



Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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June 2022

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

June 6, 2022

6:30 pm

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

2022 PALS Executive Board

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Cindy Vogel & Suzette Mattson

2023 Quilt Show Chairs

Kathy Myers, Connie Townsend & Kay

Wilton

Next Board Meeting

June 27, 6:00pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

June 10, 2022

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From Your Chairs – Sue Webb & Lisa Schooley

Crossroads

It has been a very difficult time for most of us over the last few years. Covid made it impossible for PALS to meet in person for over a year. The controversy over if a person should or should not get the vaccine, wear a mask, and when to wear a mask has left more than a few people unsure about attending meetings. Membership pre-Covid was over 200, now we are a little over 100.

Around 1997 a group of like-minded quilters decided to expand their small circle into a quilt guild. They chose the name Patchers at the LakeShore and became a 501c3 non-profit organization. For over 25 years PALS has offered friendship, learning opportunities, encouragement, and support to our members. We have also given back to our community through the donation of quilts to many organizations: baby quilts, Quilts of Valor and the cancer quilt raffled off each year to support breast cancer research, to mention a few.

We are at significant risk of losing all of this. We are a 501c3 organization, therefore, we have specific rules we must follow to retain that designation. We are required to have a chairperson or chairpersons. A form must be submitted to the government, listing next year's officers. We have struggled with finding people willing to volunteer for most board positions, but especially Chairperson.

We are at the halfway mark for the year, and we still do not have Co-Chairs, aka next year's Chairperson in training. Lisa and I are not able to continue as Chairpersons next year. If someone or a couple of someones do not step up the guild will have to be dissolved. This is a much harder process than creating a 501c3 organization. I know it has been said several times, but I will repeat. It is not a difficult job. You have a whole board of friends to help and support you. You will have months to learn the job as co-chairs. You do not have to be an expert at "Roberts Rules of Order", or an enthusiastic extrovert. So, I leave you with this thought: if you do not want to see our guild disappear, "If not now, when, if not you, who?"

Lisa Schooley & Sue Webb

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.

PALS Tentative 2022 Calendar of Events

June 6- Quilted Memories presentation

Guest lecturer and classes are being provided to the guild and to the public in general, by Jill Twiss-McFadden of Quilted Memories. Penny Haren from Creative Grids will be here to share her expertise with many of the rulers/templates available from Creative Grids. She will have a presentation for the guild at our usual meeting on June 6, 2022. She will then teach 2 class sessions on Tuesday, June 7, as well as present a different trunk show between classes. First class runs from 9 am to noon and the second from 1 pm to 4 pm. These classes will be held at Quilted Memories. Cost is \$25 per class; you will need to call Jill directly (231-893-0096) to sign up.

July 11- Presentation by The Combat Quilter - Andrew Lee

Our guest lecturer will be Andrew Lee, known as “The Combat Quilter”. He is a relatively new person to quilting, but his story is fueled by love and resiliency. Andrew is a U.S. combat veteran who served two tours in Iraq. He has discovered that quilting helps him cope with his symptoms of PTSD. It also allows him to create quilts for Quilts of Valor, for other veterans, who have been touched by war. Due to the first Monday of July falling on the Fourth, our general membership meeting will be on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the **Orchard View Community Ed. Bldg., 1765 Ada Ave., Muskegon**. At this meeting, not only will you hear Andrew’s story and see some of his incredible quilts but at least ten veterans will be presented with their own Quilt of Valor. Cash donations will be accepted in lieu of an admission charge with all proceeds going to the Quilts of Valor program. On Wednesday, July 13, Andrew will teach a class on borders and bindings at Quilted Memories. The class will be from 9 am to 1 pm. Cost is \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. Signup will be available at the June meeting.

August 1- Picnic- Elks Park

September 12 - Lynn Carson Harris Workshop & Lecture

In September, we will be welcoming Lynn Carson Harris of The Little Red Hen to our shared meeting with Lighthouse Guild. She will speak and present a trunk show at our September meeting and teach a class during that same day (9 am to 4 pm) at Quilted Memories. Her class will be on tiny piecing – precision perfect. You will learn tips and tricks that make working small easier. Lynn will show you how to piece tiny stars, baskets, and other small blocks. With her tips for working small, you will be able to add a bit of tiny sparkle to your own quilt designs or make your own quilt completely from tiny blocks. Cost is \$65 for members of PALS and Lighthouse and \$75 for non-members. You can sign up in June or July at the meeting.

October 3- Breast Cancer quilt raffle, Barn Quilt Make & Take with Sue Webb

November 7- PALS University, Membership Raffle Basket

December 5- Christmas Party, Toys for Tots

Hospitality

Suzette Mattson & Cindy Vogel

“Happy Birthday, To You!!” If your birthday happens in the month of June, please bring a dozen or more treats or cookies to the general meeting on June 6. It would be helpful if they could be wrapped. PALS will provide coffee and water.

Membership

Niki Studabaker & LuAnne Sloop

May membership meeting saw approximately 45 attendees and 8 guests. Just a reminder, when you renew your membership, please make sure that you fill out a slip to turn in with your payment. Once that payment goes to the Treasurer, the slip is the only way membership knows when you paid and how you paid.

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. Marketing has some fun mystery packages for sale. Stop by and pick one out. We are looking forward to another on-line catalog to purchase PALS clothing.

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhesa Martin & Barb Pellerin

May was a good month for Donation Quilts! We collected 10 quilts at our Drive- By Drop Off and 38 quilts at our May guild meeting. That makes our count total 139 quilts donated by quilters since November. Good job everyone!

We are hoping to reach our goal of 200 quilts by October. You can help us reach that by donating. We are collecting baby sized quilts, toddler sized quilts, and small lap sized quilts to be used for older children, teens, and moms. We could especially use more of the lap sized quilts for the older children.

If you need batting to finish your quilt, we have it. Please text or call me with the size you need, and I will cut it for you **Cindy Vogel- cell 231-5457-4224**



Coopersville Quilt Exhibit

This coming August and September will be the 21st Annual Exhibit: **Quilts and Their Stories**. The theme will be “patriotic” quilts. You do not need to be a member of the Coopersville guild to participate. There is a “loan” form that needs to be filled out.

Drop off for quilts: July 5-16 (Tues., Thurs., or Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.) at the Coopersville Farm Museum, downtown Coopersville.

They will be on display all of August and September and can be picked up October 4, 6 or 8. I participated last year, and it was a lot of fun to see all the other wonderful quilts that were displayed there. (See me or call/email me: Suzette Mattson: 231-894-3555 or themattsons@hotmail.com)

PALS Board Positions

Please consider this position to help continue our Guild. As a 501c3 charitable group, we are required to fill this position each year to maintain our tax-exempt status.

Co-chair job description

These are the responsibilities, in brief, for this position:

- . Conduct any/all meetings in chairperson’s absence.
- . Attend all meetings and learn set-up, clean-up and building alarm system.
- . At year-end, reserve with the church secretary, the dates for the following year’s board and regular meetings.
- . Write a short article for the monthly newsletter.
- . Coordinate chairperson’s end-of-the-year thank you gift.
- . Update the co-chair notebooks

The sooner we fill this position, the more that person will be able to learn the responsibilities of the chairperson, which will be that person’s job the following year. As a 501c3 organization, we are required to have this position filled. See, or contact, Suzette Mattson at 231-894-3555 for more details. This is the best (and easiest) way to learn more about our guild, how it has been run in the past, and how the guild can operate like a well-oiled machine when all the board members help each other and work together as a team for the common good.

Quilt Show 2023

Kathy Myers, Connie Townsend & Kay Wilton

Our quilt show, on May 12 and 13, 2023 is one year away and planning is slowly taking place. We still need someone or a team of people to volunteer to shadow the current chairs. That is an excellent way to learn exactly what needs to be done. If you, or you and 2 or 3 of your friends, would like to plan the show for 2025, please let us know. We also ask that while you are cleaning up your quilting space in the next year you set aside quilt items for the quilt show. Please, quilting items only as space is limited. The ladies in charge of the boutique will give guidelines for items in the following months. The leads that we need are listed below:

1. Co-Chairs are a must for continuity for the quilt show in 2025. They shadow the chairs by attending the quilt show meetings and attending the quilt show. This committee position is great for 2 or 3 friends.
2. Boutique is a fun job again for a bee or 2-3 people. It involves taking in and pricing the donations from guild members. They will be setting up the boutique room and handling sales during the show with volunteer help. The guild has a storage unit that items can be stored in until show time.
3. Set up and take down involves setting up the quilt racks at the church on Thursday morning and packing them up again on Saturday afternoon with the help of guild volunteers.
4. Show mom is a good job for 1 or 2 people. Your responsibility would be to arrange to have coffee/water and donuts for the workers on Thursday morning. You would also make sure a pizza lunch was available Thursday afternoon.

All these positions are important for another great show for PALS. We need everyone's help so please consider volunteering your time.

QOV Sew-In Dates



Our Quilts of Valor sewing bee has a new name - Shinning Stars.

We have been having a great time gathering to make quilts for our esteemed veterans. Everything is on track for the upcoming QOV presentation on July 11th. If you are a long-armed, we have a few tops that need to be finished. If you are someone that enjoys binding, we could use your help also. Please contact Robin Greve 894-6661. Every 4th Saturday each month we are at Abbi Mays 10-2:00. The following dates we will be at Lakeshore Sewing from 10-2:00. June 9th, July 19th, and Aug 11th.

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Yarn	Machine	Fiber	Thread
Edges	Bobbin	Craft	Felt
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Embroider	Sewing	Quilt	Kits



What is the best stitch length for machine quilting?

For straight stitching, it is advised to set your machine's stitch length to **2.5 to 3.0 or about 8-12 stitches per inch**. This range works quite well for most of the machine quilting but there are always exceptions when you make a rule.

For threads with sparkle or shine, use a longer stitch length.

Can I quilt without a walking foot?

If you do not have a walking foot and can use a darning foot, **you should still be able to do machine quilting**. Some quilters like to safety-pin baste the layers together when they machine quilt.



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Schmetz Demo Day

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Muskegon Location

Confused about what needle to use? What do all those numbers mean on the needle package? Is changing the needle really important before it breaks? What needle should I use? Successful sewing is often about paying attention to the little things - like the needle in your sewing machine. Get the low-down about how this little piece of steel can solve some very BIG problems, including broken threads, skipped stitches and puckered fabrics.

Annual Garage Sale

Sewing machines from 99 cents! Sergers from \$29. It's our ever popular GARAGE SALE in Muskegon on May 25th. Yes, there are sewing machines priced from 99 cents and Yes there are sergers priced from \$29. They have been checked over, tuned up, and tested to be sure they run nicely. Over 110 machines, sergers, and embroidery machines up for sale. Sale starts at 9am. Please join us and let's get Garage Sailing!



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