

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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## President Report By Carol Renfrew

You know, there's something special about women getting together! We saw it and experienced it at the retreat with the sharing and laughing and welcoming newbies. I saw it earlier this month when the Homer quilters had a three day sew-in. Again, sharing, laughing, supporting, offering advice, and welcoming newcomers to the group. The shared food wasn't bad either!!! We see it weekly in our quilting groups too.

We have more opportunities to support other women coming this summer. There is the Quilt Walk in the Soldotna area in June, the Kenai River Quilt Show in July and a KPQG class too. Fun times!

We cancelled two class offerings for this summer due to not having enough participants. That led to questions and discussions in the education committee and executive board meeting as to why. Please share with committee members what you think. Is it the class offerings, the schedule of classes, expenses of class or accommodations? Please give us your feedback. We are in a quandary.

Have a wonderful summer!

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## VP/Education Report by Nancy Mathew and Barb Eagle

Hello Quilters,

Many years ago I saw a T-shirt that read:

Alaska has 4 seasons: early winter, mid-winter, late winter, and next winter! Seems really true this year! On the flip side, greenhouses and gardens must be going strong!

There is one (1) class still on the docket for this year, Metro Rings, taught by Shonda Powell, September 11 and 12. We are really excited about this opportunity for everyone. There are just a few spots available, so don't delay. It's \$60, payment holds your space and gives you a Supply List! You can contact me by email: [akguyngal@gmail.com](mailto:akguyngal@gmail.com).

*Education report continued...*

It was to our disappointment we had to cancel the June and August classes with Peggy Gelbrich and Pam Ventgen, due to below minimum numbers. We really appreciate those who signed up and are hopeful of making patterns available. We will keep you posted. Contact us if you were scheduled for Pam's Green Glass Door class and we will forward the pdf pattern information.

We do understand busy summer schedules, added lodging, food, and travel expenses, and perhaps the class not hitting your hot button. But we do need your participation if we are going to continue to offer classes. Your Education Committee has and continues to work very hard to find just the right teachers offering just the right subject matter. We all appreciate your input and support.

We are in the process of finalizing next year's classes. Mark your calendars for:

- Cyndi McChesney, June 4 and 5, Working with Panels, Tips and Creation
- Nancy Mathew, August 14, Mango Tango Table Runner/Quilt
- Patty Billingsley, September 10 and 11, Master Your Stripology Rulers, small project and Quilt

David Owens Hastings, an art/modern quilter, will be presenting a workshop in Anchorage, June 17 - 19, 2027 (next year). Website: [davidowenshastings.com](http://davidowenshastings.com) for details.

Trust you have a safe, sunny, and really good summer.

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## **Membership Update By Donna Glenz**

We have had several new members join us this spring, we now have 108 members. With many of our members being new members to the Guild this year, please reach out and make them feel welcome.

Hope to see many of you at several events and classes this summer.

In this digital world we all are living in; we have not been printing out the membership list or yearly membership cards in 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.

Happy Sewing everyone,  
Donna Glenz  
Membership Co-Chair

## Retreat Update By Sue Magyar

Greetings Fellow Quilters,

First, let me say Kathleen and I appreciate all your kind words concerning this year's retreat at Land's End. We have been in communication with Land's End Event Coordinator concerning several subjects; from a review of last year's retreat, the implementation of some menu changes, and the securing in advance our block of rooms for the 2027 retreat. The dates for our next Kenai Peninsula Quilting Retreat are February 19 through February 21. As you are reading this newsletter, the block of rooms should be available for reservations for our February 2027 retreat. The earlier you make your reservation for next year's retreat will ensure you get the accommodation you prefer.

We've selected a fun, detailed mystery quilt and there will be a couple of different sizes available. This pattern comes to you from a quilter from New Zealand who is well known for her eclectic quilt patterns! The pattern makes a 90" x 108" quilt or a half-size quilt. More on that in the next newsletter. Our testers are working hard to make sure all the fabric requirements and cutting instructions are clear. Included will be a list of suggestions, which are always appreciated.

Hats off to Dana Lewis for this year's tee shirt design! Dana's on our radar again for next year's design. If you wish to order a tee shirt, make sure to do so on your registration form as there is no late ordering.

Thanks everyone who graciously pitched in and "modeled" our aprons, danced to the music, and demo'ed the "can can" at the end. You were all a HOOT!

Wishing you Sunshine  
&  
Happy Quilting,  
Sue

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## Seward Area Quilters By Donna Glenz

WOW what a cold wintery spring it has been for everyone this year! Here it is the last couple days of May, and it is 33° this morning, none of the leaves on the trees have opened yet and the darn rain will not stop. Sure, makes it hard to want to get out and work in the yard or garden. But with cold and wet weather our sewing time has been extended this spring.

Since the Seward Quilters do not have a place to sew together during the summer we all work on our community projects at home.

Wishing you all a safe and happy summer filled with lots of fishing, gardening and of course some sewing.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

## Kachemak Bay Quilters News

By  
Lee Bowman

Though the temperatures didn't reflect it, spring was documented here by migrating birds returning as scheduled, mama and baby moose trotting around, and by quilters who spent the winter elsewhere returning, telling stories and showing the projects they'd made. We were also happy to see several members of our group doing well after surgeries and hospitalizations they'd had during the winter and early spring.

The Mother's Day quilt show, put on by the Lion's Club at the Elks Lodge, was fabulous as usual. Several of our members won viewers' choice awards. Congratulations to everyone who displayed quilts and smaller items at the show!

On Thursday, May 14, we had two major events. First was a Quilts of Valor presentation to Peter Resetarits, a Homer native, who retired from the army after twenty-one years of service, his last assignment being in Okinawa, Japan. His family also attended the ceremony held at Kachemak Center during our quilters' meeting, led by Karrie, his service report read by Patrice, and his quilt made by Margaret Lau.

Next, at noon we had a going-away party for Glenda Rosenbalm, who was moving to Florida to live near her son. We will miss Glenda, her sewing wisdom, and her special brand of humor! We hope that you enjoy your life in sunny Florida, Glenda.

Enjoy the warmer days and quilt on!  
Lee Bowman



## **“What’s Happening” By Jan Wallace**

### **June 15-July 18 Kenai River Quilt Tour**

Passports to Local Businesses to win prizes  
(see list on Soldotna website)  
[visitsoldotna.com/kenai-river-quilt-tour](http://visitsoldotna.com/kenai-river-quilt-tour)  
“Twisted” Challenge Blocks will be on display  
during Tour and Art Show

### **July 24-25 Kenai River Quilt and Wearable Art Show**

North Peninsula Recreation Center  
50097 Kenai Spur Hwy  
10:00-5:00  
Daily Demos at 10:00, 11:00, 1:00, 2:00  
[northbeachquilting.com/kenai-river-quilt-show](http://northbeachquilting.com/kenai-river-quilt-show)

### **July 5 -31 Quilt Alaska 2026**

Cabin Fever Quilter Biennial Show  
Bear Gallery, Pioneer Park  
2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks  
[www.cfqgalaska.org/quilt-alaska](http://www.cfqgalaska.org/quilt-alaska)

### **July 18-19 Mat-Su Valley Fiber Festival**

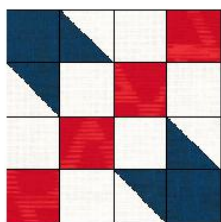
Palmer Fairgrounds  
[facebook.com/MatSuFiberFest](https://facebook.com/MatSuFiberFest)

### **Aug 21-Sept 7 Alaska State Fair Quilt Displays**

Irwin Building  
open Thurs.- Mon. 11:00am-10:00pm  
(closed Tues.& Wed.)  
[www.alaskastatefair.org](http://www.alaskastatefair.org)

### **Sept. 12-13 Great Alaska Quilt Show**

ALCQ annual show  
Conoco Phillips Building  
700 G Street, Anchorage  
[anchoragecabinquilters.blogspot.com](http://anchoragecabinquilters.blogspot.com)



**Road to Oklahoma**  
12" block  
3 Fabrics

**Cutting:**

**White:**

6 squares @ 3 1/2"

2 squares @ 3 7/8"

**Red:**

4 squares @ 3 1/2"

**Blue:**

2 squares @ 3 1/2"

2 squares @ 3 7/8"

**Piecing:**

**Unit 1: Triangle Squares:**

Layer the White and Blue 3 7/8" squares right sides together. With the white on top. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the white square. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press to the Blue.



Following the block diagram above, lay out the Squares and Triangle Squares into 4 rows. Sew the units together. Press the rows into opposite directions.

Rotating alternate blocks and adding sashing really changes the look of this quilt.

Enjoy your block.  
race

