

Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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March 2025

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

March 3, 2025

Social Time 6:00 PM

Meeting 6:30 PM

Muskegon County Baker

Campus

Marquette and Quarterline #18

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*please see Barb Reynolds if you are interested in filling any of these positions

Next Board Meeting

February 24, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline

March 10, 2025

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From Your Chair – Barb Reynolds



The month of March is approaching...finally. January was too many days long and February was cold. It should have been a great time to get some sewing done. Unfortunately, I didn't get nearly enough accomplished.

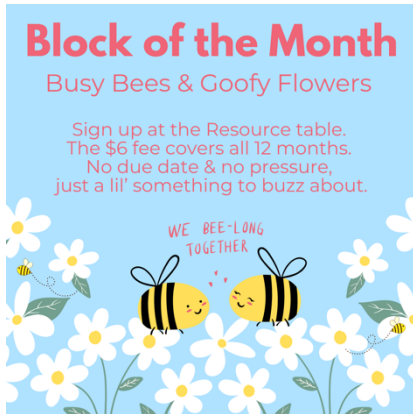
The sewing sessions encourage me to spend uninterrupted time on my projects. I found an interesting book by Maggie Smith, entitled *Keep Moving*.

“Do something today that will bring you joy even if you know you will not do it well. Let go of the idea that you will have to be the best at something to do it. Train yourself to crave experience, not perfection.” Enjoy playing with fabrics and colors. Keep Moving.

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.

Block Of the Month-Busy Bees & Goofy Flowers sign up is at the Resource table.



The \$6 fee covers all 12 months. You may join at any time and previous months will be given upon joining.

2025 Panel Quilt Challenge (no fee). It's not too late to sign up. Please photograph your panel, background and 3 color fabrics together then email to

ksbpreston@gmail.com before you begin. The Second Design Direction will be given this month. Directions can

be emailed to Snowbirds or to participants if PALS is canceled for bad weather.

Contact Kathy at ksbpreston@gmail.com. **Design Directions** are scheduled January, March, May, July & October. Completed Quilts or unfinished tops will be revealed with the starting photo as a Trunk Show the following **December 2025**.

Directions are beginner friendly. Quilters with more experience may create more complex blocks. The choice is up to the maker. Quilters may work with friends or solo. Let's have a lot of fun with this challenge. Anyone may join at any time. You will have time to catch up.

March 3-Tips & Tricks- Five PALS Members will share a variety of methods they use. Each mini session will be 15 minutes with 5 minutes to move to the next table. Topics to be covered: **Bindings** – Joy L; **Flying Geese**, 3 methods – Jill M; **Half Square Triangles**, 3 methods – Kathy J; **Labels** – Kathy P; **Squaring Blocks**; 2 methods - Kathy M.

April 7-TBD

May 5-PALS MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE SALVATION ARMY – 1221 Shonat St, Muskegon, Mi 49442. Directions: From Apple Ave (M 46) Turn South on Shonat, continue 2 blocks. It will be the large brick facility on the left, Enter Door 1 on that side of the building. It was decided this would be a good opportunity to get acquainted with the building where the Quilt Show will be held. We will start out

in the gym with a short meeting. You will be shown how to fold your quilts for Registration at that time. **Please Note:** this would be an excellent time to bring donations for the **Quilt Show's Boutique**. Nancy Boxer and her volunteers will be organizing and pricing items at this location.

June 2-TBD

July 7-Elsie Vredenburg of Cadillac, MI will teach a freezer-paper pieced class using one of her Michigan Lighthouse Patterns (printed freezer-paper within the pattern). Elsie will present a trunk show of all 35 Years of her Hoffman Challenge Quilts and many other Award-Winning Quilts for our evening meeting.

August 4 -Annual Picnic

September 8-Dual Meeting with Lighthouse Quilt Guild at Grand Haven

October 6-Jill Twiss McFadden of Quilted Memories INC will be our Presenter

November 3-TBD

December 1-Christmas Potluck and Member's Panel Quilt Challenge Reveal Trunk Show.



2025 Programs at

Lighthouse Quilt Guild

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

PALS Social Sewing Days

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

Location: *Quilted Memories, 9919 Business US-31, Montague, MI*

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

2025 Dates:

March 1 Saturday
March 25 Tuesday
April 12 Saturday
April 29 Tuesday
May 10 Saturday
May 27 Tuesday
June 14 Saturday
June 24 Tuesday
July No Sew days

August 9 Saturday (No Tuesday)
September 13 Saturday
September 30 Tuesday
October 11 Saturday
October 28 Tuesday
November 8 Saturday
November 25 Tuesday
December 13 Saturday
December 30 Tuesday

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

Membership

LuAnne Sloop and Sue Saladin

February 2025: We had 1 renewing member for 2025.

Meeting attendance: 52 members and 3 guests

Membership: current number of members = 130

30 members will be removed next month if their dues are not paid up.

That would bring us back down to 100 members.

Members, you are doing a great job of bringing in new members! Keep them coming!

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Patchers At the Lakeshore 2025 Quilt Show Challenge



“Take Flight”

Sponsored by Quilted Memories Inc

1. Size must be 20” X 20” – quilts not meeting this size will be moved to another category
2. Quilt must be three (3) layers – top, batting, and backing with finished edges – bound or faced
3. Quilt may be quilted by hand, machine or both.
4. The quilt must be an individual entry – sewing AND quilting by entrant (no bees or “quilting by check”)
5. No names on the front of the challenge quilt
6. Entry must use the registration form
7. Challenge fabric FQ is provided for a cost of \$3.00
8. Additional fabric may be purchased from the Challenge Chair
9. Quilt must have a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric within the quilt; not just the binding, border or backing
10. 2025 Challenge Quilt must have at least one Flying Geese style block
11. Quilt may be pieced, appliqued and/or embellished with three-dimensional elements

Contact Joy Lamphere for more
information: shout4joy.geo@yahoo.com or 231.220.9319

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show

Event Details

Kay Williams



Plans for the Threads of Friendship Quilt Show are moving along. Remember to mark your calendar for this event so you don't miss it - May 16 & 17, 2025!

Preparations and Volunteers

Kathy Myers, with the help of her husband, Dave, has been working diligently to get the rack cards and posters made. They are expected to be ready for distribution at the March PALS meeting. Additionally, **Kathy** has been working on the **Raffle Quilt**, which promises to look even more stunning in person than in pictures.

Deb Taylor is actively seeking **vendors** for the show. If you have any contacts with quilt shops in the area or surrounding regions, please share that information with Deb.

If you have a quilt you'd like to display at the show, please see **Sunny Crenshaw** for a registration form. Registration forms are also available online.

Barb Reynolds is overseeing the **Raffle and Auction Baskets**. If you wish to donate items for the auction baskets or sell raffle tickets, she is the contact person.

Nancy Boxer is organizing the **Boutique**, one of the main events at the show. She is looking for donations, so please go through your sewing room and contribute items you no longer need. Remember the decluttering rule: "if you haven't used it in 6 months, let it go." Donating these items helps generate funds for the Guild, making it a win-win situation.

Special Features

I am looking forward to the "**Bed Turning**" and I hope you are too. **Kathy Johnson** is known for bringing quilts to life with the stories she shares about them. If you have a unique quilt with an interesting story, consider registering it for the Bed Turning.

Participation Encouragement

All guild members are strongly encouraged to sell raffle tickets, volunteer, and attend the Threads of Friendship Quilt Show. It's an "All Hands on Deck" event.

Thanks in advance for your willingness to help make this year's Threads of Friendship Quilt Show a success.



Donation Quilts

Suzette Mattson and Deb Taylor

We received 7 quilts and 2 quilt tops at the February meeting. There were a lot of questions about donation quilts. I will try to answer most of them here for all our new members. We will have kits available at most of the Guild meetings. The kits include: a pattern, fabric to complete the top, backing and binding. Batting is available upon request; just send us an email and we will get it to you. You can also use your own stash and patterns if you like, be creative.



We have some Donation Quilt Sew Days scheduled at Quilted Memories: March 24th, April 14th, June 9th, August 11th, October 13th and December 8th. Come spend some time sewing, picking out fabric or a couple kits to work on






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