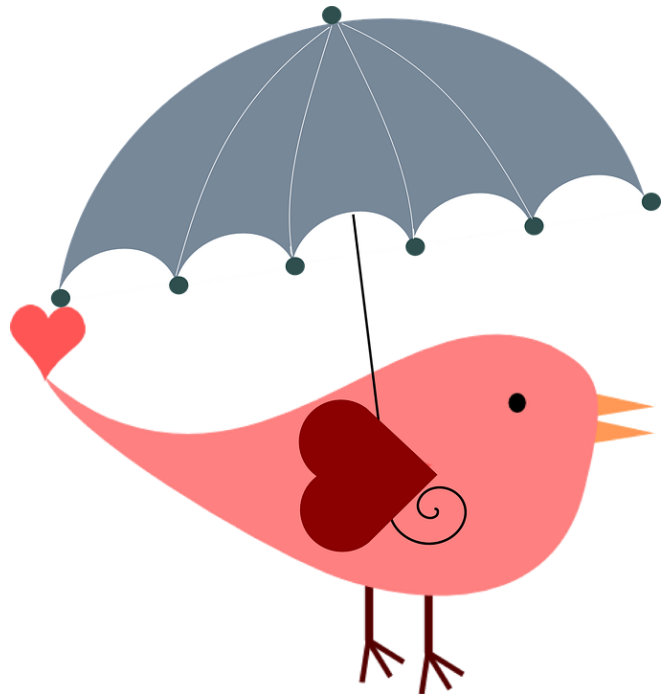
5. Who is your favorite designer?

19 answered, 21 skipped
Tula Pink, Gudrun Erla, Kim Diehl, Jenny Doan, Eleanor Burns, Edyta Sitar, Pat Sloan, Bonnie Hunter, Sue Spargo, Wendy Williams, Amanda Murphy
For quilting with domestic machines – Leah Day, Angela Walters, Lori Kennedy. Cozy Quilt Designs (for quilts), Hoffman & Riley Blake for fabric, cannot choose just one, don't have one, do not have a favorite.

We appreciate all the responses and comments. These will be discussed at our next board meeting and we will keep you informed as to any changes we can make to keep you informed the best way that we can until we are able to meet safely in person again.




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PALS April, 2021

2021 Coopersville Farm Museum Quilt Exhibit

“Quilts & Their Stories” will be on exhibit this August and September at the Coopersville Farm Museum in downtown Coopersville, MI. The feature this year is the “Medallion” quilt and is the subject of the Director’s Choice category.

This year some of us had Joy Lamphere help us in the making of a medallion quilt and it was fun. Others of us have made medallion quilts for other reasons or inherited them.

It would be nice to share these with others in our quilting world and we have been invited to do so by the CFM. This is **NOT** a judged or juried show.

- What’s needed:
- a quilt (with a 3” sleeve attached for hanging)
 - the story behind the quilt

Your quilt and story would need to be dropped off at CFM between Jul 1 – 17, 2021 on Tues, Thurs or Sat between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The pick-up time would be Oct 2, 5 or 7, 2021 during the same times. A photo will be taken of you and your quilt when it is dropped off.

You **DO NOT** need to be a member of the CFM in order to participate in these exhibits.

Contact Suzette Mattson at 231-894-3555 or at themattsons@hotmail.com for entry information and an “entry/loan” form. Let’s join the fun and share your story!