

Southport Sampler

May 2025

Spring is here!

Some people love roller coasters, and others despise them, but our Wisconsin weather sure has been mimicking one.

We heard several wonderful comments about the thread program at our April meeting. Who knew there was so much to learn?! The list of upcoming programs is exciting as well.

We had three very happy raffle ticket winners last month. Pam, Marcia and Joyce were each thrilled when we contacted them. Who's thinking about choosing a pattern to sew for our next raffle quilt?!? It's time to get started..... Let us know if you're interested!

Hope to see you at Ruffolo's next Monday for our May Banquet, installation of officers, and of course, Show and Tell!

If you haven't signed up for 2025-26 membership, bring it with to the banquet or mail it to our PO Box.

Happy Sewing,

Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek



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Southport Quilters
Guild
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Kenosha, WI 53141
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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

2025 - 2026 Officers & 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/Webmaster	Kate Watling, 2026
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

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

Our Guild Mission

The objective and purpose of this Guild shall be:

To recognize, explore and promote, through the organized effort of a non-profit organization, the potential of the quilting medium.

To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting.

To interest people of the area in participating and sharing in the development of quilting through a non-profit organization.

2025 - 2026 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar	Pat Frieman
Anderson Quilt Show	Lori Brown
Block of the Month	Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts	Judy Blum & Kim Voss
Comfort 4 a Cause Quilts	Kim Hemphill
Craft Fair Chair	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
Party Chairs	Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Public Relations	Kate Watling, Renee Riedel
Raffle Quilt. 2027	TBD
Raffle Quilt Promo, 2026/27	TBD
Raffle Tickets, 2026/27	TBD
Shalom Center	Kitty Plovovich
Sunshine Committee	Cathy Monahan



Serenity Quilt Shop is your #1 destination for quilting and sewing in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area! We still have openings for some of our upcoming classes.

Travel Iron Table - Create a small ironing table that you can set up next to your sewing station or take on retreats or classes. Class will provide all you need

The Little Zipper Bag - These little bags have a million uses. They can hold all the small items in your purse, they can hold sewing kits and much more. They make great gifts, filled with little items to cheer up a dear friend.

Don't be afraid of the zippers as it is easy to assemble these bags.

Current hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5
SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4
Closed Tuesdays

Serenity Quilt Shop, LLC. 4003 80th Street, Suite 102
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Raffle Quilt Winners

At our meeting April 7, 2025, we pulled tickets for the following winners:

Quilt - Pam M.	
Wall hanging	-
Marcia B.	
Table runner	-
Joyce J..	

Congratulations!

Updates on our next Quilt show at the Anderson Art Center

Our 2025 show will run from September 7th through October 12th and allows all guild members to show off their skills, so get quilting! On June 21st there will be a workshop at the Northside Library on how to make and attach the hanging sleeve. Requirements for the sleeve are 1 ½ inches from the quilt's top edge and 2 ½ inches wide. Only online registry will be accepted for show quilts and can be found on our website under Programs/Quilt Show. Donna Makouske will be available to help register quilts at the sleeve workshop or by phone any day.

Quilt Categories

- First Time Entrant in a SQG Show
- Large – Domestic machine or hand quilted
- Large – Longarm quilted
- Medium – Domestic machine or hand quilted
- Medium – Longarm quilted
- Small – Domestic machine or hand quilted
- Small – Longarm quilted
- Guild Workshop Entry
- Challenge Quilt



Our quilt show is coming back to the beautiful Anderson Arts Center in September! Enjoy beautiful quilts made by our guild members. Visitors will have the opportunity to speak firsthand with the quilters while seeing them in action. Visitors can also vote for their favorite quilt overall and for their favorite in this year's Quilt Challenge "Pair-a-Dice Island." Winners of the viewers choice awards will be announced in early December and posted on our Facebook page.

Select quilts in our show will be available for purchase. Beautiful and unique items made by our members will also be available for purchase in the Anderson Arts Center gift shop and we will have some special items available for silent auction in the library. This is a show you don't want to miss!

First and Last Thursday, Comfort 4 a Cause:

Comfort 4 a Cause regular workday meeting schedule for 2025 begins May 29 thru November 20 at Lord of Life church 5601 Washington Rd from 10 am – 2pm. They typically meet the first and last Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted.

May 5th, 2025

Banquet information reminder: 5:30 cash bar at Ruffolo's Special Pizza II, 3931 45th St, Kenosha, WI, including a brief business meet, Shalom donations and Show & Tell.

June 2, 2025

Guild member Kate Watling will present, "Upcycle Quilting - Thinking Outside the Block." She will talk about how she came to upcycling and why she does it.

June 21, Northside Library, 1500 27th Ave, Kenosha, Community Room A.
Class on how to attach a proper sleeve to your quilt from 10 am to 2 pm

Quilt show dates: Important Dates

May 1 – Quilt Registration opens
Aug 13 – Quilt Registration closes at midnight
Aug 15 – Quilt Drop Off, 10:00 to noon. Anderson Arts Center
Aug 16 – Judging Day, 9:00 am until finished. Guild members only.
Sept 7 – Show opens
Oct 12 – Show closes

Craft Fairs, 2025

Tremper – October 4th JI Case – November 1st Gateway – December 13th



<https://wistatefair.com/competitions/quilting/>

Quilting

Do you love to make quilts for friends, family or as a hobby?
The State Fair competition is the perfect place to show off your skills and earn prizes!

Important dates for the main quilt competition:

Entry Deadline: May 7, 2025
Entry Drop-Off Date: June 17, 2025
Judging: June 24, 2025

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/BlockoftheMonthLibrary) for patterns used in this program dating back to 2013.

Positively Programs

June 2nd, 2025

Lecture: Kate Watling – upcycle quilting: thinking outside the block

Have you even been in a thrift store and saw some amazing fabric and wondered what you could do with it? Or saw a jacket or skirt that begged to be showcased in a new way? Join us on Monday June 2 for Kate Watling's talk on upcycle quilting. She will talk about how she came to upcycling and why she does it. She'll talk about what she looks for in her thrift items and why she looks at some stuff and not others. She'll share where she gets ideas on how to upcycle. Come join us in thinking outside the block!

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 Fisher 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..

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 Redford 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 9th, 2025

All day class: Introduction to Folk Art Embroidery. \$75 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 hand work

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

October 6th, 2025

AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser Cathy Glover - Quilt Appraisals: what goes into appraisals?

Do you know your quilts could have value? Why do you need an appraisal? What's the purpose? How do we determine value? Is there more than one kind of appraisal?

Whether it's old or new, we will look at how values are determined.

We will also offer quilt appraisals during the day (Oct 6th). You will need to pay for the appraisal at the time of your reservation. Verbal appraisal is \$35 and written is \$60.

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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Did you know that Sew 'n Save has a You Tube Channel?

se 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!

Patchwork Party Live! - Join us live on Facebook!

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.

Meeting, Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Rd, Kenosha (corner of Green Bay Rd & Washington Rd).

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

Scheduling Notes:

We plan to resume our regular workday meeting schedule on Thursday, May 29th. Be sure to follow us on our Facebook page for the most up-to-date meeting information. In the meantime, please keep sewing tops – kits can be picked up at Guild meetings or from Serenity Quilt Shop. Thank you for all your wonderful support!

Kim Hemphill