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June 2021

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

June 7, 2021

6:30 pm

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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Next Board Meeting

June 28, 2021 6:30pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

June 10, 2021

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From Your Chairs – Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

Thank you to everyone who felt comfortable enough to join us outside for our May outdoor meeting. It was wonderful to be together with other PALS members again. We hope, as time goes on, more and more of you will come back and join us in person. This month we will have a casual trunk show by quilting friends of one of our board members, Cindy Vogel. Please join us for another fun night together!

As we are heading into another summer season, the typical vacation months are in sight. I know many of you leave our cold state in the winter months for warmer climates. When you go for weeks or months at a time, do you take your quilting projects with you, or find new ones when you get there? I know some people take their machines and tools along with them, while others have more permanent housing where they have another machine and tools that they leave there. What about summer vacations, maybe a week or two? Do you have a hand sewing project you take along with you? I haven't done much hand quilting, but I always have a small project bag with a counted cross stitch project ready to go. It has my project, pattern, embroidery floss, and a small pair of scissors. That's all I need to have with me just in case I am ever in one place for an unplanned or extended amount of time, for an appointment, or waiting in my car during my granddaughter's dance classes. It's always nice to have something creative to do and I feel like I'm accomplishing something rather than looking at my phone for that length of time.

Wherever you travel, I hope you take your creativity with you!

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.

June

PALS will be hosting local quilting couple and friends of member Cindy Vogel, Chris and Kathy Strandberg. Before they were quilters, they were some of the most creative and artistic friends she has. They often made their own Christmas gifts for family members: woodworking, crafting and cooking. Kathy went to Cindy's friend's quilt group about 10 years ago. That next Christmas she made over 20 quilts for her family members! She was hooked!

Chris started quilting about 2 ½ years ago when his asthma prevented him from enjoying woodworking and Kathy bought him his own sewing machine.

The rest is history. They are quite a team and create unique and beautiful quilts! They will present their quilting story and a trunk show. Come out and welcome these local artists.

July

We will be presenting our QOV quilts to the state coordinator at our July 12th PALS meeting. If you have a quilt either completed or in process, please email Cathy Baker at cbaker804@yahoo.com. I am trying to get a complete inventory of our QOV donation quilts as well as see what needs to be completed for the July meeting. Thanks for keeping this cause going even though we were unable to meet!

Quilts of Valor

Information for anyone interested in joining Michigan State Coordinator's group membership for Quilts of Valor. (Lynn Lebeck has given PALS permission)

How to join:

Go to the Quilts of Valor site on-line: qovf.org and click on "**join us**"

This will take you to "**membership registration**". Click on "**individual**" and fill in information, Select "**group member \$10.00**"

Scroll down to fill in group name "**Done is better than perfect**"

Scroll and choose communication preference, then **SUBMIT**

Next fill out payment method. Check back later at qovf.org for member confirmation and your member ID number. You will be asked to create a password for signing in as a member.

Lynn renews her group membership in October each year. You may join now, and again in October; or wait until October. It is not mandatory to become a member to make/donate to Quilts of Valor. You may visit their site anytime, but there is more for members.



Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Eileen Grunstra

We have collected 98 quilts for Donation Quilts since November. Thank you, PALS quilters for your loving donations! Now that we are meeting again, we will have quilt kits and supplies available at the meetings. We have full kits cut from Charm Squares and Jellyroll strips. We also have labels.

If you need batting, please email me the size of your quilt and I will precut it at home and bring it to the meeting.

My email is cindyjo56@frontier.com Thank you for supporting our efforts to make quilts for our community.



Quilt Backing Reference Chart

We recommend cutting your backing fabric at least 10" larger than the quilt top width and height to accommodate longarm quilting. Your personal longarm quilter might recommend a different measurement.

	Mattress Size	Example Quilt Size	Backing Yardage*	Pricing Diagram
Crib 	27" x 52"	36" x 36"	2 1/4 yards	
Lap 	N/A	48" x 62"	3 1/4 yards	
Twin 	39" x 75"	63" x 87"	5 1/2 yards	
Full 	54" x 75"	78" x 87"	7 1/2 yards	
Queen 	60" x 80"	84" x 92"	7 3/4 yards	
King 	76" x 80"	102" x 102"	9 3/4 yards	

*Yardage is calculated for 42" wide fabric. If you wish to use 108" wide fabric, you will need to recalculate backing amounts.

Basic Backing Instructions:

1. Remove selvages.
2. Starch, iron, cut and piece your backing fabric.
3. Use a 1/2" seam allowance when sewing the fabric pieces together.
4. Press the seam open.
5. Your backing is ready to get quilted!



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Needle Sizes Chart - Examples

European	American	How It's Written
60	8	60/8
65	9	65/9
70	10	70/10
75	11	75/11
80	12	80/12
90	14	90/14
100	16	100/16
110	18	110/18

Bigger Number = Bigger Needle

Change Needles When:

- Switching fabric types
- Threads breaking
- Popping sound when puncturing fabric
- Skipped or uneven stitches
- Large punctures in the fabric

Upcoming Michigan Quilt Shows



Friday, July 9, 2021 8am through
Saturday, July 10, 4pm
\$7.00 USD
Marshall United Methodist Church
721 US Highway 27 North
Marshall, Michigan 49068

Over 100 quilts, Vendors, Country Store, Raffle Quilt, Silent Auction for Mini Quilts, and Gift Baskets. Same weekend as Marshall's "My Garden Tour".

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 for entry information and an "entry/loan" form. Let's join the fun and share your story!

Resources

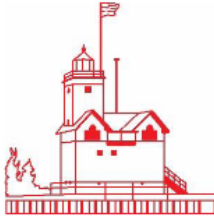
Vicki Gale

Continuing our search for resources, known and unknown, I can recommend Olie and Evie, a shop that started as strictly online in 2013 but then became a traditional business in 2018, setting up shop in the family farmhouse where the owner grew up. Besides selling quality quilting cottons and notions, they also do long arm quilting. If you want to visit, it will take you a while to make the trip, they are located in Lewisville, Idaho. If you want to make the journey, contact them about classes and retreats which are offered and make it a real adventure! My contact with them came about as I tried to locate a particular fabric collection I saw in American Patchwork and Quilting. They didn't even have it in yet but were willing to take my order and ship it to me when it came in. You can check out their website: olieandevie.com

This month's "brick and mortar" businesses are closer than those in the past. I recently visited The General Store in Whitehall. Their quilt fabric collection is tucked into a room on the side of the main display area. While the offerings are not as numerous as the larger quilt shops, there are certainly enough to choose for the makings of your next quilt. Available here are completed quilts for sale, made by members of the owner's family, all of which are quilted by Darla Parks, both edge-to-edge and custom. You will find Phyllis at The General Store, located at 103 E. Colby Street, Whitehall, Mi. 49461, phone (231) 894-2164.

Another nearby business is the New Ewe Yarn and Quilt Shoppe in Newaygo. If you are one of those gifted folks who knits and/or crochets, in addition to quilting, this is the place for you! Here you can get yarns such as Berroco, Sidar, Blue Sky and others for all your knitting and crocheting projects. For those of us who have not expanded our skill set to include these, you will find a wonderful selection of fabrics by Moda, Riley Blake, Maywood, Henry Glass and many more. In addition to the array of fabrics, are precuts, quilting books and patterns, quilting kits, and notions. They encourage you to come and browse -- the coffee is always brewing. They are located at 59 W State Road, Newaygo, Mi. 49337, phone (231) 652-5262.





Big Red Quilters' Guild Lecture & Workshops August 16-18, 2021

Featuring: *Rayna Gillman*

Big Red Quilters Guild is excited to present Rayna Gillman! She has taught internationally helping quilters improvise and create original quilts without patterns. Author of "Create Your Own Improv Quilts" & "Create Your Own Free-Form Quilts" her 8/16 lecture is entitled "What If".



Full Day Workshop option #1:

NO STRINGS ATTACHED - Tues., August 17



You'll fall in love with these modern versions of the string quilt! Combine strips with negative space and be ready for a surprise or two! Your granny wouldn't recognize these new versions of the classic string quilts. Modern and contemporary or wild and funky! Choose the size and color of your background; add strings in all solids, prints, or a combination. Use a limited palette or go wild with scraps. No two blocks or quilts alike!

Full Day Workshop option #2:

CINDERELLA QUILTS: EVERYTHING OLD IS NEW AGAIN - Wed., 8/18



Leftovers you don't know what to do with? Traditional blocks from another era? Experiments that didn't work? Get them out of hiding and go modern! Make your rotary cutter into a magic wand! Slice, insert, add, subtract, and transform these old blocks and tops into exciting new work in a fresh modern setting.

From this

To this

Cost for each class: \$30 members, \$35 non-members

Class location: Tiara Yachts, 725 E. 40th St., Holland, MI



All in-person gatherings sponsored by the Big Red Quilters' Guild will align with prevailing guidance for safe, in-person meetings. There is ample room at the meeting and workshop venue to safely social distance.

For workshop forms and more information about Big Red Quilters Guild, visit us at: **Bigredquiltersguild.org** or email - **bigredquiltersguild@gmail.com**



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Valid through June 30, 2021

Offer not applicable to classes.

PALS June 2021



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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