



Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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March 2024

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

March 4, 2024, Meeting

6:30 PM

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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Next Board Meeting

March 25, 6:00pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

March 10, 2024

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From Your Chair – Barb Reynolds

Welcome to the Ides of March.

As the winds blow {with or without snow}, we are reminded that we are in Michigan. In case of blizzard, I am sure I can find a project to work on. My mother was a fabric hoarder. She made our clothes for school, and pinched any penny she could find. If fabric was on sale, she collected it. I remember many trips to JC Penney's basement and Fenstemacher's fabrics. Meijer, on Henry, and K-Mart also had substantial fabric departments.

When she passed in 2006, I prided myself to only take 2 plastic bins of fabric and a length of beautiful velvet. The rest was donated. About 3 years later, I started to quilt. Since then, my stash has grown, and grown. So many pretty fabrics, so little time!

I read an article that said "hoarders" frequently leave purchases in the bag because they are more interested in the purchase than its usefulness. I make sure I take my fabric out of the purchase bag so I can't be classified as a "hoarder". But as I take inventory of my projects, I think I need to live until at least 100 to get everything accomplished.

In the meantime, I love to look at my colors, pretty flowers, and patterns. I also love to pet (feel) my fabric. As the winter winds howl around us, I can make a nest of my pretties and dream my time away.

Spend a little time this month loving your hobby!

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.

PALS Tentative 2024 Calendar of Events

Resources

Kathy Preston

March 4-Laura Heine Collage Classes & Lecture by Certified Instructor Carrie Latesky

March 3 & 4, 2024 PALS will sponsor Collage classes by West Michigan Certified Laura Heine Educator Carrie Latesky. Each day's class will use the Teeny Tiny #5 Pattern, which includes 3 designs: Tomato Pin Cushion, Dress Form and Featherweight Sewing Machine. **Choose one design to create for class.**

Class Fee is \$90 (Pattern is Included in Fee) Each person must have their own pattern. If you own this pattern already, Carrie will substitute with another Teeny Tiny Pattern. You must indicate which pattern substitution you want at registration so she can bring it to the class. Carrie also makes fabric kits specific to the designs. **Kits are \$40 each - the background fabric is included. If you want a kit, it must be preordered and paid for at registration with the class fee. That total is \$130.**

Classes will be held at Quilted Memories Inc, 9919 US HWY 31, Montague, Michigan. Class time is 9:30-4:00 each day. Doors open at 9 am. Please sign in first then finish preparation for class. You will need a bag lunch and beverage.

No sewing machine needed. You will need a Goddess Applique Pressing Sheet 17 x 24 or a Precision Fusing Mat 17 x 24 or larger, a small rotary cutter & mat (12x17), sharp scissors – Recommended: Karen K Buckley Blue Handled Perfect Scissors. Full Supply List will be given at Registration.

Quilted Memories will have Applique Fusing Mats, Karen K Buckley's Scissors and other supplies needed for this collage class for purchase before class. If you call owner Jill Twiss 231-893-0096 a few days ahead and she can have your selections ready.

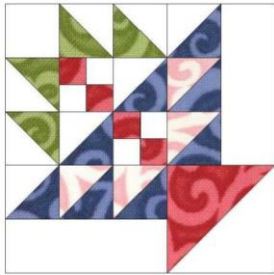


Monthly activities

***The Basket Medallion Quilt** - There will be a choice of 4 patterns for the medallion to start. A \$2 fee covers printing to be paid at sign-up. The following 3 months, a new pattern can be picked up at the Resource table to complete your next 3 rounds. Scrappy or matching, the choice is yours. You can change or add to each round to make it your own & have creative fun!

***The Birds** will be a quirky raw edge applique and will be 9 BOMs. The first block & supply list will be available at sign-up with a \$5 fee for printing. Members who love applique are willing to provide a class to anyone who would like to learn this technique. A sign-up list will be ready so we can arrange a date, time, and space for a class.

The first pattern will be available for each Block of the month (BOM) at the February meeting.



April 1 - Garage Sale

May 6 –Amy Shotwell of **Sew Let's Be Quilty** in Pentwater, MI will be our guest lecturer. She will present a trunk show of all kinds of bags and tell us about her journey to offer subscription boxes. Her shop is full of bright, beautiful, and unique fabrics and sundries for the special niche of bag-making.

The workshop is **All Things Tote**. The bag is beginner friendly and is perfect to bring along all items needed for a day of quilting including your water bottle. The class is \$65 and includes the pattern and all the sundries for the tote. You will need 1 YD of Focus Fabric, 1 Yd Lining Fabric and $\frac{3}{4}$ Yd for Binding. The Sundries include a Pattern, an acrylic bottom, straps, and bosal. Amy will also bring optional flip locks in finishes - antique brass, gun metal, iridescent and nickel at an additional cost. The option of a flip lock and choice of color can be ordered during sign up.

June 3 –Hoffman 100th Anniversary Challenge Trunk Show!

July 1 – “Red, White and Blue” Board Member Trunk Show. Program TBD

Lighthouse Liaison

Lisa Schooley

2024 Programs at Lighthouse Guild

February 12- Jen Houlden - Art quilts, modern & traditional quilts Jen's website

March 11 Susan Kruszynski - Susan's website

April 8 - I Own a Quilt Shop - panel discussion with owners of Quilted Memories, Pressing Matters and Birtles Quilt Shop

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show Kay Wilton, Connie Townsend, and Kathy Myers

We had a very successful Quilt Show this past May and now we are ready to start making plans for our 2025 Quilt Show. Our first job is to find two co-chairs to head the Quilt Show plans. This is a wonderful opportunity to present a great show for the quilting community, make new friends, and do a service for the PALS Quilt Guild. We have many sub-committees, and I am sure that several of them will want to do it again in 2025.

Patchers At the Lakeshore AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge for 2024

My Favorite!

Due to some issues that participants have run into, we have decided to extend the challenge by one year, entering in 2025 instead of 2024. This will give all more time to finish their projects. The challenge is open to all Guild members. For more information, contact Joy Lamphere at shout4joy.geo@yahoo.com



Hospitality

Lisa Schooley



At our March meeting we will be celebrating our March birthday members. Please bring a treat to share with our fellow guild members if you have a birthday during this month. We will provide coffee, creamers, sugar, sweeteners, and ice water.

Membership

LuAnne Sloop

At the February meeting, we renewed 8 members and had 3 NEW members sign up for membership. We had one guest. Keep bringing those NEW members!

Marie Essenberg
Carrie Latesky
Kara Wilson

Please search out these ladies and make them feel welcome!

Please keep in mind that our dues are for the calendar year, January – December. We currently have 38 members on the roster that are not up to date on their dues. If you know any of them, let them know. I will be removing names as of the April 2024 roster.

Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson and Deb Taylor

During the February meeting, we collected 22 quilts and signed out several kits. Deb Taylor is making kits for you if you don't want to use your stash. They will have a pattern, all the material required, a label, the backing and binding. It would help our expenses if you could supply the batting but ask if you need it.

Suzette will be back at the March meeting, so bring in those quilts. Thank you so much for helping PALS give to those that are in need.

Fat Quarter Shop at Fatquartershop.com offers free patterns, check them out. We are providing one of their free patterns on the following pages. Let's see how many "different" donation quilts we can make this month with this pattern.




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Fat Quarter Four Patch

Quilt Pattern
Fat Quarter Shop Exclusive

EXTRA QUILT SIZES

To make the quilt in different sizes, follow the Cutting and Quilt Assembly Instructions here and refer back to pages 1 - 2 for the Block Assembly.

CRIB QUILT

Finished Size: 30 1/2" x 30 1/2"

FABRIC REQUIREMENTS

- Four Fat Quarters
Shop Fat Quarter Bundles at:
www.fatquartershop.com/fat-quarter-bundles
- 1/2 yard accent fabric
- 1/2 yard binding
- 1 1/8 yards backing

CUTTING

- Cut four 18" x 20" rectangles into:
2 - 8" squares - 8 total (Fabric A)
10 - 3" squares - 40 total (Fabric B)
- Cut accent fabric into:
32 - 3" squares (Fabric C)
- Cut binding fabric into:
4 - 2 1/2" x width of fabric strips (Fabric D)

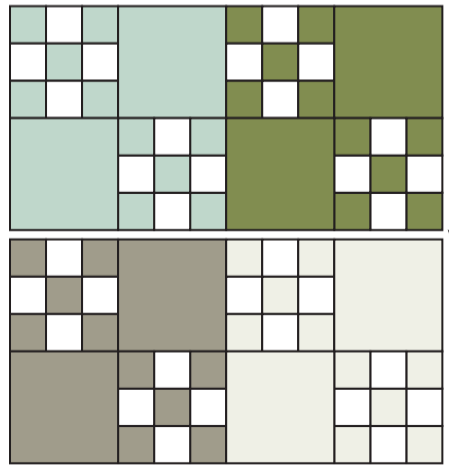
QUILT ASSEMBLY:

Make four Fat Quarter Four Patch Blocks.

Assemble Quilt Center.

Press rows in opposite directions.

Quilt Center should measure 30 1/2" x 30 1/2".



FINISHING:

Piece the Fabric D strips end to end for binding.

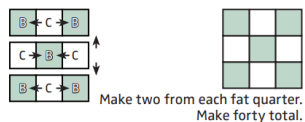
Quilt and bind as desired.

Use 1/4" seams and press as arrows indicate throughout.

BLOCK ASSEMBLY:

Assemble Unit using matching fabric.

Nine Patch Unit should measure 8" x 8".



Assemble Block using matching fabric.

Fat Quarter Four Patch Block should measure 15 1/2" x 15 1/2".

