



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

March 2026

Hello Quilters!

We hope each of you have had a wonderful winter break! The three months have passed by quite quickly. Have you had a chance to sew a lot while we were off? Be sure to bring your projects for show and tell!

We will have a lot more happening Monday, March 2, at 6:00 pm at our first meeting back, too. Our Nominations Chair, Elaine McIanly, along with her committee, has been busy and will have a slate of those interested in filling the open Board positions; our Treasurer, Carol Rannow, will present the 2026-2027 budget; and Jill Shaulis from Yellow Creek Designs will be sharing her trunk show of the many designs she has created. It will be a full, fun evening of catching up.

Hope to see each of you there!

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

March 2, 2026 Trunk Show by Jill Shaulis of Yellow Creek Designs

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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!

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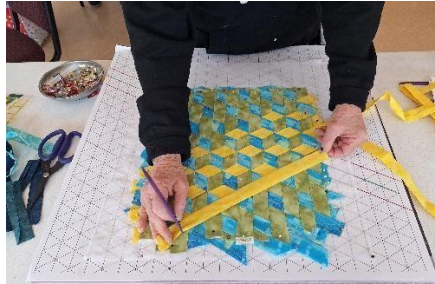
April 13, 2026 Bill Hoernke Show and Class

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 for us on fabric weaving; the fee includes a weaving tool, a foam board with a grid for weaving, fusible web, and written instructions.



JUNE June 1, Wool Applique Virtual Trunk Show with Vicki McCarty from Calico Patch Designs

Vicki will showcase many of her beautiful quilts and discuss her inspiration for creating as well as basic techniques used in the quilt. Hear stories behind the quilts as well as touching stories of Vicki's 40+ years quilting and tips passed on through four generations of quilting.

July July 6 “From Inspector to Quilter: My Journey to Finding My Peace” with Michael Nardi.

Michael Nardi has been featured on Missouri Star Quilts and he will present his journey from the southside of Chicago to a successful pattern designer, as well as owner/operator of Bryn Mawr Quilts.

July 13 Curved Square Workshop with Michael Nardi at the Kenosha County Building (all day) - \$75 includes pattern and templates (non-member \$90). This workshop is partially underwritten by the guild.



2025 - 2026 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: TBD
Hospitality: Althea Mieske	Sewing Days: Judy Blum & Elaine McNally
Kenosha County Fair: Sherilyn Klamm	Shalom Center: Kitty Plovovich
Mentor Program: Peg Malmberg	Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

Committee News



Advent Exchange

The 2025 Advent Exchange was enjoyed by 19 participants – a new record! Thank you to all who participated. It's so much fun to have a little surprise to open each day. And I have to be honest...it was a relief not to wrap all those gifts! It's not too early to start thinking about participating in the 2026 exchange. Signups will start at the March meeting. We'll need at least 13 participants for the Advent Exchange to "go." It will be the same program as last year. Purchase 12 gifts between \$3 - \$5, and make 12 gifts. Wrapped gifts will be due at the November meeting when we'll do the exchange and each participant will go home with 24 different gifts to open each day in December. Contact Pat Frieman for more information or to sign up.



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Judy Blum is Committee Chair for our 2026 Show. The name of this year's show will be *Stars, Stripes, and Stitches* and will again be at the Anderson Arts Center, 6603 3rd Ave., in Kenosha. Drop Off Day: Fri. Aug. 7, Time TBD; Judging Day: Sat. Aug. 8, 9 am; Opening reception: Sun. Aug. 30, 1 – 4 pm; Closing Day: Sun. Oct. 11, 1 – 4 pm; Pick up day: Tue. Oct. 13, 10 am – 12 pm.

Ribbon making day is Sat. June 13 from 10 – 2 at the Northside Library. More to come after the committee meets again.



Block of the Month

Kristine Pegues is going to take on the BOM while Debbie Gilmore continues to heal. In keeping with our patriotic theme, she's found a fun block called Martha Washington Star. A pdf document will go out with the newsletter and she will speak at our meeting and have a sign up. Please visit our website at [SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block of the Month](http://SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block%20of%20the%20Month) for previous BOMs.



Challenge Quilts

This year's Challenge Quilt theme is "Celebrate America." A handout will be sent to all members with the requirements for this year's challenge. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March meeting. Kim Voss will be chairing the Challenge quilts this year.



Comfort 4 A Cause

Shout out to our volunteers! Sign up for the Volunteer Appreciation party and Potluck on the first Thursday in March (3/5) at 10:00 am at Lord of Life Church, Kenosha. Suggested alphabetical division of last names beginning with A through M can be savory. Last names beginning with N through Z can be sweet. Don't forget to bring your most favorite completed craft item for Show and Tell. We are going to have a guest speaker from the Schmetz Needle Company. Call Kim Hemphill to reserve your spot at 262-914-4543.



Craft Fairs

We are excited to announce the lineup for our 2026 craft fair events. As we will need volunteers to help set up and tear down, sign up sheets will be at the front desk during our monthly meetings.

- Elkhorn (Saturday, October 3, 2026)
- Tremper (Saturday, October 10, 2026)
- Case High School (TBD, but most likely Saturday, November 7, 2026)
- Gateway Technical College (TBD, but most likely December 12, 2026)

If you haven't decided what you want to donate for our craft fairs, holiday items (Halloween, Thanksgiving, Christmas) are always a big hit. And remember, we'll be featuring our raffle quilt this year as well. If you plan to bring a donation to our March meeting, please give your donation to Donna Makouske.

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.



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

SQG 2026 Election Update

The Nominations Committee has finalized a slate of candidates for our upcoming April 2026 election. We are happy to announce that all of the positions have been filled. A big thank you to all who have accepted and to

those who provided nomination suggestions. Below is the list of the 2026 open board positions with a listing of those who have accepted the nomination.

Position	Nominee(s)
President	Pat Frieman & Kitty Plovanich (Co-president)
1 st Vice President-Programs	Debra Dodd & Robyn McGarrigle (Co-chair)
Secretary	Lisa Petrillo
Director	Rose Ann Ambrowiak (Incumbent)
Director/Webmaster	Kate Watling (Incumbent)
Director	Keith Blum

We will continue to accept nominations until the time of voting at our April meeting. Installation of officers occurs on May 4, 2026 at the May banquet. Please contact one of the Nominations Committee members if you have questions, Elaine McInally (847-224-8901), Lynda Ryan (262-914-1244), or Yolande Sherrod (847-409-3354).



Parties/Banquets

Our annual Spring banquet will be held on Monday, May 4, 2026. The member cost is \$15 (subsidized by the SQG). The banquet is for SQG members and guests. We will be returning to Ruffalo's Special Pizza II 3931 45th St., Kenosha. **Choice of Entrée:** Broasted Half Chicken with Parsley Potatoes; Cheese Tortellini with meatball; Baked Cod with Broccoli. Each entrée includes salad, garlic knots with red dipping sauce, dessert, coffee, water and soft drinks.

5:30 Cocktails (Cash Bar), 6:00 Dinner, Membership meeting, Installation of Officers and Show & Tell.

We will be having an activity to benefit the Shalom Center that includes a friendly table competition. Please come prepared with cash or your checkbook.

Reservations with payment will be taken at the March and April Guild meeting. Details will be provided in a separate communication for reservations by mail. Reservations will be accepted until April 20, 2026. No reservations will be accepted after that date. If you have any questions, please contact Rose Ann Ambrowiak at 262-237-2337 or Ambrowiak @ sbcglobal.net



Raffle Quilt

Debbie Kurowski is heading up the Raffle quilt committee this time around. She selected the pattern *Points of Pride*, designed by Delores Smith and Sarah Maxwell, which goes very well with our show theme!

Debbie will need about 14 or 15 people to make four blocks each. She plans on passing out the materials at the April meeting and will answer questions then. (Debbie will be on vacation during our March 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.



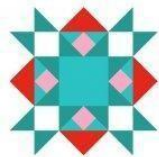
Sunshine Committee

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.



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Hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4 Closed
Tuesday



Sew 'n Save
of Racine

www.sewnsaveofracine.com
262-554-8708
262-554-6445

(direct line to the Fabric Gallery)
3701 Durand Ave, Racine, WI 53405
Mon thru Fri: 10:00 – 5:30
Sat: 10:00 – 3:00 Sun: Closed



Stitched Quilt Shop
505 6th St.
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.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

CRAZY QUILTERS, INC.

MUKWONAGO, WI

37TH ANNUAL QUILT SHOW

March 28 (9:00 am - 4:00 pm) & March 29 (10:00 am - 3:00 pm)

Park View Middle School, 930 N. Rochester, Mukwonago, WI

2026 SHOW THEME: CELEBRATING AMERICA

SPECIAL PARKING NOTICE

Due to the construction project of Park View Middle School,
on-site parking is extremely limited.

To accommodate this issue, we are providing a free shuttle service.

Please park for free at Greenridge Shopping Center, 911 Greenridge Center, Mukwonago, and utilize the free shuttle to and from Park View. Shuttle pick-up will be next to the Mukwonago Post Office and will run non-stop starting at 8:30 am on Saturday and 9:30 am on Sunday. We recommend car-pooling and/or having the driver drop guests off at Park View to minimize the number of passengers each trip. There will be a Shuttle/Parking Coordinator at Park View to help with questions.

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The poster features a central floral wreath with various flowers in shades of orange, pink, and yellow. Text is arranged around and within the wreath. On the left, it says 'Free Parking'. On the right, it says '\$8 admission'. The main title is 'Evergreen Quilters Guild Flower Frenzy 2026 Quilt Show'. Below the title, the dates and times are listed: 'April 17 | 10 a.m.-5 p.m.' and 'April 18 | 9 a.m.-3 p.m.'. The location is given as 'Green Bay Community Church, 600 Cardinal Lane, Green Bay, WI 54313'. At the bottom, a 'Featuring:' section lists several activities and exhibits.

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600 Cardinal Lane
Green Bay, WI 54313

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Featuring:

- SAQA River Song (watershed) Art Quilt Exhibit
- Judged Quilts
- Modern Quilt Exhibit
- Guild Challenge Quilts
- Vendors, Bakery, Lunch, Attic Treasures, Silent Auction, Quilt Sale, Boutique, Demonstrations, Quilt & Sewing Machine Raffles

The Quilters HALL OF FAME

Celebration
July 23-25, 2026

featuring the induction of:
Judy Martin

Judy Martin made her first quilt in 1969 and was immediately hooked on the art form. Since that time, Martin has significantly influenced quilting in terms of craft, aesthetics, and industry standards. A master pattern designer and technician, her designs are distinctive for their remarkable complexity and high level of artistry. As a teacher, she instills empowerment in her students, while her meticulously accurate books have inspired countless quilters worldwide.

Kalona Quilt Show & Sale 2026
 Thursday April 23, "evening only" 5 pm - 8 pm
 Friday April 24 9 am - 7 pm
 Saturday April 25 9 am - 3 pm
 Located at 511 C. Ave. Kalona , IA
 in the Kalona YMCA Community Center
 200 New and Antique Hand-quilted Quilts
 on Display and for Sale.
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