

Southport Sampler

Greetings Quilters!

February 2025

Hope you have had a wonderful start to 2025 and are enjoying the occasional warmer temps! Have you had an abundance of sewing time during these past months? Looking forward to what members will share at Show & Tell Monday night!

We have a wonderful line-up of speakers for this year's meetings thanks to our Program VP's, Susan Binzel and Peggy Cairo. See details in this newsletter.

Have you sold all your tickets for our amazing Raffle Quilt, table runner and wallhanging? Be sure to turn in your money and ticket stubs. Three lucky winners will be drawn at our April 7th meeting.

Our May banquet will also be here soon! Jackie Kim and Rose Ann Ambrowiak will have sign-up sheets at Monday's meeting also. Come prepared with cash or your checkbook!

We are looking forward to a great year and have missed seeing everyone. Hope you are able to join us Monday!

Peg & Tara



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Southport Quilters
Guild
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Kenosha, WI 53141
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Southport Quilters Guild

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month **March through December**, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 – 37th Ave, Kenosha unless otherwise noted. Board Meetings are held the week before the Membership meeting and details can be found on our website.

Social time 6:30 Meeting 7:00 Guests always welcome / \$5

2024—2025 Officers & Directors

President	Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2026
First VP/Programs	Susan Binzel & Peggy Cairo 2026
Second VP/ Membership	Donna Nicolazzi, Kitty Plovanich 2025
Secretary	Deanise Kersting 2026
Treasurer	Carol Rannow 2025
Director/ Webmaster	Donna Makouske 2025
Director	Rose Ann Ambrowiak 2026
Director	Judy Blum 2025
Director	Kristine Pegues 2025
Director	Maxine Pelt 2026
Director	Kate Watling 2026
Director/ Newsletter	Renee Riedel 2025
Past President	Kim Voss 2026

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

Membership

As members of the guild we have heard (and experienced) a sense of not quite belonging as a new member of the guild, I'm sure we've all experienced that feeling one time or another.

As Membership chairs we would like to make that feeling a thing of the past by asking all of you to serve as a "mentor" for new members. You will be chosen at random to take a new member under your wing for a few meetings by asking them to sit with you, introducing to other members and answering any questions they may have and making them feel welcome. Maybe share your phone or email in case they have questions between meetings or make sure they know they can contact any board member with questions. We want to be known as a friendly, welcoming group. If any of you have any other suggestions, we would love to hear them!

We would also like to remind everyone to please notify Membership if any of your personal information changes (ie - address, phone, email) so we have current information in order to keep you informed of guild business.

Thank you!

Donna Nicolazzi & Kitty Plovanich
Membership Co-chairs



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
cmonach@gmail.com

Our Guild Mission

The objective and purpose of this Guild shall be:

To recognize, explore and promote, through the organized effort of a non-profit organization, the potential of the quilting medium.

To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting.

To interest people of the area in participating and sharing in the development of quilting through a non-profit organization.

2024-2025 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar	Pat Frieman
Anderson Quilt Show	Lori Brown
Block of the Month	Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts	Judy Blum & Kim Voss
Comfort 4 a Cause Quilts	Peg Malmberg, liaison
Craft Fair Chair	Carol Rannow & Kristine Pegues
Hospitality	Althea Mieske
Kenosha County Fair	Sherilyn Klamm
Mentor Program	Peg Malmberg
Monthly Door Prizes	Mary Gustafson
Nomination Committee, 2025	Maxine Pelt, Judy Blum
Party Chairs	Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Public Relations	Kate Watling, Renee Riedel
Raffle Quilt. 2025	Kitty Plovanich & Heide Peterson
Raffle Quilt Promo, 2024/25	Kitty Plovanich
Raffle Tickets, 2024/25	Sandy Becker & Tara Zerzanek
Shalom Center	Kitty Plovanich
Sunshine Committee	Cathy Monahan
Tech/Website	Donna Makouske



Serenity Quilt Shop is your #1 destination for quilting and sewing in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area! We still have openings for some of our upcoming classes.

Travel Iron Table - Create a small ironing table that you can set up next to your sewing station or take on retreats or classes. Class will provide all you need

The Little Zipper Bag - These little bags have a million uses. They can hold all the small items in your purse, they can hold sewing kits and much more. They make great gifts, filled with little items to cheer up a dear friend.

Don't be afraid of the zippers as it is easy to assemble these bags.

Current hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5
SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4
Closed Tuesdays

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Raffle Quilt update

At our meeting next month, April 7, 2025, we will be raffling off our three raffle pieces - First Place - Flying to the Stars quilt; second place - coordinating wall hanging and third place - coordinating table runner. On behalf of Heide Petersen and myself, we would like to thank every member of the guild for your part in this endeavor! Whether you donated fabric, sewed blocks, sold/bought your raffle tickets; accompanied me to three different guilds and one quilt show to sell raffle tickets or just admired these three beautiful pieces we cannot thank you enough! Our time is ending as Raffle Quilt chairs and we sincerely hope the next members taking on this role will have as much fun as we did!

Visiting Quilt Guild

This is a reminder that the West Suburban Quilt Guild from Brookfield will be at our March 3 meeting to sell raffle tickets. Bring cash or checks to support their guild and make them feel welcome as they so generously welcomed us and purchased our raffle tickets. We quilters need to support each other in this craft we all love so much! Please see the attached flyer for information on their upcoming quilt crawl and quilt show.

January and February traveling raffle pieces

On January 8 Kim Voss and I traveled to Mukwonago to visit The Crazy Quilters. These ladies were very friendly and generous! They purchased \$98 worth of tickets, 19 books and 3 single tickets. Their 36th Annual Quilt Show will be held Sat and Sun Mar 29 & 30 at 930 N. Rochester, Mukwonago WI. Thanks Kim, it was a fun evening!

On February 8 Carol Rannow and I headed to West Bend for the Winter Quilt Show to sell tickets. A great show with many wonderful quilts and some great vendors that Carol and I were more than happy to make purchases from. We sold \$91 in tickets, 17 books and 6 single tickets. Thanks Carol for the company and quilting talk!

And lastly, Donna Nicolazzi and I visited Northshore Quilters Guild in Fox Point. We heard a very informative talk on the history of fiber along with enjoying some yummy treats and meeting some great quilters! We sold \$41 in tickets, 6 books and 6 single tickets. Thanks Donna for the company - it's always fun to take a road trip with your sister!



Get to know your fellow Guild members

We have noticed that there are several members who do not have their pictures on the membership list on our website. This member listing is for MEMBERS ONLY, no one else can see it who visits our website. This is such a good tool to use when you're trying to place a name and/or a face, whether you're a new member or have been with the guild for a while. If we don't have your photo we will be asking for you to oblige us or if you would like an updated photo posted, just ask and we'll be happy to snap a new picture! You can also send us a photo of yourself that you would like us to use.

Donna Nicolazzi and Kitty Plovovich

Membership co-chairs

Raffle Quilt Update

Hello quilters!

As you know the West Suburban Quilters Guild was kind enough to let us come to their meeting last month to sell raffle tickets. They were VERY generous by purchasing 13 books of tickets - there were only about 20 members at the meeting we attended! They were also very kind and welcoming to us and so I'm asking our guild members to do the same for them when they attend our March 3, 2025 meeting to sell tickets for their raffle quilt. Bring cash or your checkbook and be ready to make their trip to our guild a successful one!

Learn more at <https://wsqg.net/quilt-show/raffle-quilt/> site. They meet monthly on the second Wednesday.

Also on March 7 and 8, 2025 they are part of an Art Crawl and Shop Hop in Waukesha. Their small quilts will be displayed in shop windows in downtown Waukesha and you can vote for your favorite. They are also having their quilt show on March 14 and 15. Their flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Kitty Plovanich



Craft Destash Sale

2-day Craft Destash Sale!

Friday, April 4, noon til 5 pm (Set-up Friday morning) and

Saturday, April 5, 9 am til 2 pm

at The Vault, 625 - 57th St, Downtown Kenosha

\$25. for an 8' banquet table + 2 chairs (parking structure 1/2 block away!)

We have 10 tables left.....if you've pondered or have non-guild friends who would like to sell some of their craft stash, give them the info: Payment reserves a spot.

Text Tara at 262-620-2790

with name and interest.

SIZZLING BARGAINS

First and Last Thursday, Comfort 4 a Cause:

Comfort 4 a Cause regular workday meeting schedule for 2025 begins May 29 thru November 20 at Lord of Life church 5601 Washington Rd from 10 am – 2pm. They typically meet the first and last Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

March 3, 2025

Zoom Lecture: Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studios on Pojagi – from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada. Part lecture and part trunk show, this fun talk tells her journey from Canada to Korea and back again. While in Korea she studied the ancient art of Pojagi, Korean patchwork. Back in Canada, the Korean materials were difficult to find so I adapted Pojagi technique to readily available western materials with some great results.

West Suburban Quilters Guild coming to sell raffle tickets at our March 3rd meeting. Please welcome them warmly on Monday night!

Nominations for new board members

due, voting held in April

April 4-5 Friday - Saturday, 2025

De-Stash event at The Vault, Downtown Kenosha

April 7th, 2025

Lecture: Nina Clotfelter on Threads: what's the BIG deal?

This is a FUN lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about thread! As an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads, Nina has learned a lot and she wants to share!

Workshop: Thread Painting (Full day workshop on **Monday, April 7, 2025**; \$75 which includes kit)

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You will need to be comfortable with free motion quilting but don't need to be an expert!!

Nominations vote taken

Craft Fairs, 2025

Tremper, JI Case and Gateway, pending

Nomination Announcements

We are happy to announce the completed slate of candidates that were needed to fill the outgoing SQG Board of Director positions. Voting will take place at our April 7th Membership Meeting. Below is a list of the positions and the nominees for the roles:

- Co-2nd VPs-Membership – Donna Nicolazzi & Kitty Plovanich
 - Treasurer* – Carol Rannow
 - Director – Elaine McNally
 - Newsletter Director – Kim Voss
 - Director* – Judy Blum
 - Director* – Kristine Pegues
- * indicates accepting a 2nd term

The success of the Southport Quilters Guild depends upon the dedication and willingness to serve in these capacities. Please do your utmost to support and assist them in their roles on the Board. Please join us in acknowledging and applauding our outgoing Board members for generously volunteering their time and service to the SQG. Their work to support the Guild has allowed us to fulfill our mission of education about the quilting medium and serve people in our community.

- Technology Director – Donna Makouske (Kate Watling, a current Director, will assume these duties – thank you Kate!)
- Newsletter Director – Renee Riedel

Respectfully submitted by the Nominations Committee:
Maxine Pelt and Judy Blum

Positively Programs

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In this lecture you'll learn about the different weights of thread and why they make a difference. Ply, why is that important? Specialty threads like metallic, monofilament, tinsel threads, how do we work with them? Why do metallics give us issues? This lecture is FULL of information you'll be thrilled you know now!

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Thread Painting is many things...creating a picture, adding details, dimension, and/or depth to an applique, making fur on an animal, or just adding little details to make your creation come alive. You will learn loads of techniques in this class, and you'll learn all about stabilizers. You'll create different items using the stabilizers This is a fabulous technique to add to your skills! You'll be surprised how fun Thread Painting is!!! Be warned...this is addictingly fun!!!!

You will need to be comfortable with free motion quilting but don't need to be an expert!!

June 2, 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 some stuff and not others. She'll share where she gets ideas on how to upcycle. Come join us in thinking outside the block!

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 Fisher 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.

Craft Fair Duties

Part of our guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item or items to the guild that can be sold for at least \$25 at craft fairs or at Anderson Art Center. Or donate \$25 in cash. If you have not donated an item, it's not too late! We sell items in the Anderson Art 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 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. Please bring your donation (or \$25 if you prefer) to the March or April guild meeting for Donna Makouske. Thank you!

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.

Naomi Anderson
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Manitowoc Quilt Guild

I represent A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters Guild in Manitowoc, WI. We are having our biennial quilt show April 5 & 6 and would love it if you would share the day with us. Below is a summary of our event as well as website.

A Patch of Lakeshore Quilters invites you to our Garden Party Quilt Show April 5 & 6, 9am to 3pm both days Manitowoc Co. Expo Center 4921 Expo Dr. Manitowoc, WI

Admission \$6 for adults 17+, kids free with paid adult Special Presentation: Quilts for Veterans, April 6, 1pm Quilts - Gift Boutique - Vendors - Raffle Quilt - Food - Kids Activity Corner
www.patchoflakeshore.com



ALL CLASSES & EVENTS

Are available in limited numbers.

See our Facebook Patchwork Party in Sept, Oct



Sew 'n Save
of Racine

www.sewnsaveofracine.com

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

Monday through Friday: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday: Closed



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

se 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!

Patchwork Party Live! - Join us live on Facebook!

6:00P The second Monday of every month!



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**



Comfort 4 A Cause

We are a group of volunteers working 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.

For more information or questions check our Facebook page, call Kim Hemphill phone 262-914-4543 or email Kim at lillykim@hotmail.com

Scheduling Notes:

Our final Big Block Workshop will be Thursday, March 6th from 10am-2pm at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Rd, Kenosha (corner of Green Bay Rd & Washington Rd).

There will be **no** meetings at the end of March or in April in order to get ready for the De-Stash event being held on April 4th and 5th at the Vault to raise money for batting along with other supplies. The last Thursday in April falls during Easter week which has also created some conflicts.

Stay tuned for information regarding our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon that is being planned for Thursday, May 1st. More details will be provided as they become available. We plan to resume our regular workday meeting schedule on Thursday, May 29th. Be sure to follow us on our Facebook page for the most up-to-date meeting information. In the meantime, please keep sewing tops – kits can be picked up at Guild meetings or from Serenity Quilt Shop. Thank you for all your wonderful support!

Kim Hemphill