

# Southport Sampler

## February 2021

February 2021 Newsletter Blurb:

Hello Southport Quilty Friends:

Our January 11th meeting went off without too many technical difficulties, thank you to those who joined us- a great way to start off 2021! Whew! Congratulations to the winners of the monthly door prizes: Anne Sipsma, Shari Krezinski-Werve and Susan Binzel.

That being said, due to current Covid-19 restrictions and the safety of our members we will continue our monthly meetings via Zoom, please watch for the information in an email from Chris Derring. Our next membership meeting will be on Monday, February 1st, social hour will start at 6:30 pm and the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. We will be having a live presentation- details on the program can be found in this newsletter.



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Guild

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Other updates:

We're planning on a Virtual Quilt Show in May-details of getting quilts photographed will be out shortly.

A possible fundraising idea came up at our last board meeting- a Southport Quilt Guild printed calendar. How fun would it be to have a calendar featuring our quilty friends and their quilts? If a member has had experience or an interest in helping with this endeavor, please contact Lori or Jane.

Over the past couple months, I've been hibernating at my Upper Michigan home and spending more time in my sewing studio while my husband is ice fishing out on our lake (any kind of fishing is his passion) Winter & Covid time has given me a chance to clean and organize my workspace, it helps get me productive and stay focused.

Even though I've gotten organized I'm not yet ready to start a large project, I've had an itching to start on my Guild contribution item. Remember when there were craft fairs? Well-one day they will be back & I'm getting a jump start and make mine this month. Did you know that each SPQ guild member is asked to contribute a handmade quilted item or item(s) made from fabric that can be sold at the Guild's primary fundraiser- holiday craft fairs? Join me as I go down the rabbit hole.

Craft Fair Ideas:

Small, practical gifts for quilting friends, relatives, or anyone that enjoy textiles! Many people still buy for themselves when 'shopping for others'. Quality, unique & well-constructed items created in trendy fabrics will be certain to catch an eye! Items in the \$5-\$25 range tend to move the quickest but that's not to say items with higher value will not sell.

Do I hear someone asking- Where can I get inspiration and ideas?

Many websites have wonderful free or for sale patterns, share patterns/books with a friend, or browse websites for ideas and/or tutorials. For instance, look through November/December quilting, craft & cooking magazines, flip through some home catalogs and see what popular colors & items are being displayed, check Etsy.com to see what others are making, and also when you are Zooming, Snap-chatting or Tik Toking with your friends or family ask them if they've seen anything "cool" to jump start your creative juices.

The guild guidelines state "quilted" items, but don't limit your thoughts to just quilts-expand the horizons - we have knitters, crocheters, embroiderers, scrap bookers, jewelry makers, punch needlers & stitchers amongst us. Handmade items are desired, used and purchased by all.

According to Martha Stewart.com "No matter what kind of needlework is your chosen hobby, a good project bag can work wonders for your stitching game. Not only does one allow you to keep your supplies handy and organized, but you can also take it with you wherever you go."

Who wouldn't want a cute project bag to show off?

Some suggestions (if you come up with additional fabulous ideas- please share with members)

Sewing aids: scissor cases, needle/thread caddies, zippered bags/pouches, quilting/knitting/crochet/embroidery project bags, drawstring pouches, pincushions

Ideas for children: baby quilts, bibs, burp cloths, pillowcases, pencil pouches

Ideas for Adults: scarves, cell phone carriers, coasters, placemats, face masks

One more thing, "normal" craft shows we attend are often in the fall/winter/holiday season- which means gift items are super popular and people are looking for them ie. wall hangings, table runners, ornaments, stockings, tree skirts, oven mitts, table toppers, etc.

The Guild is also in need of 2 or more volunteers to shadow Kitty Plovovich, current craft show chair. The Craft Show Chair position involves a lot for one person, therefore, we'd like to adjust the duties to a committee of 2 or more who will oversee the craft shows we participate in (post Covid) If you can volunteer, please let Lori or Jane know. Thank you!

And while it's still winter & we're still staying home- what about the working on your Challenge Quilt? Look for details in the newsletter or on the SPQG website. Theme this year is "Wild about Quilting"



So for now- oil those machines, put in a new needle, fill that bobbin, put a new blade in the rotary cutter, pull out the fabric and sew, sew, quilt, quilt!

Lori Brown & Jane Kluchka, Co-Presidents SPQG

2020—2021 Officers & Directors

President	Lori Brown & Jane Kluchka 2022
First VP/Programs	Kim Voss 2022
Second VP/Membership	Anne Sipsma 2021
Secretary	Deanise Kersting 2022
Treasurer	Heidi Petersen 2021 / Challenge Quilts
Director	Judy Blum 2022 /
Director	Julie Ioro 2021 / Shalom Center
Director	Sherilyn Klamm 2022 /
Director	Donna Makouske 2021 /Webmaster
Director	Kitty Plovovich 2021 / Craft Fairs
Director	Cathy Schuldt 2021 /
Director	Sally Sorenson 2022 /
Past President	Gayle Collins 2020

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



**Sunshine  
Committee**

If you know anyone in the Guild who has been ill or had a family death or tragedy, please contact Jodi Hanson at

262-909-4056 or  
Jodi@eciofwi.com



**COMFORT QUILTS**

**223 Comfort Quilts were distributed from March 2020 to February 2021**

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| <b>75 Foster children's program</b>          | <b>12 St Elizabeth's Closet</b>  |
| <b>30 Froedtert South Chaplain</b>           | <b>42 Dayton Hotel residents</b> |
| <b>30 St Mark Outreach</b>                   | <b>22 Shalom Center</b>          |
| <b>12 Kenosha Human Development Services</b> |                                  |

**I do have kits available and members can call ahead and I can have them ready for pickup. I accept any finished tops and/or quilts at the door**

**~Kit Moore~ contact me at: lunaria75@sbcglobal.net or 262-697-0651**

### 2020-2021 Committee Chairs

Banquet—2020	
Block of the Month	Susan Hanson
Challenge Quilts	Sharon Heers, Heide Petersen
Comfort Quilts	Kit Moore
Craft Fair Chair	Kitty Plovovich
Habitat for Humanity	Ellen Albrecht
Holiday Potluck 20??	
Hospitality	
Kenosha County Fair	Kathy Elfers
Membership	Anne Sipsma
Mentor Program	Helen Vigansky
Monthly Door Prizes	Mary Gustafson
Museum Quilt Show	Chris Deering, Sally Sorenson
Newsletter	Renee Riedel
Nomination Committee, 2020	Kimberly M. Voss
Picnic 2021	
Programs	Kim Voss
Public Relations	
Quilts of Valor	Alberta Helmke
Raffle Tickets, Prints, Distib.	Donna Makouske
Raffle Quilt—2022	
Shalom Center	Julie Iorio
Sunshine Committee	Jodi Hanson
Webmaster, Etsy, Facebook	Donna Makouske

**March ZOOM Presentation:**

Quilting With Lori, "Speedy Solutions to Cut/Organize Your Scrap Stash"  
at 7PM (CST), March 1, 2021

Lori Dickman has been sewing for over 45 years and quilting for over 30 years. She teaches numerous quilting and sewing classes. After spending 15 years concentrating in the art of garment sewing, she began her quilting journey in 1988 when she created her first quilt.

Lori's quilts and garments have won numerous awards, and she is a member of American Quilters Society, American Sewing Guild/Chicago Chapter, among others. Please join us next March meeting to learn how to add to and organize our stash!

**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 we serve.**

Happy New Year fellow quilters!

Let's slam the door on 2020 and welcome 2021 with all the positive thoughts we can muster ~ enough said on that subject!

I so enjoyed our last Zoom meeting, it was so nice to see so many members join in. I hope more of you will try it out with our next one!

Although we are just starting a new year, May will be here before we know and the guild will be looking for new directors and chairs. If one of your New Year's resolutions is to try something new or get more involved, I have just the thing for you! Give me a call/text at 262.237.4191 or email me at [caplovanich@gmail.com](mailto:caplovanich@gmail.com).

Kitty Plovanich



Serenity Quilt Shop is your #1 destination for quilting and sewing in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area! We have more new items are posted on the website as soon as we enter them into the computer.

We are monitoring the online orders and will offer local delivery for Kenosha residents.

### **Covid-19 Tips**

Don't shop if your feeling sick  
Keep the 6 ft distance

Use sanitizers & disinfectant (we will have some for you!)  
Wear a mask (State Order)

All precautions are being taken to stay healthy. We are thankful for each and every one of our customers and wish you all good health.

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**Sew 'n Save**  
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### **ALL CLASSES & EVENTS Are available in limited numbers.**

We will still be offering shopping via website and phone, as well as FREE curbside pick up.  
We will do our best to be creative in getting those needs met!

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

### **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! If you watch any of our videos we would be grateful if you would click that thumbs up and let us know that you are enjoying the content we are creating!

**Buttons and Bolts**  
Fabric & Quilting Supply

Sunday 12:00pm - 4:00pm; Monday - Closed  
Tuesday, Thursday - 9:00am to 8:00pm; Wednesday - 10:00am to 5:00pm; Friday, Saturday - 9:00am to 6:00pm

27642 75th St, Salem, WI 53168  
(262) 586-2522    [info@buttons-and-bolts.com](mailto:info@buttons-and-bolts.com)

Shop on line, for items to be delivered, or stop by. Due to the new state mandate, all customers and staff are required to wear masks while in the store. Please feel free to order online for curbside pick up or mail if you are uncomfortable with a mask.

Classes are back! Wool Workout, Beginning Machine quilting, Stripology and more



## Comfort For A Cause

We are a group of volunteers working together to supply the comfort of a blanket to those in need in our community. At each meeting there will be a variety of kits to check out, we will have show and tell and a thank-you gift drawing. Knit, crochet and sewing of all skill levels welcome.

*Supported by Tabitha's sisters, Serenity quilt shop, Southport Quilters Guild and Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club.*

*For more information or questions call Kim Hemphill phone 262- 914 -4543 or  
email at lillykim@ hotmail.com*

Comfort 4 a Cause will resume our meetings as soon as the safer at home order is lifted. In the meantime if Cabin Fever hits, and you have an abundance of scrap fabric, tops are always needed especially now that meetings will be postponed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of our supporters and volunteers at this time and our deepest wish is that all stay safe and healthy until we can meet again.

Remember the **one** requirement to participate is that it **must spark Joy**. ..

## 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.



This year has been a wild one! So 2021 Challenge Quilt is

### “Wild about Quilting “

Rules:

- 20”x20” (of course)    -Must contain some piecing work
- Must use some animal print fabric in it
- Must have quilting-more than just the borders.

This is a chance to show off your quilting skills and why you are wild about quilting. Quilting work areas/rooms can be a jungle at times when we are in our creative mode.

Let’s show off our wild side!

Thank you!  
Sharon Heeres

### Quilt Show Update

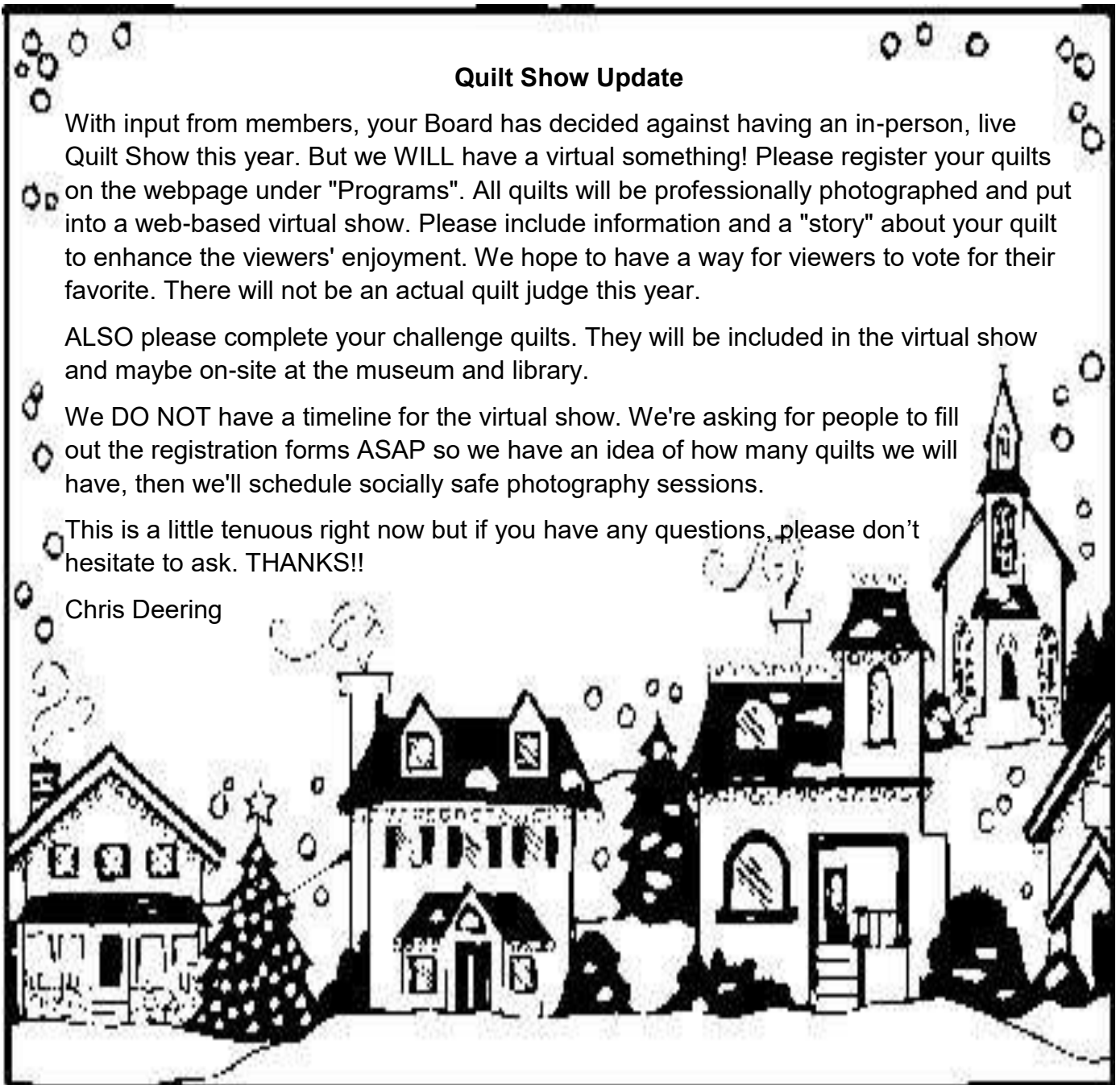
With input from members, your Board has decided against having an in-person, live Quilt Show this year. But we WILL have a virtual something! Please register your quilts on the webpage under "Programs". All quilts will be professionally photographed and put into a web-based virtual show. Please include information and a "story" about your quilt to enhance the viewers' enjoyment. We hope to have a way for viewers to vote for their favorite. There will not be an actual quilt judge this year.

ALSO please complete your challenge quilts. They will be included in the virtual show and maybe on-site at the museum and library.

We DO NOT have a timeline for the virtual show. We're asking for people to fill out the registration forms ASAP so we have an idea of how many quilts we will have, then we'll schedule socially safe photography sessions.

This is a little tenuous right now but if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. THANKS!!

Chris Deering



### Southport Quilters Guild

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month except for national holidays or pandemics in the months of September through April located at St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
8760 – 37th Avenue, Kenosha, WI  
Or Zoom email invitations, and website links

Board Meetings 5:30 p.m.— Welcome 6:30 Meeting 7:00  
Guests always welcome/\$5

