



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

August 2026

Hello fellow Quilters,

We expect this note finds you all well and cool and enjoying the summer! Although it is hard to believe that it's AUGUST already, isn't it? The Stars, Stripes and Stitches Quilt Show is coming up fast, so hopefully you're ready (or will be shortly) to submit your quilts. We all need to do our part to make this show a success – whether it be working on a committee, submitting a quilt or being a hostess. Thank you to everyone who has already been working diligently to bring this show to fruition. And remember – a quilt show is not a spectator sport!

Speaking of everyone doing their part...the raffle quilt is complete and everyone will be getting their raffle tickets soon. This is an important part of our fundraising efforts to be able to provide programs and workshops for your enjoyment. If you don't want to SELL the tickets, please purchase them yourself as your part of the effort. We still need people to take the raffle quilt around to other quilt guilds in the area. You would not have to do them ALL...just take one guild, recruit a buddy, and make an evening of it!

We've got some great programs and workshops coming up. There is surely something for everyone to enjoy and learn something to boot! For starters, our picnic is coming up on Monday, August 3rd. So far, the weather channel is cooperating with us – let's cross our fingers that it stays that way! We hope to see you all there for a great potluck and fellowship...and, of course, Show and Tell.

See you soon!

Kitty and Pat

Our Mission

To recognize, explore & promote the potential of the quilting medium
To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting
To interest people in the area of participating and sharing in the development of quilting

2026-2027 Officers and Directors

Co-Presidents: Pat Frieman & Kitty Plovanich 2028

First VP/Programs: Debra Dodd & Robyn McGarrigle 2028

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Director: Judy Blum 2027

Director: Keith Blum 2028

Director: Elaine McNally 2027

Director: Kristine Pegues 2027

Director/Newsletter: Kim Voss 2027

Director/Webmaster: Kate Watling 2028

Past Co-Presidents: Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2028

(Two Year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name)

Positively Programs

Sept **Sept 14** **My Passion in Pixels** **Dee Bushrod**

Zoom Lecture

Dee is a Brit who now lives in Oklahoma (It's a long story). She has been a quilter for 19 years, but it's only since she found pixel quilts that she has become ever so slightly obsessed.

"Pixel quilts are magic, they are my therapy, the way I focus and bring myself back to the present and stop stressing. I love every part of the pixel quilt process." -
Dee





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October 5

Jane Godshall

Of Plain Jane Threads

Tried and True

Zoom Lecture

“Quilting offers something for everyone, whether it's by hand or machine. Both use techniques that result in quilts that inspire and are fun to make. What do you love about quilting, and what draws you to it? Let's explore together tried and true quilting methods and see what has happened over the years and into the 21st century while respecting the past.”

Workshop: An Introduction to

New York Beauty

The NTNT FPP way!

October 6th, 1:00 via Zoom in your own home or a friend's on a computer,

laptop, or tablet

Class Fee \$40

Kits will be subsidized by the guild

Non-members \$60

https://www.youtube.com/live/kdKXFIKDtmU?si=5mSyruJ1SfAPD_Xm



2026- 2027 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman	Monthly Door Prizes: Mary Gustafson
Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske	Nomination Committee 2026: Elaine McNally
Anderson Quilt Show: Judy Blum	Parties/Banquets: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Block of the Month: Kristine Pegues	Public Relations/Technology: Kate Watling
Challenge Quilts: Kim Voss	Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: Debbie Kurowski
Comfort 4 a Cause: Kim Hemphill	Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD
Craft Fairs: Lisa Petrillo & Renee Riedel	Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: Sandy Becker
Hospitality: Althea Mieske	Sewing Days: Elaine McNally & Yolande Sherrod
Kenosha County Fair: Sherilyn Klamm	Shalom Center: Kitty Plovanich
Mentor Program: Peg Malmberg	Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

The quilt show is coming soon! Drop off and judging days are sneaking up on us. Registration deadline is Tuesday, August 4th at midnight. Drop off is Thursday, August 6th from 10 am - noon. Double check your hanging sleeves and make sure to put a label on your quilt. Requirements are on the SQG website. Judging is Friday, August 7th and all guild members are welcome to attend judging day. Reminder that the doors will be locked at 9 am and no late arrivals can enter. Cheers to another wonderful show at the picturesque Anderson Arts Center!

ADVENT EXCHANGE



There's still time to get in on the Advent Exchange. It's GREAT fun - It's simple - just purchase 12 gifts between \$3 and \$5, and make 12 gifts. Bring the wrapped gifts to the November meeting and go home with 24 DIFFERENT gifts to unwrap each day from December 1st until Christmas. See Pat Frieman for more details.



Block of the Month

📖 Block of the Month Fun! 📖

Fell a little behind on your Block of the Month blocks? No worries—there's always room for one more stitch! You can still turn in your completed blocks from previous months. While only the current month's blocks are eligible for that month's raffle drawing, your late blocks will be put to good use and stitched together into a beautiful quilt or table runner.

Want to catch up? All of the previous months' block patterns can be found on our website. So grab your fabric, dust off those patterns, and get quilting!

And don't forget to bring two blocks for the month of July to be entered into this month's raffle drawing. Who knows? Your blocks might just be the lucky ones!

The latest block for August will be included in the email with the newsletter. You get to be creative in the center block, with some embroidery, applique or fussy cutting. Happy sewing.



Challenge Quilts

This year's Challenge Quilt theme is "Celebrate America." The requirements are now up on the website under the Programs link. Kim Voss will be chairing the Challenge quilts. Please contact her if you have any questions or concerns.



Comfort 4 A Cause

Comfort 4 A Cause is back to our regular meeting schedule. The first end last Thursday each month at the Lord of life church from 10am until 2. Our kits can be checked out and returned at each meeting with the guild, the charity workshops and Serenity quilt shop. A huge thank you goes out to those that have been participating.

Kim Hemphill



Craft Fairs

Our First Craft Fair of the Season Starts in Two Months! Thank you to all who have signed up to help with the upcoming craft fairs. Your enthusiasm is much appreciated! As a reminder, we will have a booth at the following:

- Elkhorn Craft Fair: October 3rd, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Walworth County Fairgrounds) Popular items: Fall and Halloween-themed
- Tremper High School Craft Fair: October 10th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (26th Avenue, Kenosha) Popular items: Fall and Halloween-themed
- Case High School Craft Fair: November 7th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Washington Avenue, Racine) Popular items: Winter and holiday-themed
- Gateway Technical College Craft Fair: December 12th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (30th Avenue, Kenosha) Popular items: Winter and Christmas-themed

This is a raffle quilt year, so visitors to our booths will be plentiful! Our craft fair booths are a wonderful way to share our mission and our beautiful creations.

We still need volunteers, so please stop by the back tables and see if you'll have an opening in your schedule to help. Also, don't forget to give Donna Makouske your craft fair item(s), or see Carol Rannow if you wish to give a \$25 donation instead. Happy quilting!

Note: Part of your guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item to the guild that can be sold at craft fairs or at the Anderson Art Center. In lieu of a craft fair donation, you can make a \$25 donation to the guild.



Hospitality

Althea Mieske has a signup sheet for members to sign up for monthly hospitably food/drink items. All members are asked to sign up to bring something to a meeting at least once a year.



Mentor Program

We all need a little help and/or direction from time-to-time. Whether you're a new quilter trying to improve your skills, someone who's new to the Guild and isn't sure who the right person to contact is, or perhaps you've been a member for a while and are stuck trying something new, we hope you'll take advantage of the wealth of information available to you through our Mentoring

Program. This program draws on the expertise of all our Southport Quilt Guild members. Mentor Chairperson, Peg Malmberg, will help connect you with whatever assistance or resource you are looking for.



Parties/Banquets

The SQG summer picnic is set for Monday, August 3rd. It will be held at the Bristol Woods County Park picnic shelter, 9800 County Hwy MB, starting at 5:00. We ask that you bring a dish to share, with any utensil that is needed. Bring your own beverage, and a chair if you don't want to sit at picnic benches. Also, there will be show and tell. Hope you can make it!



Raffle Quilt

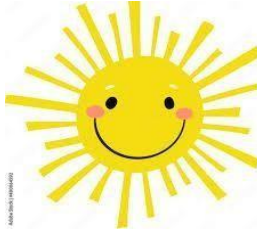
Our raffle quilt is done! Debbie Kurowski selected the pattern *Points of Pride*, designed by Delores Smith and Sarah Maxwell, for our raffle quilt which goes very well with our show theme! She will be bringing the quilt to the August picnic so we all can see and admire it! We are still looking for someone to take the quilt to area guilds and to sell raffle tickets there.





Shalom Center Food Pantry/Community Service Program

Our mission is simple: serve the community through food, shelter and supportive ways. We believe that this mission will help realize a greater vision: self-sufficiency by maximizing the potential of people. <http://shalomcenter.org/needs>. We take a collection of food items and money every meeting and hand out a door prize to those who donated.

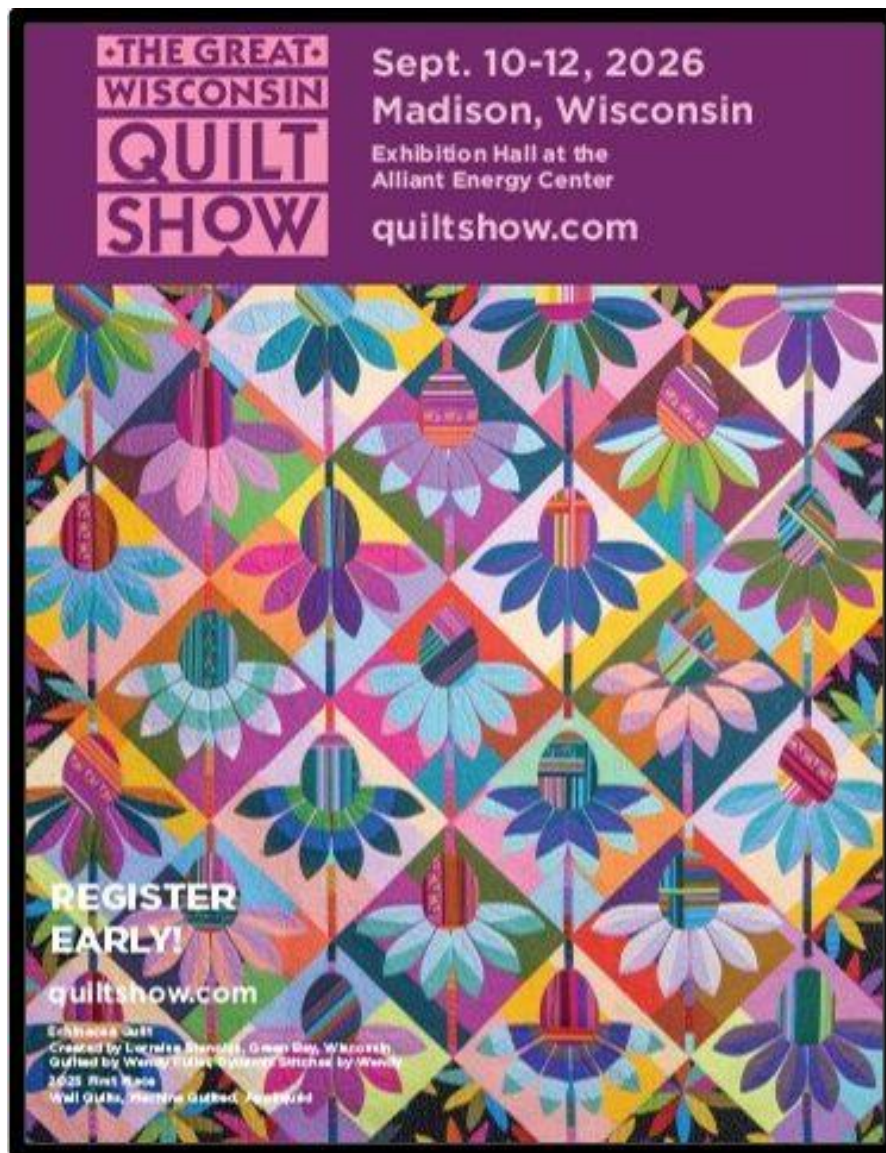


Sunshine Committee

If you know anyone in the Guild who has been ill or had a family tragedy, please contact Cathy Monahan at 847-668-0510 or at cmonach@gmail.com. She will send out an appropriate card.

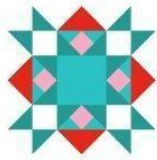
Upcoming Quilt Shows





info@serenityquiltshop.com 262.577.5886
4003 80th Street, Suite 102 Kenosha, WI
53142

Hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4 Closed
Tuesday



Sew'n Save
of Racine

www.sewnsaveofracine.com

262-554-8708

262-554-6445

(direct line to the Fabric Gallery)

3701 Durand Ave, Racine, WI 53405

Mon thru Fri: 10:00 – 5:30

Sat: 10:00 – 3:00 Sun: Closed



Stitched Quilt Shop

505 6th St.

262-260-8600

Stitched is a modern quilt shop and creative makers' space. Open: Tue–Sat 10–6
(Thurs till 8!) & Sun 10–2. Closed Mondays.

