



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

October 2026

Greetings all! We're hoping that everyone is enjoying our fall weather – depending on the day! Before you know it, we'll be bundling up with our hats and mittens, so we should enjoy it while we can!

Our quilt show is winding down and another year is just about in the books. A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone that made our quilt show a success – whether it be working on the committee (for a WHOLE YEAR we might add), serving as a hostess, bringing friends and family or displaying some of your amazing work. It takes a village (or a guild in this case) to bring a project of this size to fruition. We need someone to take over the reins and serve as quilt show chairperson for our 2027 show. Please consider giving your time and talent to this amazing event.

The Elkhorn craft show is “under our belt,” and we have three to go – Tremper, Case and Gateway. In addition to making and donating items to sell, we need volunteers to help out on the day of the fairs. Please check out the sign-up sheets on the check-in table. There are some blank spaces, and Lisa also needs someone to help sell raffle tickets.

Speaking of raffle tickets – everyone should have theirs by now. Please consider purchasing them yourself if you do not wish to sell them to family and friends. The craft fair and raffle quilt ticket sales are what enables our guild to bring in speakers, subsidize the workshops, subsidize the banquet and holiday party and meet the miscellaneous expenses that it takes to run a guild. Without that income, we wouldn't be able to do any of it. If you enjoy the benefits, you need to help raise the funds.

We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Nominations Committee for the board positions that will be changing over in May. The positions that will be available are: Second Vice-President – Membership, Treasurer, Director – Newsletter, and 3 other Director positions....or you could volunteer to fill one of the positions...It DOES take a village.

Happy sewing,

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

Second VP/ Membership: Donna Nicolazzi 2027

Secretary: Carol Kessler & Kathy Basler 2028

Treasurer: Carol Rannow 2027

Director: Rose Ann Ambrowiak 2026

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

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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 6, 1:00 pm via Zoom in your own home or a friend's on a computer
Class Fee \$40 ~ Non-members \$60 Kits will be subsidized by the guild

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

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November 9th

Lina Owen

Blue Belle Designs
Milton, WI

Our Mission at Quilting with Latinas

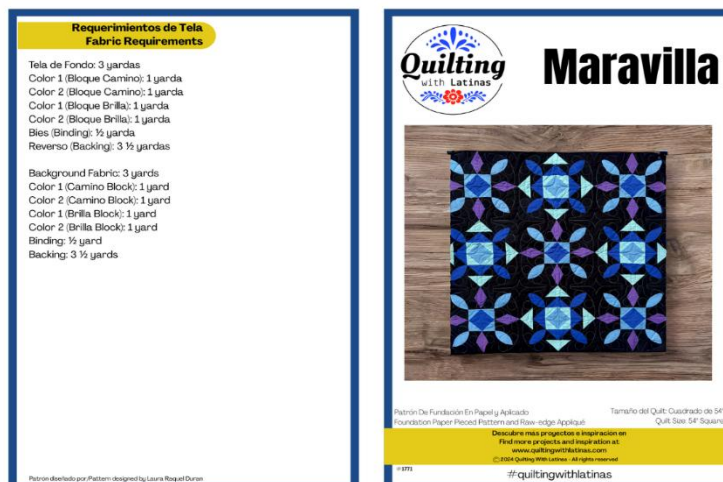
To create a welcoming, bilingual, and inclusive community where quilting becomes a space to learn, connect, and celebrate our stories. Through tutorials, patterns, workshops, and educational content in English and Spanish, we aim to inspire and empower quilters of all levels, especially Latina women who want to feel represented in this art form. We believe every stitch tells a story, our roots deserve to be celebrated, and quilting has the power to bring together generations, cultures, and communities.

Nuestra Misión en Quilting with Latinas

Crear una comunidad acogedora, bilingüe e inclusiva donde el quilting se convierta en un espacio para aprender, conectar y celebrar nuestras historias. A través de tutoriales, patrones, talleres y contenido educativo en español e inglés, buscamos inspirar y empoderar a quilters de todos los niveles, especialmente a mujeres latinas que desean verse representadas en este arte. Creemos que cada puntada cuenta una historia, que nuestras raíces merecen ser celebradas, y que el quilting tiene el poder de unir generaciones, culturas y comunidad.

Workshop November 10th 9-4 at St Paul's Lutheran Church Kenosha, WI

Bring bold, beautiful color and Latin-inspired charm to your quilt with *Maravilla*. The pattern combines Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) and Raw Edge Applique. Featuring bright, joyful fabrics that pop against a black background. Instructions are included in both English and Spanish.



2026- 2027 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman

Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske

Anderson Quilt Show: Judy Blum

Block of the Month: Kristine Pegues

Challenge Quilts: Kim Voss

Comfort 4 a Cause: Kim Hemphill

Craft Fairs: Lisa Petrillo & Renee Riedel

Hospitality: Althea Mieske

Kenosha County Fair: Sherilyn Klamm

Mentor Program: Peg Malmberg

Monthly Door Prizes: Mary Gustafson

Nominations Committee 2027: TBD

Parties/Banquets: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak

Public Relations/Technology: Kate Watling

Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: Debbie Kurowski

Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD

Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: Sandy Becker

Sewing Days: Elaine McNally & Yolande Sherrod

Shalom Center: Kitty Plovovich

Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Stars, Stripes, and Stitches has been a phenomenal show and experience! The red, white and blue quilts filling the main gallery are the highlight and backbone of the show this year. If you have not yet visited the Anderson Arts Center, time is growing short. The final day of our show is Sunday October 11th. Visiting hours are

1pm - 4pm. The quilt show committee will have your quilts ready to be picked up on Tuesday October 13th starting at 10:00 am. The judge's comment sheets will be distributed during pick up hours for those that had their entry judged. If you are unable to pick up your quilt, please make other arrangements and notify Donna Makouske to note the change accordingly. Challenge Quilts will not be returned on October 13th. They will be released to the Challenge Quilt Chairperson (Kim Voss) and will then be on display in the lobby of the Northside Library during November. On behalf of the quilt show committee, thanks to each and every one of you that entered quilts, volunteered time, and worked to help make this show memorable.
Sincerely, Judy Blum



ADVENT EXCHANGE

The exchange will be at our November meeting! Please wrap your gifts as follows:

All purchased gifts are to be wrapped in the same paper.

All handmade gifts are to be wrapped in the same paper, **BUT** in a distinctly different paper from the purchased items. See Pat Frieman for more details.



Block of the Month

🔔 Block of the Month Fun! 🔔

Continuing our *Stars All Around* series of blocks, October's block is the Ohio Star. Remember, make two blocks, one for the charity quilt and one for the raffle. Thanks to all who have made blocks so far! You can bring in any completed block from any previous BOM at any guild meeting, too! See

Kristine Pegues if you have any questions.



Challenge Quilts

The Challenge quilts will be going home with Kim Voss for October in preparation to be hung in the Northside Library's lobby display case for November. Library patrons and library staff each get to vote on their favorite. Ribbons for these will be awarded at the December banquet. Reach out to Kim if you have any questions. 😊



Comfort 4 A Cause

Comfort 4 A Cause meets the first and 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. Our last meeting for the year will be on November 11. We will meet up again come Spring for our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon. Thanks to all who've helped.



Craft Fairs

To those who volunteered at the Elkhorn craft fair, thank you for helping make the event a success. For our Tremper craft fair volunteers, please look for an email with details. Tremper's set-up will officially begin at 7 a.m. on October 10th (however, we usually arrive by 6:15 a.m.), and the event runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., as the event has been shortened by an hour this year. We have our usual double-booth spot in the corner near the gym entrance. Renee and I are looking forward to working with our volunteers to help craft goers select the perfect quilted item and to sell raffle tickets. We encourage all members to stop by if you can and check out our booth and the entire craft fair. Should you have any questions, please email or text Lisa Petrillo.

- 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

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!

From Donna Makouske: October is the beginning of craft fair season, and we really need your donations. Part of your guild membership obligation is to contribute an item that can be sold by the Guild at craft fairs. We are especially in need of holiday themed items, Halloween, Fall or Christmas. Holiday table runners are probably our bestsellers at craft fairs. Hot pads are big sellers at AAC and at the craft fairs, however, single hot pads do not sell! Please be sure to donate hot pads in coordinated pairs and be sure to use at least one layer of insulated batting, like Insul-Brite. We will no longer be accepting single hot pads or hot pads without insulated batting. Donations can be given to Donna Makouske at any guild meeting.



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

This year's Holiday Banquet will be held on Monday, December 7th, at Ruffolo's II Pizza restaurant. The cost of the buffet will be \$15 - 5:30 cash bar, 6:00 dinner. Sign - up at the November meeting. More details to follow.



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! It is currently hanging in the Gift Shop at the Anderson Arts Center. Please pick up your tickets if you haven't already done so. Thanks!



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.



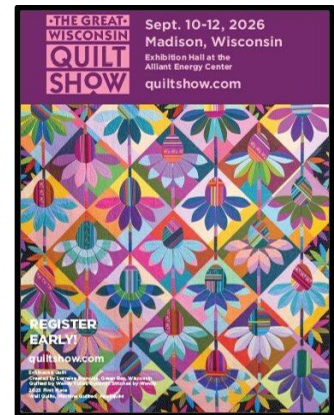
Sunshine Committee

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.

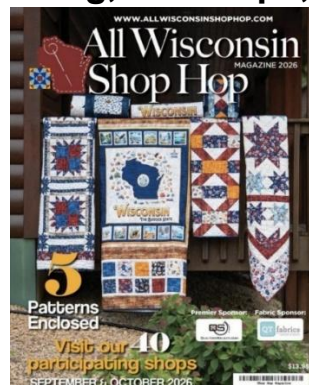
Upcoming Quilt Shows

In the Spotlight

Four of our Guild members had quilts accepted into the 2026 Madison Show. Peg Malmberg, Kristine Pegues, Kitty Plovanych, and Kim Voss's quilts were juried into the show. We hope you were able to see them!



Two months of quilting, road trips, inspiration & fun!



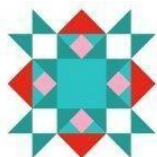
AAC Gift Shop Opportunity

Lisa Dukowitz from Anderson Arts Center has asked if any of our members would be interested in selling quilted, knit, or crocheted items in their gift shop. AAC policy is that 40% of the proceeds from any sales would go to the Anderson and 60% to the artist. If you are interested, please contact Lisa directly at (262) 653-0481. Please understand that this would be an agreement between yourself and the Anderson Arts Center. The guild will not be involved in the agreement. If you have any questions about the guild's experience working with the AAC gift shop, please contact Donna Makouske.



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



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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. Racine, WI
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.

Sewing Days

Our next scheduled Sewing Day will be Saturday, January 9th, 2027, at St. Paul's Church in Kenosha. Times will be forthcoming.

