Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

November 2026

Welcome to November and our final regular membership meeting of 2026! Our December meeting will be our annual Holiday Party so be sure to sign up with Rose Ann Ambrowiak by November 20th.

For all members who are participating in the Advent Exchange, this is such a fun way to celebrate the entire month of December - remember to only open ONE package per day - no cheating!!

There are some fun things planned during our January and February hiatus. Robin McGarrigle has a sign up for Quilted Postcard Penpals in January and February. Some of us participated last year and it was great to see the creativity from quilters from other guilds. Elaine McInally and Yolande Sharrod have a sew day planned in January, and Debra Dodd has put together a fun bus trip in February. Details can be found in this newsletter. Pat and I would also like to do one or two Zoom get-togethers. They will be strictly social in nature just to talk quilting, have some laughs and do some show and tell to see what everyone is working on.

Keep in mind we will be contacting members to fill board positions that will be vacated in May of 2027. As Pat and I have said before, it takes all of us to make Southport Quilters Guild a fully functioning guild. We are open to new ideas and would love to hear what your thoughts are as our guild moves forward!

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday as we welcome Lina Owen of Blue Belle Designs as she shares her love of quilting with us.

Kitty and Pat

Our Mission

To recognize, explore & promote the potential of the quilting medium

To establish an educational environment conductive 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 McInally 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

NOV

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.

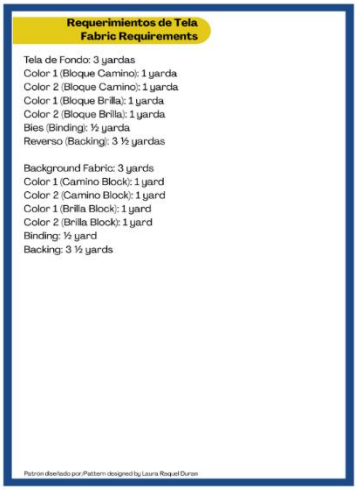
Nuestra Misión en Quilting with Latinas

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 comunidade

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	Nominations Committee 2027: TBD
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 2026/27: Debbie Kurowski
Comfort 4 a Cause: Kim Hemphill	Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/27: Kathy Basler & Judy Carney
Craft Fairs: Lisa Petrillo & Renee Riedel	Raffle Tickets 2026/27: Sandy Becker
Hospitality: Althea Mieske	Sewing Days: Elaine McInally & Yolande Sherrod
Kenosha County Fair: Sherilyn Klamm	Shalom Center: Kitty Plovanich
Mentor Program: Peg Malmberg	Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News

Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Stars, Stripes, and Stitches has been a phenomenal show and experience! Thanks to everyone for everything! There will be a wrap up meeting with the Anderson Staff soon. Details will follow.



ADVENT EXCHANGE

The exchange will be at our November meeting! Please wrap your gifts as follows:
All purchased gifts are to be wrapped in the same paper.
All handmade gifts are to be wrapped in the same paper, **BUT** in a distinctly different paper from the purchased items. See Pat Frieman for more details.



Block of the Month

Block of the Month Fun!
The BOM is on pause this month. More news to follow.



Challenge Quilts

The Challenge quilts have been hung at the Northside Library's lobby display case for the entire month of November. Library patrons and library staff each get to vote on their favorite using a QR code. Ribbons for these will be awarded at the December banquet.



Comfort 4 A Cause

Comfort 4 A Cause meets the first and 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. Our last meeting for the year will be on November 11. We will meet up again come Spring for our annual volunteer appreciation luncheon. Thanks to all who've helped.



Craft Fairs

Our 2026 craft fair season is nearing its end with only two events left. Case High School craft fair is Saturday, November 6, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you can, please come out and support those who have volunteered to help with sales and selling raffle tickets. Case High School is location in Racine at the corner or Washington (Route 20) and Oaks Road.

Our last craft fair is on December 12, at Gateway Technical Collage located at 3520 30th Avenue in Kenosha. There's still time to volunteer for a couple of hours to help with setup, tear down, sales, and selling raffle tickets.

For all those who volunteered this year or will be volunteering at Case and Gateway, we appreciate your time and efforts in helping us make this craft fair season a success!

From Donna Makouske: October is the beginning of craft fair season, and we really need your donations. Part of your guild membership obligation is to contribute an item that can be sold by the Guild at craft fairs. We are especially in need of holiday themed items, Halloween, Fall or Christmas. Holiday table runners are probably our bestsellers at craft fairs. Hot pads are big sellers at AAC and at the craft fairs, however, single hot pads do not sell! Please be sure to donate hot pads in coordinated pairs and be sure to use at least one layer of insulated batting, like Insul-Brite. We will no longer be accepting single hot pads or hot pads without insulated batting. Donations can be given to Donna Makouske at any guild meeting.



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

Southport Quilters Guild Holiday Gathering

Monday, December 7, 202
Ruffolo's Special Pizza II
3931 – 45th Street, Kenosha

5:30 cocktails (Cash Bar) 6:00 Dinner
Dinner will be a buffet that includes:
Chicken, Mostaccioli with marinara sauce, Mojo potatoes,

garlic knots,
Basic salad, bread basket, and dessert
With coffee, tea, and soda

There is a $15 fee per person.
Please sign up at the November 9th mtg.
Or contact Rose Ann at (262)237-0337 by November 20th
As we have done in the past, we will be collecting money for the Shalom Center,
so please bring your cash or checkbook!
Looking forward to seeing everyone!



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. Pick up your tickets from Sandy Becker if you haven't already done so. Judy Carney and Kathy Basler have been taking the quilt to various Wisconsin quilt guilds and will continue to do so over our winter break. Thanks ladies!



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.

SEWING DAYS

Open Sew Day

Please join your fellow guild members for an open sew day on Saturday, January 9, 2027, from 9:30am to 3pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Come for the entire time or a few hours.

- Yolande Sherrod will be demonstrating how to make a drying mat basket.
- Pat Frieman will be demonstrating how to make a flat bowl cozie.
- Judy Blum will be teaching safe and accurate cutting.
- The Accuquilt cutter and dies will be available for use.
- Bring your own project to work on.
- Need help on a project? Have questions about quilting? Bring your quilting questions to ask experienced quilters in attendance.

In addition, there will be a fat quarter exchange. Bring a fat quarter or two and take the same number. Ironing and cutting stations will be available. Bring your sewing machine and supplies, including fabric. Supply lists and further details will be provided at a later date. Please bring a snack to share and your drink. Feel free to bring your lunch. Signups will be taken at the November and December guild meeting.

AAC Gift Shop Opportunity

Lisa Dukowitz from Anderson Arts Center has asked if any of our members would be interested in selling quilted, knit, or crocheted items in their gift shop. AAC policy is that 40% of the proceeds from any sales would go to the Anderson and 60% to the artist. If you are interested, please contact Lisa directly at (262) 653-0481. Please understand that this would be an agreement between yourself and the Anderson Arts Center. The guild will not be involved in the agreement. If you have any questions about the guild's experience working with the AAC gift shop, please contact Donna Makouske.

For Sale



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Serenity QUILT SHOP

info@serenityquiltshop.com 262.577.5886
4003 80th Street, Suite 102 Kenosha, WI 53142
Hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4 Closed

Sew 'n Save of Racine

www.sewnsaveofracine.com
262-554-8708 262-554-6445
3701 Durand Ave, Racine, WI 53405
Mon thru Fri: 10:00 – 5:30 Sat: 10:00 – 3:00 Sat: 10:00 – 3:00
Sun: Closed

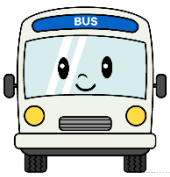
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Stitched Quilt Shop
505 6th St. Racine, WI
262-260-8600

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





Join Us for a Bus Trip

Beat the winter blues and enjoy a day out!

Saturday, February 13

Trip Highlights

Visit The Sewing Basket Quilt Shop in Plymouth, WI.
Attend the Winter Quilt Show in West Bend, WI.
Admission is included.
Lunch plans are to be determined.
Visit Ye Old School House Quilt Shop in Cedarburg, WI.

Registration and Payment

At least 35 attendees are needed for the trip to take place.
Sign up at the November / December meeting.
Members: $40
Non-members: $50
Payment is due when you sign up.