



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

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November 2025

Thankful Greetings!

Outside feels like it's catching up to what the calendar says as Thanksgiving fast approaches, and heaven knows we have an awful lot to be thankful for!

Another successful Quilt Show is in the books and we are very appreciative of Lori Brown and her Committee who have been dedicated to bringing the community a truly spectacular display of our Guild's work. Thanks to all the members who volunteered throughout the run of the show and those who shared their beautiful work in the exhibit. If you follow the Guild on Facebook, you know that Kate Watling did a tremendous job posting frequent pictures and reminders, which was some of our best publicity. Don't forget to check out the Challenge Quilts on display at the Northside Library this month. Thank you to Judy Blum and Kim Voss for working with library staff to make this display happen. We can't wait to hear what's in store for us in 2026!

It seems 50 degrees and drizzle were ideal conditions as shoppers were out in droves at the Case High School Craft Fair this past Saturday. Many thanks to our Chairs, Lisa Petrillo and Renee Riedel, along with their team of volunteers, that represented our Guild well. We have just one more fair to go at Gateway on December 13th – please help out if you can or stop by and shop.

Ask and you shall receive! We couldn't be happier that Debbie Kurowski said "yes" to our plea in the last newsletter for someone to Chair our 2027 Raffle Quilt. We're anxious to see what she decides on and hope others will follow her lead and offer to assist.

Kudos to Judy Blum and Elaine McNally for a wonderful workshop day out at the Kenosha County Center on October 24th. It was a productive and fun day that was filled with learning new skills and fellowship among the 20+ participating members. We look forward to more of these type of events in the future.

As it is with most Thanksgiving traditions, it comes down to the food and welcoming guests. Thank you, Althea Mieske for being our Hospitality Chair and organizing our amazing array of treats each meeting. To Rose Ann Ambrowiak & Jackie Kim and their Committee of Party Planners that help make our celebrations extra special. And to our Membership Co-Chairs, Kitty Plovanich and Donna Nicolazzi for being those first smiling faces everyone sees coming in.

As we move into nominations season, please consider sharing your talents and joining the ranks of the ladies mentioned above, along with the other leaders that help our Guild be such a diverse and vibrant organization!

Happy Thanksgiving All! Tara & Peg

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



2025-2026 Officers and Directors

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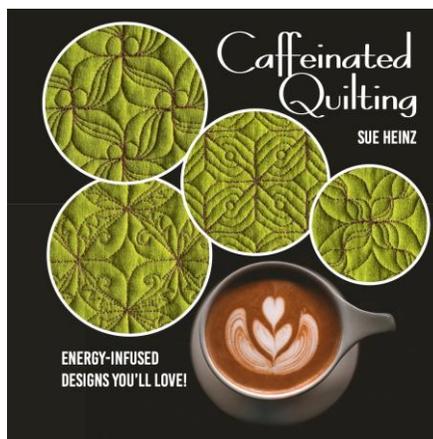
(Two Year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name)

Positively Programs

NOV

November 10, 2025 – Sue Heinz – You Have a Friend in Elmer

Imagine a world where every seam you stitch is perfect...every block true to size. Can you also imagine precisely matching stripes, accurately piecing circles (with ease!) and eliminating bias stretch forever? Wanna dream even more? Sue Heinz guarantees you will achieve your wildest piecing dreams when you use this simple technique that requires no pins, clips, or gadgets.



**Tuesday November 11, 2025 (Federal Holiday so many of you have the day off!) Caffeinated Quilting (9:30 to approx. 4:00)
Cost \$35**

Sue has brewed up energy-infused organic designs that will look stunning on your next quilt. Based on her latest book, this class will leave you filled to the brim with new grid, block, and linear designs that are easy to master, especially with Sue's one-on-one teaching style. Come play – leave caffeinated! (No machines needed. Cost includes class fee.)

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March 2, 2026 Trunk Show by Jill Shaulis of Yellow Creek Designs

Jill is a nationally known pattern designer, fabric designer, lecturer, and shop owner.

She is the mastermind of the very first Quilt Shop Hop created almost 30 years ago. She has owned her not-so-small shop in Pearl City, Il, since 1992.

Her trunk show will consist of many of the projects she has designed and made. She weaves her quilting journey with the trunk show in a fun and energetic way. You will leave smiling and inspired!



April 13, 2026 Bill Hoernke Show and Class

Bill is a quilter and weaver and you just never know what he is going to do next. He lets his interests guide him and you never know what will be under his needle. He will do a show and talk about the quilts he has made so far, and what guides and inspires him.

Monday, April 13, 2026 1:00 – 5:00 pm class Triaxial Fabric Weaving Cost \$50

Bill has taught classes on fabric weaving at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. He will be teaching a class on fabric weaving. The fee includes a weaving tool, a foam board with a grid for weaving, fusible, and written instructions.



2025 - 2026 Committee Chairs

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

Committee News



Advent Exchange

THIS IS IT! Bring your wrapped gifts to the November meeting and we'll exchange after the meeting. Any questions, contact Pat Frieman.



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Quilty Treasures is a wrap! What a wonderful show we had! A big thank you to all the committee members who helped to make the show a success and to all who volunteered! The votes have been tabulated from the patrons for Viewer's Choice: the favorite Challenge quilt was *Pretty in Pink* by Kathy Basler and the Show's choice was *Verdant Garden* by Kim Voss.



Block of the Month

BOM still on pause. In the meantime, if you would like to continue making blocks for your own use or to donate, please visit our website at [SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block of the Month](http://SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block%20of%20the%20Month).



Challenge Quilts

The Challenge Quilts will be on display at the Northside Library the entire month of November. The quilts will be returned to the makers at the Holiday dinner meeting in December, unless other arrangements are needed. The Northside Library Staff ribbon and Viewer's Choice ribbon will be awarded at the dinner.



Comfort 4 A Cause

We will be meeting for the next three Thursdays of November from 10 am to 2 pm at the Lord of Life church at the intersection of Washington Rd. and Green Bay Rd. Our goals for this holiday season will be Children's Hospital in Milwaukee, One Hope, and the Foster Closet, both of which support our local foster care and Elizabeth's Closet, which supports young families in our surrounding

community with basic needs. But our primary push is for our three Shop-with-a-Cop programs. They are on the first 3 Saturdays in December starting at 9 AM at Meijer. For these events we support the City of Kenosha, the City of Pleasant Prairie, and Kenosha County police departments in their holiday children's outreach programs.

Each child is allotted an officer to go shopping with after which we surprise them with a tote bag filled with needed donations of blankets, hats, scarves, gloves or mittens, toys, small stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, journals, pens or pencils, small puzzles and etc., and wrapped candy in Christmas treat bags. Each of us gets to take a turn handing a child their own personalized tote bag. The experience truly embodies the giving spirit of this holiday season and will leave you with a memory of joy unsurpassed. A sheet of volunteer times to sign up for is available or call me at 262-914-4543 and I'd be happy to put you on the list. Thank you so much for all that you do all year long. P.S. Find us on Facebook where you will see pictures of every meeting and event updates.



Craft Fairs

Thank you to all who volunteered for our Case High School craft fair; the event was a great success! As we had several shoppers show an interest in our guild, we might just see some new faces at our future meetings. If you signed up to help with our December 13th craft fair at the Gateway Technical College, please look for an upcoming email that will provide you with additional information. And as always, please take the time to look in the mirror and say, "You Rock!" because each of you brought joy and smiles to the many shoppers who stopped to admire your beautifully quilted items.

We need volunteers for all timeslots for Gateway's craft fair. The yellow sign-up sheets will be available at the front sign-in table at the Nov. meeting.

Craft Fair Donations

Part of your guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item to the guild that can be sold at craft fairs or at Anderson Art Center. In lieu of a craft fair donation, you can make a \$25 donation to the guild. Right now, we need Christmas themed items, especially Christmas table runners. If you plan to donate hot pads, please make them in coordinating pairs. Single potholders are very difficult to sell. Bring your donations to the November or December guild meeting and give them to Donna Makouske, or contact her at 262-515-0345 to arrange a drop-off time. Please include your name, the item's dimensions, and a suggested price for each item.



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.



Nominations Committee Election 2026

Would you like to help guide guild activities and become more involved? What better way than by joining the guild board by taking an officer or director position in 2026. Please consider whether you'd like to be a candidate for an open position. The offices of **President**, **1st Vice-President (Programs)**, and **Secretary** will be elected in 2026. There will also be one open **Director** position as two of the three directors are returning for a second term.

The slate of candidates will be presented to the membership at the March 2026 meeting. Voting will take place at the April 2026 meeting. Terms run two years, starting in May 2026 and concluding in April 2028. **Officer positions may be shared** as are the current President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President positions. Talk to a friend and consider sharing a position.

If you would like information about any of the open positions, please contact a current board member or a Nominations committee member (Elaine McNally, Yolande Sherrod or Lynda Ryan). The list of the guild leadership can be found on our guild website at <https://www.southportquilters.net/guild-leadership> and is also listed in each newsletter. The Nominations committee members will request

nomination suggestions at the November 10th membership meeting. The following job descriptions for the open officer positions are from the guild bylaws.

PRESIDENT - The President shall preside at meetings of the Guild and the Board of Directors, appoint committee chairperson(s), be an authorized signer on all Guild bank accounts, and perform all the duties as are incumbent on the office.

FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT - The 1st Vice-President (VP) shall be in charge of all programs for the monthly meetings of the Guild and all workshops. The 1st VP will work with the Public Relations Director, Newsletter Editor and Technology Officer regarding publicity for programs and workshops. The 1st VP will develop and coordinate the general calendar of the Guild and is authorized to sign all programming related contracts. In the absence of the President, the 1st VP will perform all duties of the President.

SECRETARY - The Secretary shall keep all records of the Guild and will record all minutes and notes covering such meetings.



Parties/Banquets

The Events Committee hopes you will be at the Holiday Pizza Buffet on Monday, December 1st, at Ruffolo's Pizza II, 3931 45th Street. The cost is \$10. The cash bar will open at 5:30 with the buffet at 6:00. The buffet consists of pizza, garlic knots and a salad. There is an option for a personal sized gluten free pizza. Please let me know if you prefer this option. Sign up at the November membership meeting, or if you cannot attend the meeting, contact me by November 17th. Rose Ann 262-237-0337. Please wear your nametags and remember that there will be a short membership meeting along with Show and Tell.



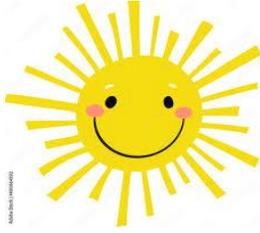
Raffle Quilt

Debbie Kurowski is heading up the Raffle quilt committee this upcoming year. Thank you, Debbie! We look forward to seeing your pattern selection!



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.

Open Sew/Workshop Day Summary

An Open Sew/Workshop that was focused on attendees learning techniques and crafting items to donate for craft fairs was held on Friday Oct. 24, 2025 at the Kenosha County Center Bldg. The attendance was very good, 20 plus members attended, which is approximately 20% of guild membership. There was a lot of interest in the Accuquilt cutting system and 1 member has now checked out the system for her personal use. Several members chose to learn the Pojagi style of patchwork piecing to make garden flags as a donation to the craft fair items. Learning the clever economy style of machine binding that was demonstrated for pot holders was very interesting. Thirteen of the wall-hanging and table topper kits that were part of Mary Messerlie's donated stash were checked out and the remaining 12 kits will be available to check out at the membership meeting in November. Attendees also expressed their desire to have more open sew days and to have them on a regular schedule. The snacks and the drawing prize items were a hit! The donated precut materials, batting, and Insulbrite helped to speed up the assembly process and contributed to making the event a success.

Rachel Nyberg, a Case High School craft-fair shopper, asked for the name of someone who might be willing to make a T-shirt quilt for her. Her phone number is 262-914-0890. Please reach out to Rachel if you are willing to work with her.

Northern Lake County Quilt Guild

2026 Quilted Postcard Pen Pal Exchange

This pen pal exchange is for the months of January & February. We will provide you with your pen pal details by the start of the year for January and you will get a new pen pal for February. You will then mail the postcard at a designated date, given in early January. After the holidays when the rush is gone and you have just enough free time to do a simple but very small quilt project, this is perfect. Your

creative juices can explode in a small format. We have five guilds participating: Village Quilters, Northern Lake County, Prairie Patch, Southport and Flying Needles. Additional info will be sent to you regarding the exchange after you sign up. If you are interested in participating, please sign up by December 26th, 2025. postcards@nlcqq.org

Robyn McGarrigle and Rose Gray ~ Postcard Co-Chairs NLCQG

Quilt Retreat

Start your creative year with Maday Delgado at her first winter retreat January 29th through February 1st, 2026 (4 days and 3 nights, meals included \$595). Taylor Hall will be the site of this beautiful quilt retreat and the location is a quiet corner on Lake Michigan in southeast Racine, WI, on the grounds of the DeKoven Center.

Margaret Heller will email you a form to fill out separately. To reserve your space, you can Venmo her or send a check. 20% (\$119) to reserve your space or the total (\$595) to: Venmo: @Margaret-Heller-2. 40% (\$238) due by December 15th and the last 40% by January 15th. Or a check made out to Margaret Heller and mailed to: Margaret Heller, 2000 Wisconsin Ave S1A, Racine, WI 53403.

<https://www.sustainabletextiledesign.com/>

Rose Barry's family is selling her rarely used Elna sewing machine. Purchase price was \$3995, but they are willing to sell for \$1900. Comes with its original box and an extender table. Please reach out to Peg Malmberg if interested.



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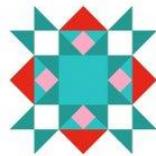
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