



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

PO Box 1526 Kenosha, WI 53141

June 2025

Greetings!

We hope everyone enjoyed our May banquet as much as we did! Many thanks to Rose Ann Ambrowiak and Jackie Kim, along with their committee, who planned such a fun and tasty event for us. Also, thanks to Kitty Plovovich for assisting us in an opportunity to raise an amazing amount of money for the Shalom Center. Well done ladies!

As spring gives way to summer and we get busy in our yards, with vacations, and family gatherings, we hope everyone will still find some time to quilt. It would be wonderful if we could have 100% (or close!) representation at our upcoming show in the fall at the Anderson Arts Center. We have such a talented group and all members deserve to have their work showcased at this event. So c'mon...get quilting!

Coming up at our June meeting we all will be asked to fill out a very brief survey regarding our regular membership meetings. The Board would like to know your thoughts and get some feedback as we plan for our time together going forward. Don't be bashful!

On the subject of surveys, the Guild has been approached by the owners of YLI thread. They are also looking for feedback from quilters and have asked us for some assistance. In return for our participation in a brief online survey, they will be sending the Guild \$200 in coupons! We will tell you more about this in person when we meet. We will also be welcoming the Guild's own Kate Watling as the speaker at our June meeting. We can't wait to hear and see more of her amazing upcycling ideas and inspiration sources.

(Join us at the next Board meeting, Monday, June 30th 6:30pm at the Kenosha County Center – Room B. All members are welcome.)

See you soon! Peg & Tara

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

President: Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2026

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

From Your Membership Team

We would like to remind you now is the time to renew your membership for the 2025-26 guild year. If you have done so already, thank you so much! Applications can be found on our website or we have them at our monthly meetings at the sign in table. Applications can be mailed in (SQG, PO Box 1523, Kenosha WI 53141-1523) or brought to the next monthly meeting. We accept either check or cash payment. If you have any questions regarding your membership, please feel free to contact Membership co-chairs, Donna Nicolazzi or Kitty Plovanich and we will be more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.

Positively Programs

JUNE

June 2nd, 2025 - Lecture: Kate Watling – Upcycle

Quilting: Thinking Outside the Block

Have you ever been in a thrift store and saw some amazing fabric and wondered what you could do with it? Or saw a jacket or skirt that begged to be showcased in a new way? Join us on Monday June 2 for Kate Watling's talk on upcycle quilting.

She will talk about how she came to upcycling and why she does it. She'll talk about what she looks for in her thrift items and why she looks at particular items and not others. She'll share where she gets ideas on how to upcycle. Come join us in thinking outside the block!

- Racine Lighthouse Quilt Guild will be at our June meeting to sell raffle tickets. Please show your support by visiting them and buying a ticket or two or a book or two. Thank you!

JULY

July 7th, 2025 - Lecture: Margaret Fisher - Quilt Show Judging: Making Your Entry the Best It Can Be

Margaret Fisher was last year's judge for our annual quilt show. Entering your artistic handiwork in a show or competition is a positive learning experience. Margaret will present information that will help you make a great entry and reveal what today's progressive judging of quilts and fiber arts entails. Everyone will benefit from understanding what judges find important in the process of recognizing excellence.

SEPT

September 8th, 2025 - Catherine Redford - Lecture: Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches

Buckle up for a fun lecture with Catherine as she takes you on a humorous, educational, and interactive adventure! Learn more about Catherine and her quilting techniques as you play a game with prizes. Catherine will take you on a trip around the globe with her quilts. Discover how she found her inspiration, the stitches she used, and the finishing techniques she employed in her quilts. Go home ready to embark on your own creative journey!

Tuesday September 9, 2025 All Day Class: Introduction to Folk Art Embroidery (\$55 includes kit)

Start by learning or being reminded of some basic embroidery stitches on a specially designed pre-printed sampler. Then learn some novel embellishment techniques that add to the fun. Learn how Catherine transfers her own designs onto dark-colored backgrounds. Leave the class with a second design transferred and ready to stitch. Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect with handwork. Kit includes printed

sampler, hand dyed embroidery threads, needles, embellishments, transfer materials and full color stitch guide. Please bring small scissors. Thimble and small portable light optional. **Please note the price has been reduced; SQG is subsidizing the cost of this workshop to make it more affordable.**

Oct

**October 6th, 2025 AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser
Cathy Glover - Quilt Appraisals: What Goes Into Appraisals?**

Do you know your quilts could have value? Why do you need an appraisal? What's the purpose? How do we determine value? Is there more than one kind of appraisal? Whether it's old or new, we will look at how values are determined. We will also offer quilt appraisals during the day. You will need to pay for the appraisal at the time of your reservation. Verbal appraisal is \$35 and written is \$60. We will begin signups at the June meeting.

Committee News

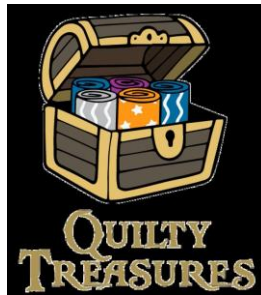
2025 - 2026 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman
Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske
Anderson Quilt Show: Lori Brown
Block of the Month: Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts: Judy Blum & 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
Nomination Committee 2026: TBD
Parties/Banquet: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Public Relations: Kate Watling
Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: TBD
Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD
Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: TBD
Shalom Center: Kitty Plovanich
Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan
(Two-year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name)



Advent Calendar

Purchase 12 items and make 12 items. Exchange to get 24 different gifts to open each day during December. See Pat Frieman for details. Please sign up ASAP whether or not you know that you will be buying/making. We need 13 participants for the project to be a “go.”



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Our 2025 show will run Sept. 7 through Oct. 12, 2025, and allows all guild members to show off their skills. On June 21 from 10 – 2 there will be a workshop at the Northside Library on how to make and attach the hanging sleeve. Requirements for the sleeve are 1 ½ inches from the quilt’s top edge and 2 ½ inches wide. Only online registry will be accepted for show quilts. The

link can be found on our website under Programs/Quilt Show. The deadline to submit your registration form is **midnight, Wed., Aug. 13.** Donna Makouske will be available to help register quilts at the sleeve workshop or by phone any day. Visit the website for the most current information regarding our show.

<https://www.southportquilters.net/quilt-show>



Block of the Month

We will be pausing our Block of the Month program while our chairperson, Debby Gillmore, heals following surgery. 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 Library](http://SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block%20of%20the%20Month) for patterns used in this program dating back to 2013.



Challenge Quilts

Judy and Kim are encouraging all those who rolled the dice to continue making progress on their Challenge quilts. The August deadline is only three short months away! Please contact either one of them with any questions you might have.



Comfort 4 A Cause

This group of volunteers works together to supply items of comfort to those in need in our community. Knit, crochet and sewing of all skill levels welcome. Supported by Southport

Quilters Guild, Serenity Quilt Shop, Women of the Kenosha Moose Lodge, Tabitha's Sisters and Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club. Meetings are held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Rd, Kenosha (corner of Green Bay Rd & Washington Rd). They typically meet the first and last Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. For more information or questions check our Facebook page, call Kim Hemphill at 262-914-4543, or at lillykim@hotmail.com. **Scheduling Notes:** Be sure to follow them on their Facebook page for the most up-to-date meeting information. In the meantime, please keep sewing quilt tops – kits can be picked up at Guild meetings or from Serenity Quilt Shop.



Craft Fairs

Part of our guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item/s to the guild that can be sold for at least \$25 at craft fairs or at the Anderson Arts Center. You can also elect to donate \$25 instead of sewing/quilting an item. We sell items in the Anderson Arts Center gift shop year-round. We are always in need of hot pads, kitchen towels, and seasonal table runners. We *especially* need spring and summer items now, such as small wall hangings and table runners. It's also not too early to make and donate fall or winter items for next year's craft fairs. Craft Fair dates are: Tremper: Oct. 4, 2025; Case HS: Nov. 1, 2025; Gateway: Dec 13, 2025. Signups have started and we are asking for 2 – 3 hours of your time on these Saturdays.



Hospitality

Althea Mieske has a signup sheet started 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.



Kenosha County Fair

The Kenosha County Fair will be held August 13-17, 2025. Please review the online Fair Book for entry information. <https://www.kenoshacofair.com/>



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 right around the corner. Monday, August 4th at 5:00 pm, to be exact. It will be held at the Bristol Woods County Park picnic shelter, 9800 County Hwy MB. The guild will be providing fried chicken, and we ask that you bring a dish to share. Also, as we did at last year's picnic, bring your own beverage, and a chair if you don't want to sit at picnic benches. You can sign up at the June and July membership meetings. Hope you can make it!



Public Relations

Kate Watling heads up the Public Relations committee. News will be forthcoming.



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>



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 ca

In Remembrance of Rose Barry

From Julie Iorio

Rose was tiny and full of energy. She was a fourth-grade teacher, avid reader, gardener (did a lot of canning), baker, loved antiques, and of course a creative and talented quilter. She was a member of the guild for over 25 years. She won Best of Show and many other awards in our quilt shows. She attended The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show in Madison for many years and had a quilt juried in one year. She was a member of the Bag Ladies group. She loved going to Patch Work Party at Sew and Save, as well as going on some of their field trips to Quilt Shops. Rose enjoyed spending time with her family in Seattle and loved making quilts for her three grandsons. She will be remembered for her love of life.



Sleep in Heavenly Peace Sew-a-Thon

Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Kenosha County Building (19600-75th Street, Bristol, WI)

Join us as we sew for the whole day creating quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. You can stay for as long or as short as you are able. All skill levels are welcome. We'll need pressers and trimmers, too, so feel free to join us even if you don't want to lug your machine. Lunch will be provided by the guild.

The quilt seen below is a Donna Jordan pattern. We thought it would be a nice tribute to her to use one of her patterns to make quilts for this worthy cause.

What we need now are fun fat quarters. Each quilt requires 18 fat quarters to make the perfect size for SiHP. Please consider donating a couple fat quarters (or quarter

yard cuts). The quilt below features Kaffe Fassett fabrics so I suggest bold bright patterns. Maybe you have some novelty prints laying around? Please bring your donated fat quarters to the June and July meetings so we can get a head start on preparing the fabrics.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Cairo (dpjnc4@netzero.net or 262-960-3381). Sign-up sheets are available at the meeting. More details to follow soon!



In The Spotlight

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show put the spotlight on one of our very own! Sandy Becker and her Honorable Mention Award winning quilt, *Scrappy Coins*, are highlighted on their webpage.



Job Opening

Mike Bjorn's, a men's formal clothing store located in downtown Kenosha, is looking for a part time alterations person. The job entails blind stitching pants, hemming on a blind hemmer, shirt pressing, and steaming suit coats. If anyone is interested, please call Brett at 262-652-0648. <https://mikebjorns.com/>

Upcoming Events



14th Annual Wisconsin Shop Hop

June 1 – 30, 2025
Wisconsinquiltshophop.com



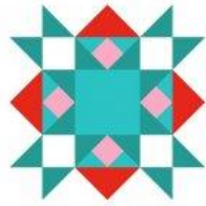
WISCONSIN STATE FAIR JULY 31-AUGUST 10, 2025

Quilt judging is open to the public and will be held on Tues., June 24 from 10 – 5
<https://wistatefair.com/fair>

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show



Alliant Energy Center Madison, WI
Sept. 4 – 6, 2025
Thurs. & Fri. 9 – 6, Sat. & Sun. 9 – 5
<https://quiltshow.com/>



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

Serenity
QUILT SHOP

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4003 80th Street, Suite 102
Kenosha, WI 53142
Hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4
Closed Tuesdays



As seen at the Botanic Gardens courtesy of Carol Rannow!