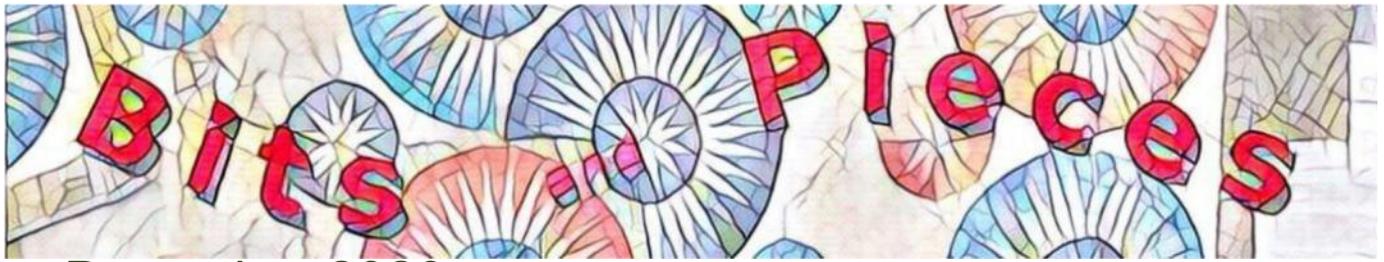


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President's Report By Sue Magyar

Happy December!

Or should I say, Congratulations on making it to month 12 of 2020?

This has been a challenge to all of us to varying degrees. Many of us skated by, hiding in our quilting rooms, sneaking out to the grocery store in the wee hours of the morning, and all of us have made accommodations. Some of us have had to go through some serious life changes during this time, which were made harder because of the limited access and shutdown situation. To all of you, I send hugs, wishing for the time when we will again be able to hug.

Our Guild has morphed in ways that are more conducive to online interaction, thankfully.

- Our General Membership meeting was held via Zoom, and was well attended and was a success. Thank you all.
- We recently had our Holiday Zoom. Wonderful! Thank you all for attending! A big thank you to our presenters: Barb Steckel, Heather Johnston, and Karrie Youngblood. We have three great projects to create for gifts during the holiday season. Already we're creating and using new material. New material is always good!
- By now, you will have received the first of the blocks for the Anniversary Block of the Month. This project will give you a little something to work on each month, and will result in lovely quilts. I can't wait to see the fabrics you choose, your progress on the blocks, and the unique layouts you may choose.
- After the holidays, even though we aren't going to Homer for Retreat, Retreat will be coming to us in the form of a mystery quilt. I'm very much looking forward to that! As I understand it, local fabric shops will be able to create kits. Make sure to read the Retreat News. There's more than just the mystery up their collective sleeves.



Lois has been amazing, sending out not only notices of each Newsletter release, but in sending all sorts of extra material on to our membership via email. Without her, none of the above would have been possible.

There are many fun things to do online related to quilting, and I hope you're taking advantage of some of them.

Sew on, brothers and sisters, sew on! - Sue

Vice President/Education Chair Report

By

Karrie Youngblood

Hi All,

I thoroughly enjoyed our Zoom meeting in November for getting ready for Christmas and hope we will be able to put together more events like that in the near future.

There have been a lot of changes this coming year due to Covid 19. Thank you everyone for your patience. Here is the schedule for the upcoming summer classes. Please let me know if you have any questions. Currently we are not scheduling Trunk shows for the classes unless things change with the Covid status and depending on the status this summer, there may be more changes to come.

2021

Barbara Steckel, Scrap Crazy class. June 11th and 12th. This class is full.

Pam Ventgen, The Alaska Quilt by Laundry Basket quilts. July 9th and 10th. \$75.00

Brenda Clyde, Jokers Wild quilt, August 6th and 7th. \$75.00

Dana Lewis, Chic Sisters by Sew Kind of Wonderful and Adding a scallop border. Sept. 10th and 11th. \$75.00

2022

Katie Pedersen, Projects TBD. June 10th and 11th. <https://www.sewkatiedid.com/>

Katie is an International quilt teacher and teaches modern quilt techniques. Check out her website.

Mark Sherman, Projects TBD. August 5th and 6th.

Mark is an international quilt teacher. He specializes in Art quilts and applique by machine techniques. Check out his quilts and classes at <https://remarkablequilts.com/>

If you would like to sign up for any of the 2021 classes please send me a check made out to KPQG and specify which class you would like. All class signups are first come first serve. If you have any questions about the classes you can call me at 399-2085.

Karrie Youngblood

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I would love to hear from you if you have more ideas of teachers you would like to come. It has truly been a challenging time. I miss everyone and seeing faces of all my quilting friends.

Karrie Youngblood

Karrie Ann's Longarm Quilting

<http://karrieannscustomquilting.com/>

907-399-2085



Homer News

By
Piama Svoboda

Well my ideas on what to write are getting fewer and far between. I tried to gather tips and tricks learned in the past few months and no one had a thing to contribute! I guess everyone is just doing their own thing right now, and I don't blame them. I have a few tips and tricks I have learned, so I'll share those. Now, especially if you are brave enough to quilt or sew with friends right now, it's important to not have to lick your thread to get it through your needle. Thankfully I saw a great tip online from Tula Pink. She says she doesn't lick her thread to get it through her needle because the moisture from your saliva makes it expand after you thread your needle and that's why you often end up with it tangled. Who knew? She, instead, cuts her thread at an angle and so the tip is pointy and goes right in the needle. I tried it and bam, it works like a charm! And it really doesn't tangle as often (although I have noticed that getting my thread tangled when hand sewing is one of my specialties!). Not only is this useful if you don't want tangles and knots, but it's much more sanitary to trim your thread than stick it in your mouth.

Another trick I figured out on my own is how to iron half-square triangles so they don't warp. If you are sewing together squares and then cutting them on the diagonal to get half-square triangles, don't cut them apart before you iron them. Open one half up and iron it, and then turn it around and flip the other triangle up from the square and iron, being careful to only put your iron up to the other ironed seam, and then cut them apart. That way only one triangle has the opportunity to stretch instead of both, and it seems much less likely to do so!

Janet was happy to share information about a fun (and free!) Christmas pattern called "On the 12th Day." She said that some sites, such as Connecting Threads, even have 12th Day fabric that goes with it. The fabric has lyrics and images from the song to make it even more festive. Here is a link, should you want to check it out!

<https://www.connectingthreads.com/on-the-12th-day-download-pattern/p/992352>

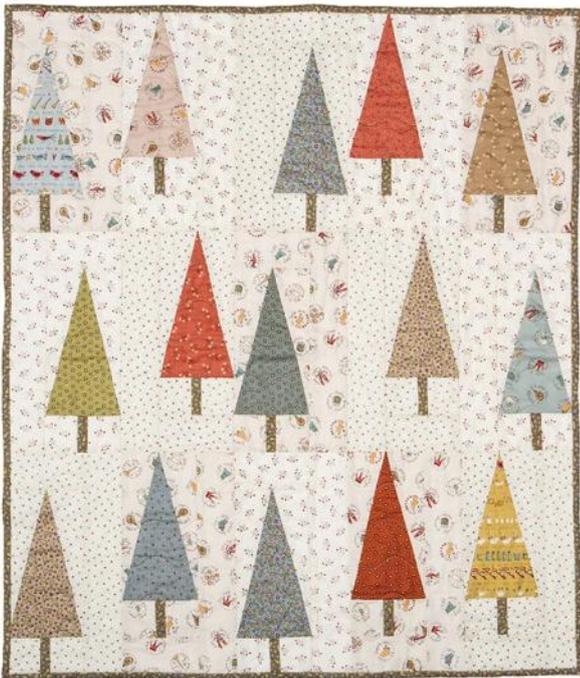


image taken from Connecting Threads

The fabric is also available there, if you're interested.

My mom also pointed out that AllPeopleQuilt.com has a good selection mostly free Christmas patterns, which I'll definitely be checking out after I finish writing this! Halloween's over so let's go Christmas patterns!

Me and my mom (or as Sue calls us, the Svoboda sisters!) have been sewing up a storm lately, which has been fun, but will come to a screeching halt when the Shirley half will be getting her knee replaced soon (we hope...there have been several hiccups out of her control since September). Several people in our group have hurt their shoulders and arms and have to (or had) surgery on them, but my mom had to be different and get

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her knee done. She always has been the rebellious one! They're just like the plumbing and my car, there's a global pandemic, so let's break down! Fingers crossed for all of them to have smooth surgeries and recoveries and for my mom not to have a too icky of an incision so when I help her post-op I don't pass out!

One more important thing to write about. We will be sad to see Jan move soon, but it's a move she must make. We all wish we could have a goodbye party and hugs, but we'll have to have a retro-active one when she comes back for a visit! We'll all miss you Jan and are so glad we got to know you! Enjoy the East Coast and stay in touch!



Greetings from Seward on Ice!!

Yes, this time of year, we are thankful for our Icebugs, our cleats, and anything else that will keep us upright.

As for our quilting activities, we're still all humming along at home, and have been getting out a bit more. Our Thursdays at Metco have opened up again, and while participation is small, at least a few of us are taking advantage of a little time together on a weekly basis. Nothing like we had been, but baby steps. Sheila Squires has been stepping up her game in bringing us more retreats at Seward Resort. These are limited to 10 participants instead of close to 30, but it feels like plenty of space and safety while still affording us some sewing time away from our own sewing rooms.

We've been working towards making quilts for our Seward Veterans, and the American Legion is doing a great job of getting those out there! While events and ceremonies are limited, they were still able to put a huge dent in our first delivery of quilts. Veteran's Day at the Legion was festooned with some lovely quilts and happy faces.

We do get together on Zoom every now and again. Our Seward group ranges from Arizona, to the Valley, Valdez, Anchorage, Montana, Michigan, and it's so good to be able to see everyone and be able to visit.

Heather Johnston will be sending us a gentle reminder within the next few weeks that we still have UFO's to finish. She expedites this program, bless her!

Happy Quilting to All!!



“What’s Happening” Winter 2020

By Jan Wallace

In Alaska:

Extended until December 15, 2020

“Shifting Tides: Convergence in Cloth”

4 Alaskan quilters were chosen from 160 entries for the 45 piece show.

Pratt Museum is open 11-4 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday

Using your phone, you enter a code # and listen to the artist describe it.

Out of ALASKA... or via the computer:

Attend a Virtual Quilt show

After many explorations I found one you can get into most times

Quiltshow.com

It may have you sign in...so put your email and a password. There is no charge, but of course they would appreciate a donation.

Click on “Discover Quilt Exhibits”

Click on 1 of the shows (ex. Botanical Quilt Challenge)

Click on “play button” and the “Help” link to learn about navigating the virtual exhibit (you will be on a site my.matterport.com)

You can move around gallery, clicks on circles, and enlarge

Sometimes it is frustrating, but wonderful to explore!

To find mental stimulation, but be selective!!!!

Go to YouTube and type in “Textile Talks”.....6 national organizations did talks this summer and they are found there.

SUGGESTIONS:

DO prop your tablet on a stand and enjoy as you prep food, fold clothes or when you are in the same room and don't have to pay close attention to the chore.

DON'T be tempted by weight loss, wrinkle cream, etc.

ads! Remember they have algorithms to track and send you all sorts of junk and pop ups.



Retreat News

By

Patrice Krant, Retreat Co-Chair

Well, since we are not having a retreat in 2021, there isn't much to say about it. But that doesn't mean there is nothing happening for the retreat committee!

Since we cannot meet, we will host a virtual mystery quilt project in February, 2021. The fabric requirements and cutting instructions for this easy 74" X 89" pieced lap quilt will be emailed to members shortly. You may even have yours already. They are also available at Bearly Threaded Too in Soldotna, Sew 'n Bee Cozy in Seward and at Ulmer's in Homer. Bearly Threaded and Sew 'n Bee Cozy are going to make up mystery kits for purchase!

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The instructions for the four steps for completing the mystery quilt top will be emailed to members on February 1, 8, 15, and 22. The blocks are 9" squares, and the techniques featured is half square triangles and stitch-and-flip.

If you have any questions about the mystery after you receive the fabric requirements and cutting instructions, please contact Janet Bacher at 907-235-5561 or Patrice Krant at 770-826-5016.

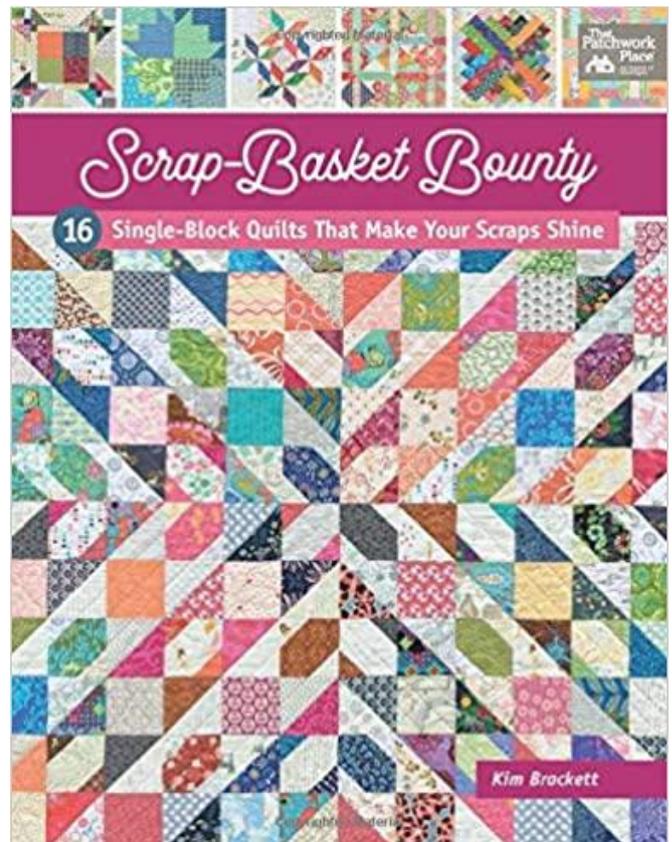
Book Look

by
Kathleen Barkley

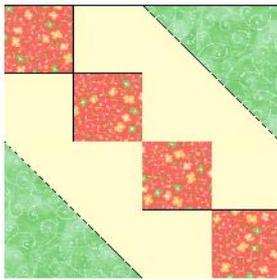
To quote Quiltmaker, **Kim Brackett**, "As a beginning quilter, it took time for me to understand that not all fabrics work well together in a scrap quilt. Before this epiphany, some of the strangest fabrics followed me home". I can relate.

For those of you not already familiar with **Kim Brackett**, her scrappy quilt projects come with concise, easy-to-follow instructions. Her books generally each contain 16-18 patterns for scrappy quilts. Kim's first three books, **Scrap-Basket Surprises**, **Scrap-Basket Sensations**, and **Scrap-Basket Beauties** feature quilt patterns that are jelly roll friendly. Her next two books, **Scrap-Basket Strips and Squares** and **Scrap-Basket Bounty** demonstrate how to create pinwheels, geometric motifs, and flower designs from 2 ½ strips and 5 and 10 inch squares. At the end of each project in her books, Kim offers additional color options and block arrangements.

Kim's latest book, **Scrap-Basket Bounty**, is full of single block quilt patterns that lend themselves to multiple arrangements. She stresses the importance in keeping your fabric values (light and dark) in sharp contrast to one another and when in doubt, try auditioning them to create more movement in your quilt layout. Kim's section under **Special Piecing Techniques** demonstrates triangle-free piecing to create trapezoid and triangle shapes using only squares and rectangles.



Kim Brackett hails from Gulf Breeze, Florida and is a member of the Pensacola Quilters Guild. Find out what's new with Kim by visiting her blog at MagoliaBayQuilts.blogspot.com.



Buckeye Beauty
12" Block
3 Fabrics

Cutting:

Cream:

1 square @ 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ "
 4 squares @ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Green:

1 square @ 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ "

Peach:

4 squares @ 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

Piecing:

Triangle Square Units:

Draw a horizontal line on the wrong side of the cream 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " square. Layer the cream & green 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ " squares right sides together. Stitch a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the line. Press toward the green. You will have 2 triangle square units.



Four-Patch Units:

From the cream and peach 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " squares, sew 2 four-patch units.



Complete the Block:

Following the block diagram above, lay out the four-patch units and triangle square units into two rows. Sew the rows. Press the rows in opposite directions. Sew the rows together.

This is an easy block. Here are 2 ways to set it in a quilt. It is even more interesting as a scrappy quilt.

Enjoy,
 Grace

