



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

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October 2025

Fall Greetings! Our calendars and leaves are saying fall, but these 80-plus degree temperatures are messing with us!

What another great speaker we had last month! Catherine Redford was very engaging and funny as she explained the origin of various folk art stitching techniques and took us around the world. Her spectacular work is inspiring and we hope those that took her workshop will have some Show and Tell for us soon. Thank you to our Program Chairs, Peggy Cairo and Susan Binzel, for continuing to keep us learning and entertained! We are looking forward to having our quilts appraised by Allison Rainboth and hearing her speak on quilt appraisals at our Oct 6th meeting.

It must be fall because our first craft fair is this Saturday, Oct 4th at Tremper High School. Can't wait to find out how it went at our meeting. Thanks to all who have volunteered to help out at the fairs and to Lisa Petrillo and Renee Riedel for chairing these events for the Guild. There are still some opportunities to help at both Case and Gateway fairs, so see these ladies Monday night if you are able to assist.

While we are on the subject of volunteering, we are still looking for someone, or a team of someones, to get our 2027 raffle quilt going. This group focuses just on picking the pattern and construction of the quilt. Tickets and promotion are done by others. We have plenty of money in the budget to create something spectacular and several members who have consistently helped out when asked. You can see us at the meeting to learn more.

We're also nearing the end of our "Quilty Treasures" quilt show at the Anderson Arts Center, another sign it's fall! If you haven't made it over to see the quilts you still have until Sunday, October 12th to do so. We've heard nothing but raves from attendees, so many thanks to Lori Brown and her committee for putting together another amazing show for our community to enjoy and to all the members who put quilts in the show! The treasure hunt has been such a big hit – what fun! We'd also like to thank Judy Blum and Kim Voss for chairing the "Pair-a Dice Island" Challenge and getting 29 participants. It's great to see the Challenge Quilt room so full!

Just as a reminder - don't forget our earlier start times Monday night: 6pm Social Time, 6:30pm Meeting Start – see you there.

Enjoy these beautiful Fall days! 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

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)

Positively Programs

OCT

October 6th, 2025 AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser Allison Rainboth - Quilt Appraisals: Why You Need an Appraisal

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.

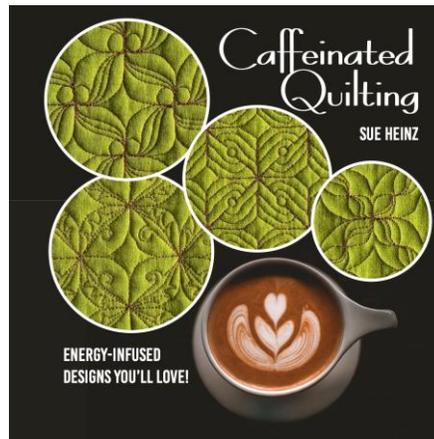
We will offer quilt appraisals during the day (Oct. 6th). All slots are filled at this time.

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.)

MAR

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!

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: TBD
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: TBD
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

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Committee News



Advent Exchange Calendar

Our exchange will take place after the **November** meeting. Please bring your WRAPPED gifts ready to exchange after the regular meeting. **NOTE:** Gifts are to be wrapped as follows: Handmade gifts are to be wrapped all the same. Purchased gifts are to be wrapped all the same but different from the handmade gifts. Can't wait to start the fun!



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Our 2025 show is almost coming to a close. Our last day will be on Sunday, October 12, from 1 – 4 pm. A big thank you to everyone on the Show committee for pulling together to make the show run so smoothly and to everyone who put quilts up for display! Pick up day is Tuesday, October 14, from 10:00 am – noon.



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

Challenge Quilt Committee Co-Chairs Kim Voss and Judy Blum would like to congratulate the 2025 Pair-a-Dice Island Challenge Quilt ribbon winners listed in last month's newsletter. The Challenge Quilts will be on display at the Northside Library the entire month of November. The quilts will remain with the co-chairs when the Anderson exhibit ends and will be returned to the makers at the Holiday dinner meeting in December, unless other arrangements are needed. The Northside Library Staff ribbon will be awarded at the dinner.



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

Tremper High School's craft fair, located at 8560 26th Avenue in Kenosha, is this Saturday, October 4, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For those of you who have volunteered to help, a reminder email with details will be sent out this week, and we sincerely thank you for wanting to help make this craft fair a success.

For our upcoming November 1st craft fair at Case High School, located at 7345 Washington Avenue in Mount Pleasant, and our December 12th holiday craft fair at Gateway Technical College, located at 3520 30th Avenue in Kenosha, we need volunteers for all timeslots. The yellow sign-up sheets will be available at the front sign-in table at the Oct. meeting. For our new members or members who have not worked at a craft fair, we encourage you to stop by Tremper High School this Saturday

and talk to our craft fair volunteers to find out how rewarding it is to share our mission and beautiful quilts with fair attendees.

If your schedule permits, we hope to see you this Saturday at the Tremper High School craft fair.



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

December 2025 Christmas/Holiday PIZZA Buffet

Location: Ruffalo's II Date: October 6th, 2025

Time: 5:30 PM Cocktails- 6:00 PM Dinner

Cost: \$10 per person with a cash bar

Meal-Pizza Buffet-garlic knots-salad (there is option for gluten-free pizza) Dessert: Just like last year, guild members can bring 3-4 dozen cookies/bars etc. for the dessert table. Two (2) Guests from the Library and two (2) guests from the Anderson Arts Center have been invited. There will be Show and Tell! Yippee...



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.

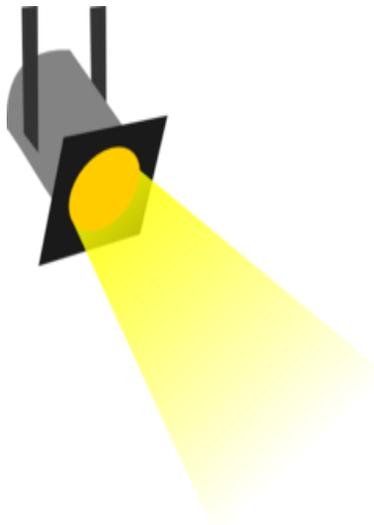


Sunshine Committee

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.

In the Spotlight

Peg Malmberg won an Honorable Mention ribbon in Great Wisconsin Quilt Show for her quilt *Urban Blooms* in the Wall Quilts, Machine Quilted – Appliqued category. Congratulations, Peg! Well deserved!



Rose Barry's Celebration of Life

Thank you for so many inquiries regarding the services for our dear Rose! Her daughters, Darcy and Darla, have confirmed that the celebration of Rose's life will take place on Sunday, October 12, at the Stella Hotel up in the ballroom. The Stella is located at 5706 - 8th Ave in downtown Kenosha.

Doors will open at 1pm with light refreshments served up until the time of the service which will begin at 1:45pm. A buffet meal will be served for those wishing to stay, following the service.

At the family's request, we are assisting with setting up several of Rose's beautiful quilts beginning at 9am. If you can join us, we'd love the help! Please contact Peg Malmberg if you have any questions.



Upcoming Events

Open Sew/Workshop Day

Open Sew/Workshop day is scheduled for Friday Oct 24, 2025 from 12:30 - 5:30 pm in the Activity Room at the Northside Library, 1500 27th Ave., Kenosha. There will be an introduction to the Accuquilt Cutting equipment featuring the bowl cozie die. Sewing demonstrations on quality bowl cozie construction will be available. Table runner and wall hanging kits to construct and donate as your craft fair item will be available. We have planned demonstrations for the Pojagi style garden flags (as seen at the Anderson Arts Center) along with an excellent method of hot pad construction (that style sells very well in the Anderson's gift shop). Please sign up at our October meeting to indicate your interest. A handout with more details regarding supplies will be available at the next member meeting or by contacting Judy Blum via email to request a copy. There will be snacks and drawings for prizes, too!



Lighthouse
Quilters Guild

Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show

Sat. Oct. 4, 9:00 – 5:00 and Sun. Oct 5, 10:00 – 3:00

Festival Hall Five 5th St. Racine, WI

Included is a photo of their Raffle Quilt



Village Quilters of Lake Bluff/Lake Forest

Quilters from the Village Quilt Show

Fri. October 24 9:00 – 5:00 and Sat. October 25 9:00 – 4:00

College of Lake County Gymnasium
19351 W. Washington St. Grayslake, IL
Image of Raffle quilt below





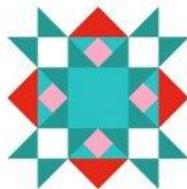
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