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April 2024

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

April 1, 2024, Meeting

6:30 PM

Fellowship Reformed Church

4200 Apple Ave. Muskegon

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Next Board Meeting

April 29, 6:00pm

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 10, 2024

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From Your Chair – Barb Reynolds

Greetings to my Friends from PALS. Now that (most) of our snow is behind us, I am looking forward to seeing our snowbirds return from the warmer climates. Just like the robins! We have had some great classes, and even an experienced quilter can learn something new.

For April, we will be able to clean out our stashes, and projects to make room for more. Yeah! We will have a shortened meeting but will save time for Show and Tell. Keep working on your projects while the weather is still chilly before you want to get out in your yard. The sun is calling on me.

GREAT NEWS: To quote Alfred Edward Polman: After you've done things the same way for 2 years, look it over carefully. After 5 years, look at it with suspicion. After 10 years, throw it away and start all over. It has been almost 10 years, and we are realizing some frustrations with our location at the Fellowship Church. The main problem for me, as we age, it is getting more difficult for set up, clean up, storage, etc. As of May 6, 2024, our new meeting place will be the Muskegon County Dept, Marquette Campus. Commonly known as the former Baker College campus. We will be meeting in the student center located off Quarterline Rd. The new facility has 24-hour security, snow-plowed drives, and tables and chairs set up. It looks like a great place to meet and learn. It is also large enough for our Quilt Show in 2025.

To get to Baker: From North or South off US31, Take Apple Ave Exit. Go East, until Quarterline Rd (Walgreen-CVS corner) turn left, follow Quarterline about 1 mile. The driveway is on the left, and we will enter door #18. First drive AFTER the one for Health Services. This location should be closer for most of our members.

More information will be coming in April to our meeting. I'm excited about the change, and the Board has some great ideas for our new habitat.

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

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 1st No Fooling! - PALS will hold a Garage Sale of quilting and sewing items April 1st. Tables are \$15 - members & \$25 - nonmembers. You may pay at the door. Call or Email Kathy Preston at ksbpreston@gmail.com or 231 730 2236. The tables are first come first served and set up may begin at 4pm. You will be responsible for your own sales and money. The sale begins at 5:30.

May 5th - 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. It will be held on Sunday May 5th at Quilted Memories from 9:30 am - 4 pm. 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 Pattern, an acrylic bottom, straps, and bosal. Amy will also bring optional flip locks in finishes - antique brass, gun metal, iridescent and nichol at an additional cost. The option of a flip lock and choice of color can be ordered during sign up.

June 3rd - The Hoffman Challenge Trunk Show will be our program. This Trunk will be one of several that is touring the United States this year. This was a special challenge to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of The Hoffman Fabric Company, which is still operated by the Hoffman Family. Each item is made from fabrics designed for this special challenge. They are stunning. Don't miss it.

July 1st - PALS Board Members will share their Patriotic Inspired Quilts after a short program about Quilts of Valor from the recipient's point of view. Please invite your veteran family members and friends. A paper piecing class will be offered this month using the Carol Doak Method. It will be offered by PALS Members at a minimal cost. A date will be determined soon.

August 5th - PALS Picnic

September 9th - This year PALS welcomes Lisa Ruble of Quilty Zest as our guest lecturer. Lighthouse Quilt Guild members will be our guests this year. (more on class offerings next month)

October 7th - To Be Announced

November 4th - Jill Twiss-McFadden of Quilted Memories will be our presenter.

December 2nd - Christmas Potluck and Toys for Tots

Lighthouse Liaison

Lisa Schooley

2024 Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

April 8- I Own my Own Quilt Shop - panel discussion with owners of Quilted Memories, Pressing Matters & Birtles Fabrics.

May 13- Shae Vaughn - Custom Free-Motion Quilter & Independent Quilt Historian.

June 10- Deb Strain - Designer for Moda Fabrics

July 8- LQG 30th anniversary celebration at Pottawattomie Park

August 12- Quilt Show Winners

September 9- Joint meeting with PALS

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



Spring is in the air, and we would love to celebrate your birthday with you! 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

April 2024 At the March Meeting, we renewed 2 members and had 4 NEW members sign up for our membership Keep bringing them NEW members!

Martha Rapp

Toolie Winters

Lynneta Poff

Darlene Vandenberg

Our current membership total is 100. We had 51 regular members, and 3 new members attended the March meeting.

Please search out these ladies and make them feel welcome!

Please keep in mind that our dues are for the calendar year, January – December.

I have removed anyone that does not have their dues up to date from the roster. If you would like an updated roster, please text, or email me for a copy.

Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson and Deb Taylor

Thank you all for the beautiful Donation quilts you have turned in so far, we have received 18 more as of the March meeting. Remember that we have complete kits (top materials, backing, binding and pattern) for you to pick up and make. There will be batting supplied if you cannot provide any of your own. Your contributions are helping the communities of the Muskegon area.



Library

Karen Benham

We have so many books for you to choose from, come check out our Guild library! We have books with embroidery, beginner quilts, fiber arts quilts and quilts for advanced quilters.



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Friday, May 10, 2024

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Grand Rapids

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Saturday, May 11, 2024

9:00-12:30 or 1:30-5:00



The Gall Sewing Family

UP COMING EVENTS

- Plainfield Plaza Expo - April 13
- We look forward to seeing you in Paducah, KY! April 24-27, 2024. Special pricing will be available at our stores.
- Longarm Quilting 101 - May 10, Lansing & May 11, Grand Rapids
- GET READY FOR NEW PRODUCT UNVEILING - April, May
- Kids Camp dates are coming soon. Check our website for updates

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Quilts for Kids Rail Fence Quilt



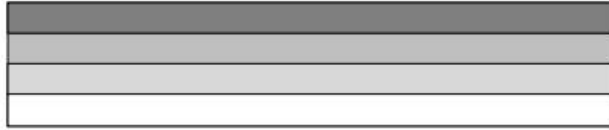
Your kit should include the following:

- 20- 2" x 42" strips of various fabrics
- 4- 1 1/2" x 42" strips of Fabric A (for inner border)
- 4- 3 1/2" x 42" strips of Fabric B (for outer border)

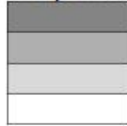
Assembling the Blocks:

*Remember - a 1/4" seam allowance is used for all seams.

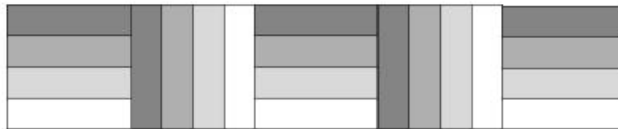
1. Strip piece together 4 different 2" strips. Make 5 of these strip sets.



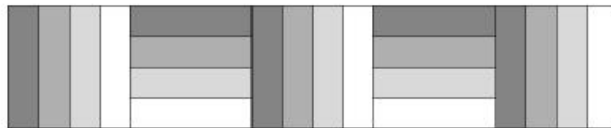
2. Sub-cut these strip sets into 30 units that measure 6 1/2" x 6 1/2".



3. Create 1 row with 5 of the blocks as shown below. In these rows, turn the 2nd and 4th blocks one time. Make 3 of these sets.



4. Create another row with 5 blocks, but this time turn the 1st, 3rd and 5th blocks as shown below. Make 3 of these sets.



5. Attach the rows to create the quilt as shown below.
6. Attach the inner borders (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips) and then the outer borders (3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips) being sure to first attach the side borders and then the top and bottom borders. Your quilt top should look like the diagram below.
7. Sandwich the quilt top, batting and quilt back, and baste the layers either with safety pins or needle and thread. **Use only $\frac{1}{8}$ " - $\frac{1}{4}$ ", LOW-LOFT batting. MACHINE** quilt the layers together. This quilt will be loved and washed a lot so **make sure that there is plenty of quilting** to hold up to daily hospital washings. **Quilt in the borders as well. NO HAND-TIED or HAND-QUILTED quilts, please!**
8. Bind the quilt using traditional binding or by folding the backing to the front of the quilt. To use backing as a binding, cut the batting even with the top of the quilt and the backing an inch larger. Double fold backing to front of the quilt and topstitch. A zig-zag stitch will help keep binding edges down. Keep binding on front of the quilt to $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide.
9. **REMOVE ALL PINS!**
10. Sign the label with a permanent fabric marker. Place label on back of quilt and sew around all four sides.
11. **Wash and dry the completed quilt.** Ship the finished quilt to Quilts for Kids headquarters. Your quilt will bring joy to a child in need. **CHECK FOR PINS!**

Arrows indicate direction to press seams

