

Patchers at the Lakeshore News

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April 2025

PALS Quilt Guild Meeting

April 7, 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

March 31, 2025

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 10, 2025

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From Your Chair – Barb Reynolds



Welcome to April. Just how much of a fool are you? April Fool's Day used to be my children's favorite day of the year (after Christmas of course). They would spend hours trying to invent new ways to trick the parents. Dad was an easy catch. I had a little more experience with the tricks because I had 3 older brothers to practice on. The biggest trick lately has been the weather. Hopefully, Spring has sprung.

I am busy trying to work on a quilt for the show, but life keeps getting in the way! All hands on deck are needed to help with the quilt show. It is our major source of income for speakers and classes. It is fun to meet our friends at the show and take the time to see what people are working on. Please sign up for at least 1 shift. It is very useful if we can get some men and older students to help set up racks on Thursday. Not hard work, but height has an advantage.

I ran across an interesting quote by Christie Brinkley, "Share your smile with the world. It's a symbol of friendship and peace." It is nice to see your smiles of friendship at our meetings. It brings a little sunshine to anyone's day. Keep Smiling!

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.

**** If anyone has baskets they can donate for the Quilt Show Basket Raffle, we need several of all sizes.**



Members may continue to sign up for Block of the Month- Busy Bees & Goofy Flowers at the Resource table. The \$6 fee covers all 12 months. This can be done as an applique from fabric scraps, or it can be an embroidered project. It is for your own pleasure. No completion date and no pressure. When you sign up you will receive all the months given out so far.

2025 Panel Quilt Challenge (no fee). It's not too late to sign up. Contact Kathy at ksbpreston@gmail.com and she will send you the directions or pick them up at the Resource table next month. Please photograph the panel with a background fabric & 3 fabric choices taken from colors in your panel, then send it by email to ksbpreston@gmail.com or text **231 730 2236** before you begin. 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 at **December 2025 Christmas Meeting**. Directions are beginner friendly. Work with friends or solo. Social Days may also be a good time and place to meet up and seek assistance from friends. Make this challenge exciting and fun.

2025 Meeting Agendas:

April 7 - This month members are invited to bring 2 or 3 of their **Ribbon Winning Quilts** from ANY past quilt shows (PALS, LHQG, AQS or others).

We will also be playing a game called Left Right Center. Please bring 6 or more charm squares if you would like to play. (charms are precuts that are 5" x 5") These may be any color and may be cut from your own yardage. This game is great fun and is usually played during the annual picnic in August.

Regular Show and Share will also take place.

May 5 – This Month the PALS Meeting will be held at -

The Salvation Army, 1221 Shonot St, Muskegon, MI 49442, (231) 773-3284

The Board decided to hold our general meeting at this location to acquaint all of us with the building before the Quilt Show is held later in May. You will sign in as usual and the resource table and charity tables will also be there. We will start out in the Gym with our announcements and business. Then we will go on a tour. You are invited to bring any donations you may have for the boutique to The Salvation Army (231 773-3284) at any time before the Quilt Show. Just call their number and Lynnetta Poff will arrange to meet you at the door. She lives across the street. Or you may bring donations the night of the meeting.

June - 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.

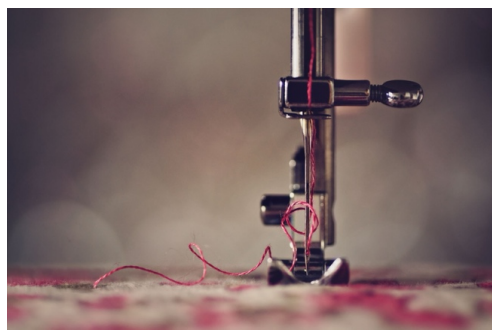
August 4 - Annual Picnic

September 8 - Dual Meeting with LHQG at Grand Haven

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

November – TBD

December 1 – Christmas Potluck, Member's 2025 Panel Quilt Challenge Trunk Show



2025 Programs at Lighthouse Quilt Guild

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:

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

March 2025: We had 4 renewing members for 2025.

Meeting attendance: 56 members and 1 guest

Membership: current number of members = 103

An email was sent out in February to all those who have not renewed their membership. Only 1 email was returned undeliverable. 4 people renewed their membership. If you have a friend that dropped out, help us find out what we can do to encourage them to rejoin.

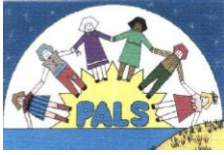
Members, you are doing a great job of bringing in new members! Keep them coming!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO RECEIVE THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL, GO ONLINE TO: [WWW.HTTPS://PALSQUILTGUILD.ORG](https://palsquiltguild.org)

Please do let us know if you are not receiving email communication and check that your email is correct at the sign-in desk.

If you celebrate a birthday in April, please bring a treat to share for the meeting on April 7th!





Threads of Friendship Quilt Show



Presented by the
Patchers at the Lakeshore (PALS) Quilt Guild
May 16 & 17, 2025

What you need to know to participate:

- Only active PALS members may enter quilts in the show
- PALS members may enter 2 quilts in the show, in addition to entering a challenge or bed turning quilt
- All quilts in the show must be registered, including those used for bed turning
- Photographs of all quilts in the show must be provided for registration. These do not need to be professional photos. **NOTE:** photos provided will not be returned.
- Registration forms are available online at www.palsquiltguild.org
 - Completed registration forms should be saved to the member's computer as a PDF form
 - When saving the completed form, members should use their last name and first initial in the saved file name. For example, Mary Smith's completed form would be saved as: Smith-M
 - The saved completed form and a photo of the quilt being registered should be mailed to palsquiltshow@gmail.com
 - Registration volunteers will confirm the receipt of the completed form and provide related information to the member after it has been processed
- Printed registration forms will be available at PALS 2025 March and April meetings.
- Hard copy completed registration forms may be turned in at the PALS 2025 March and April meetings.
- Ribbons will be awarded for first, second, and third place in each category and in the Challenge category. Ribbons will also be awarded for first, second, and third place for each quilting category.
- Ribbons will also be given for Viewer's Choice selection and Best of Show.
- Winners should contact the PALS Historian to have pictures taken with their award winning quilt.
- Registered quilts will be accepted at the Salvation Army (use gym door #4, off Graf St) **ONLY** at the following times:

Wednesday, May 14	5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Thursday, May 15	9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
- Quilts should be folded with the top of the quilt outside and the lower right-hand corner facing up as you are looking at the folded quilt.
- Quilts may be picked up at the Salvation Army no less than one hour after the show closes (no earlier than 5:00 PM). Quilts will be available for pickup until 6:00 PM on Saturday, May 17.
- Only the person designated to be the pickup person on the completed registration form will be allowed to receive a quilt from the pickup area. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
- PALS Quilt Guild and the Salvation Army are not responsible for loss, theft, or damage to any item displayed at the show. Normal precautions will be taken to protect belongings at all times. The Salvation Army will be securely locked when not in use. Quilt owners who desire insurance must provide it themselves.
- PALS Quilt Guild and The Salvation Army are not responsible for any quilt not picked up by 6 PM Saturday, May 17.

Threads of Friendship Quilt Show Update

Event Details

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

Lynneta will have volunteer sign-up sheets at the April Guild meeting. All Guild members are expected to volunteer and help with the quilt show! Please don't make her beg for volunteers. Remember, the money raised at this event helps offset the cost of Guild programs, special guests, etc.

Posters and Rack Cards were disbursed at the March Meeting. If you picked up a bundle, please remember to take them to the indicated quilt shop. Please help us post them at any community bulletin board that you see around town. Share them with your friends, neighbors, church congregations, etc. We need to publicize this event as much as possible to ensure a successful turnout.

Deb Taylor is actively seeking vendors for the show. If you have any contact 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



Hi ladies! Spring is replacing winter and some of you sewists are thinking of outside activities as well as quilting. You can do both.

We received six quilts at the March meeting. Deb and I will have new kits and some batting at the April meeting.

We will have an April 14 Donation sew (it's free) at Quilted Memories: 10a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Bring your lunch and your own fabrics or pick up a kit there. Hope to see many of you then.




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2. Enter Patchers at the Lakeshore and choose our PALS group from the results.
3. Go to the Page.
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