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September 2021

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

September 13, 2021

7:15 pm

Lighthouse Quilt Guild by ZOOM

### **2021 PALS Executive Board**

#### **Chairpersons\*\***

Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

#### **Co-Chairpersons\*\***

Unfilled

#### **Secretary\*\***

Unfilled

#### **Treasurer\*\***

Suzette Mattson

#### **Asst. Treasurer**

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Deb Taylor

#### **Resources\*\***

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### **Committees**

#### **Marketing**

Marilyn Anderson

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LuAnne Sloop & Niki Studabaker

#### **Historian**

Joy Lamphere

#### **Donation Quilts**

Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin

Eileen Grunstra

#### **Library**

Barb Reynolds

#### **Beekeeper**

Margarete Fochtman

#### **Lighthouse Liaison**

Margarete Fochtman

### **Next Board Meeting**

September 27, 2021 6:00pm

### **Next Newsletter Deadline**

September 10, 2021

[quilterscafe278@yahoo.com](mailto:quilterscafe278@yahoo.com)

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

Where has the summer gone? Anyone else feeling this way? How is it possible that we are nearing the next season already?

In between the days of rain and thunderstorms in August, a few board members gathered together to clean and organize our PALS storage unit. It needed to be done. We moved totes, reorganized totes, consolidated totes, swept the floor, cleared cobwebs, created inventory lists to keep inside each tote and for our guild's records. We labeled each tote and the shelves as well. We purchased a few more totes to get rid of some cardboard boxes and keep things clean and safe. Also used some clear trash bags to put around some things that wouldn't fit inside totes. It was a very long, hot day but I think each of us is feeling good about what we accomplished. Thanks to each of you who were able to help!

Do you clean your sewing space up each time after you finish a project? Reorganize all the leftover fabrics and put your threads and other tools away where they belong? Or do you move right into the next project and push those leftover things to a corner to wait until another time? I'm still working on that. I tend to be more like the latter most times. I feel there aren't enough hours for me to sew, so the cleaning up and reorganizing has to wait sometimes!

And maybe I just need more space or other clever ways to organize. I think this topic needs more discussion. If you have some great ideas that work for you, please share! Maybe we can have a PALS University segment on this.

Blessings to all, we are so thankful to have this guild for our creative outlet!

Jami & LouAnn

## **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.**

## September

Lighthouse Quilt Guild will host this year. They will be having a ZOOM lecture with Ann Shaw: "Visualizing Quilts". The lecture will be at 7:15 pm on Monday, September 13. Call Diane at 941-594-3467 to get the Zoom link. See page 3 for more information.

## October

We will have a presentation by Chris & Kathy Strandberg, local quilters, who will share their quilting journey with us. They are lifelong Muskegon residents. Kathy is a retired nurse who got interested in quilting when Cindy Vogel invited her to join the Whitehall quilt group about 10 years ago. Chris is a craftsman and owner of CNC Floor Covering. Chris became a quilter 2-1/2 years ago when Kathy bought him his own sewing machine. They have both become phenomenal quilters and are happy to share their quilts, their quilting journey and quilt design tips with us at our October PALS meeting. There will be a BIG door prize, so plan on joining us on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.



## Marketing

Your marketing table is open for business. All proceeds go back to PALS to help pay guild expenses. Marketing accepts and sells magazines, books, patterns and fabric. Please keep your marketing table in mind as you sort your quilting items. Bring items to the marketing table and we will sort them. New items coming soon, so check the table monthly.

## Marilyn Anderson

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2021 “MONDAY” ANN SHAW LECTURE ON VISUALIZING QUILTS WITH LIGHTHOUSE QUILT GUILD

“This lecture presents an overview of my approach to designing quilts and how differing choices can influence the look of a quilt. A series of examples illustrate my design process, from creating a pattern to unusual fabric choices. I am happy to answer questions from the audience during my presentation.” (1 hour)

Below are some examples of her patterns with freezer paper piecing technique. Her workshop will also be the same week. Sept. 14th and Sept. 16th. We will be working on learning her technique with the leaf patterns. The lecture will be at 7:15 pm on Monday, Sept 13, call Diane at 941-594-3467 to get the Zoom link.



### SEPTEMBER 2021 WORKSHOP

### Leaf (2 day) Workshop with Ann Shaw via Zoom



Quilt Design Basics: Leaf (2 day) Leaves are a perennial favorite for quilt blocks among quilters – autumnal leaves, Christmas holly, hosta leaves and many others all make great quilt blocks or small quilts.

We are considering her foliage workshop as that seems a good start and the most versatile. Please check out her description on her webpage. We will need a very strong commitment from at least 12 people to run the workshop. The cost will be \$50.00 plus the pattern fee of \$10.00. The workshop will be divided up into two sessions, each will be 90-120 minutes. So, if you are interested please let us know and what time of day would be best, please be as flexible as possible as Ann is in Washington State, a 3- hour time difference. For more information and to sign up for the class, email Wendy Rice at [wendyrice48@gmail.com](mailto:wendyrice48@gmail.com) or Dianne Gustafson at [bdgusto@comcast.net](mailto:bdgusto@comcast.net). Members from South Bay Quilters Guild in California have taken the workshop and loved it. See their projects on this page. <http://southbayquiltersguild.org/workshops.html>

## Vacant Board Positions

We are in immediate need of someone to fill our Secretary position. Our treasurer, Suzette Mattson, has received the paperwork for the renewal of the non-profit 501c3 status for our guild. This has to be returned by October 1<sup>st</sup>. It requires a name for President (Chairperson), Treasurer, and Secretary. Please talk with your friends and see if any of you might be able to give this a try. We won't hold you hostage if it just doesn't work out for you!

The other positions that are still vacant are: Co-Chairperson, Assistant Treasurer, along with Quilt Show Chairpersons (2-3 people) and Quilt Show Co-Chairpersons (2-3 people). All these positions need to be filled asap. The Co-Chairperson will be expected to fill the Guild Chairperson position for 2022. And at that time, we will need a new Co-Chairperson. These positions are for a year-long term. We will take nominations until our November 8<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting and have a membership vote at our December 6<sup>th</sup> general membership meeting. We have job descriptions for each position if you'd like to look those over. You may also contact us with questions or send in your name and desired position.

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Suzette – [themattsons@hotmail.com](mailto:themattsons@hotmail.com)

Thank you for helping your guild! We look forward to working with YOU!

## Donation Quilts

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

It is getting to be that time of year again ladies. In October, we will distribute the quilts we have been collecting all year to the agencies in our community. If you would like to sew with us please come to our Sewing Bee. We will still be collecting quilts at the October PALS meeting.

Sewing Bee to make Donation Quilts

Thursday September 9<sup>th</sup>

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

At Cindy Vogel's home

5845 Duck Lake Rd., Whitehall

Stop by and "shop" at our store, pick up batting or a kit or come and sew with us.

Bring your sewing machine and supplies and a sack lunch

Desserts and beverages will be provided.

R.S.V.P. 231-557-4224 (call or text if you are coming to sew)



## Upcoming Quilt Activities

### **2021 Coopersville Farm Museum Quilt Exhibit**

“Quilts & Their Stories” will be on exhibit 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.

Come and visit the Coopersville Farm Museum from August 3-September 30, to see their quilt exhibit and be inspired. Maybe you will see a quilt or two that you would like to try and also see the “Medallion” exhibit.

### **Tucson Quilting Retreats**

[QuiltingbyPalma@gmail.com](mailto:QuiltingbyPalma@gmail.com) or [www.TucsonQuiltingRetreats.com](http://www.TucsonQuiltingRetreats.com) or 360-798-7373

Dates available:

2021: Oct 17-23, Nov 14-20

2022: Jan 9-15, Jan 23-29, Feb 6-12, Feb 20-26, Mar 6-12, Mar 20-26, Apr 10-16.

See Suzette Mattson for a look at this brochure.

\* As many as 8 people per session.

\* May bring own machine but Bernina machines provided

\* 24 hr. sewing available

\* Walking trails around area and 30 min. away from Sagauo National Park.

\* Lodging in 2 bedrooms: #1 – twin over full (with stairs), #2 – queen, 2 ½ bath

\* One-day quilt shops and lunch is included for all.

\*\* Plan #1: “I want It All” \$1000 (Sewing amenities provided; Indoor heated spa; Indoor/outdoor eating-breakfast, lunch, dinner; lodging; shuttle from Tucson Int. Airport)

\*\*Plan #2: “I’ll Be Staying Somewhere Else” \$600 (Sewing amenities provided. Only daily lunch provided)

- Bring your own kits/fabrics and sewing supplies.  
Available ½ day mystery project: \$100 non-refundable; fabric list will be provided.





QUILTING

# 17 QUILTING TIPS FOR BEGINNERS

1. Choose an easy pattern
2. Buy a pre-cut quilt kit
3. Pre-wash all fabric
4. Use uniform fabric
5. Measure pieces evenly
6. Always backstitch
7. Buy plenty of fabric
8. Press your fabric the right way
9. Use the same type of fabric
10. Use consistent seams
11. Choose contrasting colors
12. Use a big mat and ruler
13. Get experienced help
14. Change your needle
15. Change your blade
16. Measure and measure again
17. Don't sweat the small stuff

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### Discount for Guild Members

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Valid through Sept. 30, 2021

*Offer not applicable to classes.*

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## Come Sew With Us

Are you interested in learning more about longarm quilting? Ready to tackle free-motion quilting? Do you love rulers? But are you still looking for new ways to use them? If you answered yes to any of these questions then register today! During this event, Handi Quilter National Educators will explore getting started with long arm quilting, free-motion quilting, rulers, plus an introduction to the Pro-Stitcher! We so excited to host this event and we cant wait to see you all there!



Judy Hays

Adam Rateliff



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