

Southport Sampler

Season's Greeting Southport Quilters~

December 2020

We can't believe it's December and we are still stuck at home due to COVID. With increasing COVID numbers, we all find ourselves increasingly at home...

Some days we feel like we have tons of things to do, other days we are bored and can't get motivated. But most of all we are really, really glad we are quilters. In an instant, we can go into our quilt rooms and leave COVID behind. In our quilt rooms, we have lots of fabric to play with (finish a UFO perhaps? - nah!) and lots of patterns, books, magazines, and notions just waiting for inspiration to strike! And if it gets too quiet - lots of "quilty" friends at our fingertips to text or call.

We will admit it's hard to get into the holiday spirit with COVID all around us. We are hopeful that being in our "happy quilty place" with some Christmas movies and hot chocolate will help. Spending some time finishing up projects and gifts- these things definitely do look better quilted and finished!

We faced a lot of decisions during the early days of the pandemic and our first goal was to keep our members safe, we along with our meeting space at St Paul's cancelled our in-person meetings.

So, we hope you can join us via Zoom for our December 7th meeting. Zoom invites will be sent out shortly.

We are excited to give this try and hope you will all bear with us.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions- we are willing to try anything.

Before Covid, many of us knew nothing of ' Survey Monkey', and here, we have had it twice.

Thank you Kim Voss for setting up these very important surveys. We are very excited to hear the results of those surveys, which will be given on the 7th. Monday, the 7th is also the day of our raffle drawing- which will happen live, at 8:00 pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Have a wonderful Holiday season. Enjoy your family (by Zoom) and family traditions. Make your favorite Christmas cookies and eat them all (we give you permission this year!) Sew as much as possible. Reach out to your "quilty" friends for support if your house is too quiet. Together we can count down the days to 2021!

Jane & Lori, Co-Presidents SPQG



Southport Quilters Guild

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Download the Zoom app <https://zoom.us/download>

Our Guild Mission

The objective and purpose of this Guild shall be:

- 1) To recognize, explore and promote, through the organized effort of a non-profit organization, the potential of the quilting medium.
- 2) To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting.
- 3) To interest people of the area in participating and sharing in the development of quilting through a non-profit organization.

2020—2021 Officers & Directors

President	Lori Brown & Jane Kluchka 2020
First VP/Programs	Karen Banky-Livasy & Cathy Schuldt 2020
Second VP/Membership	Anne Sipsma 2021
Secretary	Helen Vigansky 2020
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Director	Susan Hanson 2020 / Block of the Month
Director	Kim Hemphill 2020 / Public Relations
Director	Renee Riedel 2020 / Newsletter Editor
Director	Kitty Plovovich 2021 / Craft Fairs
Director	Julie Ioro 2021 / Shalom Center
Director	Donna Makouske 2021 / Webmaster
Director	Kim Voss 2021 / Nomination Committee
Past President	Gayle Collins 2020

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

The drawing for our quilt raffle is approaching quickly. **PLEASE do not mail raffle tickets or stubs.** This is not allowed under Wisconsin's raffle rules. All ticket stubs and money must be turned in by the time of the drawing on Monday, December 7 at 8:00 pm. To arrange drop off or pick up of raffle tickets/stubs, please contact Donna Makouske at (262) 515-0345 or jmakouske@wi.rr.com. If you need more raffle tickets to sell, you can also contact Donna.

Community Service Program —Shalom Food Pantry

Thank you for all you do and just "keep quilting"
<http://shalomcenter.org/needs.html>

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 we serve.



Comfort Quilts will resume meeting on the second Tuesday of every month when safe to do so.

No meetings are planned at this time. I do have kits available and members can call ahead and I can have them ready for pickup. I accept any finished tops and/or quilts at the door. We have completed 216 quilts so far this year; many still need homes. I have some new leads to investigate but welcome all suggestions for people/places in need.

~Kit contact me at: lunaria75@sbcglobal.net or 262-697-0651

2020-2021 Committee Chairs

Banquet—2020	Peggy Eis
Block of the Month	Susan Hanson
Challenge Quilts	Sharon Heers, Heide Petersen
Comfort Quilts	Kit Moore
Craft Fair Chair	Kitty Plovovich
Habitat for Humanity	Ellen Albrecht, Kim Hemphill
Holiday Potluck 20??	Gayle Collins
Hospitality	Christy Burmeister, Kim Hemphill
Kenosha County Fair	Kathy Elfers
Membership	Anne Sipsma
Mentor Program	Carol Potter
Monthly Door Prizes	Mary Gustafson
Museum Quilt Show	Chris Deering, Sally Sorenson
Newsletter	Renee Riedel
Nomination Committee, 2020	Kimberly M. Voss
Northside Library Display	Sharon Heers, Heide Petersen
Picnic 2020	Helen Vigansky
Programs	Karen Banky-Livasy, Cathy Schuldt
Public Relations	Kim Hemphill
Quilts of Valor	Peggy Eis
Raffle Tickets, Prints, Distib.	Donna Makouske
Raffle Quilt—2020	Teresa Miller, Tara Zerzanek
Shalom Center	Julie Iorio
Sunshine Committee	Jodi Hanson
Webmaster, Etsy, Facebook	Donna Makouske

Hosting duties are on hold until we can again meet in person. Please start saving up your best snack recipes for the time when we can again share food, news and good times in person. If you have a favorite recipe, please send it in to be shared virtually, until the time when we can share together.

December Volunteers Postponed (for another time)



Sunshine Committee

If you know anyone in the Guild who has been ill or had a family death or tragedy, please contact Jodi Hanson at 262-909-4056 or Jodi@eciofwi.com

Hello everyone,

I hope everyone is staying busy and well.

A reminder that I'm stilling hoping a couple of you will come forward to take over the craft fairs next year. I will be there to work right along with you, and you will be amazed at how easy and rewarding it is. Please think about it and either call/text me at 262.237.4191 or email me at caplovanich@gmail.com.

I miss everyone and look forward to meeting again either on Zoom or in person whenever it is finally safe to do so.

Warmest regards to all, Kitty Plovanich

12 DAYS of Christmas

Sale runs December
1-12, 2020

Serenity Quilt Shop is your #1 destination for quilting and sewing in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area! Halloween fabric with cats and bats, spooky houses or other coming holiday patterns for your new projects, & classes for learning new techniques are available 'cause Christmas is nearly here

We have more new items are posted on the website as soon as we enter them into the computer. We will be monitoring the online orders and will offer local delivery for Kenosha residents.

Covid-19 Tips

Don't shop if your feeling sick Use sanitizers & disinfectant (we will have some for you!)

Keep the 6 ft distance Wear a mask (State Order)

All precautions are being taken to stay healthy. We are thankful for each and every one of our customers and wish you all good health.

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Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm Monday Closed
Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00am to 8:00pm Wednesday - 10:00am to 5:00pm
Friday, Saturday - 9:00am to 6:00pm

Shop on line, for items to be delivered, or stop by. Due to the new state mandate, all customers and staff are required to wear masks while in the store. Please feel free to order online for curbside pick up or mail if you are uncomfortable with a mask.

Classes are back! Wool Workout, Twister Gnome Table runner, and Improv Tote for all your Christmas shopping needs—check it out! Great gift ideas for everyone, even yourself.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Program Schedule:

Learning how to use Zoom, information pending

If you have any questions regarding workshops, Please contact Karen Banky- Livasy 847-395-2941 or Cathy Schuldt 262-637-3937

Reminders:

The raffle drawing Dec 7, 8pm. You can pick up more tickets by contacting Donna Makouski at 262-515-0345 or jmakouske@wi.rr.com

TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Download and test Zoom before December 7

This year's raffle quilt, "Autumn Splendour," features beautiful hand appliqué and measures 67" x 67". The center portion of this quilt is from Kim Diehl's "Bittersweet Briar" pattern.

Many thanks to our raffle quilt team. Design and fabric choices by guild members, Terry Miller and Tara Zerzanek. All piecing and hand appliqué by guild member, Terry Miller. Longarm quilting by Judy Johnson, Busy Old Crows in Burlington, WI. Binding by guild member, Sandy Becker.

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Contact Donna Makouske at (262) 515-0345 or jmakouske@wi.rr.com to turn in sold ticket stubs or pick up more.



Because our normal craft fairs were cancelled and we haven't been gathering, ticket sales are much less than other years. A lot of work went into producing this year's beautiful raffle quilt. We need our guild members to do their best to sell as many tickets as possible in this last month.

Tickets: \$1 each or 6 for \$5. The drawing will be held on the annual guild Christmas party on Monday, as printed on the ticket, even if the drawing is filmed for Zoom. December 7 at 8:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 37th Avenue, Kenosha. Thank you!



QUILT SHOW SCHEDULED

I hope the virus will let us have the quilts show in 2021! Fingers crossed.

I've been in touch with Ann from the Museum. We probably can't do the big lecture and expert teacher class but Ann is interested other options.

One possible suggestion is that someone from the guild might be interested in leading some quilting workshops in the month of March. I think a basic class, or a intro workshop, open quilting studio would be a great addition to programming this year. Especially as I don't think we will be able to do the big events of a lecture, and drop in quilt day activities as long as we are under the current restrictions. Since we can limit a workshop (or a series of classes) to 8 people we have a better chance of this type of program running. It may attract a wider audience, too; What do you think? This is different than the expert quilter who we will bring in for a separate workshop.

So - the question is what kind of class and who would be interested in teaching a basic class, technique etc. Any volunteers? Contact Chris please!

Quilt happy!

Chris Deering chris@toldme.com - 773/218-3768



Southport Quilters Guild

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month except for national holidays or pandemics in the months of September through April located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church
8760 – 37th Avenue, Kenosha, WI
Or Zoom email invitations, and website links

Board Meetings 5:30 p.m.— Welcome 6:30 Meeting 7:00

Guests always welcome/\$5





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And so the day-to-day roller coaster continues... Thank you all for your care, concern, love and support. It means more to us than anything at this crazy time. Your health and safety is our priority and our reason for adjusting things here at the shop... We want our creative community to stay strong and well! Please wear your face mask in the store and stay at least 6' from other customers and staff. We will be limiting the number of shoppers if necessary for social distancing, and frequently sanitizing high touch areas.

ALL CLASSES & EVENTS

Are on hold until we can be sure that it is safe to gather in the classroom.

We will still be offering shopping via website and phone, as well as FREE curbside pick up. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have a question or sewing need. We will do our best to be creative in getting those needs met!

262-554-8708 262-554-6445 (direct line to the Fabric Gallery)

Did you know that Sew 'n Save has a You Tube Channel?

Please check out what we have posted. We are adding new content all the time, so make sure you click the **subscribe** button so you don't miss anything! If you watch any of our videos we would be grateful if you would click that thumbs up and let us know that you are enjoying the content we are creating!

Comfort For A Cause

We are a group of volunteers working together to supply the comfort of a blanket to those in need in our community. At each meeting there will be a variety of kits to check out, we will have show and tell and a thank-you gift drawing. Knit, crochet and sewing of all skill levels welcome. *Supported by Tabitha's sisters, Serenity quilt shop, Southport Quilters Guild and Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club.*

For more information or questions call Kim Hemphill 262- 914 -4543 or email at lillykim@ hot-mail.com

Comfort 4 a Cause will resume our meetings as soon as the safer at home order is lifted. In the meantime if Cabin Fever hits, and you have an abundance of scrap fabric, tops are always needed especially now that meetings will be postponed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our supporters and volunteers at this time and our deepest wish is that all stay safe and healthy until we can meet again.

Remember the **one** requirement to participate is that it **must spark Joy.** ..