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May 2021

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

May 3, 2021

6:30 pm Outdoors, weather permitting

**Fellowship Reformed Church**

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

### **2021 PALS Executive Board**

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Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

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#### **Donation & QOV Quilts**

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#### **Lighthouse Liaison**

Margarete Fochtman

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

Looks like spring is here! Tulips are breaking through, bushes and trees have buds on them and the days are mostly warmer. Of course, the big news is the Covid-19 vaccine is now available for everyone. Maybe there is a light coming at the end of the very long tunnel we have been in.

We need you, our members, to consider taking a position on our board. We have held the Co-chairs job, and Chairpersons job, the latter for two terms. We have faced a lot of challenges, but we have also had the chance to meet many more of our members, the honor to watch our guild grow and learn, and had a lot of fun along the way. The Chairperson's job is not hard. We have agendas, guidelines and suggestions for meetings all available in a binder.

The Co-chairperson's job is to assist the Chairperson in meetings and wherever help is needed but also to learn the Chairperson job for the next year. Again, neither position is hard to learn and can be done by a single person or two people sharing the job. Please think about volunteering for a position. It's YOUR guild and without volunteers to help guide the guild, we may lose a lot of knowledge and history. Any board member is available to answer questions you may have about board positions.

Thank you!

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

**Next Board Meeting**  
May 26, 2021 6:30pm  
**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
May 10, 2021  
[quilterscafe278@yahoo.com](mailto: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.**

## **SHOW & TELL**

WEATHER PERMITTING – On Monday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will meet OUTSIDE at Fellowship Church parking lot on the west side of the building, the big parking lot, toward the back, from 6:30-8:00 pm. Again, WEATHER PERMITTING.

Please bring your own chair to sit in, and UP TO 3 projects from this past year to show. Remember to wear your masks AND your name tags. Pray for beautiful weather. As long as it's above 50 degrees and not raining, we will plan on being there. We look forward to seeing you!!

### **Donation Quilts**

**Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Eileen Grunstra**

I just wanted to thank everyone who continues to contribute to Donation Quilts. I am one of those quilters who just loves to cut up fabric. I love the Bonnie Hunter saying, "If the fabric is still ugly you haven't cut it small enough". That makes me laugh but I find it is true. Things get more interesting and I like the fabric more after I cut it up.

In the photos below are a few of the quilt tops that quilters are working on: Jelly Roll Drag Race by Rhesa Martin, Jellyroll Jam by Vicky Gale and one I made this Spring, an I Spy quilt made from donation fabric cut into 5" squares and framed with 2 ½" strips. These are such happy quilts and will be loved by the children who receive them.

We hope you are having fun sewing your stash and hope you will donate a quilt for one of our local organizations.



## 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 have 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

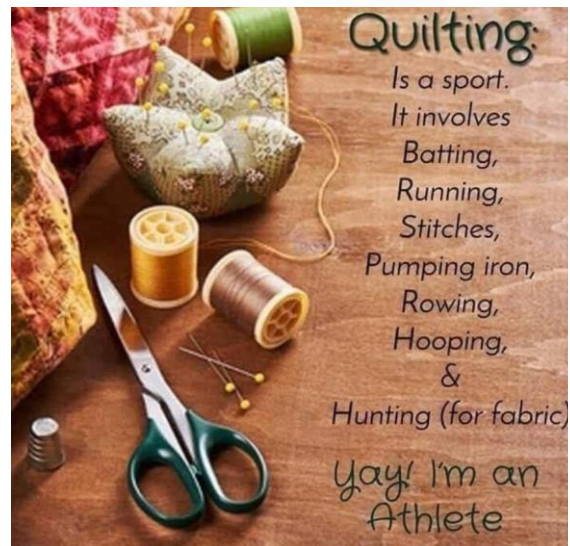
Your quilt and story would need to be dropped off at CFM between Jul 1 – 17, 2021 on Tues, Thurs or Sat between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. The pick-up time would be Oct 2, 5 or 7, 2021 during the same times. A photo will be taken of you and your quilt when it is dropped off.

You **DO NOT** need to be a member of the CFM to participate in these exhibits. Contact Suzette Mattson at 231-894-3555 or at [themattsons@hotmail.com](mailto:themattsons@hotmail.com) for entry information and an “entry/loan” form. Let’s join the fun and share your story!

### Fabric Yardage *guide*

INCHES	YARDS (FRACTIONS)	YARDS (DECIMALS)
4½"	⅛ yd	.125 yd
9"	¼ yd	.25 yd
12"	⅓ yd	.333 yd
13½"	⅜ yd	.375 yd
18"	½ yd	.5 yd
22½"	⅝ yd	.625 yd
24"	⅔ yd	.667 yd
27"	¾ yd	.75 yd
31½"	⅞ yd	.875 yd
36"	1 yd	1.0 yd

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## Resources

Vicki Gale

Here we go again!

My next highlight for an online quilting resource is Missouri Star Quilt Company. I don't imagine this will be a new resource to very many quilters. This started as a family business in a small town in Missouri in 2008, selling a few quilting supplies and primarily offering machine quilting services. Since their town had only about 1500 residents, it soon proved to be difficult to produce enough revenue to make the business viable. They brought in a friend who was tech-savvy and started to build the business online. They decided to make pre-cut fabric bundles, cut in various shapes and sizes, featuring an array of coordinating prints from a designer fabric line. In less than four years, Missouri Star had grown to offer the largest selection of pre-cut fabrics in the world. They have also established their own YouTube channel, featuring the matriarch of the family, Jenny Doan. She has taken part in a series of professional tutorials and is now often featured in Fons & Porter Magazine. Another factor in their rapid success was the Quilter's Daily Deal in which they offer an extreme quilting deal (30% to 100%) every day of the year. The company has grown from a family interest to a thriving business employing more than 400 people. Find them and their latest deals at [missouristarquiltco.com](http://missouristarquiltco.com).

The brick-and-mortar shop that is the farthest afield, at least for me just now, is Mo's Needle and Thread in Portland. I am familiar with Portland mainly as Exit 77 off I-96 and as a halfway point between Detroit and Muskegon where we used to pass off my granddaughter for visits. Who knew there was a whole town? I discovered this shop as part of the 2020 Cabin Fever Bus Trip organized by Abbi May's. The place was quite large and offered not only quilting fabrics, supplies and services, but cross-stitch and punch-needle supplies, including framing of your cross-stitch creations. There was an extensive collection of Christmas and holiday fabric. This is where I found the backing for my Flurry Christmas quilt. What I remember most is spying the instructions for a quilt called "Walking on Sunshine". Being my usual timely self, I had dithered so long that no one, including Mo, had the fabrics. I had fallen for the line of fabrics featured (blues and yellows - my favorites!) and had been trying to assemble enough to complete the quilt. This was where I was starting to learn my way around the internet searching for them. Mo was kind enough to give me a copy of the instructions for the quilt and a coordinating table topper. My grandson moved to Portland over Easter weekend, so I know I will be visiting this shop again soon. Their address is 120 Maple Street, Portland, Michigan, 48875 and the phone is (517) 647-5430.

Coming back to the Grand Rapids area could allow for a visit to the Attic Window Quilt Shop. Not only do they stock the usual fabrics, notions, patterns and supplies but they also support several groups -- Quilts for Wheels for those in wheelchairs and Quilting for Kids with Cancer -- as well as the Happy Scrappers and Knotty Girls. In addition, they have an extensive online presence with blogs, tutorials and Pinterest. There will also be several classes to choose from and if you'd care to attend a "stitch in" with like-minded quilters, call the store and reserve a seat. There have only been two or three coming for the "stitch in", but they are hoping to see those numbers increase. Their address is 5363 Alpine, NW, Comstock Park, Michigan, 49321 and the phone number is (616) 785-3357.







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well as operating  
online. Don't forget  
them.

Just for You

*This quilt is made of cloth and thread  
To place upon your little bed  
It's not an heirloom just to keep,  
But to lie upon as you count sheep.*

*Or perhaps the floor's the perfect place  
For a doll and Teddy picnic place.  
This quilt can be anything you dream  
From Superman's cape to the robe of the queen.*

*Pretend it's a raft adrift at sea,  
Or just cuddle up when you watch TV  
So, use it up and wear it out,  
I promise I won't yell or pout.*

*Just tell me when its days are done, and I'll make another one  
just for you.  
Author Unknown*



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PALS May 2021

**Save the Date - Lakeshore Sewing Garage Sale in Wyoming - May 14, 9 AM - 5 PM**



# Come Sew With Us



## Summer is Around the Corner!

It is finally getting warmer and the snow has melted! I am sure many of you are just like us, planning work in the garden, visits to the beach, camping, and enjoying Michigan's sunny weather to the full!

Then again, this is Michigan so there are plenty of rainy days and we all know that week where it is over 90 degrees, and we would rather stay inside with the air conditioning on. That is when we SEW!

So visit us soon for all your sewing needs and begin looking forward to those rainy days. With the crafting closet full you can beat the heat with your own personal sewing retreat. (corny rhyme, but I couldn't help myself)

We love our customers. Your safety is our top priority. Thank you for adhering to our safety procedures when visiting our stores.

♥ - The Gall Sewing Family

Check Out the New... **JANOME**

### Quilt Maker Pro 20

#### Key Features

- 20" Machine Arm
- Speeds up to 2,500 SPM
- Two modes of Stitch Regulation from 4 to 24 SPI



We are happy to announce preparations are under way to bringing back **CLASSES!!** Safety will be a priority as we make plans to welcome you back to our classrooms!

**Handi Quilter Event  
Coming in August!  
Watch for updates.**



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