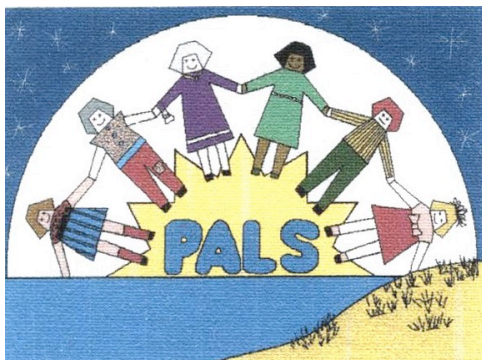




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July 2026

Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

July 6, 2026

August 3, 2026 (Picnic at Elks Park)

Social Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting: 6:30 PM

Muskegon County Baker Campus

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Next Board Meeting

July 27, 2026

6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonat St.

July Newsletter Deadline

July 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.

From the Chair's Corner

As we celebrate our nation's 250th birthday, I've been reflecting on how quilting and American history have been stitched together from the very beginning.

When our country was founded in 1776, quilting wasn't a hobby—it was a necessity. Early American women carefully saved scraps of fabric, worn clothing, and household linens, transforming them into warm, practical quilts for their families. Quilting bees brought communities together, creating not only beautiful quilts but also lasting friendships and support networks.



As America grew, quilting evolved alongside it. The invention of the sewing machine in the 1800s made quilting faster and more accessible. During the Civil War, quilts became symbols of patriotism and service, helping raise funds and providing comfort to soldiers. The Victorian era introduced elaborate Crazy Quilts, showcasing creativity and artistic expression.

During the hardships of the Great Depression, quilters once again demonstrated remarkable resourcefulness, turning feed sacks and fabric scraps into treasured household necessities. Through two World Wars, quilts continued to provide comfort, support charitable efforts, and connect communities.

The Bicentennial celebration in 1976 sparked renewed interest in preserving America's quilting heritage, and today quilting continues to thrive as both an art form and a cherished tradition. Modern quilters honor the past while embracing new techniques, designs, and creative possibilities. Quilts are also used to commemorate important events, support charitable causes, and provide comfort to those in need.

As members of PALS, we are part of this remarkable 250-year story. Every stitch we make connects us to generations of makers who came before us—women and men who created beauty, shared fellowship, and used their talents to care for others.

As we celebrate America's 250th birthday this year, may we take pride in preserving this rich tradition while continuing to create quilts that tell our own stories for generations yet to come.

Happy quilting,
Lynneta Poff
PALS Guild Chair

Resources

Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston

July 6: Red, White and Blue night! There will be 2 Quilts of Valor presentations to guild members' spouses. We will have a Mug Rug exchange. Everyone is asked to bring a mug rug between 4"x 6" up to 6"x 9". Please wrap your mug rug and include your name on a piece of paper. Show and tell will be red, white and blue of course! Round Robin exchange too!



August 3: Annual Picnic at Elks Park on Lake Harbor! Fun night with games and of course, great food. Last Names beginning with A through L will bring desserts. M through Z will bring appetizers and main course foods. It wouldn't be a picnic without some Left Right Center! To play, please bring 3 (or more) 2 1/2" strips (by width of fabric) in Fall colors! There will also be show and tell of course.

September 14: We're hosting the Joint Meeting with Lighthouse Quilt Guild! Our speaker will be Linda Thielfoldt of the Quilted Goose. Her lecture is entitled "Confessions of a Crappy Quilter"! A relatable look at the triumphs, mistakes and learning moments experienced during her nearly 40 years of quilting. We should be able to relate to at least one part of this! There will be a Round Robin Exchange as well.

September 15: Linda's class "Taking the Fear Out of Quilt as Desired"! This will be a highly informative machine quilting class. While you will be quilting on your domestic machine Linda will be talking about long arm quilting as well. The class will be at Quilted Memories from 10-4. There is prep work for you to do before class. You will get the handout at sign up. Don't miss this class!

Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

- **August 10, 2026** – Cassandra Beaver via Zoom “The Whole is Greater than the Sum of its Parts”
 - **September 14, 2026** – PALS Joint meeting + workshop at PALS, Linda Thielfoldt “Confessions of a Crappy Quilter”
 - **September 15, 2026** – Linda Thielfoldt class “Taking the Fear out of Quilt as Desired”
 - **October 12, 2026** – Schoolhouse Learning
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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.



Upcoming Social Sew Dates:

August 18 and **September 19**. September 19 is National Jelly Roll Day (I didn't know that was a thing, but I like it)! Consider bringing that jelly roll you've been saving and sew it up!

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 June meeting was 74 members, 7 guests, 2 New Members:
Please welcome **Dorothy Wills** and **Doreen Hammond**!

Members: 112 Active members

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

Total Current Members: 109



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Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor

Our Donation quilt collection has reached **90**. We received 15 beautiful quilts at the June 1st meeting. **Thank you all who have answered the call!!**

Please remember that there are only 3 more months to get those quilts finished (or started and finished!) until we need them handed in to be labeled and sorted. Our presentation to our Charities is at the October 5th meeting.

Come see us at the Donation table at the July 6th meeting. We have 3-Yard quilt kits and Traditional pattern kits



available. These all have top materials and backings included. And you can use your own fabrics to add to these or use with a pattern of your choice. The sizes we are looking for: Baby/toddler, Children, Lap or Twin

We can also help with backing and/or batting if you need them. Text me with a size and I can bring it to the meeting. Suzette Mattson (586) 337-4000

Deb and I are both stepping down from Donation Quilts at the end of this year. Please consider this position (2-3 people). Come talk with us at the Donation Table or give me a call at the above number.



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