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October 2021

## **PALS Quilt Guild Meeting**

October 4, 2021

6:30 pm

## **Fellowship Reformed Church**

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

### **2021 PALS Executive Board**

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Jami Harwood & LouAnn Mrotz

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Margarete Fochtman

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

Are you ready for cooler days, sweatshirts, high school football and marching band, bonfires and falling leaves? Fall is on the way. I have noticed some of the trees are starting to turn colors. Fall means we quilters can now stay indoors a little more and work on projects we have put off during the summer.

We have some exciting meetings coming up. Our October meeting brings quilters Chris and Kathy Strandberg with a trunk show and exciting ideas to share. We will also have our Breast Cancer Quilt Raffle with the chance to win a beautiful quilt made by one of our board members. The money collected will go to cancer research.

November brings our PALS University Classes. We have a few instructors lined up with some new techniques and helpful product suggestions. November is also Membership Month. Be sure to fill out the membership form found in the newsletter and turn it in at the November meeting. We will have a membership drawing for a basket of quilting goodies.

Happy Fall everyone!

Jami & LouAnn

**Next Board Meeting**  
October 25, 2021 6:00pm  
**Next Newsletter Deadline**  
October 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.**

## 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>.



## Cancer Quilt Raffle

This is Hope designed by Gudrun Erla of GE designs. Hope for a better outcome for Cancer and for this pandemic! It was made a year and a half ago using the donated fabrics from a meeting three years ago. The pandemic got in the way. PALS will raffle it off on Monday, October 4, 2021. Bring your dollars and let's support a cure for cancer by purchasing tickets for this raffle quilt. No prior ticket sales.



## November

November will bring PALS University with members presenting their favorite tips and techniques. Watch for more details in the next newsletter. These are always fun!

## Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Eileen Grunstra & Rhesa Martin

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Sewing Bee held on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Lots of fun and laughter was had by all. Many beautiful fabrics were petted, cut-up and sewn into wonderful quilts.

October is a big month for our donation quilts! We will be sorting all the quilts we have collected all year and deliver them to the various agencies here in Muskegon that service children and families.

Please, if you haven't already donated a quilt, we will still be accepting quilts for this year at our October PALS guild meeting.



# November is Membership Month

## EASY INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Clip the dues form below.
2. Fill it out completely-please print all information clearly, especially your email address.
3. Write a check for \$25, payable to PALS, or bring the exact amount (\$25) in cash. If you would like the newsletter mailed to you, it will be \$30.
4. Bring the form and your payment to the November guild meeting.
5. Turn in at the membership table.

Once again, we will be holding a drawing for a beautiful gift basket with a lot of quilting goodies. Every person who renews their membership dues at the November general meeting will be entered into the drawing which will be held at the end of the meeting.

Our dues help with the cost of our speakers/instructors, our summer picnic, our Christmas potluck, and many, many more things that our guild does every year. We are so fortunate to have such an active guild, and much of this is due to our members paying their dues in a timely fashion. Dues can also be mailed to: PALS, P.O. Box 5373, North Muskegon, MI 49445

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FOR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR: Chair Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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## **Letter from a member**

Hi!! I joined PALS a year before the pandemic. I was impressed with the lively meetings, the caring about community and each other. There was always something happening and lots of opportunity to improve skills, workshops, member sharing, etc. A vital group of people who shared a passion for quilting. In 2020 we almost lost the group. Our board tried hard to continue, it's difficult when there is fear about getting together. They have done their best to keep us as a group; there is a need for new officers, and it's been very hard to find volunteers. (I volunteered to be Secretary, my hearing problem allowed too many errors, I had to resign and look for other ways to help) I care deeply about the members I've met and shared with. I do not want this group to "die" for lack of volunteers, I admire those who have worked and hung on past the dates for new officers. I have seen their frustration when trying to get new volunteers. One small group of dedicated people cannot keep us going by themselves. Please consider volunteering to keep our 100 plus members involved and as enthusiastic as the group I joined!!  
Blessings All, Margarete Fochtman

## **Vacant Board Positions**

Jean Anthony and Susan Baker have volunteered to fill our Secretary and Assistant Treasurer positions, respectively. The board has approved this move for the remainder of this year. We have a couple people that have accepted a nomination for Chair(s) but we are still accepting nominations for this position. We will accept nominations and will vote on these positions at our December membership meeting. The Co-Chairperson will be expected to fill the Guild Chairperson position for 2023. At that time, we will need a new Co-Chairperson. These positions are for a year-long term. Also, we are looking for Chair(s) and Co-Chair(s) for the 2023 Threads of Friendship Quilt Show. 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.

Jami – [stampwithjami@gmail.com](mailto:stampwithjami@gmail.com), LouAnn – [louannmrotz@gmail.com](mailto:louannmrotz@gmail.com),  
Suzette – [themattsons@hotmail.com](mailto:themattsons@hotmail.com)

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

## **Marketing**

## **Marilyn Anderson**

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.

## Upcoming Quilt Activities

Niles Piecemakers Quilt Guild  
"Quilted Treasures for Generations to Come"  
Quilt Show 2021  
Oct. 15th (10am-5pm)  
Oct. 16th (10am-4pm)  
Admission \$5

Hope Community Church  
2390 Lake Street  
Niles, MI 49120

[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)

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WYOMING - Wed., 10/6; 5:30 - 8:30 PM



### Discount for Guild Members

Show us this ad and receive 15% off your total purchase of regularly priced items.

Offer not applicable to classes.

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# Come Sew With Us

## SEWING INSTRUCTORS WANTED

### We need you!

When COVID-19 hit last year, many of our teachers decided this was the right time to retire. We are so grateful to have had amazing teachers supporting us through the years and we wish them all the best in their retirement.

But now it's time to get classes in full swing again at all our Gall Sewing locations. To do this we need your help. If you love to sew, quilt, embroider, or craft, and you would like to share that joy with others, we would love to have you as part of the Gall Sewing Family! Call today and help us bring the fun back to the class rooms!

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