

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President Report By Carol Renfrew

Seasons' Greetings!

It's that time of year with so much to look forward to. Have you been to any of the craft shows and bazaars yet? Besides the hustle and bustle and seeing friends, I enjoy seeing the wares. So many new ideas and fresh takes on some of the tried and true. Very inspiring!

I hope you'll also be inspired to participate in our new guild wide challenge that Sharon will be unveiling a little further on in the newsletter. Keep reading!! So many participated and had fun with the red and white quilt challenge that we decided to do another with a

different theme.

It was great seeing so many displayed at our guild meeting and then again at the Kenai River Quilt and Wearable Arts Show in Nikiski. Next year's show will be July 24-25, 2026, and we'll be showing our new challenge there too. We have also been invited to have a guild member demonstrate a sewing skill at the show. In 2025 the demos were hex squares, 3D turtles, and hand/lap quilting. The volunteer/sewist would demonstrate for two hours with visitors looking on and asking questions. If this is something that interests you, contact by phone or text Rose Pilatti (907)513-1490. They would like to have the volunteer by January.

In the new year besides new sewing projects to look forward to we have our retreat in February, the block challenge (theme- twisted) due in April, our new guild quilt challenge and some real exciting classes for the summer.

VP/Education Report by Nancy Mathew and Barb Eagle

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Isn't it hard to believe that we have already enjoyed Thanksgiving with family and friends. Barb and I are thankful for each of you, your support and encouragement. We have truly learned that we're a part of a very special team!

VP Report continued...

We are excited to have three (3) teachers scheduled for next year, 2026. Signups started at the October 4th meeting and will continue at the February 2026 Retreat in Homer. We plan to have sample quilts/blocks on hand and handouts (Supply Lists) given out to paid attendees.

The classes are:

- Peggy Gelbrich, Yellow House Quilter, Oregon, two (2) day class, June 5 & 6, with a Trunk Show Friday evening. Friday's class, Irish Snails (no special rulers required) and Saturday's class, Crossed Canoes (foundation piecing with freezer paper). Class fee: \$90.
- Pam Ventgen, Anchorage, two (2) day class, Friday and Saturday, August 14 & 15. Green Glass Door is a fat quarter/scrap friendly quilt with multiple size options available. Class fee: \$80.
- Shonda Powell, North Beach Quilting, Kenai, two (2) day class, Friday and Saturday, September 11 & 12. Metro Rings Quilt, by Sew Kind of Wonderful, uses the Quick Curve Ruler and 2 1/2" strips. Class fee: \$60.

Barb and I will be glad to sign you up and receive your payment (cash or check payable to KPQG), which holds your spot. Class size will be limited to 20 students, then a wait list. See you at Retreat! Any questions, please email or text.

Thank you!

Retreat News By Sue Magyar & Kathleen Barkley

We are getting a little busy! Do you remember the guys that would juggle plates on top of poles? So many plates to keep spinning, and you dare not drop one! Maybe you don't remember but imagine if you will.

So far, 60 signed up for retreat, which is our limit. If you'd like to be on the waiting list, you have until January 1 to sign up. Also, if you feel you may need to cancel, do this by January 1 to guarantee a refund.

We're working with Land's End. Kamlyn Palmer is our Events Coordinator. She's crunching our numbers for us, trying to keep costs down. Land's End should be completely done with the remodel by the time we show up. There is to be a bathroom upstairs, among other accommodations.

Soon we should have a list of Saturday night dinner options and will get those choices out to our attendees.

Other items on our radar are the T-shirts. This seems to be going well.

Retreat News Continued...

We've created an email group for our attendees and have sent our first email out. Hopefully this will be a good line of communication between us, keeping everyone informed. The first email has gone out already, so if you are signed up for retreat and haven't received an email, email me at budsuem@yahoo.com. We'll get this figured out.

Retreat Scholarship

By

Sue Magyar

For those of you who are new to the Guild or are only vaguely aware of the origins and intent of the Retreat Scholarship, I would like to give you a little history.

The KPQG has a Retreat Savings Account that over the years has accumulated extra funds. In 2015 our KPQG Treasurer, Jody Nelson, came up with an idea to share these funds with the guild membership. Jody proposed the Scholarship as a way of sharing the excess funds (similar to the PFD Fund). The distribution of the Scholarship not only is of financial benefit to our members but continues to foster the art of quilting through education, and service to our communities through charitable work.

It has been a successful program. At the October meeting, two names will be drawn from all those who have paid their membership dues for the year. The drawing award is for 1 retreat registration, 1 retreat t-shirt, and 2 nights single occupant room rate. Once the person's name is drawn, they are not eligible for the drawing for another five years. If the person wants to gift to another person, they may do so by January 1st, but then both the person drawn and the person given the gift become ineligible for five years.

Quilt Challenge 2026

By

Sharon Hale

Challenge Because last year's red & white challenge was so successful & popular, the guild has decided to host a new one.

The rules are simple: the quilt can & must have only 3 colors, red, white & blue. No limits on the size of the quilt (it can range from a wall hanging to a king size).

Finished quilts are due at the Kenai Peninsula Quilt Guild annual meeting on April 11, 2026. Quilts will be displayed at the quilt show in July.

If you plan to donate your quilt to Quilts of Valor later, please check their website for their exact requirements before completing your quilt.



Thrifty
12" finished Block
3 Fabrics

Cutting:

Light:

8 squares @ 2 ½"

Blue Tone on Tone:

8 squares @ 2 ½"

1 square @ 4 ½"

Blue Floral:

4 squares @ 4 ½"

4-Patch corner units:

Lay out all the 2 ½" squares like the diagram at right.
 Make 4 four-patch units.



Following the main block diagram above, lay out the corner 4-patch units, the 4 floral squares and the remaining 4 ½" Medium Blue Square into 3 rows. Sew into rows.

Press row 1 & row 3 toward the Floral square. Press the center row away from the Medium Blue square.

Sew the rows together. Press toward the center row.

Enjoy your block,
 Grace



Kachemak Bay Quilters

By

Lee Bowman

Fall 2025 News

This fall we have been busy making personal projects for family and the holidays, as usual. But when the Alaska coastal flood occurred, we sent 14 quilts to charities collecting donations for displaced people. We were glad to have a good supply of service quilts to give to people in need. Members of our group also presented Quilts of Valor to veterans on November 11.

Other events:

*We enjoyed a potluck and a chance to wear costumes on October 31 and just have fun!

*Coming up, we'll have three days of sewing at the Kachemak Center, December 3 to 5. We can leave our sewing machines set up, our projects out, and have fun working on quilts with our group.

Seward Area Quilters

December 2025 Newsletter

Hard to believe the end of 2025 will be here before we know it. Time sure has a way of flying by before we realize it. The year has been a busy one for the Seward Area Quilters. We sew together every Tuesday and every other Sunday. We continue to work on our 4 main community projects, our "Veteran Quilts," the "Community Quilts," the "Baby Welcome Wagon" and our "Mountain Heaven" projects.

Our October retreat was great fun; we had a full house with 25 quilters. We had several sewing friends from out of town join us. It is always so good to have our extended quilting friends join our little retreats. While I am not sure how much sewing was accomplished, we certainly had a lot of laughs, good food, great conversations and lots of visiting. Our next retreat is planned for mid-December.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with many happy hours of sewing. Hope to see many of you at the February Retreat in Homer.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Challenge Block for 2026

THEME: "TWISTED"
Size 12" X 12"

Challenge Blocks are due at the April 2026 meeting.

They will be displayed throughout the peninsula from May through September.
Challenge blocks will be returned to makers at the October 2026 meeting.

CONSTRUCTION details:

- Each block is an individual quilt
 - Creating your own design is encouraged but traditional patterns are fine
 - Any quilting technique is suitable
 - Feel free to use any embellishments, dyes, stencils, or stitching to add interest
 - The block edge may be finished any way you choose,
 - NO Sleeve is required.
 - Size should be 12" x 12"
- Label your block with Title, Your Name, and Year

If you have questions, contact any committee: Janet Bacher, Sue Magyar, Tori McBride, Patty Nyholm, Carol Renfrew, Debbie Standifer, Jan Wallace

Membership Update

December 2025 Newsletter

As this wet and rainy month of November draws to a close and we all are frantically trying to finish up our Christmas projects, I hope you can take a few minutes to enjoy our December Newsletter. We have 98 members, with several new members. Please be sure to welcome our new members when you see them in your local area, at the February retreat or at our April 2026 meeting.

In this digital world we all are living in; we have not been printing out the membership list or yearly membership cards the past few years. I for one, like to have the printed membership list and card. So, if you would like the printed list and/or the membership card PLEASE let me know, I will be happy to get them to you. The digital copy of the membership list will be (or has been) emailed to your email address on file. If you did not receive the email with the list attached, please let me know, perhaps I have your email address incorrect, also check your spam file.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and only happiness in the New Year.

Donna Glenz

Book Look

by
Kathleen Barkley

Panel Mash UP!

by Gudrun Eira & Doug Leko

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The collections featured in PANEL MASH UP by Gudrun Eira of GE Designs and Doug Leka of Antler Quilt Design feature projects designed for their simplicity and creativity. Their favorite songs as an inspiration

patterns that range from the traditional to the modern. Pages 5 through 40 feature patterns by Gudrun Eira and 41 through 80 are patterns designed by Doug Leko.

The Patterns include pre-printed holiday panels. Check out pages 7 & 23 if you have Halloween panels, and pages 34-43 for patterns that highlight the Christmas season. Page 15 has a bonus: patterns for both placements and candle mats using panels.

The fabric requirements, cutting instructions, assembly and layout options are easy to follow. Included with the patterns for the pre-printed panels are recommendations for tools, piecing and pressing instructions, borders and sashing, finishing the quilt top, and binding tips and directions for machine binding video (gequilt.com)

Gudrun and Doug's musical collaboration has each quilt named after one of their favorite songs. You will probably recognize a few of these quilts song titles: Sweet Dreams, Proud Mary, Laya, Sugar Sugar, Brown Eyed Girl, Penny Lane, Eleanor Rigby, Tutti Frutti, and more.

Thanks to Marsha Vincent for the loan of PANEL MASH!



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