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January 2023

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

No January Meeting

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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Next Board Meeting

January 30, 6:00pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

January 10, 2023

quilterscave278@yahoo.com

From Your Chairs – Lisa Schooley & Barb Reynolds

Happy New Year to you!

Have you made any resolutions for this year? I try to make resolutions that I know can be accomplished. Like, “What quilt will I want to enter in the 2023 quilt show?” or “What quilts that have been started. Do I want to finish this year?” Are there charity projects you want to do this year? How about taking a position on the 2023-2024 PALS Board - Assistant Treasurer or Resources? What classes would you like to take this year that are offered by the Guild? Stop by the committee tables before the meeting and learn more.

This coming year I am focused on major decluttering. Part of that is dealing with a big bag of leftover fabric from completed projects. I am also finally going to put together a binder with a page for every quilt I have made, complete with a photo, scraps of fabric and notes about when, why and who they were made for.

Happy Quilting,
Lisa Schooley & Barb Reynolds

Meeting Cancellation Information

In case of inclement weather, notifications will be sent to WZZM-TV and WOOD-TV stations. If possible, an email blast will be sent to members who receive their newsletters via email.

PALS Tentative 2023 Calendar of Events

January 2- No Meeting

February 6- Joy Lamphere- Top Stitch Piecing & Lecture

Class Cost: \$50.00 per Person

Class Location: Quilted Memories

Day of the Class there is a \$10 materials fee for pattern, freezer paper and foundation (paid to instructor at class). This fee is in addition to the class cost.



March 6- Sue Cortese-How to Judge Quilts- Lecture, Wool Class with Lisa Schooley

Class will be \$40.00 Full Kit Included.

Sign Ups starting in December

Max 20 people in the class.

From 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 pm

Fellowship Reformed Church

Classrooms 20 & 21

Please bring a lunch or you can pick up a lunch.

Blackbird in the Berries pattern by Stacy West of Buttermilk Basin



April 3- Open

May 1- Needle Lady- Tentative

June 5- Tara-Calliope- Class & Lecture- Tentative

July - Nancy Roelfsema- Class & Lecture- New York Beauty

August 7- Picnic at the Elk's Park.

September 4- Joint meeting at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

October 2- Jill- Quilted Memories, Giving out Donation Quilts & Raffle Cancer Quilt.

November 6-Open- Membership Basket

December 4- Christmas Party Potluck, Toys for Tots, Gift Basket for Donation Quilts

A Quilters call for Help!!

Hi, I just received a phone call from Ulana (coordinator for Ukrainians coming into Warren, MI). They just got in 250 refugees. Of those, 120 are children so she asked if I had or could get more quilts. There will be another 250 refugees arriving at the end of January. I have 10 quilts on hand. If it is possible for any of you to make quilt tops no larger than 42 x 52 that would be great!!! I do not care what design is, or pattern or color. Just so long as it not larger than 42 x 52. (2 fit on long arm together). You can even use quilt panels for the quilt. I will be happy to quilt them if you can make the tops. I know that we will not be able to make 120 quilts in a month's time, but anything we can do will be wonderful for those children.

As you may recall, for the quilts earlier this year, we completed the whole quilt and then they were quilted by Annette Allen from our guild or members of the church quilted some. Annette leaves right after Christmas to winter in FL. Other quilt groups/sewers are also being asked to help. A few shortcuts and suggestions follow. Originally, we tried to make a dozen different patchwork blocks which took too-o long. We're totally open for ideas on how to produce quantity over intricate patchwork. Below are a few ideas, but anything you feel comfortable making will be great.

Some examples:

Easiest of all, have an appropriate children's design printed panel, add borders to suggested size of 42x52".

1. Three simple 12" blocks across by four down with 3" borders = 42x52" top
2. Twelve simple 9" blocks with 2" sashing & 3" border = 41x52" top
3. Use 6" squares - 7 across by 8 down = 42x48" or 6 blocks across by 7 down with borders for a 42x48" quilt.
4. An easy quilt is the Split Rail Fence. For those not familiar with this pattern, it is three light, medium & dark strips of fabric. For 12" blocks, cut 4-1/2" strips across the width of fabric. Sew strips together. Cut strips every 12-1/2" across sewn strips. Arrange 3 across, 4 down with dark giving diagonal look for 36" x 48". Add 3" border brings it up to 42x52" suggested size. Or, if you want to use smaller strips, you need 20 blocks to finish 9-1/2" block. Cut 3-1/2" strips. Follow above instructions to assemble.
5. Some of the earlier quilts we made used 3 block shapes: cut 12 of each of three: cut 4-1/2" x 12-1/2", 4-1/2"x8-1/2" and 8x8". Sew last two together to add to 4-1/2" strip for 12-1/2" block.

It would be helpful if you include coordinating back fabric and binding. If you don't have enough coordinating fabric, I'll check my stash. Batting is being donated by the Grand Rapids DAR. Cindy's group is quilting for us.

Other groups are being sent similar requests to help. If you have questions, please contact Betty. Let her know when you have a top ready so she can connect with you. Or she is open to other ideas where you might help during whatever time permits during this busy holiday season. She'll try to be as flexible as schedule permits.

Betty at 616-842-3304

Donation Quilts

Cindy Vogel, Rhessa Martin & Sharon Babinger

We are having a Saturday Sewing day on
Saturday, January 21st

From 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 pm
Fellowship Reformed Church
Classrooms 20 & 21



Come sew with us. We will be sewing donation quilts for children and mothers in the shelters and for children in foster care.

Bring your sewing machine and sewing supplies, a project to work on or we will have kits available for you to sew. The classroom has irons, ironing boards, ample space and cutting tables. Bring yourself and a snack or lunch. We will be parking on the east side of the building.

Quilt Show

Kathy Myers, Connie Townsend & Kay Wilton

We are currently collecting items for the PALS Quilt Show in 2023. All donations can be given to Marilyn Anderson at the Marketing table or by calling a committee person to have the items picked up (information below). Please make sure all material and items are clean. Please let the Marketing table know if the item/s are for the Marketing table or the Quilt Show.

As you can see, we have added the General Store to the title of the booth. New next year we will set aside an area for members to sell their handmade items for profit with a portion of the money going to the Guild:

- *Only quilted items allowed
- *Only members can enter their items
- *The member will price their own merchandise
- *25% of the sale goes back to the Guild

Suggested ideas: Bags, Lap Quilts, Baby Quilts, Holiday Placemats, Coasters, Novelty Hot Mitts and Hot Pads, Mugs Rugs and Table Runners. Please contact a committee member with your ideas so we do not end up with two hundred bowl Koozies. Due to limited space, we may have to limit the number of items in the General Store. More information to come in the next newsletters. For questions please contact: Marilyn Anderson 231-788-5098, Nancy Boxer 231-252-5337, or Cindy Vogel 231-557-4224

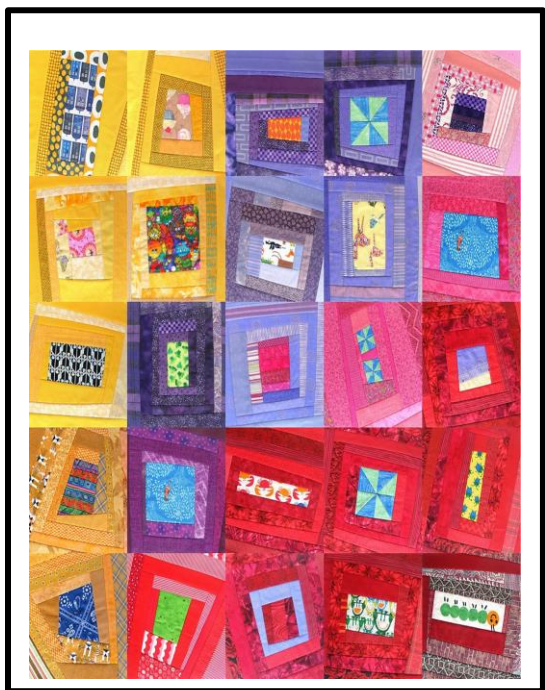
Please make sure to stop by to pick up your fabric and guidelines for the quilt challenge in February for the May 2023 quilt show. Joy will be glad to assist you with this.

Also, we need items for the Basket Raffle. Suggestions on themes are sewing, cooking, gardening, sports, pampering, or even date night. Please let Barb Reynolds know if you or your quilting bee have items to donate.

Hospitality

Suzette Mattson, Cindy Vogel

We hope all of you had a very merry Christmas and a safe and joyful New Year. We will obviously not be serving you in January but hope to see many of you at the February meeting, in our absence Lisa Schooley will be handling the coffee services. Please remember any of you may bring a Valentine treat to the February meeting.





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Thank You!

We at Gall Sewing and Vacuum Centers would like to say "Thank you!" for all of your support during 2022.

We were grateful to see you all again at AQS and OSQE. Now the spring Home and Garden Shows are just around the corner! We are working to increase the classes offered and to make your experience with us a good one.

We look forward to seeing you whenever you stop in during 2023. Come check out the latest sewing machines, quilters, and fabric selections or just stop in to say hello. We look forward to continuing to provide for all your sewing needs.

Come sew with us!

The Gall Sewing Family

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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

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