

# Southport Sampler

August 2023

Hello fellow quilters,

Summers are for vacations, a time to break away from the usual day-to-day routines, a time to explore someplace new. I'm writing from Duluth, Minnesota, a place I've never been to. The air is smoky, but the views are still spectacular! Of course, I had to search for "Quilt Shops near me" on Google and indeed I found some! It's always fun to find new places to shop for quilt fabrics and to see what fun things shops might have displayed. I visited McTavish Quilting Studio and Fabrics. They are an APQS dealer and have four longarm machines set up for customers to use. They also have many modern fabrics and the whole line of Painters Palette solid fabrics. What an eyeful that is to see. A pure rainbow of deliciousness! Despite my vow not to buy any fabric this year (I have a large stash already), I did purchase a large fat quarter bundle and a pattern. Oh well!

We are quickly closing in on our due date for our quilts to be delivered to the Anderson Arts Center for our upcoming show. The due date is

Tuesday, August 22, any time between 10:00 and 4:00. The Quilt Show committee will be there, ready to accept your quilts and get them checked in. We'll roll a lint brush on them to get off any stray threads and be ready to admire your creativity. The judging will take place the following day and you are welcome to come and watch how quilts are judged. I've never been, myself, and I'm looking forward to seeing this. We'd also like for members to sign up for docent duties. Althea Mieske has offered to coordinate this as she's already a docent for the Anderson and understands the ins and outs of this important role. She has a list going of days and times that are available. I've got to get my name on there myself!

Lastly, our annual picnic is coming up on Saturday, August 5, from noon to 3:00 at my house. Bring a dish to pass. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and tasting a little bit of every single dish! Don't forget to bring any show and tell quilts/quilted items to the picnic, too!

Until then,

Happy quilting!

Kim

August 2023



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Southport Quilters  
Guild  
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## Our Guild Mission

The objective and purpose of this Guild shall be:

- 1) To recognize, explore and promote, through the organized effort of a non-profit organization, the potential of the quilting medium.
- 2) To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting.
- 3) To interest people of the area in participating and sharing in the development of quilting through a non-profit organization.

2023—2024 Officers & Directors

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| President            | Kim Voss 2024                  |
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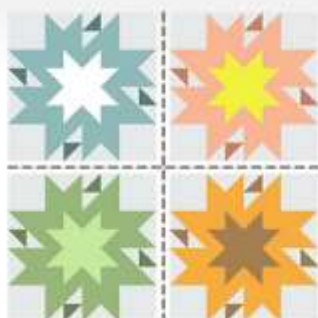
*Two Year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name.*



**Sunshine  
Committee**

If you know anyone in the Guild who has been ill or had a family tragedy, please contact Liz Spannraft at 847-731-1603

or  
dsls@calcon.net



**2023 Quilt Show**

September 12 - October 15, 2023  
Anderson Art Center  
6603 3rd Avenue, Kenosha

Tuesdays thru Sundays 1:00 - 4:00 pm  
Free Admission & Parking

**Seasons of Stitching**  
Southport Quilters Guild

**Southport Quilters Guild**

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month except for national holidays or pandemics in the months of **March through December**, located at:

June 5th, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 – 37th Ave, Kenosha  
Board Meetings via Zoom or in person, the week before the meeting  
Welcome 6:30 Meeting 7:00      Guests always welcome/\$5

## 2023-2024 Committee Chairs

|                            |                                  |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Anderson Quilt Show        | Lori Brown                       |
| Block of the Month         | Needed                           |
| Challenge Quilts           | Liz Spannraft                    |
| Comfort 4 a Cause Quilts   | Peg Malmberg, liaison            |
| Craft Fair Chair           | Carol Rannow & Kristine Pegues   |
| Holiday Potluck 2023       | TBD                              |
| Hospitality                | Altea Mieske                     |
| Kenosha County Fair        | Sherilynn Klamm                  |
| Mentor Program             | TBD                              |
| Monthly Door Prizes        | Mary Gustafson                   |
| Nomination Committee, 2024 | TBD                              |
| Picnic 2023                | Kim Voss                         |
| Raffle Quilt—2025          | Kitty Plovovich & Heide Peterson |
| Raffle Quilt Promo, 2024   | Needed                           |
| Raffle Tickets, 2024/25    | Sandy Becker & Tara Zerzanak     |
| Shalom Center              | Kitty Plovovich                  |
| Spring Banquet—2024        | TBD                              |
| Sunshine Committee         | Liz Spannraft                    |

## A note from your Raffle Quilt co-chairs:

Hello fellow quilters! We've been busy making a plan and getting things ready to start on our 2025 Raffle Quilt "Flying to the Stars". The pattern has been ordered and arrived after a slight delay. We are going to be using batiks and are asking for donations of fat quarters in the colors of yellow, orange, purple, lavender and red (green and blue would also be appreciated!). If you have any in your stash and know you won't be using it, we'll be more than happy to take it off your hands! If you can bring this to the picnic that would be great, otherwise the September meeting will be fine. We will be doing all the cutting and putting together kits for the paper piecing and will eventually be asking for volunteers to do some of the sewing. We will try to keep you updated in the monthly newsletter, but feel free to reach out and ask us how it's going.

Thank you for your help and interest!  
Heide Peterson and Kitty Plovovich  
2025 Raffle Quilt Co-chairs



We are collecting tips to make quilting easier. Any 'indispensable' equipment, favorite type of fabric or ruler, ways of storage, method of folding or cutting or habit you have developed to make quilting more enjoyable will be collected and shared. Last month was some hints for finding quilting items in unexpected places. Now we are highlighting a faster, more accurate way to sew long strips of binding with fewer measurements.

Althea Mieske has found a way to mark long strips to be able to sew the bias line and ensure the fabric is straight:

"After I cut the left and right legs of binding, I struggle with getting the two binding edges together. Honestly, who has patience for tugging at short sections of fabric, to get a ruler in that tight spot to draw the needed diagonal. Geez!

Lately, I've started drawing lines on the left (wrong) side. First, a line to show the 2 or 2 1/2' square of fabric, then the diagonal line.

Then, I match the left leg to the right leg of binding, pin securely, and sew on the diagonal. Works like a charm for me."



Another tip: "With permanent marker, mark the thread spool to identify the cut holding the end of the thread."



**August Hosting - Southport Guild Picnic**

Saturday, August 5, from 12 - 3 at Kim Voss's house  
16415 82nd St., Bristol, WI, 53104

Please bring a dish to pass, chips, etc., whatever you would like to share. Wayne and I will provide the meat and the drinks. Bring your own booze if you so desire. See you then! - Kim

**The Challenge — 2023**

The 2023 SQG Quilt Challenge begins with a randomly selected seasoning for inspiration. Herbs, spices and seasoning blends are the choices. The name of the seasoning must be in the title of your challenge quilt. The finished quilt is due Aug 22, at the Anderson Art Center.

If you have questions, please contact chairperson, Liz Spanraft.





Please attend and see the “Home Furnishings: Quilting” entries among many local talents.

**Thanks for the hard work**

Pat Frieman and Phyllis Fay of Studio 180 created a wonderful opportunity to partner with Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and the Guild members that attended July’s Sew-a-thon out did themselves! **Congratulations**—there are 3 (3!) twin quilts ready to be quilted.

More news as it develops. . . .



Good news!

The Anderson Art Center has sold several of the items that we had in their gift shop. They are looking for some more inventory. I’m asking our members to make something springy or summery to donate to the Anderson. Here’s a list of items that they are requesting:

- Potholders    Drawstring jewelry bags    Table runners    Wall hangings
  - Fabric covered notebooks
- Thanks, Donna



**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**Program Schedule:**

**If you have any questions regarding workshops, Please contact Pat Frieman: patfrieman@gmail.com**

**August 5, Saturday  
Picnic at Kim Voss’s House,  
12:00 to 3:00**

**August 16—20  
Kenosha Co Fair**

**August 22, drop off items for  
Anderson Art Fair**

**September 10  
Anderson Art Fair begins. Show is  
available to the public Tues—**

**Sunday, from 1pm to 4pm. We will  
need volunteers to show off our  
quilts and answer questions.**

**September 11**

**Meeting, St Paul’s, @ 7:00**

**First Tuesdays, SW Kenosha Library -  
Basic sewing opportunity**

**Craft Fairs, 2023—Save the Date!**

**October 7 Tremper HS, Kenosha**

**November 4 JI Case, Racine**

**December 9 Gateway Tech,  
Kenosha**

## Local Craft Fairs, Shows

**June 18, July 16, Aug 20, Sept 17, Oct 15 - Kenosha Art Market**  
<https://www.kenoshaartmarket.org/>

**August 3 to August 13—Wisconsin State Fair**  
<https://wistatefair.com/fair/general-information/>

**August 16—20, Kenosha County Fair**  
<https://www.kenoshacofair.com/>

**September 7—9, Great Wisconsin Quilt Show**  
<https://quiltshow.com/>

**Saturday, October 7, 9am - 3pm—Tremper High School Craft Fair-  
Kenosha**

**Saturday, November 4, 9am - 3pm—JI Case High School Craft Fair -  
Racine**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023 Gateway Technical Art Fair**  
[https://www.gtc.edu/business-community/additional-information/  
community-events/holiday-gifting-art-fair](https://www.gtc.edu/business-community/additional-information/community-events/holiday-gifting-art-fair)

### Quilt Docents Needs for our Show at Anderson

Guild members are needed at our quilt show at the Anderson Art Center. You'll be chatting with visitors, answering questions, and sometimes doing a "white glove" show of a quilt's backside.

Could you volunteer one afternoon during our show? Tuesdays thru Sundays (closed on Monday) from 1 to 4 PM. Four members each afternoon would be ideal (2 upstairs and 2 downstairs, mix or match the afternoon). The Anderson will provide 4 working stations (table with electric outlet) strictly for the four volunteers, so you'll have a place to lay out an applique or binding project, or do a little machine stitching, if you'd like.

For five weeks, the Guild will be the public face of the Anderson Art Center, and it would be great if every member could participate at least once during the show (which is one of Anderson's most popular events).

Contact Althea Mieske (text 847-217-3590 or [miesafran@wi.rr.com](mailto:miesafran@wi.rr.com)) with your availability.



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of Racine

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See our Facebook Patchwork Party in Sept, Oct

<https://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?**

Please 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!

# Buttons and Bolts

## Fabric & Quilting Supply

### Updated Hours for August

Effective August 1st our new hours of operation will be:

Thursdays & Fridays from 1 pm to 6 pm

Saturdays from 10 am to 6 pm

27642 75th St, Salem, WI 53168

(262) 586-2522 info@buttons-and-bolts.com

Shop on line, or stop by. Classes are back! Quilting Basics, Beginning Machine quilting, Klub Kimberbell, Friday Sit 'n Sew, and more. Check out our "Mystery Quilts" with simple instructions, basic color/shades and weekly classes, you can have a quilt done in no time!

We also provide longarm service, so stop and see what is new.

### 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 comfort to those in need in our community. Knit, crochet and sewing of all skill levels welcome. Supported by Tabitha's sisters, Serenity quilt shop, Women of the Kenosha Moose Lodge, Southport Quilters Guild 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 Hemphill at [lillykim@hotmail.com](mailto:lillykim@hotmail.com)**



Comfort 4 A Cause will meet twice a month at the Lord of Life Church, 5601 Washington Rd – Kenosha from 9:30-2:30 on the first Thursday and the last Thursday of the month. Join us for the day or as much time as you can.

***The only requirement is that it must spark Joy***