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December 2024

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

December 2, 2024

Social Time 6:00 PM

Meeting 6:30 PM

Muskegon County Baker Campus

Marquette and Quarterline #18

2024 PALS Executive Board

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Next Board Meeting

No Board Meeting for December

Next Newsletter Deadline

December 10, 2024

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From Your Chair – Barb Reynolds

I miss the sun! This time of year, the sun hides away until long after I am up and going, and then hides before I get home from work or activities. I guess it is Mother Nature's way of getting me ready to hibernate for the Winter. The fun of raking and jumping in the leaves is just not happening this year.

Seeing that most of the colorful leaves have fallen, I will have to resort to my stash for my colors. Many ideas are floating around in my head. How many projects can I complete before the Holidays? I enjoy gifting my creations, and I know they are usually appreciated. It is a great time to work on Donation Quilts. They warm us twice, once while working on them, and again when they are donated to someone else to warm them. The chance to sew with others on the quilts builds friendships and sparks your creative spirit. Join us for the next donation quilt sew-in.

As the Holidays approach, may the peace of the season surround your soul and give you peace!

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.

PALS Tentative 2024 Calendar of Events

Resources

Kathy Preston

Monthly activities

December 2-Hard to believe it's time to start thinking about our annual PALS Quilt Guild Christmas Potluck. The potluck will be at our regular meeting on Monday, December 2nd, at 6:30pm. We thought we would go with an Appetizer and Dessert menu again this year.

A-L Dessert & M-Z Finger Foods

Appetizers can include hot and cold finger foods: cheese, sausage and crackers, cheese spread/ball, dips (hot and cold), meatballs, chicken bites, sliders, or whatever your favorite appetizer might be.

Desserts, of course, are whatever you would like to bring. There is never a bad dessert!



This year we will again be collecting Toys for Tots and will have a representative there to give us information on the program. Please bring a new, unwrapped toy(s) to the potluck (remember older kids too when you are choosing items). For every toy you bring, you will receive a ticket for a door prize.

Bring your completed Mug Rug Project presented by Jill of Quilted Memories in December. You will receive a ticket for the QM drawing. Good luck.

Member Panel Quilt Trunk Show – for December's Program please bring one or two quilts that you've made featuring a panel to show for this trunk show. **The show will precede the announcement of the 2025 Panel Quilt Challenge (no fee).** You may have had your eye on one of the many colorful new panels or have one that is languishing in your stash) one or more panels may be used (examples will be shown). The rules will be given upon signing up so that you may begin fabric choices to be ready when the first Round Direction starts in January. Sign up begins in December - January or online for Snowbirds & bad weather events. Contact Kathy at ksbpreston@gmail.com. Each participant is asked to submit a photo to ksbpreston@gmail.com or bring their panel & fabric selections to the guild to be photographed before beginning the challenge. The **Design Directions** are scheduled for January, March, May, July & October. Completed Quilts/tops will be revealed with the starting photo as a Trunk Show the following **December 2025**. Directions are beginner friendly, however, quilters with more experience may make something more complex. The choice is up to the maker. Quilters may work with friends or solo. Let's have a lot of fun with this challenge.

The Regular Show & Tell will be held later in the evening.

2025 Schedule of Events

January 6 Chris Hornby of Green Dragonfly Studio will be teaching a small hand stitched project (kit provided). Bring scissors, embroidery needles and a small selection of floss to work with. Bring the completed project to the March Meeting to receive a ticket for a drawing.

New Block of The Month Begins - Busy Bees and Goofy Flowers, 12 months/ \$6 printing fee. Sign up at the Resource Table. This is an applique which can be made from scraps or can be a stitched project and is for your own pleasure. No completion date & no pressure.

February 3 Sue Cortese of SelcFabrics will present **Quilt Appreciation – Traditional & Art Quilts**. Sue is preparing this program especially for PALS Guild. Her Web site is SelcFABRICS.com. Please visit & see the amazing quilts made using fabrics she creates using various dyeing techniques.

March – June TBD

July 7 Elsie Vredenburg of Cadillac, MI will teach a freezer paper pieced class using one of her Michigan Lighthouse designs. In the general meeting Elsie's trunk show includes all 35 Years of her Hoffman Challenge Quilts and many of her other Award-Winning Quilts.

August 4 - Annual Picnic

September 8 - Dual Meeting with LHQG at Grand Haven

October & November – TBD

December 1 – Christmas Potluck

Something new for Members PALS Social Sewing Days

Work on unfinished class projects or UFO's. If you need help or don't remember instructions from classes, there will be plenty of help available.

Where: Quilted Memories, Montague

Time: 10am-3pm

Dates: Saturday, December 7th

Tuesday, December 17th

Cost: \$5 payable to Quilted Memories, on the day of activity. Bring lunch and your projects.



Threads of Friendship Quilt Show

Kay Williams and Lynnetta Poff

We are excited to share an important update about the Quilt Show. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we've had to change the dates. Please mark your calendars for the new dates: May 16, and 17, 2025. Set up will be on the 15th. The Salvation Army, located at 1185 Shonat St., Muskegon will still be our venue.

Are you *UP* for a Challenge? The PALS "Threads of Friendship" Quilt Show Challenge Theme, Fabric, and Requirements will be revealed at our December meeting.

Would your sewing bee or other group like to put together a raffle basket for our quilt show? We are looking for groups or individuals that would like to donate to or put together a themed raffle basket.

We can't wait to see your incredible quilts on display! The talent shared in our quilt guild meetings is truly inspiring, and we know many of you have beautiful quilts ready to enter. This is also a wonderful opportunity to ignite your creativity and craft something new!



Lighthouse Liaison

Lisa Schooley

2024 Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

Dec. 9, 2024- Holiday Treats & time to socialize

January 13, 2025 – Peter Byrne, Toronto, Canada – trunk show and lecture

February 10, 2025 – Nova Montgomery, Texas – lecture

March 10, 2025 – Lemon Quilts – presentation on batting

April 14, 2025 – Phyllis Fay, Illinois – "Motivating You to Use Your Stash"

May 12, 2025 – Nancy McNally, Michigan – lecture and trunk show

June 9, 2025 – Sue Cortese, Michigan – lecture about Judging

July 14, 2025 – Lynne Osborne – Trunk Show with Bee Members

August 11, 2025 – Nova Montgomery, Texas – lecture on 1933 World's Fair

Hospitality

Lisa Schooley



Happy Birthday to you!

Wishing our members with December birthdays a Happy Birthday. We will not need birthday treats as we will be having our Christmas celebration. Come celebrate with us.

Library

Karen Benham

Come check out our Guild Library, we have lots of books with lots of patterns! We have something for everyone: baby quilts, panel quilts, or sampler quilts.



Membership

LuAnne Sloop

Our November meeting had 6 new members join us for 2025. In attendance were 70 members, 2 guests and 6 new members with a total of 78 people. Our current membership is 123 members. You are doing a great job of bringing in new members! Keep them coming!

Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson and Deb Taylor

We're off to a roaring start...already we have collected 20 Donation quilts. Thank you to all of you! We hope you were able to come and participate in the Donation Sew at Quilted Memories on Monday, November 11, 2024. There will be more of these sewing events in the coming year. Pictured are some of the quilts we have started saving for next October. In the meantime, see if you can raid your own stash (or ours) and make a quilt for someone in need.



Historian

Cheryl Nicholson




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2. Enter Patchers at the Lakeshore and choose our PALS group from the results.
3. Go to the Page.
4. Tap **Follow OR Like**

PALS Nominees for 2025: Board and Committee nominees for 2025

Chair: Barb Reynolds

Co-Chair(s): Lynneta Poff

Secretary: Jean Anthony

Treasurer: Susan Baker

Assistant Treasurer: Paule DeLong

Media: **Vicky Scott**

Resources: Kathy Preston & **Open Position**

Marketing: Peggy Perez & Betty Brode

Membership: LuAnne Sloop

Historian: **Sunny Crenshaw**

Donation Quilts: Suzette Mattson & Deb Taylor

Library: Open Position

Lighthouse Liaison: Open Position

Hospitality: Open Position

Anyone else who is interested in being nominated for any of the above positions, please contact Barb Reynolds: reynoldsbarb@hotmail.com or 231-744-0387. We will vote on the 2025 slate at the December 2nd General meeting. Please plan on attending.

Represents new board members/positions

PALS AQS Ultimate Guild Challenge for 2025

My Favorite! (Due Monday, March 3 at the PALS meeting)

Our challenge is to make a quilt answering the question “what is your favorite -?”

“My Favorite Dinosaur” AND “My Favorite Color”

As adults no one asks us the important questions anymore such as “what is your favorite dinosaur?” or “what is your favorite color?” so we are asking questions and making quilts to answer them.

- ❖ Quilt must be 40” wide X 30” tall
- ❖ Quilt must contain at least one dinosaur
- ❖ Quilt must feature a favorite color
- ❖ Quilt must have a design feature that breaks the border (as shown in photos)



Remember that we do not have actual photos of dinosaurs, all images are imagined renderings from the fossils found. You can imagine YOUR favorite dinosaur in many different colors/textures!

If you would like some help, there will be a meet-up on Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 pm at Abbi Mays Fabric Shop. While the main topic of the meet-up will be finishing touches (blocking/trimming/binding/facing/hanging sleeve), all questions and design dilemmas can be addressed. **YOU DO NOT NEED TO ATTEND THE MEET-UP TO ENTER A QUILT!**

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