



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

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July 2025

Summer Greetings!

We hope you are enjoying the summer weather, and however busy or relaxing you choose to celebrate our country's birthday this week, let there be some quilting included!

Get ready for a full meeting Monday...we received 41 out of the 53 surveys indicating a preference to move to an earlier meeting start time, so we will be filling you in on the Board's decision and letting you know how we intend to proceed with this. A breakout of all the results is also included in this issue of the newsletter. We appreciate you taking the time to give us your opinion and feedback. As we prep our Quilt Show entries, we have last year's judge, Margaret Fisher, returning this month to give us hints and tips on what quilt show judges are looking for. This will be a great opportunity for those who haven't been able to be present at our previous judging events to ask questions and get the inside scoop.

No checkbook? No cash? No problem! The Board has determined it's time to allow members to use a debit or credit card to pay for things such as workshop fees and membership dues. We've got all this and lots more to share, including a very special summer treat that's being brought in for everyone to enjoy during hospitality time. Don't miss it!

We look forward to seeing you then!

See you soon! Peg &
Tara

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

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

From Your Membership Team

We would like to remind everyone that your Membership fee for the 2025-26 guild year was due in May. If you have already paid – thank you so much! If you haven't renewed your Membership, the application can be found on our website, and we will also have them at our monthly meetings at the sign-in table. Applications with check payment can be mailed in to: SQG, PO Box 1523, Kenosha, WI 53141-1523 or brought to the July meeting. If you pay in person, we can accept a check, cash and will now be accepting payments using a debit/credit card. Don't delay or you may miss out on many of the perks of being a member!

If you have any questions regarding your membership, please feel free to contact Membership co-chairs, Donna Nicolazzi or Kitty Plovanich and we will be more than happy to answer any questions or concerns you might have.



Positively Programs

JULY

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 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.

SEPT

September 8th, 2025 - Catherine Redford - Lecture: Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches

Buckle up for a fun lecture with Catherine as she takes you on a humorous, educational, and interactive adventure! Learn more about Catherine and her quilting techniques as you play a game with prizes. Catherine will take you on a trip around the globe with her quilts. Discover how she found her inspiration, the stitches she used, and the finishing techniques she employed in her quilts. Go home ready to embark on your own creative journey!

Tuesday September 9, 2025 All Day Class: Introduction to Folk Art Embroidery (\$55 includes kit)

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. Learn how Catherine transfers her own designs onto dark-colored backgrounds. Leave the class with a second design transferred and ready to stitch. Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect with handwork. 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. **Please note the price has been reduced; SQG is subsidizing the cost of this workshop to make it more affordable.**

Oct

**October 6th, 2025 AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser
Allison Rainboth - Quilt Appraisals: What Goes Into
Appraisals?**

Allison Rainboth will be taking the place of our original speaker, Cathy Glover, due to health reasons.

Allison Rainboth will be sharing her expertise in quilt appraising. Allison is an AQS Certified Appraiser of Quilts and Quilted Textiles, a member of the AQS Appraiser Certification Committee, and an NACQJ Certified Quilt Judge. Her expertise spans both the art and history of quilting, making her a sought-after resource for quilters and quilt collectors alike. We are working with Allison to determine if we are able to have individual appraisals.

NOV

**November 10, 2025 – Sue Heinz – You Have a
Friend in Elmer**

Imagine a world where ever 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!) All Day Class: Caffeinated Quilting (9:30 to
approx. 4:00) Cost \$35**

Sue has brewed up energy-infused 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.)

Committee News

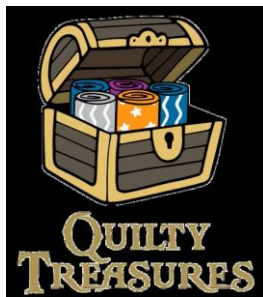
2025 - 2026 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman
Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske
Anderson Quilt Show: Lori Brown
Block of the Month: Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts: Judy Blum & 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: TBD
Parties/Banquet: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Public Relations: Kate Watling
Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: TBD
Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD
Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: TBD
Shalom Center: Kitty Plovovich
Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan
(Two-year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name)



Advent Calendar

Purchase 12 items and make 12 items. Exchange to get 24 different gifts to open each day during December. See Pat Frieman for details. Please sign up ASAP whether or not you know that you will be buying/making. We need 13 participants for the project to be a “go.”



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Our 2025 show will run Sept. 7 through Oct. 12, 2025, and allows all guild members to show off their skills. Requirements for the hanging sleeve are 1 ½ inches from the quilt's top edge and 2 ½ inches wide. Visit the website for the most current information regarding our show.

Only online registry will be accepted for show quilts. The link can be found on our website under Programs/Quilt Show Registration Form. The deadline to submit your

registration form is ***midnight, Wed., Aug. 13.*** If you need help registering your quilt, please contact Donna Makouske at 262-515-0345. Registration can easily be done over the phone. You will need to have the following information available:

- Quilt Title
- Width & length of your quilt
- Short paragraph about your quilt that will be displayed at the show
- Estimated value of your quilt for insurance purposes
- If you are offering your quilt for sale, you will need a price



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.



Challenge Quilts

Judy and Kim are encouraging all those who rolled the dice to continue making progress on their Challenge quilts. The August deadline is right around the corner! Several members have contacted us with questions they had, so if **you** have any, please reach out to us!



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. Just a quick note that Comfort 4 a Cause will **not** be meeting this Thursday, July 3rd and will resume activity on Thursday, July 31st. Enjoy the 4th of July Holiday!



Craft Fairs

Part of our guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item/s to the guild that can be sold for at least \$25 at craft fairs or at the Anderson Arts Center. You can also elect to donate \$25 instead of sewing/quilting an item. We sell items in the Anderson Arts Center gift shop year-round. We are always in need of hot pads, kitchen towels, and seasonal table runners. We *especially* need summer items now, 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. Craft Fair dates are: Tremper: Oct. 4, 2025; Case HS: Nov. 1, 2025; Gateway: Dec 13, 2025. Signups have started and we are asking for 2 – 3 hours of your time on these Saturdays.



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.



Kenosha County Fair

The Kenosha County Fair will be held August 13-17, 2025. Please review the online Fair Book for entry information. <https://www.kenoshacofair.com/> The Guild is sponsoring the kids categories again this 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

The SQG summer picnic is right around the corner. Monday, August 4th at 5:00 pm, to be exact. It will be held at the Bristol Woods County Park picnic shelter, 9800 County Hwy MB. The guild will be providing fried chicken, and we ask that you bring a dish to share. Also, as we did at last year's picnic, bring your own beverage, and a chair if you don't want to sit at picnic benches. You can sign up at the July membership meeting. Carpooling is suggested as parking in the picnic area is a bit limited, though there is more parking further into the park. Hope you can make it!



Public Relations

Kate Watling heads up the Public Relations committee. Guild news will be posted on our Facebook page and our Anderson Show will be on Facebook's Events Calendar.



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>



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

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Sew-a-Thon
Saturday, July 19, 2025 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Kenosha County Building (19600-75th Street, Bristol, WI)

Join us as we sew for the whole day creating quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. You can stay for as long or as short as you are able. All skill levels are welcome. We'll need pressers and trimmers, too, so feel free to join us even if you don't want to lug your machine. Lunch will be provided by the guild.

The quilt seen below is a Donna Jordan pattern. We thought it would be a nice tribute to her to use one of her patterns to make quilts for this worthy cause.

What we need now are fun fat quarters. Each quilt requires 18 fat quarters to make the perfect size for SiHP. Please consider donating a couple fat quarters (or quarter yard cuts). The quilt below features Kaffe Fasset fabrics so I suggest bold bright patterns. Maybe you have some novelty prints laying around? Please bring your donated fat quarters to the June and July meetings so we can get a head start on preparing the fabrics.

If you have any questions, please contact Peggy Cairo (dpjnc4@netzero.net or 262-960-3381). Sign-up sheets are available at the meeting. More details to follow soon!



Survey Results

Thank you to the 53 members who completed the meeting survey. The results clearly indicate a desire for an earlier start time by the majority of responses we received. We were not surprised by the split in the meeting format and because it was so close, we intend to utilize both depending on how it works out with the speaker to go later in the agenda. We plan to implement the new start time at our September 8th meeting and will give lots of reminders in the coming months. Thanks again to all who participated. We appreciate your feedback!

# of Responses	% of Responses	Option	
21	39.6%	1	Social time start @ 6/Meeting start @6:30 and keep same format
20	37.7 %	2	Social time start @ 6/Meeting start @6:30 and have speaker go after Announcements
5	9.43%	3	Leave Meeting times as is and have Speaker go after announcements
4	7.55%	4	Leave Meeting times and format as is
3	5.66%	5	No preference

Upcoming Events



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

JULY 31-AUGUST 10, 2025

<https://wistatefair.com/fair>

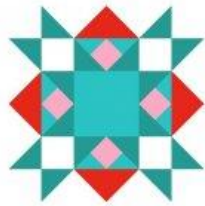
The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show



Alliant Energy Center Madison, WI
Sept. 4 – 6, 2025
Thurs. & Fri. 9 – 6, Sat. & Sun. 9 – 5
<https://quiltshow.com/>



Sue Johnson of Waterford reached out to our Guild via email to let us know she is having a fabric/sewing notions/yarn garage sale at her home with donation money going to Lutherdale Bible Camp. Dates are **Friday, July 11, 8am – 3pm, and Saturday, July 12, 10am – 1pm.** 29705 Fernwood Dr., Waterford, WI.



Sew 'n Save
of Racine

www.sewnsaveofracine.com 262-554-8708
262-554-6445 (direct line to the Fabric Gallery)
3701 Durand Ave, Racine, WI 53405
Mon thru Fri: 10:00 – 5:30 Sat: 10:00 – 3:00 Sun: Closed



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4003 80th Street, Suite 102
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Hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4
Closed Tuesdays

