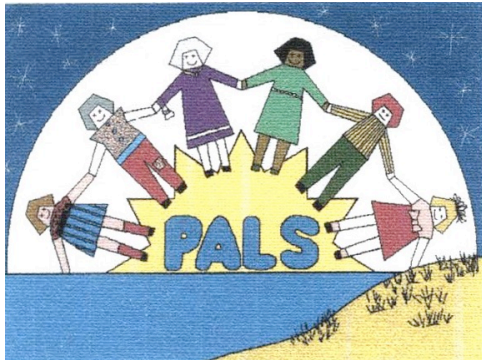


# Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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## April 2026



### Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

**April 6, 2026**

**May 4, 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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#### Next Board Meeting

April 27, 2026

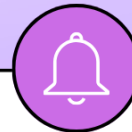
6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonat St.

#### Next Newsletter Deadline

April 15, 2026

[vlscott1@yahoo.com](mailto:vlscott1@yahoo.com)



### Reminder PALS Meeting

Monday, April 6, 2026

6 PM Social, 6:30 PM Meeting  
Muskegon County/Baker Campus

1903 Marquette Ave  
(Use Quarterline Entrance and  
Door 18 by Student Center)



### 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.

Happy April, PALS Friends! 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰 🐰

As spring begins to unfold here in Muskegon, there's a fresh energy in the air—and I don't know about you, but it makes me want to start something new! April feels like a perfect month for pulling out bright fabrics, finishing up lingering projects, and maybe even trying a new pattern or technique that stretches our creativity just a bit.

This season of renewal reminds me that quilting itself is an act of transformation. We take scraps—bits and pieces that might otherwise be forgotten—and stitch them together into something beautiful, useful, and lasting. There's something deeply satisfying about that process. Whether you're working on a bold modern design, a treasured heirloom pattern, or a simple comfort quilt, each stitch tells a story.

And speaking of stitching... let's talk about our sewing companions! Many of us don't sew alone. We have furry "helpers" who consider the sewing room their second home. There's something comforting about the gentle presence of a pet curled up under the cutting table or perched nearby supervising every seam. Of course, they also have a knack for claiming the warmest pile of freshly pressed fabric or chasing that one thread you *really* needed to keep intact!

Sewing with a pet in the room can be a sweet reminder to slow down and enjoy the moment. Their steady breathing, soft snores, or curious head tilts bring warmth to our creative spaces. At the same time, it's wise to keep rotary cutters closed, pins secured, and thread bits picked up. A small basket for fabric scraps and a magnetic pin holder can go a long way in keeping both our projects and our pets safe.



I've found that my own sewing time becomes even more peaceful when I embrace the rhythm—stitch a seam, give a gentle ear scratch, press a block, share a quiet moment. Creativity and companionship go hand in hand.

As we move into April, I encourage you to:

- Finish one project that's been patiently waiting.
- Start one project that excites you.
- And perhaps snap a photo of your sewing-room sidekick to share at our next meeting!

Our guild is more than fabric and thread. It's community, encouragement, laughter, and shared inspiration. Each of you brings something unique to PALS Quilt Guild, and I am so grateful for the creativity and kindness you contribute month after month.

May your seams be straight, your points be sharp, and your bobbins always full.

Happy Quilting,

**Lynneta**

Guild Chair, PALS Quilt Guild



## Resources

**Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston**

## Programs:

**April 6-** our own **Julie Westmaas** 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!** Make a red, white and blue mug rug to exchange at the July meeting. Size should not be smaller than 4"x6" and not larger than 6"x9". Bring it to the July meeting wrapped with your name inside.

**August 3 - Annual picnic at Elks Park!**

**September 14 - Linda Thielfoldt 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. Groups may sign up together; those who sign up individually will be placed in groups.



## Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

- **April 13, 2026** – Amy Shotwell of Sew Let's Be Quilty
- **May 11, 2026** – Nancy Roelfsma
- **June 8, 2026** – Michael Nardi of Bryn Mawr Quilts

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

- **April** – Tuesday **21<sup>st</sup>**
- **May** – Saturday **16<sup>th</sup>** & Tuesday **19<sup>th</sup>**
- **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 March meeting was 66 members, 9 renewing members, and 2 new members: please welcome Jodi Morgan and Rita Wilson.

Members: 129 current members. Letters sent to all who are not current, with email addresses.




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To follow a Page:

1. Tap  magnifying glass in the top right of any page on Facebook.
2. Enter Patchers at the Lakeshore and choose our PALS group from the results.
3. Go to the Page.
4. Tap **Follow** OR **Like**

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, GO ONLINE TO:

[www.palsquiltguild.org](http://www.palsquiltguild.org)

**\*Please let us know if you are not receiving email communication and check that your email is correct at the sign-in desk.**

## Donation Quilts

**Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor**



So far PALS members have contributed 38 quilts for donation to local charities. Come see Suzette and Deb at the donation quilt table at the April meeting. There will be some three-yard quilt kits available as well as some traditional piecing kits. Remember, there are no set sizes to donation quilts. While some baby quilts are needed, other organizations could use larger quilts for teens and adults.

**The Salvation Army**  
**Spring Craft Fair**

Featuring over 35 local vendors

Admission: 2+ food items to support our pantry

**Saturday, May 2, 2025**

From 10am to 3pm at  
1221 Shonat Street  
Muskegon, MI 49442

Vendors apply at <https://donate.sagreatlakes.org/springcraft26>



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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!



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