



Southport Sampler

March 2019

Greetings from your Co-Presidents, Jane and Lori!

Wow, what a great February speaker- Joan Cain. How many of you have made a trip to the nearest Harbor Freight? I guess it's all about thinking outside the box- who knew a hardware store would have the perfect brushes to brush lint out of the crevices in your machine or the perfect magnetic pin cushion? If you know of other stores or items which can be useful to us quilters-share it at a meeting.

Our quilt show-Stitches & Stories starts March 2nd and will run thru March 24th. Don't forget National Quilt Day - Saturday, March 16th, that day will have a English paper piecing workshop, quilt demos, family activities & afternoon presentation by Catherine Redford. Please see our website or the Kenosha Public Museum website for details.

Monday, March 4th our monthly meeting is our Comfort Quilts Sewing Night, doors will be open starting at 4pm, so please come early if you can, there will be sandwiches to eat and quilts to sandwich. How many will be made this year?

Up coming things to keep in mind:

The nominating committee is gathering names to fill soon-to-be open committee and board positions, please consider volunteering—I heard the Guild has 2 amazing co-presidents? And an awesome Board of Directors! You could be part of that, it's fun and a great way to make new friends.

We're in need of a chair person(s) to coordinate the next raffle quilt- the drawing will be in December 2020 but it is never too early to start this process. Please let a Co-President know you are interested in this.

Our banquet is May 7th at the Kenosha Country Club and we're hoping for spring like weather! Please see Peggy Eis, Banquet Queen, with your payment or questions.

"Too bad it's snowing, I guess I have no choice but to stay inside and quilt."
Happy Quilting- Jane & Lori

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.

2018—2019 Officers & Directors

President	Lori Brown & Jane Kluchka 2020
First VP/Programs	Karen Banky-Livasy & Cathy Schuldt 2020
Second VP/Membership	Donna Nicolazzi & Tara Zerzanek 2019
Secretary	Helen Vigansky 2020
Treasurer	Donna Makouske 2019
Director	Sandy Becker 2019 / Parkside Craft Fair
Director	Susan Binzel 2019 / Nominations
Director	Debby Gillmore 2019 / Quilt Raffle Tickets
Director	Susan Hanson 2020 / Block of the Month
Director	Kitty Plovanich 2019 / Craft Fairs
Director	Kim Hemphill 2020 / Public Relations
Director	Renee Riedel 2020 / Newsletter Editor
Past President	Gayle Collins 2020

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



**Community Service
Program —**

Shalom Food Pantry

Thank you for all you do
and just "keep quilting"

[http://shalomcenter.org/
needs.html](http://shalomcenter.org/needs.html)

Kim Hemphill would like to tell the guild about an upcoming quilt retreat:

"I've attended this event for 2 years now and it's a very well-run and relatively inexpensive retreat set in a lush Pine area of Wisconsin about 3 hours from here. It was previously a Lutheran retreat and there are multiple cabins with a variety of housing arrangements, air conditioning and showers, three huge meals a day and daily gifts.

"Classes are excellently run by caring and informative instructors on a variety of topics. Last year's guest speaker placed at Paducah several years and had an enormous variety of quilts to view. This year's dates are Tuesday Wednesday and Thursday ... August 20th, 21st and 22nd, 2019."

For more information regarding Virgene Pemble's Mount Morris Quilt Retreat contact Laura Sharpe at lora.sharpe@gmail.com

2018-2019 Committee Chairs

Banquet—2019	Peggy Eis
Block of the Month	Susan Hanson
Challenge Quilts	Lori Brown & Peggy Cairo
Comfort Quilts	Kit Moore
Habitat for Humanity	Ellen Albrecht, Alison Iglehart, & Kim Hemphill
Hospitality	Christy Burmeister & Kim Hemphill
Kenosha County Fair	Kathy Elfers
Membership	Donna Nicolazzi & Tara Zerzanek
Mentor Program	Carol Potter
Monthly Door Prizes	Judy Ginkowski & Lyn Stevens
Museum Quilt Show	Chris Deering
Newsletter	Renee Riedel
Nomination Committee	Renee Riedel, Susan Binzel
Northside Library Display	Lori Brown & Peggy Cairo
Other Craft Fairs	Kitty Plovanich
Parkside Craft Fair	Sandy Becker
Picnic 2018	Diane Larsen & Julie Iorio
Programs	Karen Banky-Livasy & Cathy Schuldt
Public Relations	Kim Hemphill
Quilts of Valor	Peggy Eis
Quilt Raffle Tickets	Debby Gilmore
Raffle Quilt—2018	Cindy Frese & Peg Malmberg
Sewing Days	Tara Zerzanek
Shalom Center	Julie Iorio
Silent Auction Museum	Diane Larsen, Julie Iorio, Kathy Basler
Sunshine Committee	Jodi Hanson
Webmaster	Donna Makouske

HOSTESS DUTIES

Coordinator for 2018-2019 is Christy

Burmeister 262-694-1007

1. Provide a variety of treats by 6:15pm the night of our meetings. Remember to provide a variety (sweets, nuts, fruit, cheeses, vegetables etc.). Some members cannot eat sweets.
2. Set up counter with treats and beverages.
3. Guild will provide coffee, tea bags and hot water for tea. If other beverages are wanted, the hostesses can choose to provide other items: juice, soda, cider, iced tea. **Christy will provide the ice and water.**
4. A seasonal runner or decoration always adds a little festivity.
5. The coordinator will make sure that enough plates, napkins, plastic ware, and hot/cold cups are available. If the hostesses want a seasonal theme, please make arrangements among yourselves to furnish the necessary items. Note: extras cannot be left in the black box.
6. Clean up after the meeting is over:
 - ◆ Empty coffee pots, wash out, and put in basket. (Christy will take them home.)

- ◆ Put all general materials back in the black box and close it. The black box is stored in the main room east of the piano.
- ◆ List any items needed and give to the coordinator.
- ◆ Make sure no food items are left behind.
- ◆ Carefully wash all counter tops used by the guild and rinse the sinks. We do not want to leave any trace of our being there.

A hardy thank you to all who provide this pleasant time of sharing food and chatting.



April Volunteers

Connie DeGraff	Chris Deering	Carolyn Heckel
Janet Koski	Diane Larsen	Mary Ann Lupia
Kim Voss	Roxie Radmer	Diane Vigansky



Presentation April 2; Workshop April 6

Patti Hellenbrand is the owner of Village Creek Quilt Shop in Lodi, Wisconsin since 2004. In 2006 she started writing quilting patterns under the name of Creek Side Stitches. Many of these patterns are using precuts such as Layer Cakes, Charm Squares and Mini Charm Squares.



Patti has been quilting for over 25 years. She started back in the 1970's but took time off to raise her 3 daughters. In the 1990 she returned to quilting and has gone bigger and better.

Sign up now for an informative workshop using precut fabric. **Space limited.** Class on April 6

Do you have pre-cuts just laying around and no idea of what to do with them? Learn the pros and cons of pre-cuts, jelly rolls, charm squares, and layer cakes. Patti will do a truck show of her quilts using layer cakes or charm squares. You will be given a demo on "Cutting Cake" series of creatively cut quilts using 10" squares. Her Workshop will help you learn how to use a Layer Cake to create a beautiful quilt. Patti's methods make it simple and fun to complete this project.

HOBBY LOBBY to HOST

Free class on needle turn applique will be presented by Rose Barry on March 9th
From 10:00 to Noon.— Material to be provided.



Wisconsin State Fair is getting closer. Entering a quilt in the fair is easy and more detailed information is attached. There are several categories of competition, so all are encouraged to enroll, or mark your calendar for August 1 to 11.

More at <http://wistatefair.com/competitions/arts-textiles-photography/>

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



Monday, March 4th Comfort Quilt Construction Session for the guild meeting begins at 4:00 pm. A meal of sub sandwiches along with chips, desserts and beverages will be provided. We will be layering/sewing/cutting/tying. The demand for these charity quilts always exceeds our supply. Please come to the March meeting and share your skills, your willing hands can create warm comfort for many. We NEED YOU.

There will be several steps in our quilt assembly line so plan ahead and bring the equipment you need.

PRESSING Press tops and backing fabric.

LAYERING Layer batting, backing and tops; pin together quilt 'sandwiches' for the machine sewers -bring scissors.

MACHINES Machine sewers have several jobs

- ⇒ Bring machine, extension cords, threads, presser feet, etc. It is helpful to have an even feed foot (walking foot)
- ⇒ Sew around the edge of the top on quilt 'sandwiches' leaving an opening to turn
- ⇒ Top-stitch edge of quilt after it is turned. Pin or press if needed, to keep quilt flat making sure neither the top nor the back rolls over the edge.
- ⇒ You may quilt the item after top-stitching making sure all layers are smooth and evenly distributed (or pass off quilt to be tied)

TRIM & TURN Bring scissors OR mat/cutter/ruler

- ⇒ Trim extra fabric from edges and corners of the stitched quilt 'sandwiches'
- ⇒ Turn the quilt right side out
- ⇒ Smooth quilt and manipulate the edge seam so quilt lies flat with clean edge
- ⇒ Neatly slip stitch the opening closed

TYING Bring trimming snips, heavy needles and thimble

- ⇒ Smooth the top-stitched quilt and adjust fullness, pin layers if necessary to insure a flat quilt, tie the quilt
- ⇒ Trim any loose threads from quilt.

Return the completed tops you have been preparing. It is very helpful to have the top pressed and trimmed of loose threads; strip quilts should be neatly trimmed into the largest rectangle possible. Also return the baggie with any extra squares.

Comfort Quilts continues to meet on the second Tuesday of every month.

Comfort Quilts will meet on March 12 from 1:30 - 4:00. For only the March meeting, we will be meeting at the Kenosha Museum in the quilt show room. We will be working on all aspects of quilt construction as we finish quilts begun at the regular March meeting.

For the March meeting only, join us at the Kenosha Museum, 5500 1st Ave

Questions or comments; contact Kit.

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Memo

Everyone start thinking about the upcoming banquet on May 7. More information to follow.....

Nomination news!

At the March meeting, we will be voting on a change in the bylaws. We will be voting to change Article V Part 5 to say

"Officers and Directors are limited to two (2) consecutive terms of office in the same position. However, in the event an officer position cannot be filled and the current officer(s) is/are willing to serve a third term, a third term will be allowed.

As required by the bylaws, we distributed the info in the Feb newsletter and brought it up at the Feb meeting. There were a few questions. There will be time to discuss it at the March meeting before the vote. Please attend to make sure your voice is heard!

Our second bit of news is: we're still taking nominations for the Board for the 2019-2020 year. We are looking to fill the 2nd Vice President position (which is membership - a fun job where you get to know everyone in the guild!) and 4 directors. A director must have a job within the guild. However, you may already be doing a job in the guild - and could do that same job as a director. Or you could try something new.

Please think about someone you think might be good in either of these positions (2nd VP or Director) and give either Cathy, Renee or myself their names. We'll be voting on the nominations at the April meeting, and the new officers will be installed at the banquet.

Hope to see you Monday!

Susan Binzel

PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGE

Article V Part 5

Previous: Officers and Directors are limited to two (2) consecutive terms of office in the same position.

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Donna Makouske is now putting together a list of all guild property and the name of the guild member responsible for each item. The plan is to eventually have the list accessible through our website. Then, if you need to use something that belongs to the guild, you will know who to contact. If you are currently storing something that belongs to the guild, please email Donna at jmakouske@wi.rr.com. Thank you!



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Hours:

- MON | THUR | FRI 10-6
- WED 10-8
- SAT 10-4
- SUN 12-4
- Closed Tuesdays

2019 QUILT SHOW — Important dates in March

Show on Display at Kenosha Public Museum March 2 – March 24, 2019

Preview Evening	Friday March 1
National Quilt Day	Saturday March 16
Show closes March 24	Quilt pick up time 5:15 pm

Southport Quilters Guild

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month except for national holidays, September through April at:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church 8760 – 37th Avenue, Kenosha, WI

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

Guests are always welcome/\$5

