



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

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December 2025

Season's Greetings Everyone!

We know all too well the “busy-ness” that comes with this time of year. We are so thankful for those in our guild who make time in their schedules to ensure things are still being completed when needed and everything runs as it should. A big shout out to Deanise Kersting, our guild Secretary, who creates both Board and Membership meeting minutes that capture all the important things we are up to, which can then easily be referred back to when needed. A guild as active as we are would be sunk without the financial talents of our Treasurer, Carol Rannow, who month-after month has our financials accurately prepared in a timely fashion. And if you are reading this, we have Kim Voss to thank for it, as she has done a fabulous job revamping and injecting her spin on our newsletter and getting it distributed before each meeting. Helping us keep our website and Facebook page current and inviting has been Kate Watling with her creative eye and sharp computer skills. This quartet of ladies provide the backbone for our guild to operate and communicate in a smooth and orderly fashion. For them and all our Board Members and Committee Chairs who help lead us in our vast array of activities, we are truly grateful!

So what did everyone think of our friend Elmer? Were you surprised? We thought Sue Heinz was incredibly entertaining and full of great tips and ideas for helping us on our quilting journey. We can't thank Susan Binzel and Peggy Cairo enough for continuing to provide these wonderful opportunities to stretch our minds and enhance our skills.

Are you ready to party? We are excited for the upcoming event at Ruffolo's II and hope we have a big turnout! We'll have just a short business meeting in order to wrap things up before our winter break. Don't forget, we'll be drawing for 4 of the 8 YLI Thread \$25 Gift Certificates the guild received for completing their survey this past summer. You'll also have another chance to nominate yourself or a friend to one of the Board vacancies in 2026-2027. We are certain it will be a great night of fellowship, food, and fun and look forward to seeing you there! May you and your family experience many joys during the holidays!

Tara & Peg

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



2025-2026 Officers and Directors

President: Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2026

First VP/Programs: Susan Binzel & Peggy Cairo 2026

Second VP/ Membership: Donna Nicolazzi & Kitty Plovanich 2027

Secretary: Deanise Kersting 2026

Treasurer: Carol Rannow 2027

Director: Rose Ann Ambrowiak 2026

Director: Judy Blum 2027

Director: Kristine Pegues 2027

Director: Maxine Pelt 2026

Director: Elaine McNally 2027

Director/Newsletter: Kim Voss 2027

Director/Webmaster: Kate Watling 2026

Past President: Kim Voss 2026

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

Positively Programs

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March 2, 2026 Trunk Show by Jill Shaulis of Yellow

Creek Designs

Jill is a nationally known pattern designer, fabric designer, lecturer, and shop owner. She is the mastermind of the very first Quilt Shop Hop created almost 30 years ago. She has owned her not-so-small shop in Pearl City, IL, since 1992.

Her trunk show will consist of many of the projects she has designed and made. She weaves her quilting journey with the trunk show in a fun and energetic way. You will leave smiling and inspired!



April 13, 2026 Bill Hoernke Show and Class

Bill is a quilter and weaver and you just never know what he is going to do next. He lets his interests guide him and you never know what will be under his needle. He will do a show and talk about the quilts he has made so far, and what guides and inspires him.

Monday, April 13, 2026 1:00 – 5:00 pm class Triaxial Fabric

Weaving Cost \$50

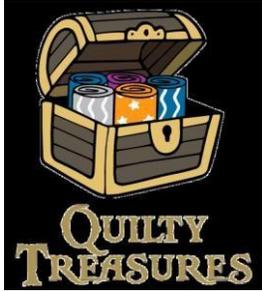
Bill has taught classes on fabric weaving at The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show. He will be teaching a class on fabric weaving. The fee includes a weaving tool, a foam board with a grid for weaving, fusible, and written instructions.



2025 - 2026 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman	Mentor Program: Peg Malmberg
Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske	Monthly Door Prizes: Mary Gustafson
Anderson Quilt Show: Lori Brown	Nomination Committee 2026: Elaine McInally
Block of the Month: Debby Gillmore	Parties/Banquet: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Challenge Quilts: Judy Blum & Kim Voss	Public Relations: Kate Watling
Comfort 4 a Cause: Kim Hemphill	Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: Debbie Kurowski
Craft Fairs: Lisa Petrillo & Renee Riedel	Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD
Hospitality: Althea Mieske	Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: TBD
Kenosha County Fair: Sherilyn Klamm	Shalom Center: Kitty Plovanich
	Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Our November meeting with the Anderson Arts Center staff was rescheduled to December 3. Therefore, we will not have any updates to share just yet.



Block of the Month

BOM still on pause. 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](http://SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block%20of%20the%20Month).



Challenge Quilts

The Challenge Quilts are currently on display at the Northside Library. The quilts will be returned to the makers at the Holiday dinner meeting on December 1. The Northside Library Staff ribbon and Viewer's Choice ribbon will be awarded at the dinner. Kim Voss is heading up next year's Challenge Quilt show and will briefly discuss requirements at the dinner.



Comfort 4 A Cause

We are in Winter Shutdown for meeting and making items. We wish everyone a safe and joyous holiday season. Shop with a Cop will be on the first 3 Saturdays in December starting at 9 AM at Meijer. For these events we support the City of Kenosha, the City of Pleasant Prairie, and Kenosha County police departments in their holiday children's outreach programs. Each child is allotted an officer to go shopping with after which we surprise them with a tote bag filled with needed donations of blankets, hats, scarves, gloves or mittens, toys, small stuffed animals, coloring books and crayons, journals, pens or pencils, small puzzles and etc., and wrapped candy in Christmas treat bags. Each of us gets to take a turn handing a child their own personalized tote bag. The experience truly embodies the giving spirit of this holiday season and will leave you with a memory of joy unsurpassed. Call Kim Hemphill at 262-914-4543 if you'd like to help. Thank you so much for all that you do all year long. P.S. Find us on Facebook where you will see pictures of every meeting and event updates.



Craft Fairs

Our last craft fair of the season will be held on Sat., Dec. 13, at Gateway Technical College, located at 3520 30th Ave. in Kenosha.

For those who have volunteered, your help will be much appreciated!

Please stop by our booth, located just next to the snack shop, and enjoy the Holiday Craft Fair anytime between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm. On behalf of Renee and all our volunteers, we wish you a happy Thanksgiving and safe travels throughout the extended holiday weekend.

Craft Fair Donations

Part of your guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item to the guild that can be sold at craft fairs or at Anderson Art Center. In lieu of a craft fair donation, you can make a \$25 donation to the guild. Right now, we need Christmas themed items, especially Christmas table runners. If you plan to donate hot pads, please make them in coordinating pairs. Single potholders are very difficult to sell. Bring your donations to the November or December guild meeting and give them to Donna Makouske, or contact her at 262-515-0345 to arrange a drop-off time. Please include your name, the item's dimensions, and a suggested price for each item.



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 Candidates for Election 2026

Thank you to those who have suggested names for nomination or expressed an interest yourself for an officer or director position in 2026. The Nominations Committee still needs your help and continues to invite you to suggest names for nomination or to consider a position for yourself. As mentioned, the offices of **President**, **1st Vice-President (Programs)**, and **Secretary** will be elected in 2026. **Officer positions may be shared** as are the current President, 1st Vice-President and 2nd Vice-President positions. Talk to a friend and consider sharing a position. There will also be one open **Director** position as two directors are returning for a second term.

The slate of candidates will be presented to the membership at the March 2026 meeting. Voting will take place at the April 2026 meeting. Terms run two years, starting in May 2026 and concluding in April 2028.

You will have an opportunity to suggest names (or yourself) for nomination at the December meeting. Or feel free to contact a current board member or a Nominations committee member (Elaine McInally, Yolande Sherrod or Lynda Ryan) for more information or to suggest someone for a position.

What better way to help guide guild activities and become more involved than by joining the guild board by taking an officer or director position in 2026.



Parties/Banquets

Just a reminder that the Holiday Banquet is this coming Monday, December 1st, at Ruffolo's at 3931 45th Street. It's starting with an cash bar at 5:30 and dinner at 6:00. Please wear your name tags so we can connect your name to your face. Also, money will be collected for the Shalom Center, just not food. Plan on a short meeting and then show and tell! See you then!



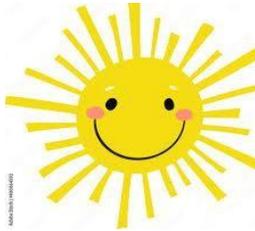
Raffle Quilt

Debbie Kurowski is heading up the Raffle quilt committee this upcoming year. Thank you, Debbie! We look forward to seeing your pattern selection!



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.

Northern Lake County Quilt Guild

2026 Quilted Postcard Pen Pal Exchange

This pen pal exchange is for the months of January & February. We will provide you with your pen pal details by the start of the year for January and you will get a new pen pal for February. You will then mail the postcard at a designated date, given in early January. After the holidays when the rush is gone and you have just enough free time to do a simple but very small quilt project, this is perfect. Your creative juices can explode in a small format. We have five guilds participating: Village Quilters, Northern Lake County, Prairie Patch, Southport and Flying Needles. Additional info will be sent to you regarding the exchange after you sign up. If you are interested in participating, please sign up by December 26th, 2025.

postcards@nlcqq.org

Robyn McGarrigle and Rose Gray ~ Postcard Co-Chairs NLCQG

Quilt Retreat

Start your creative year with Maday Delgado at her first winter retreat January 29th through February 1st, 2026 (4 days and 3 nights, meals included \$595). Taylor Hall will be the site of this beautiful quilt retreat and the location is a quiet corner on Lake Michigan in southeast Racine, WI, on the grounds of the DeKoven Center.

Margaret Heller will email you a form to fill out separately. To reserve your space, you can Venmo her or send a check. 20% (\$119) to reserve your space or the total (\$595) to: Venmo: @Margaret-Heller-2. 40% (\$238) due by December 15th and the last 40% by January 15th. Or a check made out to Margaret Heller and mailed to: Margaret Heller, 2000 Wisconsin Ave S1A, Racine, WI 53403.

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3701 Durand Ave, Racine, WI 53405 Mon

thru Fri: 10:00 – 5:30

Sat: 10:00 – 3:00 Sun: Closed

There's a new quilt shop nearby!



Stitched Quilt Shop
505 6th St.
Racine, WI 53403
autumn@stitchedquiltshop.com

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

Happy Holidays everyone!

