



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

September 2026

Welcome to the "ber" months which translate into apple cider donuts and pumpkin spice everything else! We would like to give a shout out to RoseAnn Ambrowiak, Jackie Kim and their hardworking committee for the delightful picnic we had on August 3! The food, weather and company couldn't have been any more perfect!

Our *Stars, Stripes and Stitches* Quilt Show is in full swing. If you haven't signed up to volunteer a shift, please do, as it's a fun way to spend 3 hours with other members of the guild and visitors from near and far.

We will have the Northern Lake County Quilters Guild (NLCQG) at our meeting on September 14 selling tickets (\$1 each or 6 for \$5) and showcasing their raffle quilt. Please extend a warm welcome and be sure to bring some cash to help them out.

Also, we will be trying out a new amplifying system at the September meeting. St. Paul's can no longer store our old bulky amplifier so we will be offering it "FREE" to membership if anyone is interested.

We look forward to seeing everyone Monday and learning something new from Dee Bushrod and creating with pixels. Until then, have a safe and happy weekend!

Kitty and Pat



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

2026-2027 Officers and Directors

Co-Presidents: Pat Frieman & Kitty Plovanich 2028

First VP/Programs: Debra Dodd & Robyn McGarrigle 2028

Second VP/ Membership: Donna Nicolazzi 2027

Secretary: Carol Kessler & Kathy Basler 2028

Treasurer: Carol Rannow 2027

Director: Rose Ann Ambrowiak 2026

Director: Judy Blum 2027

Director: Keith Blum 2028

Director: Elaine McNally 2027

Director: Kristine Pegues 2027

Director/Newsletter: Kim Voss 2027

Director/Webmaster: Kate Watling 2028

Past Co-Presidents: Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2028

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

Positively Programs

Sept Sept 14

My Passion in Pixels Dee Bushrod

Zoom Lecture

Dee is a Brit who now lives in Oklahoma (It's a long story). She has been a quilter for 19 years, but it's only since she found pixel quilts that she has become ever so slightly obsessed.



"Pixel quilts are magic, they are my therapy, the way I focus and bring myself back to the present and stop stressing. I love every part of the pixel quilt process." – Dee



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October 5

Jane Godshall

Of Plain Jane Threads

Tried and True

Zoom Lecture

“Quilting offers something for everyone, whether it's by hand or machine. Both use techniques that result in quilts that inspire and are fun to make. What do you love about quilting, and what draws you to it? Let's explore together tried and true quilting methods and see what has happened over the years and into the 21st century while respecting the past.”

Workshop: An Introduction to

New York Beauty

The NTNT FPP way!

**October 6th, 1:00 via Zoom in your own home or a friend's on a computer,
laptop, or tablet**

Class Fee \$40

Kits will be subsidized by the guild

Non-members \$60

https://www.youtube.com/live/kdKXFIKDtmU?si=5mSyrUJ1SfAPD_Xm



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November 9th

Lina Owen

Blue Belle Designs
Milton, WI

Our Mission at Quilting with Latinas

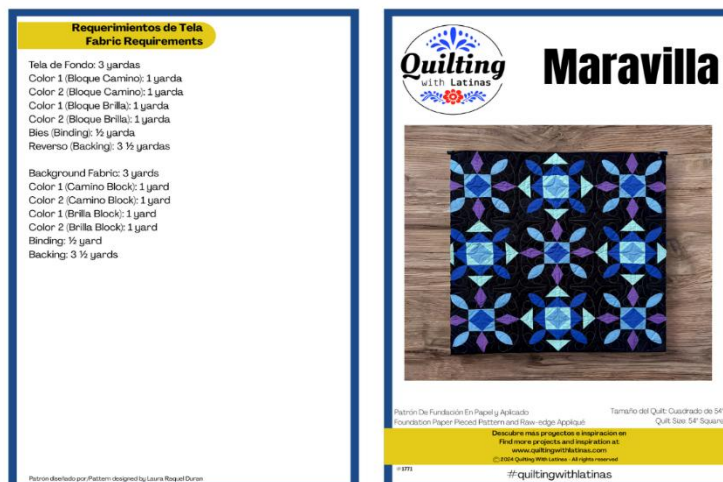
To create a welcoming, bilingual, and inclusive community where quilting becomes a space to learn, connect, and celebrate our stories. Through tutorials, patterns, workshops, and educational content in English and Spanish, we aim to inspire and empower quilters of all levels, especially Latina women who want to feel represented in this art form. We believe every stitch tells a story, our roots deserve to be celebrated, and quilting has the power to bring together generations, cultures, and communities.

Nuestra Misión en Quilting with Latinas

Crear una comunidad acogedora, bilingüe e inclusiva donde el quilting se convierta en un espacio para aprender, conectar y celebrar nuestras historias. A través de tutoriales, patrones, talleres y contenido educativo en español e inglés, buscamos inspirar y empoderar a quilters de todos los niveles, especialmente a mujeres latinas que desean verse representadas en este arte. Creemos que cada puntada cuenta una historia, que nuestras raíces merecen ser celebradas, y que el quilting tiene el poder de unir generaciones, culturas y comunidad.

Workshop November 10th 9-4 at St Paul's Lutheran Church Kenosha, WI

Bring bold, beautiful color and Latin-inspired charm to your quilt with *Maravilla*. The pattern combines Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP) and Raw Edge Applique. Featuring bright, joyful fabrics that pop against a black background. Instructions are included in both English and Spanish.



2026- 2027 Committee Chairs

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

Committee News



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

The *Stars, Stripes, and Stitches* quilt show is under way and has four weeks to go. I hope you have been able to attend and have seen the striking red, white and blue quilt display in the main gallery. Attendance for the show has been great and the visitor's comments are very positive. Thank you for entering your quilts and for volunteering your time. The hostess schedule is now available to view on the website under Members Only Reports so you can see the days you signed up for and to check on which days need more volunteers. Please contact Sandy Becker regarding anything related to the schedule for hostesses. Remember that your name is being entered into a prize drawing for each day you volunteer at the show! The more times you volunteer the higher your chances are to win the prize. Good luck! Below is a listing of the ribbon winners:

BEST OF SHOW Peg Malmberg "Midnight Blooms"
JUDGE'S CHOICE Susan Binzel "Diamonds in the Ocean"
SPECIAL MERIT Theresa Miller "Jo's Floral Album"
AAC STAFF CHOICE Kari Riley "Escape"

LARGE LONGARM QUILTED

1st Donna Makouske "Celestial Magic"
2nd Judy Carney "Fanciful Feathers"
3rd Judy Blum "Polestar"

MEDIUM DOMESTIC MACHINE/HAND QUILTED

1st Theresa Miller "Jo's Floral Album"
2nd Donna Nicolazzi "'A' is for Alice"
3rd Kathy Basler "Tennessee Tranquility"

SMALL LONGARM QUILTED

1st Kathy Basler "Primitive Garden"
2nd Mary Gustafson "Rabbits' Haven in My Spring Garden"
3rd Tara Zerzanek "Our Flag Stands for Freedom"

LARGE DOMESTIC MACHINE/HAND QUILTED

1st Pat Zuzinec "Sunshine to Sunset"

MEDIUM LONGARM QUILTED

1st Susan Binzel "Diamonds in the Ocean"
2nd Debra Dodd "Sargenda Waters"
3rd Sandy Becker "Wish Upon a Star"

SMALL DOMESTIC MACHINE/HAND QUILTED

1st Kitty Plovovich "Magical Bubbles"
2nd Kari Riley "Escape"
3rd Carol Rannow "Weaving Teal"

FIRST TIME ENTRY

1st Lynn Ray "O' Say Can You Sew 2"
2nd Carol Bennett "Striped Beauty"
3rd Janet Strandberg "Love My Blue!"

CHALLENGE QUILTS

BEST OF SHOW Tara Zerzanek "Layers of Stars"

JUDGE'S CHOICE Donna Makouske "Semiquincentennial"

CHAIR'S CHOICE Kitty Plovanych "We the People..."

AAC STAFF CHOICE Lynda Ryan "Beautiful America"

1st Kathy Basler "Eagle Patriot"

2nd Heide Peterson "Patriotic Stars"

3rd Annette Ginnaty-Moore "Olde Quilty"

ADVENT EXCHANGE



There's still time to get in on the Advent Exchange. It's GREAT fun - It's simple - just purchase 12 gifts between \$3 and \$5, and make 12 gifts. Bring the wrapped gifts to the November meeting and go home with 24 DIFFERENT gifts to unwrap each day from December 1st until Christmas. See Pat Frieman for more details.



Block of the Month

🔔 Block of the Month Fun! 🔔

Continuing our *Stars All Around* series of blocks, September's featured block is Blazing Arrow, which includes Flying Geese and Half Square Triangles. Have fun with this one! Remember, make two blocks, one for the charity quilt and one for the raffle. Thanks to all who have made blocks so far!



Challenge Quilts

Congratulations to Kitty Plovanych! She won Chair's Choice for this year's Challenge Quilts. Kim would like to thank each and every quilter who submitted a challenge quilt this year. They look fantastic hanging all together in the main room at the Anderson Arts Center.



Comfort 4 A Cause

Comfort 4 A Cause is back to our regular meeting schedule. The first end last Thursday each month at the Lord of life church from 10am until 2. Our kits can be checked out and returned at each meeting with the guild, the charity workshops and Serenity quilt shop. A huge thank you goes out to those that have been participating.

Kim Hemphill



Craft Fairs

Our First Craft Fair of the Season Starts Soon! Thank you to all who have signed up to help with the upcoming craft fairs. Your enthusiasm is much appreciated! As a reminder, we will have a booth at the following:

- Elkhorn Craft Fair: October 3rd, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Walworth County Fairgrounds) Popular items: Fall and Halloween-themed
- Tremper High School Craft Fair: October 10th, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (26th Avenue, Kenosha) Popular items: Fall and Halloween-themed
- Case High School Craft Fair: November 7th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Washington Avenue, Racine) Popular items: Winter and holiday-themed
- Gateway Technical College Craft Fair: December 12th, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (30th Avenue, Kenosha) Popular items: Winter and Christmas-themed

This is a raffle quilt year, so visitors to our booths will be plentiful! Our craft fair booths are a wonderful way to share our mission and our beautiful creations.

We still need volunteers, so please stop by the back tables and see if you'll have an opening in your schedule to help. Also, don't forget to give Donna Makouske your craft fair item(s), or see Carol Rannow if you wish to give a \$25 donation instead. Happy quilting!

Note: Part of your guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item to the guild that can be sold at craft fairs or at the Anderson Art Center. In lieu of a craft fair donation, you can make a \$25 donation to the guild.



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.



Parties/Banquets

Our next get together will be our Holiday Party in December. Planning is coming together slowly, but we will have more information for everyone in the next few weeks. The party will be held at Ruffolo's II like before.



Raffle Quilt

Our raffle quilt is done! Debbie Kurowski selected the pattern *Points of Pride*, designed by Delores Smith and Sarah Maxwell, for our raffle quilt which goes very well with our show theme! It is currently hanging in the Gift Shop at the Anderson Arts Center. Tickets for members to sell will be distributed at the Sept. meeting.





Shalom Center Food Pantry/Community Service Program

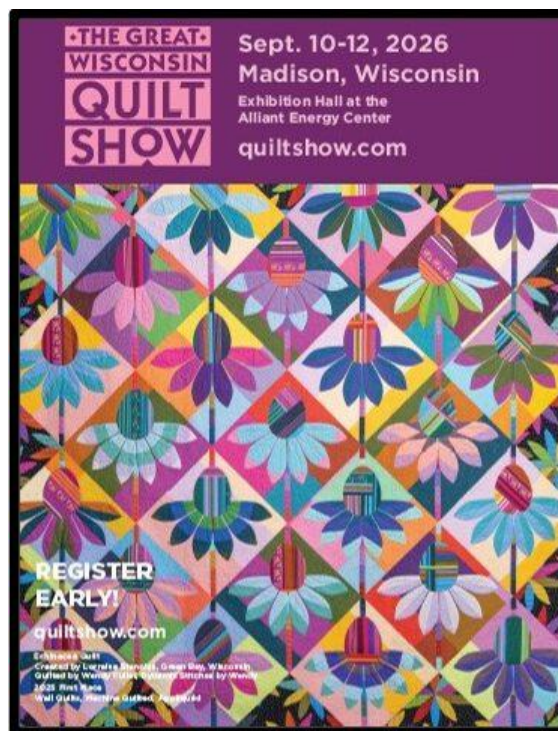
Our mission is simple: serve the community through food, shelter and supportive ways. We believe that this mission will help realize a greater vision: self-sufficiency by maximizing the potential of people. <http://shalomcenter.org/needs>. We take a collection of food items and money every meeting and hand out a door prize to those who donated.



Sunshine Committee

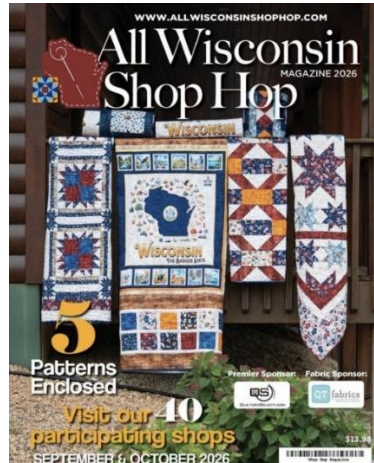
If you know anyone in the Guild who has been ill or had a family tragedy, please contact Cathy Monahan at 847-668-0510 or at cmonach@gmail.com. She will send out an appropriate card.

Upcoming Quilt Shows



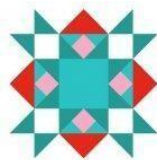


Two months of quilting, road trips, inspiration & fun!



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