



Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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September 2025



**PALS Quilt Guild Meeting
September 8, 2025: Joint
meeting at Lighthouse Guild
United Methodist Church of
the Dunes 717 Sheldon Rd.,
Grand Haven, MI**
Meeting: 6:30 PM

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Next Board Meeting
September 29, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline
September 15, 2025
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From Your Chair – Barb Reynolds

Welcome to September! School is starting and always creates a hectic atmosphere. Whether it is as a parent getting a child off to school, a grandparent getting first day of school pictures, or you as a student pursuing lifelong learning. Keeping our brain active is important for a healthy life. That is why I keep thinking I will be able to learn the craft of paper piecing!

Fall is racing toward us, and it reminds me of the many beautiful pieces of fabric I have collected for a project for the season. I love the variety of the colors that are still so vibrant in the Fall. One of these days...

I hope you had time to enjoy the AQS Quilt show in Grand Rapids. We are lucky to have a show so close to us. It was wonderful to see our guild's dinosaur exhibit. Congratulations ladies.

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.

Resources

Kathy Preston

September 8 – PALS Members are invited to attend a joint meeting hosted by Lighthouse Quilt Guild:

6:30 pm - **Anatomy of an Improv Quilt by Cindy Grisdela** (*Please wear your PALS Name Tag to attend*). The workshop and evening meeting will be held at the **Methodist Church of the Dunes at 717 Sheldon Road, Grand Haven.**

Monday Sept 8th Workshop 9:30am to 4pm - Artful Improv with Cindy Grisdela.

Learn to create your own quilts without a pattern using improvisational piecing techniques. Students will learn to let go of “rules” and piece blocks in an intuitive, free form fashion. We will explore contemporary Improv log cabin style blocks, Improv Curves, and Angled Stripes, plus Insets and Curved Strips.

September 20—Barn Quilt Painting at the Salvation Army. \$25 fee includes all materials.

October 6 – Jill Twiss McFadden, of Quilted Memories Inc. will lead us in a Christmas-themed make-and-take project. Members are asked to bring a regular hand-sewing needle and thimble if they normally use one. She will have a short trunk show on different Christmas quilted items as well as items for sale.

November 3 – Membership Renewal Month, Election of 2026 Board Members. **Program - Rescue (verb) definition: Keep from being lost or abandoned.** Lucinda Herring will present her program **Rescued Vintage Quilts**. She will show us the “After” quilted items first. Then she will let us see what they looked like when they were found.

December 1 – Farewell to the 2025 Board & Presentation of New 2026 Board, Christmas Potluck, Members’ 2025 Panel Quilt Challenge Trunk Show and Member Show & Share.

December 12,13,14—PALS Winter Retreat—Christian Reformed Campground in Grand Haven. See information later in newsletter for details.

Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

September 8– Dual meeting with PALS Quilt Guild

October 13–Guild Schoolhouse presentations

November 10–Terry Rowland via Zoom—"Colorwash Quilts"

December 8–Holiday Potluck and other fun

January 12, 2026–Krista Moser Zoom lecture—"60 Degree Creativity"

February 9, 2026–Cheryl Arkison Zoom lecture—"ScrapTastic"

PALS Social Sewing Days

Work on unfinished class projects or UFOs. If you need help or don't remember instructions from classes, there will be plenty of help available.

Location: *Quilted Memories, 9919 Business US-31, Montague, MI*

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2025 Dates:

September 13 Saturday

September 30 Tuesday

October 11 Saturday

October 28 Tuesday

November 8 Saturday

November 25 Tuesday

December 13 Saturday

December 30 Tuesday

Cost: \$5 payable to Quilted Memories, on the day of activity. Bring lunch and your projects.



Helpful Hints and Tips

A great tip from International Quilter, Designer and Instructor Ricky Timms – Clean your design wall by ironing over a sheet of freezer paper shiny side against the board. The same paper can be used over again until it no longer does the job

PALS Annual Potluck Picnic August 4, 2025

We had a great time out at Elks Park with excellent food (shout-out to Suzette Mattson for her “Moose Farts!!”), good friends, fun games, and beautiful views.



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Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor



- We collected 6 quilts at the August guild picnic. Our Donation Quilts now total 148 and we have begun to contact our charities to see if they are accepting more quilts from us.
 - Every Women's Place
 - Muskegon Dept. of Human Services-Foster Care Program
 - Muskegon Pregnancy Clinic
 - Muskegon Rescue Mission
 - Project Hope
 - Salvation Army
- We will be at a table at the Lighthouse Quilt Guild dual meeting on September 8 to accept quilts from our members and to hand out kits or batting if any members want them. Thank you all so much.
- Our next **Donation Sew** is at **Quilted Memories** on **Monday, October 27** from 10 until 4:30. Bring your machine and sewing accessories, lunch and any donation fabrics/quilts to work on. Hope to see you there!
- **LAST Donation Sew of the year is Monday, December from 10-4:30 at Quilted Memories**



PALS Winter Retreat

December 12, 13 & 14, 2025

Location: The Christian Reformed Conference Campground is located at 12253 Lakeshore Drive, Grand Haven, 49417, just north of M45 (Lake Michigan Drive) and on the west (lake) side of the road. When you enter go straight to the large Worship Center.

Hours: The doors will open at 7:00 am each day and we will be done by 3:00 pm on Sunday. Please do not arrive earlier than 9:00am on Friday as we need time to set-up. Quilters are welcome to sew until late in the evening, last person out will lock up and turn irons off.

Sewing Information: We sew in a large, open, festive space with a warm gas fireplace, natural daylight, and overhead lighting. We'll provide extension cords, 4 large cutting mats, ironing boards and irons. If you have a big cutting project, you may want to cut ahead or bring your own mat. If you want your own iron remember to bring a pressing mat. Also bring:

- Sewing machine in good working order, plus bobbins and thread. (Don't forget your machine's cord.)
- Rotary cutter and ruler(s)
- Standard sewing supplies for your project(s)
- Pillow for your chair
- A snack to share at the community table
- A flashlight as it is going to be dark when getting to your car or cottage at night.
- Name tag or badge
- Yard sale items and cash to buy some treasures. **Yard Sale:** You will have a chance to sell sewing or quilting related items at the yard sale. Have your items clearly marked with a price and your name. Money will be exchanged between the buyer and seller.

Food: Meals will be around 12:00 for lunch and 5:00-5:30 for dinner. Breakfast is on your own. Water will be available all day with pop at meals. You are welcome to bring your own drinks. We will have a snack table so please bring something to share.

The cabin has a full kitchen you can also use for drinks and breakfast.

There is a "No Alcohol" policy at the Conference Grounds.

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The cost for Friday thru Sunday with 5 meals is \$100.00.
If you are staying overnight the cost is \$150.00.

A \$50.00 non-refundable deposit is do at the time of sign-up.

You can put a deposit down in September with the balance due at the November meeting. Or you can pay in full at the September or October meeting.

We will need the following information at sign up.

Full name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number: _____

Days: _____ Overnight: _____

\$50.00 Deposit: _____

\$100.00 Total pd days: _____

\$150.00 Total pd for Overnight: _____

Emergency Name and Phone Number: _____

Allergies: _____

***Please print clearly.**

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