



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

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September 2025

Busy Greetings!

The much appreciated, relaxing, and tasty time at our August picnic is now giving way to the time of year that always presents so many opportunities for us to be a part of in our wonderful quilting world!

Our “Quilty Treasures” Quilt Show opens this Sunday and we are excited for our Guild to be on full display for our community (and beyond) to see. Lori Brown and her committee have put together a really beautiful and fun show and it is great to see so many participants in the Challenge this year! We encourage you to come out for the reception and kick this pirate party off in grand style! If you haven’t signed up to volunteer at the show, you still can by contacting Judy Blum. And yes, the billboard is up and already getting us some attention.

The fall Craft Fair season is right around the corner (we can almost smell the pumpkin spice) and Chairs Lisa Petrillo and Renee Riedel are getting inventory priced and ready for the 3 sales. They are still looking for volunteers to help at the sales, so please be generous with your time – these events are another great way to promote our guild and have fun interacting with the community at the same time!

Our meeting calendar has some really great speakers and workshops being offered that we hope you will take advantage of. There are still a few spots left for the September 9th Folk Art Embroidery class, so don’t delay and contact Susan Binzel and Peggy Cairo if you want in.

Don’t forget, on **Monday September 8th** our **Social/Snack time** begins at **6:00pm** and our **meeting** begins at **6:30pm**. See you there!

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



Ribbon Recipients

Best of Show – “What a Hoot!” – Kitty Plovanich

1st Time Entry – “Spools on Display” – Debra Dodd – 1st place
1st Time Entry – “Chester” – Deborah Kurowski – 2nd place
1st Time Entry – “It Takes a Village” – Yolanda Sherrod – 3rd place
1st Time Entry – “Army Veteran Quilt for Dad” – Keith Blum – Honorable Mention

Large Domestic/Hand – “Tula Nova” – Sherilyn Klamm – 1st place

Large Longarmed – “Ode to the 1930s” – Sandy Becker – 1st place
Large Longarmed – “Colorful Possibilities” – Debra Dodd – 2nd place
Large Longarmed – “Piecemaker” – Cathy Monahan – 3rd place
Large Longarmed – “Grandmother’s Star and Churndash” – Colleen Schneider – HM

Med. Dom/Hand – “Vintage Trick or Treat” – Teresa Miller – 1st place
Med. Dom/Hand – “Square Dance” – Kim Voss – 2nd place
Med. Dom/Hand – “Attic Window” – Mary Gustufson – 3rd place
Med. Dom/Hand – “Googly 2” – Pat Zuzieac – HM

Med. Longarmed – “Poinsettias” – Donna Makouske – 1st place
Med. Longarmed – “In a Galaxy Far, Far Away” – Peg Malmberg – 2nd place/Judge’s Choice
Med. Longarmed – “Precious Metals” – Kathy Basler – 3rd place
Med. Longarmed – “Timeshare Variation” – Heide Peterson – HM

Small Dom/Hand – “Panoply of Posies” – Tara Zerzanek – 1st place
Small Dom/Hand – “Marie” – Deborah Kurowski – 2nd place
Small Dom/Hand – “Disappearing Dresdens” – Rose Ann Ambrowiak – 3rd place
Small Dom/Hand – “Brian’s Eagle” – Kari Riley – HM

Small Longarmed – “Potted Pines” – Sandy Becker – 1st place
Small Longarmed – “Acorns Cabin” – Carol Rannow – 2nd place

Threadpainting Workshop Entry – “Nina C.’s Threadpainting Project” – Kari Riley – 1st place
Threadpainting Workshop Entry – “Pollen Patch” – Diane Larsen – 2nd place

Challenge – “Pinwheel Flowers” – Heide Peterson – Best of Show
Challenge – “Quintessence” – Katherine Moore – Judge’s Choice

Challenge – “Churning Up a Broken Economy” – Maxine Pelt – Chair’s Choice
Challenge – “Where is the Spider?!” – Tara Zerzanek – 1st place
Challenge – “The Butterfly of Pair-a-dice” – Peg Malmberg – 2nd place
Challenge – “Pretty in Pink” – Kathy Basler – 3rd place
Challenge – “Happy Halloween” – Sandy Becker – HM

2025-2026 Officers and Directors

President: Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2026
First VP/Programs: Susan Binzel & Peggy Cairo 2026
Second VP/ Membership: Donna Nicolazzi & Kitty Plovanich 2027
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Director/Webmaster: Kate Watling 2026
Past President: Kim Voss 2026
(Two Year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer’s name)

Positively Programs

SEPT

September 8th, 2025 - Catherine Redford - Lecture:

Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches

A humorous, educational, and interactive lecture including a game with prizes! Catherine will take you on a trip around the globe with the quilts from her exhibit that debuted in April 2017 at International Quilt Festival in Chicago and at Houston in October of that year. Learn how she found her inspiration, the stitches she used, and the finishing techniques she employed.

Tuesday September 9, 2025 All Day Class (starts at 9:30am, ending approx. 4:30pm with break for lunch) Introduction to

Folk Art Embroidery. (\$55 includes kit) Please note the price has been reduced; SQG is subsidizing the cost of this workshop to make it more affordable.

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. Leave the class with a second design transferred and ready to stitch. Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect with handwork that can make your quilt unique!

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.

*** As of 8-25 there are only 4 spaces left! ***

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). You will need to pay for the appraisal at the time of your reservation. Verbal appraisal is \$25 and written insurance appraisal is \$60. We are taking signups at the picnic and the Sept. meeting.

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 Plovovich
	Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News



Advent Exchange Calendar

We have our 13 participants, so the project is a “go.” Gifts are to be wrapped as follows:

Your 12 purchased gifts are to be wrapped all in the same paper/wrapping material.

Your 12 handmade gifts are to be wrapped all in the same paper/wrapping material that is DIFFERENT from the purchased gifts.

WRAPPED gifts are due at the November meeting. See Pat Frieman for further information or to sign up.



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Our 2025 show will run Sept. 7 through Oct. 12, 2025. The opening reception will be on Sunday, Sept. 7, from 1:00 – 4:00. The entire Quilt Show Committee wants to thank everyone who entered a quilt into the show. It’s almost SHOWTIME!!! Below is our billboard!



Quilt Show Hostess Sign Ups

More volunteers are needed to be hostesses at the annual quilt show especially on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The signup sheets will be available at the member meeting on Monday, Sept 8th. Or you can contact Judy Blum at 916-501-0139 to sign up. Everyone is welcome to be a quilt show hostess! If you did not enter a quilt this year, that's ok, you are not disqualified! Sign up and enjoy being an ambassador for your Quilt Guild.

Jason Rimkus who is the Media Coordinator for The Hub Media Center at the Kenosha Library has created a video to promote our quilt show. The video will broadcast on Channel 14 on Spectrum Cable and will be streamed on the Kenosha Community Media Roku channel and the website www.kenoshamedia.org.

BOM Block of the Month

We will continue to pause 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](http://SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block%20of%20the%20Month) Library for patterns used in this program dating back to 2013.



Challenge Quilts

The challenge quilts have been registered, turned in, judged, and hung! Judy and Kim want to thank all those who took the time this year to participate in the challenge! We hope everyone had fun.



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

Be prepared to sew, craft or quilt to create wonderful gifts and items for the first craft fair of the 2025-2026 season. The Kenosha **Tremper High School Craft fair is Saturday, October 4 from**

9AM to 3 PM. Be prepared to shop, browse, volunteer and spark ideas. As a guild member, you have a responsibility to donate some hand-made item or items for sale in our Guild craft fairs. The October Craft fair offers opportunity to make something for Yom Kippur, Halloween, Indigenous People's Day or Autumn seasonal creations. October is dedicated to Breast Cancer Awareness, National Apple Month, National Cookie Month and Blindness Awareness, and there are days celebrating National Coffee day (Oct 1), The Drink Local Wine week (Oct 12-18), Frugal Fun day on October 4, Wear something Gaudy Day is celebrated on the 17th and "Face your fears Day" on the 21st.

So, armed with any of the ideas above, please create a craft item to sell at the Tremper Craft fair. Suggestions range from a typical quilt, to table runners, pot holders, cup holders, door decorations, fabric baskets, bags. Items for babies, pets or the cook are great! We have offered (and sold) sewing kits, bibs, aprons (large and small) pillows, pillowcases, grocery bags and zipper pouches. Items that solve a problem are always going to sell. Baby bibs, bowl cozies, kitchen towel boas and pet mats make a chore fun and colorful. Small items such as bookmarks, jewelry bags, or sleep masks are nice for pampering yourself or to give as a gift.

Quilting items for Anderson are also welcome this time of year. Small items appropriate for the gift shop are welcome, as well as the fantastic large quilts on display to admire and appreciate.

The next craft fair is the first of November, At J I Case High School in Racine. The fair opens at 9 AM and goes to 3 PM, for an opportunity to stretch your sewing and quilting skills. November includes many of the general ideas for Autumn, Harvest, Farming, as well as holidays like Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving and International Cake Day on November 25th. Holidays to celebrate: Turtle adoption (Nov 27) or Nov 7 – both Int'l Stout and Int'l Merlot Day, along with National Bittersweet chocolate day, while November 14 celebrates Nat'l Teddy Bear Day AND Nat'l Pickle Day.

New ideas for sales items are hats, mittens, ornaments, scarves, or table topper. You can make draft stoppers, eyeglass cases, reusable lunch bags or pencil cases for back to school. Of course, the many different quilting patterns lend themselves to some wonderful pot holders, table runners or casserole sized hot plates. Sets of placemats and matching napkins with napkin holders would make nice Christmas gifts, as would 'special fabric' Christmas ornaments in all shapes and sizes. Small items are a great

way to learn a new sewing skill like English paper piecing or folding fabric for a 3-D effect.



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.



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.



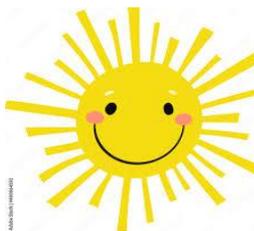
Parties/Banquets

Next up for us is the Holiday banquet! We will be working to get everything organized for our annual end-of-the-year celebration held again this year at Ruffolo's 2 on Monday, Dec. 1st.



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.

Upcoming Events

Open Sew Day for Craft Fair Donations

Mark your calendars for Friday Oct 24th and join the open sew day at the Northside Library from 12:30 - 5:30. This will be a casual activity day where you can choose to set up your sewing machine and stay to work on craft fair items or come in to learn a few tips about potholder and bowl cozy construction. The guild's Accuquilt cutting system and bowl cozy die will be available to use. The organizers are asking members to sign up if you are interested in attending. This event is free and more information will be forthcoming.



Mark your calendars for the 2025 Quilt Show!
North Shore Quilter's Guild, Milwaukee, WI
Harvest of Quilts
At the Fairgrounds

October 17 & 18, 2025
9:00am – 4:00pm each day

Set up – October 16, 2025
Ozaukee County Fairground
W67N866 Washington Ave, Cedarburg, WI 53012



American Quilter's Society Virtual Show

AQS members are invited to participate in the Worldwide Quilt Parade by submitting photos of up to three quilts with details about each one for a chance to showcase your quilts in the online gallery opening on October 8, 2025.

Submit your quilts by September 24, 2025.

See website for submission link.



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





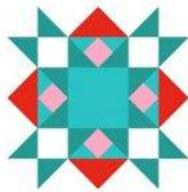
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