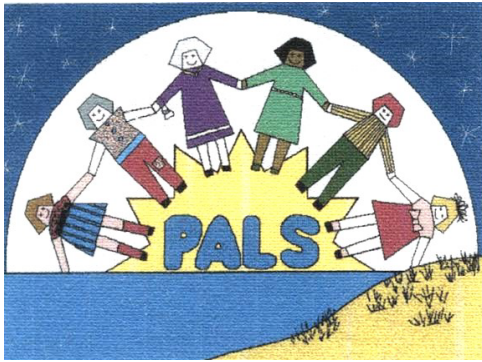




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September 2026

Upcoming PALS Quilt Guild Meetings:

September 14, 2026

October 5, 2026

Social time: 6:00 PM

Meeting time: 6:30 PM

Muskegon County Baker Campus

Marquette and Quarterline #18

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Next Board Meeting

September 28, 2026

6 p.m., Salvation Army

1221 Shonah St.

September Newsletter Deadline

September 15, 2026

vlscott1@yahoo.com

SEPT. 14, 2026



PALS is hosting a joint meeting with
Lighthouse Quilt Guild.

Speaker: Linda Thielfoldt of the Quilted Goose

Topic: "Confessions of a Crappy Quilter"

1903 Marquette Ave.
(use Quarterline entrance and door 19).

Social Gather Starts at 6PM,
Presentation at 6:30 PM



Sept. 15th is her class

"Taking the Fear Out of Quilt Desired"

At Quilted Memories, 10 AM - 4 PM sign up at
the meeting to receive more information.



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.

A Round Robin Adventure: Learning, Stretching, and Encouraging One Another



When I first heard that PALS was going to participate in a Round Robin Challenge, I was excited—and, if I'm being completely honest, a little intimidated! This is my first time participating in this type of quilting challenge, and I quickly discovered that a Round Robin is about much more than adding fabric to someone else's quilt. It is an opportunity to stretch our creativity, learn new techniques, and trust our fellow quilters.

And then came the **appliqué**!

I'll admit that the appliqué portion of my challenge pushed me well outside my comfort zone. There were moments when I wondered if I had bitten off more than I could chew. Getting everything positioned correctly, figuring out how to make the appliqué look the way I envisioned it, and then actually stitching it down was a learning experience. It reminded me that sometimes the hardest part of quilting is simply giving ourselves permission to try something new—and accepting that it may not turn out exactly as we imagined. That's one of the wonderful things about quilting. We are always learning.

As I look at the Round Robin projects, I am cheering on **every single person who is participating!** Whether this is your first challenge or your fiftieth, you have taken a step outside your usual quilting routine. That takes courage and creativity. I hope you are enjoying the process, even when the process gets a little frustrating.

I also want to offer a gentle reminder to all of us as we look at and comment on one another's work. **We are all at different places in our quilting journey.** Some of us have been quilting for decades, while others are just beginning to discover the joy of rotary cutting, piecing, appliqué, and quilting. Some techniques come naturally to one person and are a real struggle for another.

Let's make PALS a place where we encourage rather than compare, inspire rather than criticize, and celebrate the effort as much as the finished product. If someone

has tried a technique that isn't perfect, perhaps remember how you felt the first time you tried it. If something isn't your personal style, that doesn't mean it isn't beautiful to someone else.

Most importantly, **let's be kind.**

A quilt is made one piece at a time, and so is a quilter's confidence. A kind word, an encouraging comment, or simply saying, "I love that you tried something new!" can mean more than we realize.

Resources

Kay Wilton, Kathy Preston

September 14: For this meeting we will be hosting Lighthouse Quilt Guild of Grand Haven. Program is "The Confessions of a Crappy Quilter " with Linda Thielfoldt. Linda has been quilting for 40 years including teaching and writing patterns. She has also been a long arm quilter for almost 20 years. There should be lots of "confessions" hiding in there!

**Round robin exchange at this meeting*

September 15: Class "Taking the Fear out of Quilt as Desired" with Linda Thielfoldt. The class is a domestic machine quilting class including long arm quilting knowledge. The class is at Quilted Memories from 10-4. Class is \$65. Call Kay Wilton at (616) 430-0732 to sign up.

October 5: Program is a lecture and trunk show with Shauna Walwood, a Sallie Tomato associate. There will be lots of bags and totes to see. There will also be a vote that night to pick our favorite which will be offered as a class on November 7! Every vote counts!

Donation quilt distribution is that night as well as our Breast Cancer Quilt raffle!

**Round robin exchange at this meeting*

This is a picture of a small portion of the **2026 Breast Cancer Raffle Quilt**. It is approximately 99" by 99" and is hand appliqued. Maker/Quilter and history UNKNOWN.

This beautiful quilt was given to Donation Quilts, and our Board has chosen to put it up for raffle to benefit the cancer facility at Ann Arbor, Michigan that we have helped support for many years.

Please help us raise money for this worthwhile cause. Purchase your tickets at our October 2026 meeting. The drawing will be done at that meeting. Good Luck!!



November 2: PALS University is back! More to come next month!

November 7: Bag class at Quilted Memories with Shauna Walwood.

December 7: The Christmas Party!

Upcoming Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

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- **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
 - **November 9, 2026** – Phyllis Fay – “Motivate Me to use my Stash” + Tucker Trimmer Workshop on November 10
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Location: *Quilted Memories, 9919 Business US-31, Montague, MI*
Cost: \$5

September dates:

Saturday, September 19 from 10-3. It's National Jelly Roll Day! Let's all make your favorite jelly roll quilt!

Tuesday, September 29 from 10-4! If you haven't been to a Sew Social Day, they are fun!

Membership

LuAnne Sloop/Susan Saladin

We had 22 members attend the annual PALS picnic at Elks Park.

Members: 114 Active members

ATTENTION: IF you are not getting the email link to the newsletter, please go to <https://www.palsquiltguild.org/>

ALL the newsletters are listed, and you may reference any one of them.



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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**

Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson, Deb Taylor



We currently have 104 quilts for distribution. Last year we were able to donate a total of 175 quilts to 5 different charities. If you are able, please consider turning in a quilt for donation at the September meeting, which is the last time quilts will be accepted for this year's donations. That will give us time to sort them. Then, we will contact and invite the organizations receiving them to our October meeting.

Please remember that Deb and I will be stepping down from this position as of the December meeting. If you are interested in joining the Board and helping us stay a 501C3 organization, please call or text Suzette Mattson (586-337-4000).

Shadowing someone for a few months is a lot easier than just jumping into a job.



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