



Southport Sampler

Southport Quilters Guild of Kenosha

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August 2025

Hot Summer Greetings! We are fast approaching our annual picnic and we can't wait to enjoy a relaxing gathering with our quilting friends! The forecast right now looks near perfect and we know this group always brings out their best dishes to share, so it should be a great night!

We're also nearing Quilt Show time at the Anderson Arts Center, so please be watching your dates closely. We want to encourage everyone to enter and have your work judged. The lecture from Margaret Fisher we had at our June meeting was very informative and it really isn't scary at all. Learning from this type of feedback is a great way to move forward in your quilting journey. We can speak first-hand to the benefits from receiving judges' comments and we know you will too. Also, please help out when you can, by signing up to be a hostess during the run of the show, and remember to invite all your friends to come see the quilts. It takes all of us to make this show a success!

We had a great group of about 20 guild members come out on Saturday, July 19th and sew for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. 4 twin-sized quilt tops were completed in just 5 hours which is amazing! Kudos to Peggy Cairo and Susan Binzel for their planning and organizing of this event and for teaching us a new quilt pattern. It's always a fun time when we get together and use our quilting skills for a good cause.

Just a quick reminder to everyone that not only is our meeting delayed a week in September because of the Labor Day holiday, but we will also begin our new (earlier) start time. So be sure to mark your calendars (whether paper or electronic or both) that we meet **September 8th** with Social Time starting at **6pm** and the meeting will start at **6:30pm**. As promised, we'll keep reminding you in the weeks to come. We hope everyone has a terrific end of their summer and we look forward to visiting with you at the picnic.

Stay cool! Peg & Tara

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

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Positively Programs

SEPT

September 8th, 2025 - Catherine Redford - Lecture:

Trip Around the World in Folk Art Stitches

A humorous, educational, and interactive lecture including a game with prizes! Catherine will take you on a trip around the globe with the quilts from her exhibit that debuted in April 2017 at International Quilt Festival in Chicago and at Houston in October of that year. Learn how she found her inspiration, the stitches she used, and the finishing techniques she employed.

Tuesday September 9, 2025 All Day Class (starts at 9:30am, ending approx. 4:30pm with break for lunch) Introduction to Folk Art Embroidery. (\$55 includes kit) Please note the price has been reduced; SQG is subsidizing the cost of this workshop to make it more affordable.

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. Leave the class with a second design transferred and ready to stitch.

Enjoy the relaxed tempo and reconnect with handwork that can make your quilt unique!

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.

OCT

October 6th, 2025 AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser Allison Rainboth - Quilt Appraisals: Why You Need an Appraisal

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 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 \$25 and written insurance appraisal is \$60. We are taking sign ups at the picnic and the Sept. meeting.

NOV

November 10, 2025 – Sue Heinz – You Have a Friend in Elmer

Imagine a world where every seam you stitch is perfect...every block true to size. Can you also imagine precisely matching stripes, accurately piecing circles (with ease!) and eliminating bias stretch forever? Wanna dream even more? Sue Heinz guarantees you will achieve your wildest piecing dreams when you use this simple technique that requires no pins, clips, or gadgets.

**Tuesday November 11, 2025 (Federal Holiday so many of you have the day off!) Caffeinated Quilting (9:30 to approx. 4:00)
Cost \$35**

Sue has brewed up energy-infused organic designs that will look stunning on your next

quilt. Based on her latest book, this class will leave you filled to the brim with new grid, block, and linear designs that are easy to master, especially with Sue's one-on-one teaching style. Come play – leave caffeinated! (No machines needed. Cost includes class fee.)

MAR

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!

Committee News

2025 - 2026 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar: Pat Frieman
Anderson Arts Center Gift Shop Liaison: Althea Mieske
Anderson Quilt Show: Lori Brown
Block of the Month: Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts: Judy Blum & Kim Voss
Comfort 4 a Cause: Kim Hemphill
Craft Fairs: 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
Parties/Banquet: Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Public Relations: Kate Watling
Raffle Quilt 2026/2027: TBD
Raffle Quilt Promo 2026/2027: TBD
Raffle Tickets 2026/2027: TBD
Shalom Center: Kitty Plovanich
Sunshine Committee: Cathy Monahan

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Advent Exchange Calendar

Great News! We have our 13 participants, so the exchange is a “go.” We can accommodate more participants...right up until the November guild meeting! Please contact Pat Frieman with any questions and to let her know what you will be making/buying in order to avoid duplication.



Anderson Arts Center Quilt Show

Our annual quilt show, this year named *Quilty Treasures*, is fast approaching! We are all anxious to see the wonderful quilts you will share with us and the public. We are trying two new ways to advertise this year. The billboard is in its final stages of editing and if you would like to post a yard sign in your yard, please contact Lori Brown. Our 2025 show will run Sept. 7 through Oct. 12, 2025.

Please see our website for important dates!

Requirements for the hanging 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. The link can be found on our website under Programs/Quilt Show Registration Form. The deadline to submit your registration form is *midnight, Wed., Aug. 13*. If you need help registering your quilt, please contact Donna Makouske at 262-515-0345. Registration can easily be done over the phone. You will need to have the following information available:

- Quilt Title
- Width & length of your quilt
- Short paragraph about your quilt that will be displayed at the show
- Estimated value of your quilt for insurance purposes
- If you are offering your quilt for sale, you will need a price

BOM 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](http://SouthportQuilters.net/Resources/Block%20of%20the%20Month) Library for patterns used in this program dating back to 2013.



Challenge Quilts

Judy and Kim are encouraging all those who rolled the dice to continue making progress on their Challenge quilts. The **Aug. 13th** deadline is right around the corner! Several members have contacted us with questions they had, so if you have any, please reach out to us!



Comfort 4 A Cause

This group of volunteers works 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. Meetings are held at Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Rd, Kenosha (corner of Green Bay Rd & Washington Rd). They typically meet the first and last Thursday of the month unless otherwise noted. For more information or questions check our Facebook page, call Kim Hemphill at 262-914-4543, or at lillykim@hotmail.com. **Scheduling Notes:** Be sure to follow them on their Facebook page for the most up-to-date meeting information. In the meantime, please keep sewing quilt tops – kits can be picked up at Guild meetings or from Serenity Quilt Shop.



Craft Fairs

Part of our guild membership responsibilities is to donate an item/s to the guild that can be sold for at least \$25 at craft fairs or at the Anderson Arts Center. You can also elect to donate \$25 instead of sewing/quilting an item. We sell items in the Anderson Arts Center gift shop year-round. We are always in need of hot pads, kitchen towels, and seasonal table runners. We *especially* need summer items now, such as small wall hangings and table runners. It's also not too early to make and donate fall or winter items for next year's craft fairs. Craft Fair dates are: Tremper: Oct. 4, 2025; Case HS: Nov. 1, 2025; Gateway: Dec 13, 2025. Signups have started and we are asking for 2 – 3 hours of your time on these Saturdays.



Hospitality

Althea Mieske has a signup sheet started 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.



Kenosha County Fair

The Kenosha County Fair will be held August 13-17, 2025. Please review the online Fair Book for entry information.

<https://www.kenoshacofair.com/> The Guild is sponsoring the kids categories and the Adult – New Quilter category again this 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

The SQG summer picnic is this coming Monday, August 4th at 5:00 pm. It will be held at the Bristol Woods County Park picnic shelter, 9800 County Hwy MB. The guild will be providing fried chicken, and we ask that you bring a dish to share, along with serving utensils. Also, as we did at last year's picnic, bring your own beverage, and a chair if you don't want to sit at picnic benches. Carpooling is suggested as parking in the picnic area is a bit limited, though there is more parking further into the park. Hope you can make it!



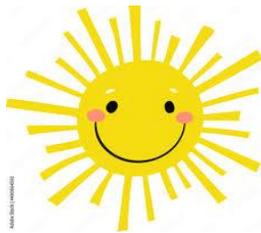
Public Relations

Kate Watling heads up the Public Relations committee. Guild news will be posted on our Facebook page and our Anderson Show will be on Facebook's Events Calendar. Kate shared some interesting stats from Facebook with the Board: We have 706 followers, and 3.2% of them are men and for the month of July (thru the 27th), our views are up by 307%!



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.

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Sew-a-Thon



Peggy Cairo did an outstanding job in leading our Saturday sewing day for creating quilts for Sleep in Heavenly Peace. She picked and taught us the Donna Jordan pattern, “Balancing Act.” Members Peggy Cairo, Susan Binzel, Peg Malmberg, Kim Voss, Sandy Becker, Lori Brown, Kitty Plovovich, Lynda Ryan, Pat Frieman, Carol Rannow, Maxine Pelt, Liz Spannraft, Jennifer Risley, Deanise Kersting, Lenore Dunn and Judy Blum all contributed to making four quilts.



Here's the email that Cheryl from Jordan Fabrics sent along after Peggy sent them a photo our guild's work.

"Thank you for your email, and for sending the pictures of your lovely guild members and their fabulous Balancing Act quilts. You all were *very* busy for just a single day, wow! I'm sure the recipients of those quilts will treasure them for many years to come. Thank you for your generous work towards making sure kids can sleep cozy & warm!

While Donna is deeply missed, we know her love of quilting is being carried forward by our viewers, guilds and quilters all over the world. She would have been pleased to know that her video tutorial inspired your group for this project.

Thanks again for sharing your group pictures with us. Have a great day and happy quilting!"



Upcoming Events



WISCONSIN STATE FAIR

JULY 31-AUGUST 10, 2025

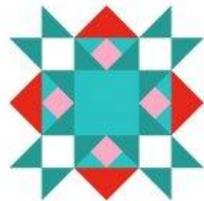
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The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show

<https://quiltshow.com/>



Alliant Energy Center Madison, WI
Sept. 4 – 6, 2025
Thurs. & Fri. 9 – 6, Sat. & Sun. 9 – 5



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



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 Tuesdays

Donna Nicolazzi read this poem and wanted to share it with us. It's very touching.

Quilts

By Nikki Giovanni

Like a fading piece of cloth
I am a failure

No longer do I cover tables filled with food and laughter
My seams are frayed my hems falling my strength no longer able
To hold the hot and cold

I wish for those first days
When just woven I could keep water
From seeping through
Repelled stains with the tightness of my weave
Dazzled the sunlight with my
Reflection

I grow old though pleased with my memories
The tasks I can no longer complete
Are balanced by the love of the tasks gone past

I offer no apology only
this plea:

When I am frayed and strained and drizzle at the end
Please someone cut a square and put me in a quilt
That I might keep some child warm

And some old person with no one else to talk to
Will hear my whispers

And cuddle
near.

