

Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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From the Chair's Desk: February Reflections

February may be the shortest month of the year, but it's full of heart. Between Valentine's Day and cozy winter evenings, it's a perfect time to celebrate the love we pour into our quilts and the community we've stitched together.

Quilts have always been symbols of care and connection. Whether you're piecing together a gift for a loved one, working on a charity project, or simply creating something that brings you joy, every stitch carries meaning. This month, I encourage you to think about the stories your quilts tell—about family, friendship, and the bonds that hold us together.

As we celebrate love in all its forms this month, may your stitches be steady, your fabric plentiful, and your creativity overflowing. Thank you for being part of this guild family—we are truly stitched together with care.

Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

February 2, 2026

March 2, 2026

Social Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting: 6:30 PM

Muskegon County Baker

Campus

Marquette and Quarterline #18

2026 PALS Executive Board

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Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson & Deb Taylor

Hospitality OPEN

Library *OPEN

Lighthouse Liaison Kay Wilton

Next Board Meeting

February 23, 2026

6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonat St.

Next Newsletter Deadline

January 15, 2026

vlscott1@yahoo.com

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.

Meet Your New Guild Chair: Lynneta Poff



Hello everyone! My name is **Lynneta Poff**, and I was born and raised in Indiana. I married my childhood sweetheart in 1982, and for the next 10 years we traveled the country as a proud Navy family. After that adventure, we felt called in a new direction and attended **The Salvation Army Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia**, becoming pastors and administrators in 1994.

My husband and I were blessed with over 41 years of marriage before he passed away from cancer shortly after we arrived in Muskegon. Together, we raised two wonderful children—**Benjamin**, who lives in Iowa, and **Paula**, who lives with me. I am also the proud grandmother of **Coty**, who lives with his mother in southern Indiana.

Sewing has been part of my life for as long as I can remember. My mother taught me to sew clothing as a child, and I made my very first maxi dress in the third grade! Over the years I've sewn dresses for my daughter, zipper pouches, bags, potholders, and just about anything that could be stitched together. During the pandemic, I made **over 700 face masks**. While I have always loved and treasured quilts, I only began making them myself after joining the guild a little over a year ago. I still have a lot to learn and am grateful to lean on the wisdom and experience of this talented group.

I am truly looking forward to serving as **Guild Chair** this year and working alongside such an amazing group of women. Thank you for welcoming me—I can't wait to learn, laugh, and quilt together!

Resources

Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston

February 2 - Connie Townsend & Kay Wilton will be our presenters

March 2 – Elizabeth Johnson of Birtles Fabrics will be our presenter, and they will be vending so prepare to shop.

April 6 – TBD

May 4 – Teri Watson of Thread Tales will be presenting “**How Should I Quilt This Quilt?**”

June 1 – **PALS 35 Anniversary Celebration** – Yes! There will be CAKE!!

Sign-up begins for September 15th Class with Linda Theilfoldt at the Resource Table.

July 6 – TBD, Sign up for September 15th Class with Linda Theilfoldt at the Resource Table

August 3 – Annual Picnic

September 14 – Linda Thielfoldt of The Quilted Goose will present “**Confessions of a Crappy Quilter.**” Lighthouse Quilt Guild Members will be our guests. Guests please wear your nametags or present your membership card at the Membership Table.

September 15 – Class with Linda Theilfoldt “**Taking the Fear Out of Quilt as Desired**” is a class for Domestic and Longarm Quilters. The class will be held at Quilted Memories, Inc.

Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

February 9, 2026—Cheryl Arkison Zoom lecture—“ScrapTastic”

March 9, 2026 - Robin Isaacs lecture “Ergonomics and Body Mechanics for Quilters”

April 13, 2026 – TBA – Shotwell + Workshop

May 11, 2026 – TBA – Roelfsema



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

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

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

Social Sew Dates 2026

February – Tuesday 17th

March – Saturday 14th & Tuesday 17th

April – Tuesday 21st

May – Saturday 16th & Tuesday 19th

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

Member News



Kim Reynolds recently established the **Barbara T. Reynolds Education Fund** in honor of her mother, Barb, who dedicated 36 years to teaching at Reeths-Puffer and continues to serve the community through volunteer leadership. Barb is a long-time member of PALS and has just completed a term as Chair of the organization.

Membership

LuAnne Sloop/Susan Saladin

Attendance at the PALS January meeting was 50 members and 4 new members

Please welcome our new members Lauri McDonald, Claudia Smith, Paula Meloche, and Michelle Lundeen!

We had 6 members renew their membership. This is absolutely great!

\$25-year 2026. Invite a friend to join for the whole year as there is so much planned for 2026.

Members: 129 current members



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2. Enter Patchers at the Lakeshore and choose our PALS group from the results.
3. Go to the Page.
4. Tap **Follow** OR **Like**

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Donation Quilts

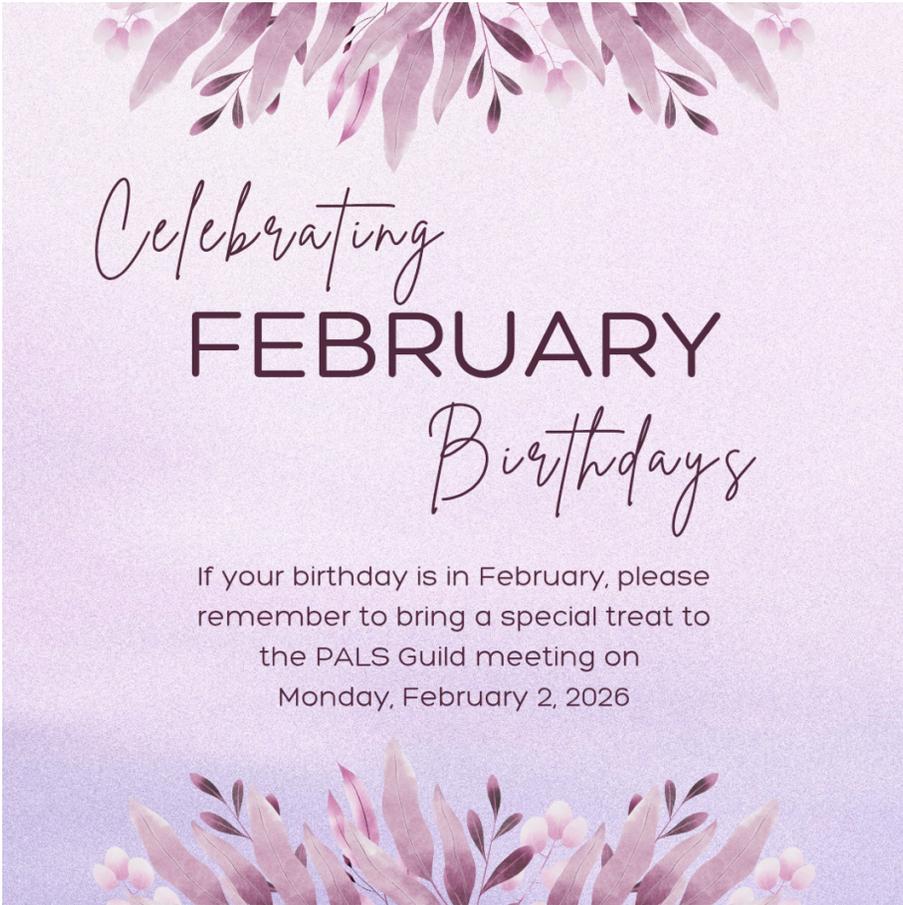
Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor

We received 9 quilts in January, and so far, we have gathered 22 quilts for 2026 distribution. At this time we are not scheduling any sewing of quilts at Quilted Memories due to lack of participation.

We are receiving a few tops that need to be quilted and have the binding sewn on. If any of you can help with the finishing of these quilts, please let one of us know.

Deb Taylor will be taking care of Donation Quilts until Suzette returns in March. We have a lot of 3 yd quilt kits and some individual pattern kits made up. Remember, Suzette has batting that Deb will have access to. If you need some, please text Suzette at 586-337-4000. Leave your name and size of batting you need. We can arrange a delivery place and time.





Celebrating
FEBRUARY
Birthdays

If your birthday is in February, please
remember to bring a special treat to
the PALS Guild meeting on
Monday, February 2, 2026



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