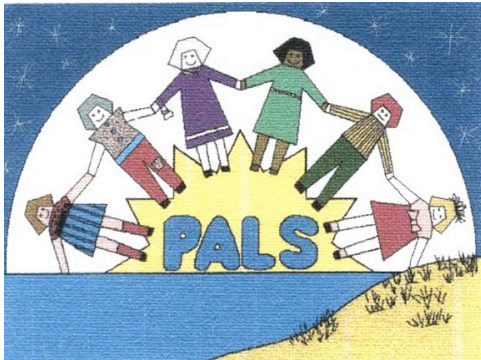


Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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May 2026



Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

May 4, 2026

June 1, 2026

Social Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting: 6:30 PM

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Next Board Meeting

May 18, 2026

6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonat St.

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 15, 2026

vlscott1@yahoo.com

REMINDER

PATCHERS AT THE LAKESHORE (PALS)

MAY Meeting

MONDAY, MAY 4, 2026

6 PM SOCIAL, 6:30 PM MEETING

**1903 Marquette Ave
Door 18, Muskegon, MI 49442**

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.



Stitching Stories Together

From Your Guild Chair

If you know me at all, you already know I have two great loves: quilting (sewing) and reading. Give me a cozy sewing space, a stack of fabric, and a good story, and I'm a very happy quilter.



Over the past year I've discovered that these two hobbies pair together beautifully—especially thanks to audiobooks. There's something wonderful about letting your hands guide the fabric under the needle while a good story unfolds in your ears. Audiobooks turn long piecing sessions, binding marathons, and late-night quilting into the perfect storytelling time.

One of my favorite things is listening to books that celebrate the very craft we all love. If you haven't explored quilting-themed novels yet, you're in for a treat. Two of my favorite authors are Maria Bostwick and Jennifer Chiaverini.

Maria Bostwick's ***Cobbled Court*** series weaves together friendship, personal struggles, and the healing power of quilting. Her stories feel like sitting down at a guild meeting with friends—full of heart, laughter, and the occasional tear.

Jennifer Chiaverini's beloved ***Elm Creek Quilts*** series brings together history, tradition, and the stories behind the quilts themselves. Her books often explore how quilts connect generations, preserve memories, and tell stories that words alone sometimes cannot.

Both authors create worlds that feel familiar to quilters—fabric shops, guild gatherings, retreats, and the deep friendships formed around a quilting frame.

So, the next time you sit down at your sewing machine, consider pressing play on an audiobook. You might find yourself stitching one story while listening to another. And who knows—you might finish a quilt *and* a novel at the same time!

Happy stitching—and happy listening!

Warm stitches,

Lynneta Poff, PALS Quilt Guild Chair

Resources

Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston

May 4: Teri Watson of Thread Tales Quilting will be the presenter. Her program is entitled "How Should I Quilt This Quilt". She has great samples and encourages you to bring a quilt top that you would like some suggestions for quilting.

June 1: It's Party Time! The celebration of **35 years of PALS!** Program will include the founding mothers of our guild and many past chairpersons! There will even be cake! Please bring your 20th anniversary quilts that we made way back when! Round Robin exchange will begin! Please check the information about it in this newsletter.

July 6: Everything **Red**, **White** and **Blue**. Make a mug rug in red, white and blue to exchange. Make the mug rug no smaller than 6"by 8" and no larger than 8" by 9". Bring it wrapped with your name inside. We will do an exchange, and you will go home with someone else's! Have fun with this!

August 3: Picnic at Elk's Park! Always a fun night! Great food and some fun games!
September 14: Joint Meeting with Lighthouse Quilt Guild. Program is Confessions of a Crappy Quilter with Linda Thielfoldt! This sounds like something we can all relate to!

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 Thielfoldt's class "Taking the Fear out of Quilt as Desired." Class is at Quilted Memories from 9:30 to 4. Signups will begin in June.

Round Robin Exchange: Your center block should be no smaller than 6" and no larger than 12." Between 8" and 10" is really a great size and easy to find a pattern. All your group's starting blocks do not need to be the same size. If you would prefer you may include all the fabrics for your finished project with your block. Or you may include some fabrics and let others add similar ones as they work on your block. Or choice number 3 is to let everyone use their fabrics. At the May meeting there will be forms for everyone who signed up to fill out and have with your block for the June start! Please check at the resource table!! Signups are still possible.



Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

- **May 11, 2026** – Nancy Roelfsma
 - **June 8, 2026** – Michael Nardi of Bryn Mawr Quilts
 - **July 13, 2026** – TBA – Trunk Show
 - **August 10, 2026** – Cassandra Beaver via Zoom “The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts”
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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

- **May** – Saturday **16th** & Tuesday **19th**
- **June** – Tuesday **16th**
- **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 April meeting was 60 members, 3 renewing members, 1 new member: please welcome **Cyndi Teel!**

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

Members: 129 members on the roster. 27 will be removed next month. Letters were sent to all who are not current, with email addresses.




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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

***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

Thank you ladies. We now have 61 quilts in our Donation collection. The 22 quilts received at our last meeting are lovely!!

We will continue to put out the 3-yard quilt kits and hope they will give you pleasure in making them into wonderful donation quilts.

You can also use a pattern that you like. If you need some batting or any other fabrics, please give me a call or text. Let me know specifics – sizes or colors.

Suzette Mattson (586) 337-4000 suzettemattson47@gmail.com



The Salvation Army Spring Craft Fair

Featuring over 35
local vendors

Saturday, May 2, 2025

Admission: 2+ food
items to support our
pantry

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

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



May

If your birthday is in May we
kindly ask that you bring a
treat to our May meeting.

Thank you and
Happy Birthday!



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