

# Southport Sampler

## November 2024

Greetings!

With Thanksgiving Day fast approaching, we as a Guild have so much to be thankful for!

Many thanks to Lori Brown and her Quilt Show Committee for all their planning, problem solving and follow-up associated with what was truly a “Star-filled” Show. We can’t wait to see what they have in store for us next year!

By our November meeting, we’ll have 3 craft fairs under our belt. Kristine Pegues and Carol Rannow have done a wonderful job coordinating these events. They and their team of volunteers have been selling items & raffle tickets like crazy along with promoting our Guild out in the community. Gateway Craft Fair is still coming up in December, so be sure to lend your support by either helping out or attending the event as a shopper.

We’re anticipating another terrific program and workshop this month thanks to the efforts of Susan Binzel and Peggy Cairo. The educational and entertainment value of their programs so far has been very much appreciated.

When you sign in at November’s meeting, be sure to thank Donna Nicolazzi and Kitty Plovanich for stepping up and into the 2nd VP – Membership position. And while you’re at it, please thank Judy Carney for serving our Guild during a very chaotic time in her life. Having each other’s back is part of what makes our Guild so very special!

While we’re on the topic of leadership, it’s already time to begin thinking about nominations and who will be on next year’s Board. Maxine Pelt (director) has graciously agreed to take on the Nominations Chair position and we can’t stress enough that our Guild works best when everyone (Yup! That means YOU!) participates. So please think about nominating yourself and/or a buddy as the open positions are communicated.

Finally, our party planners, Jackie Kim and Rose Ann Ambrowiak, along with their committee, are making sure we have a fun and tasty holiday party for our December meeting. Be sure to watch and listen for announcements regarding what’s coming up. You won’t want to miss it!

See you soon!

Tara & Peg



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Guild  
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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	Judy Carney 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.*



**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



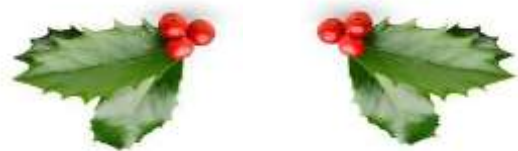
**December Holiday Party**

Mark your calendars - the Holiday Banquet will be held on Monday, December 2nd at Ruffolo's Special Pizza 2, 3931 45th Street.

The party will start at 5:30 cocktails (cash bar) with dinner at 6:00.

Cost per plate \$17.00

**More information soon to follow!**



**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.

## 2024-2025 Committee Chairs

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



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Kenosha, WI 53142

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Email: [Info@serenityquiltshop.com](mailto:Info@serenityquiltshop.com)

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**Last Craft Fair of the year - December 14,  
Gateway Tech, Kenosha, 9am to 3pm**

We have had a TON of fun at the craft fairs around Kenosha. From Elkhorn Fair grounds to JI Case way up north in Racine, people are interested in our guild member's work, care and love of craft. Many of our neighbors have purchased items that are gifted to loved ones, even if the "loved one" is themselves. Those who stop by the booth are curious about the items and the craft itself, so much of the time as a volunteer is spent talking craft - how to do things, how one craft influences another, where ideas come from, the joy of gifting hand made products.

If you would also like to be part of the conversation, please sign up to help out at the last craft fair of 2024. Or you can still get in your Guild donation. Many times we get requests for items that are not found elsewhere. The last fair at JI Case High school there were requests for Christmas items, including ornaments and we have specific requests for plastic grocery bag holder/dispensers, neutral colored table runners and Dresden Plate table toppers.

Come be part of the fun, get your picture on Facebook and meet fellow crafters and admirers of the wonderful hand made items we all love to make.

Contact Kristine Pegues 847-791-6055  
kristinepegues@gmail.com



**On behalf of your Quilting with the Stars Show committee;**

Kitty Plovanich, Judy Blum, Donna Makouske, Sandy Becker, Cathy Monahan, Peg Malmberg, Lynda Ryan, Kim Voss, Liz Spanraft and Lori Brown. We would like to thank the following members that volunteered during the show as hostesses. Our show would NOT have been as successful without our members being there, greeting the guests and answering questions.

Rose Ann Ambrowiak  
Kathy Basler  
Sandy Becker  
Susan Binzel  
Judy Blum  
Karen Brown  
Lori Brown  
Gayle Collins  
Pat Frieman

Debby Gillmore  
Mary Gustafson  
Julie Iorio  
Deanise Kersting  
Sherilyn Kalm  
Diane Larson  
Peg Malmberg  
Terry Miller  
Cathy Monahan

Kit Moore  
Krisine Pegues  
Maxine Pelt  
Kitty Plovanich  
Roxie Radmer  
Carol Rannow  
Kari Riley  
Lynda Ryan  
Helen Vigansky

Kim Voss  
Kate Watling  
Linda Werve  
Shari Werve  
Tara Zerzanek  
Pat Zurzinec

*Please note, only 281 days from 11/11/24 until drop off date on August 15, 2025*

Hello all,

The raffle pieces are showing beautifully at the various craft fairs and ticket sales have been quite brisk at times! The quilt will be traveling to the last craft fair we are participating in at Gateway in December and we are hoping for extraordinary ticket sales!

I also have a small number of members who have offered to take the quilt, wall hanging and table runner on the road to other guilds and a nearby quilt show. If you haven't signed up for this but are interested, please let me know - the more the merrier!

Kitty Plovanich



## Block of the month - Do you have Scraps?

Check out our website for specific patterns of our current block of the Month projects. These are great practice to test quarter inch sewing skills, use up scraps and try patterns before committing to a big quilt. It is a way to play with colors, try out combinations of colors, and test skills in accuracy of measuring and cutting fabric. It is also a great way to contribute to a charity quilt for someone special.

### June – Potato Chip Block

Use up 2.5 x 4.5 scraps, all kinds. 18 needed for a block

### July – 2 x 2 Block

Make with 2 high contrast colors, 4 each of 3.5 x 6.5 inch (or 3.5” strips work well)

### August – Disappearing 9 Patch

Needed: 9 5” squares, any color. The highest contrast (dark) goes in the center

### October – Snowball Block

2 colors, high contrast. Need 1 sized 9.5”, the other color is cut into 4 3.5” squares

### November – 5 strip HST

Make with 5 2.5 x 11 strips of different colors. Great for leftover binding.

Look for more patterns at [SouthportQuilters.net](http://SouthportQuilters.net) under Resources: Block of the Month.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

**First and Last Thursday, Comfort 4 a Cause: April thru November 2024 -**  
**Comfort 4 a Cause meets first and last Thursdays at Lord of Life Church 5601 Washington Rd from 10:00 – 2:00**  
**Will meet November 14th and November 21st and **no meeting on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th****

**November 11, Monday Guild Meet:**  
**Lecture by Carol Wilhoit of carolquilts.com “Get Your Stash Together: Organization for Quilters”**  
**Monday afternoon workshop from 1-5pm, “Walk Around the Block: Walking Foot Quilting”, cost \$40 plus \$10 kit fee.**

**December 2, Monday Guild Meet:**  
**Guild holiday party, no lecture**

**Jan/Feb 2025**

**No meetings**

**March 3, 2025**

**Zoom Lecture: Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studios on Pojagi – from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada.**

**<https://www.epidastudio.com>**

**April 7th, 2025**

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

**Craft Fairs, 2024**

**December 14,**  
**Gateway Tech, Kenosha, 9am to 3pm**  
**Last fair of 2024**

**Nominations News**

For our Board of Directors, we have two directors, Kristine Pegues and Donna Makouske, stepping down from their roles at the end of the current fiscal year. Directors assist in the general planning and decision making of the Guild. Joining the Board of Directors is a great way to meet more Guild members in a smaller setting and to be active participant in keeping our Guild on its mission to promote the art and education of quilting. Kate Watling, already on the Board of Directors, will be stepping into Donna’s role as Technology Chair. Kitty Plovovich and Donna Nicolazzi have taken the remainder of Judy Carney’s role as 2nd Vice President until 2025 and have agreed to go up for vote for a new full term. Carol Rannow and Kristine Pegues are stepping down as Craft Fair Chairs, so that role needs to be filled, much easier when shared among a few Guild members! We also need a third guild member to be on the nominations committee. We will pass out slips of paper during November and December’s meetings but will continue to accept nominations for open positions until the time of voting at our April 2025 meeting. PLEASE discuss with your nominee as to why you think they would be good for the roles available or ask current Directors or Chairs what is involved. Non-Board members are always welcome to attend Board meetings as non-voting observers to see what is involved in running a Guild such as ours.

If you wish to nominate someone for any open roles, including yourself, (again, please discuss it with the person you are nominating) if you aren’t present at November’s meeting, you may contact:

Maxine Pelt 262-515-6057

Judy Blum 916-501-0139

# Positively programs!!!

Nov 11, 2024

Lecture: Carol Wilhoit Get your stash together: organization for Quilters

Some quilters find that their fabric stash, scraps, quilting tools and books have become a burden as they don't have a good approach for organization and storage. This lecture provides many practical ideas for making it all readily accessible and will include ideas for actually using your stash. Carol has taught classes locally, nationally and at several quilt shows including Houston and Great Wisconsin.

There will also be a class on walking foot quilting from 1-5 on the 11th. The walking foot does more than stitch in the ditch! Walking foot quilting can be an easy and attractive way to quilt your quilts, runners, and totes. The learning curve is short. You will learn straight line quilting, stitch in the ditch, making straight lines without marking, quilting curved lines, spiral quilting, using special stitches and using templates. Also covered will be needles, thread, batting marking and basting your quilt. The class is full.

Dec 2, 2024

Quilt Guild Holiday Party – no lecture

Jan/Feb 2025

No meetings

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.

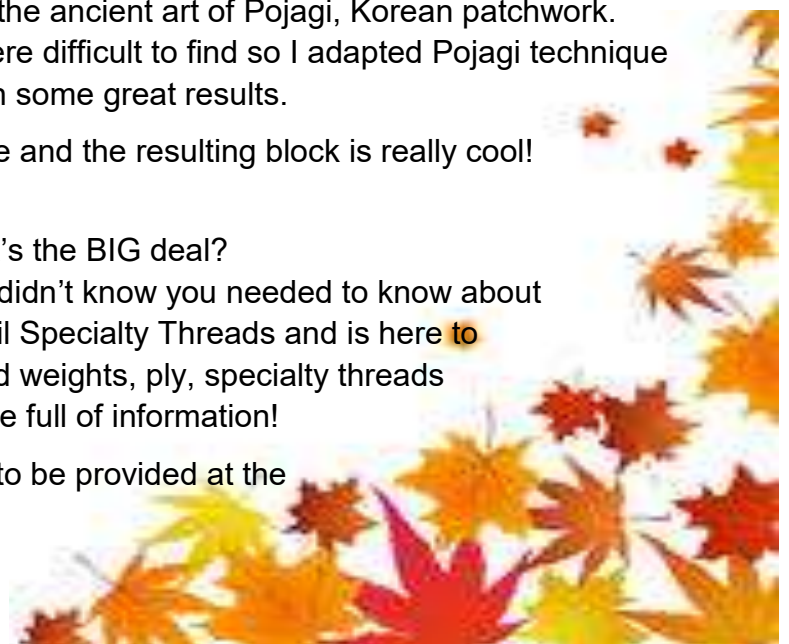
Peggy Cairo took a class in this technique and the resulting block is really cool!

April 7th

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! Nina is an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads and is here to share her knowledge. Learn about thread weights, ply, specialty threads and how to work with them. You will leave full of information!

There will also be a class on FMQ – info to be provided at the Dec and March meetings.



**ALL CLASSES & EVENTS**

**Are available in limited numbers.**

See our Facebook Patchwork Party in Sept, Oct

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



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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](mailto:lillykim@hotmail.com)**

**Scheduling Notes:**

To prepare for holiday distributions, an additional workday, **Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** has been added. Because Thanksgiving Day falls on our normal last Thursday meeting date, we will meet on **Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>** instead. Join us at Lord of Life Church, 5601 Washington Rd in Kenosha from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Come for the day or as much time as you can!

For those wishing to assist with the annual **Shop-With-A Cop** distribution, join us at Meijer in Kenosha by 9am on these Saturdays – **December 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>**. See first-hand the joy our work brings to the community!