

Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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March 2026

Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

March 2, 2026

April 6, 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

March 30, 2026

6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonat St.

Next Newsletter Deadline

January 15, 2026

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March Musings: Stitching Toward Spring

March arrives like a gentle turning of the page—one season giving way to another. While winter may still linger outside our windows, our sewing rooms are already beginning to bloom with fresh ideas, lighter colors, and renewed inspiration. There's something about this time of year that invites us to start again, one stitch at a time.

As the days slowly grow longer, many of us feel the urge to sort through our fabric stashes, rediscover half-finished projects, and dream about what comes next. March is a wonderful month to experiment—try a new block, play with unexpected color combinations, or finally tackle that pattern that's been patiently waiting its turn.

This season also reminds us of the strength found in community. Quilting, much like spring itself, is a process of patience, care, and hope. Each piece we sew—whether for comfort, celebration, or charity—carries warmth that reaches far beyond the fabric. When we gather, share ideas, and encourage one another, our creativity grows even brighter.

As we stitch our way through March, may your seams be straight (or delightfully wonky), your bobbins full, and your heart encouraged. Let's welcome spring together—one quilt, one story, and one beautiful block at a time.

Happy quilting!

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

Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston

Programs:

March 2 - Elizabeth Johnson of Birtles Fabrics in Zeeland will be the presenter. They will be vending too so be prepared to shop!

April 6- our own Julie Westmas will be doing a trunk show of her quilts. Remember her Eagle from last year's quilt show?!

May 4 - Teri Watson of Thread Tales will be presenting "How Should I Quilt This Quilt".

June 1 - PALS 35th Anniversary Celebration. Special guests will include the founding mothers of our organization! Yes! There will be cake! Sign up will begin for the September workshop!

July 6 - All Things red, white and blue! Plans are not complete but we're going to have a fun night!

August 3 - Annual picnic at Elks Park!

September 14 - Linda Thielfodt of The Quilted Goose will present "Confessions of a Crappy Quilter"! Looking forward to this! This is our joint meeting with Lighthouse Quilt Guild.

September 15 - Linda Theilfodt class: "Taking the Fear Out of Quilt as Desired"! This is class for both domestic and long-arm quilters. Sign up will begin in June.

There will be an opportunity to do a **Round Robin** quilt starting in May. Sign up will begin at the March meeting. There will also be another project for those who aren't doing the Round Robin. That information will also be at the March meeting, and it will start in May as well!

March is National Quilt Month! The Loutit Library in Grand Haven and the Spring Lake District Library as well as Field's Fabrics in Spring Lake will have Quilts on display. Sounds like a road trip to me! You have the whole month to see them!

Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

March 9, 2026 – Robin Isaacs lecture "Ergonomics and Body Mechanics for Quilters"

April 13, 2026 – TBA – Shotwell + Workshop

May 11, 2026 – TBA – Roelfsema

June 8, 2026 – Bryn Mawr Quilts + Workshop



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.

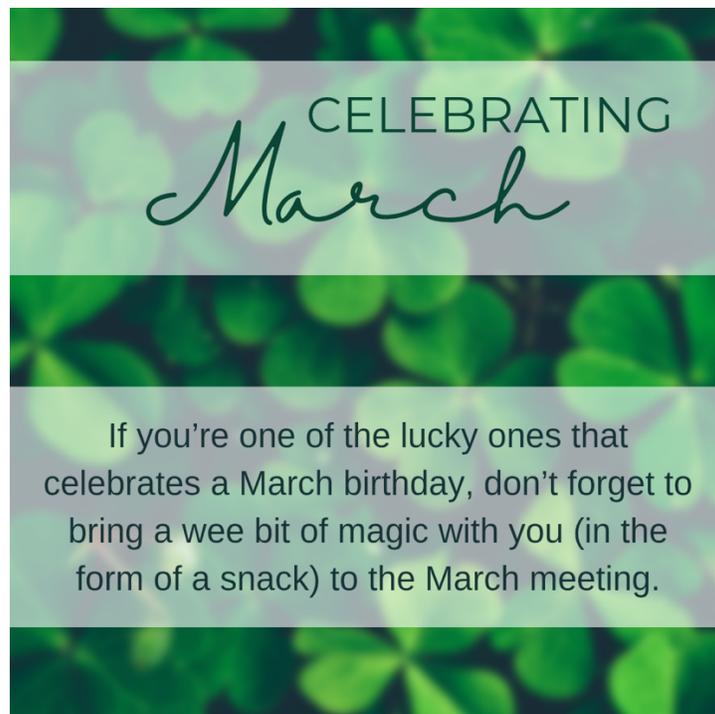
Social Sew Dates 2026

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.



Membership

LuAnne Sloop/Susan Saladin

Attendance at the PALS February meeting was 50 members, 4 renewing members

Members: 128 current members Letters sent to all who are not current, with email addresses.

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



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2. Enter Patchers at the Lakeshore and choose our PALS group from the results.
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www.palsquiltguild.org

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Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor

At the February meeting we collected 7 quilts and 4 tops. We could use some volunteers to quilt tops. We can provide the backing, batting and binding.

We will continue to have a variety of kits available 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 we can provide it upon request.

We'll see you all at the March meeting, so bring in those quilts. Thank you so much for helping PALS give to those that are in need.





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Come Sew With Us



PLAINFIELD PLAZA EXPO

IS BACK AGAIN!

April 10 & 11, 2026

10:00-4:00



- Come support local artisans
- Win door prizes
- Have FUN!

List of vendors available soon . Do you have a craft you would like to share? There is still time to reserve a 8ft table at no charge. Call Jessica at 616-363-1911 today!



Fabric Sale
up to
50% OFF



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