



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

June 2026

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

Is Spring finally here? We sure hope so! Time to plant and enjoy the sunshine – and get some sewing done if it happens to rain.

Southport Quilters has done some AMAZING things and we ALL can be proud to be members. Thank you to the returning Board Members and welcome to the new Board Members....here we go! We are excited to be your co-presidents and are looking forward to making the next couple of years fun and fruitful for everyone.

Southport Quilters Guild belongs to ALL of us, and we're sure that each and every one of us does their best to move the guild forward. We are committed to helping you in any and every way we can – just ask us...no question is too big or too small! If one of us doesn't know the answer, we'll find someone who does. Have an idea? GREAT!! If it's not contrary to the by-laws, illegal, immoral or physically painful, chances are that we'll give it a go!

Each of us has a role to play in the Guild...whether it be by accepting a board position, chairing a committee or event, providing a treat, volunteering to “man” a craft fair or the quilt show or participating in a workshop. The Guild grows and prospers when everyone does their part.

Speaking of doing your part... The Board Secretary position has become vacant. We'll be putting out a call for a volunteer at the meeting on Monday evening. Please consider taking an active role in our organization.

Here's to everyone doing their part!

Kitty and Pat

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

2026-2027 Officers and Directors

Co-Presidents: Pat Frieman & Kitty Plovanich 2028

First VP/Programs: Debra Dodd & Robyn McGarrigle 2028

Second VP/ Membership: Donna Nicolazzi 2027

Secretary: TBD 2028

Treasurer: Carol Rannow 2027

Director: Rose Ann Ambrowiak 2026

Director: Judy Blum 2027

Director: Keith Blum 2028

Director: Elaine McNally 2027

Director: Kristine Pegues 2027

Director/Newsletter: Kim Voss 2027

Director/Webmaster: Kate Watling 2028

Past Co-Presidents: Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2028

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

A note from our Membership Committee:

Just a reminder that our new Membership year started in May. The \$25 yearly dues can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. If your membership is not renewed by the July meeting, your name will be removed from the membership list and you will be considered a guest until your dues are current.

Positively Programs

JUNE June 1st Wool Applique Virtual Trunk Show



Vicki McCarty Calico Patch Designs

Join us in extending a warm welcome to Vicki McCarty, the proprietor of Calico Patch Designs in Morehead, Kentucky. Her grandmother instilled in her a passion for quilting during her upbringing in the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains. In turn, Vicki shared her expertise within her community, which ultimately led to the establishment of her shop in 2000.

In 2015, she expanded Calico Patch Designs nationwide, designing patterns and fabrics while simultaneously disseminating her expertise at quilt shows and guilds.

In 2022, she designed a primitive colorway of Pearl Cotton threads in collaboration with Wonderfil. Her designs have been featured in various quilting publications, and she has also collaborated with fabric companies such as Marcus Fabric.

Vicki joined Riley Blake Designs in 2024 and introduced her new Stitchers Flannel. Her designs seamlessly blend traditional and contemporary elements, incorporating wool appliqué with cotton and flannel backgrounds.

Vicki is excited to showcase her stunning quilts and share the inspiration behind them. She'll also walk us through some of the basic techniques she uses, and we'll hear some heartwarming tales about the quilts and her incredible quilting journey over the last 40 years, along with the wisdom she's gained from four generations of quilting.



July July 6th, “From inspector to Quilter: My Journey to Finding My Peace”

Michael Nardi



We are delighted to extend a cordial invitation to Michael to join us at our July meeting. Michael is a distinguished quilter and innovative pattern and fabric designer for Andover Fabrics, who also operates Bryn Mawr Quilts. Notably, he has been recognized as a featured designer at Missouri Star Quilts and has conducted workshops at their retreats. Additionally, he is a prominent social media blogger and has been featured in numerous quilting magazines.

August 1st, Workshop ~ Curved Square ~

Michael Nardi

Kenosha County Building 9 am – 4 pm

The \$75 package covers both the pattern and workshop! Plus, the guild is covering the cost of the templates, which are also included. (non-members \$90)



Sept Sept 14 My Passion in Pixels Dee Bushrod

Zoom Lecture

Dee is a Brit who now lives in Oklahoma (It's a long story). She has been a quilter for 19 years, but it's only since she found pixel quilts that she has become ever so slightly obsessed.

"Pixel quilts are magic, they are my therapy, the way I focus and bring myself back to the present and stop stressing. I love every part of the pixel quilt process." -
Dee





2026- 2027 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman

Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske

Anderson Quilt Show: Judy Blum

Block of the Month: Kristine Pegues

Challenge Quilts: 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 Elaine McNally

Parties/Banquets: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak

Public Relations/Technology: Kate Watling

Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: Debbie Kurowski

Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD

Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: TBD

Sewing Days: Judy Blum & Elaine McNally

Shalom Center: Kitty Plovanich

Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

The *Stars, Stripes and Stitches* Quilt Show drop off day is coming fast. August 6th is a little over 9 weeks from now! Online quilt show registration is open now! The quilt show committee members will be available to help you with registration, hanging sleeves and to answer your questions at the Northside Library in Kenosha on Saturday, June 13, from 10am - 2pm. You can also drop off any silent auction items that day. Silent auction items do not have to be made by guild members. Antique store and estate sale finds are welcome as long as they are stain free, odor free and in very good condition. Please contact Judy Blum with any questions at judyblum1228@gmail.com or 916-501-0139

BOM

Block of the Month

The patriotic quilt theme continues with the *Brasstown Star* Block for June. Red, White, and Blue fabric or patriotic colors again. Make a minimum of two blocks, one for the charity quilt, and one for the drawing. You can submit up to four blocks for additional chances of winning the drawing. A pdf of the block pattern was sent with the newsletter email. Please visit the Resources page on our website for this and previous BOMs.



Challenge Quilts

This year's Challenge Quilt theme is "Celebrate America." The requirements are now up on the website under the Programs link. A sign-up sheet will be available at the June meeting. Kim Voss will be chairing the Challenge quilts this year.



Comfort 4 A Cause

Comfort 4 A Cause is back to our regular meeting schedule. The first end last Thursday each month at the Lord of life church from 10am until 2. Our kits can be checked out and returned at each meeting with the guild, the charity workshops and Serenity quilt shop. A huge thank you goes out to those that have been participating.

Kim Hemphill



Craft Fairs

Not sure what you want to donate to this year's craft fairs? Halloween and fall items are always popular for the October events. This is what we observed during last year's craft fair:

In October, customers are looking for Halloween and fall items. For placemats, people are looking for six or eight in a set, in different sizes and shapes. Wall hangings and table runners were popular. For pillowcases, think about creating a Halloween or fall set, i.e., two standard, two large, and one small throw pillow. This could be a great team project opportunity! For medium or large quilts, think about a Halloween or fall design. Specialty Halloween and fall items, such as witches' hats or trick-or-treat bags, caught customers' attention.

Thank you to all who have already signed up to help with our Elkhorn and Tremper craft fairs. Further instructions will be sent out soon. We will continue to have the sign-up sheets available during our monthly meetings, starting in June. When you are ready to donate your item(s), please give them to Donna Makouske.

- Elkhorn (Saturday, October 3, 2026)
- Tremper (Saturday, October 10, 2026)
- Case High School (TBD, but most likely Saturday, November 7, 2026)
- Gateway Technical College (TDS, but most likely December 12, 2026)

Note: Part of your guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item to the guild that can be sold at craft fairs or at the Anderson Art Center. In lieu of a craft fair donation, you can make a \$25 donation to the guild.



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.



Nominations Committee

SQG 2026 Election Update

Lisa Petrillo will not be able to take on the position of Secretary after all. We are looking for someone to step up into the position. If interested, please see Elaine McNally or Pat or Kitty, Co-Presidents.



Parties/Banquets

The SQG summer picnic is set for Monday, August 3rd. It will be held at the Bristol Woods County Park picnic shelter, 9800 County Hwy MB, starting at 5:00. We ask that you bring a dish to share, with any utensil that is needed. Bring your own beverage, and a chair if you don't want to sit at

picnic benches. Also, there will be show and tell. You can sign up at the June and July membership meetings. Hope you can make it!



Raffle Quilt

Debbie Kurowski selected the pattern *Points of Pride*, designed by Delores Smith and Sarah Maxwell, for our raffle quilt which goes very well with our show theme! What a fun project Below is a photo of the quilt we will be making.



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.



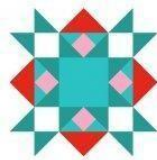
Sunshine Committee

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.



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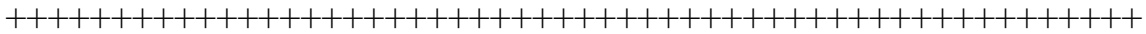


Stitched Quilt Shop

505 6th St.

262-260-8600

Stitched is a modern quilt shop and creative makers' space. Open: Tue–Sat 10–6 (Thurs till 8!) & Sun 10–2. Closed Mondays.



15th Annual Wisconsin Quilt Shop Hop

JUNE 1 - JUNE 30, 2026

All participating shops will be open

TUESDAY through FRIDAY, 10:00AM – 5:00 PM

SATURDAY, 10:00AM - 4:00PM

<https://wisconsinquiltshophop.com> for more information