

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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## President Report

By

Heather Johnston

This last April we had our first Annual meeting in person, and it was well attended. As with the rest of the world the Guild is slowly finding the new normal and gearing up to speed in bringing back the fun stuff we used to do.

### Elections:

Heather Johnston (me!) was elected to President, Sue Magyar moved to the Immediate Past President Marsha Vincent was reelected to Treasurer.

As this summer instructors have cancelled, Barb Steckel has worked hard to get local, talented, teachers for this summer. Pam Ventgen and Nancy Mathews will both be teaching classes this year. And the education committee had some great ideas going around about class number three- I can't wait to read her section in the newsletter to see what they decided on!

The Challenge Blocks for 2022 is Balance. They are 12" square and 15 blocks were turned in. In July the blocks will be in Soldotna. Some of the normal places the blocks would be shown are not happening this summer so if you know of a place where they could be displayed for a week or two, please let Jan Wallace know.

There have been several of Grace's Anniversary BOM quilts that have been completed. A request for something like it again came up at the April meeting. If you didn't get a chance to do them when they came out, go to the Members Only page and download them. Grace has the request; maybe someone would like to step up and help her get something going? Reach out- many hands make light work.

## Hospitality

By Sharon Hale

Thanks to everyone who brought food to the meeting in April.

Also a big thank you to Sue as outgoing President, Carol and Janet as outgoing retreat chairs and Karrie for her work as the education chair.

## Education Report

Barb Steckel, VP-Education

Your Education Committee is looking for suggestions from all of you about the classes that you would like to see the Guild sponsor. Your Education Committee is Lorraine Murphy and Kris Rutledge from Homer; Kathleen Barkley, Donna Glenz, and Sue Magyar from Seward; Cathy Howlett and me from Central Peninsula. Of course, our President Heather Johnston can join us at any of our meetings. If you know of good teachers or classes, please let one of us know.

The good news is that Pam Ventgen was able to move her class for next year to this year. Her class "Light Breeze" is scheduled for August 5 & 6 at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna. The cost is \$70 for the 2-day class. At this point we do have the minimum number of people signed up and paid, thanks to everyone who has responded. There is room in class for more people. If you are interested, please email me at Bsteckel@aol.com and get your check in the mail payable to KPQG and mailed to me at P O Box 1027, Sterling, AK 99672. When your check is received you will receive the supply list. Pam's classes are always fun and she is a great teacher.



There is a possibility that we will be offering Nancy Mathew's class the last week of August. We will be presenting it to the Board at the June Board Meeting. If the class is approved, we will get the information out to all of you as soon as possible. The Committee is also looking at the possibility of some one-day classes. Again, your suggestions and ideas are welcome.

Getting Ready for the Holidays has been scheduled for October 29, 2022, at Christ Lutheran Church. Mark your calendars for a fun day that will hopefully provide you with ideas for gifts.

## Seward News

By

Heather Johnston

This spring has been unusual with lots of sun in Seward which has melted almost all the snow except the berms. The grass is coming up and the trees are budding. Soon the allergens will be dusting- er... I mean, the flowers will be pollinated by the bees and butterflies and wind. Seward has a lot of wind.

The Seward Area Quilters have been able to get together for group sewing. We had monthly retreats in January, February, and March, and a Veterans Day Sew. Sew Tuesdays almost every other Tuesday from 10-ish to 4. All at the Army Resort until the end of April. With summer here they are now into the summer guest swing, and we have lost our sewing place in their nice hall.

By early April, 128 quilts were delivered to local Veterans. Donna, Sue, and Sheila have posted the photos and thank you notes we have received on the Seward Area Quilters Facebook

page. We still have another 80 or more quilts to go. We have kits made for people to take and sew. Early May we sent out the word for donations to help pay for backing and batting for the next round of quilts and have already gotten back some replies.

Because of our groups love and dedication to our Veterans and our town, we have been offered a new sewing home by the Army Resort out at the harbor. We have our first Sew Sunday there May 15th and I hear the view is amazing (the room is on the second floor, and it has windows).

The Seward Area Quilters have had the UFO Contest going on since 2017. We have finished 131 projects in those 5 years but also numerous amounts of service projects for Baby Welcome Wagon, Quilts for Heroes, Veteran Quilts, Hugs Quilts, and Covid year, gowns and masks, masks, masks. This year we have 7 participants and 86 projects. In May we currently have 6 projects done. I send an email each month with some encouragement and the statistics. All are welcome to sign up and we try to have fun while getting those projects done and out of the house (or in use). 5 cash prizes and a party (or two if we can manage it).

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## Homer News

By

Piama Svoboda

Homer's new quilting obsession: Kawandi quilting. Thanks to Bette's cool project at the retreat this year, several of us at quilting have been slightly obsessed with this hand sewing technique. Not only is it a portable project option, but you use up scraps of all sizes. Two of my favorite things! Bette took an online class with Sujata Shah. Some of you might be familiar with her book "Cultural Fusion Quilts," and if you are interested in modern or funky quilt ideas, you might want to check it out!

Kawandi quilting originated in Africa (they're known as Sidi quilting) but was brought to western India via African slaves. Old scraps were used, including from old saris. Each Kawandi quilt has a backing, batting, and then the top pieces. The edges are folded under and then stitched. No binding needed! After layering the back with the batting and securing them together, you lay your square scraps, edges folded under, first on the corners, and then down around the edge and then start stitching. You stitch in one continuous line, in a square shaped spiral, until you run out of space in the center of the quilt. The stitches are very hand stitched looking (unless you're me and then your mild OCD makes you do itty bitty straight stitches), and are similar to Sashiko stitching, the rows being about a finger width apart. It's fun to lay the pieces down and figure out which ones you like or where each one will fit into the quilt. For more information (because I am certainly no expert!), you can check out these links:

<https://pieceloveandhappiness.blogspot.com/2019/03/modern-kawandi-making.html>

<https://dizzyquilter.com/2021/02/24/kawandi-quilting-with-quilt-lab/>

<https://aquilterstable.blogspot.com/2020/11/kawandi.html>



## Retreat News

By  
Jan Holland

Your hosts for the 2023 KPQG Retreat will be Jan Holland and Sharon Hale along with the quilters from Central Peninsula area!! We are excited and have begun our preparations for Retreat.

Preparations have begun with reservations at Lands End for the sewing room on February 17, 18 & 19, 2023; the sewing room will also be open on Wednesday and Thursday for the early retreat sewers!

We are planning on having a full house with room for 60 of our members to attend retreat. The

hotel block for quilters is open, if you are planning on attending you can make your room reservations. If something comes up you can cancel your reservation. Call Lands End at 907-235-0400 or 1-800-478-0400 to make a reservation and be sure to mention you will be attending the KPQG Retreat on February 17-19, 2023.

You must be a current paid member of the Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild to register for our annual retreat. Membership renewal is due by October 1 each year. Be sure to renew your membership! Information for renewal is on the website.

The registration form for the retreat will be included in the September newsletter and on the website. At the October meeting registrations will be accepted or prior to the October meeting can be mailed to the address on the registration form for 2023 Retreat. If more than 60 registrations are received by the October meeting, we will have a lottery for the 60 seats putting everyone else on a waiting list. People on the waiting list have gotten into the retreat in the past; circumstances change where many times seats open!

We are working hard on keeping retreat expenses down. In the September newsletter with the registration, we will let you know of any changes.

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## What's Happening

By  
Jan Wallace

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| June 3 – 5.     | Capitol City Quilters Guild<br>Professional Juried Quilt Show<br>Centennial Hall, Juneau<br>June 3 (12 – 9), June 4 (10 – 6),<br>June 5 (10 – 5)<br><a href="http://www.ccqjuneau.com">www.ccqjuneau.com</a>                           |
| July 1-30.      | Quilt Alaska 2022<br>Pioneer Park, Fairbanks<br>230 Airport Way<br>Open daily 12-8   |
| July 1-31.      | Kenai River Quilt Walk<br>Sponsored by Soldotna Chamber<br>Pick passport up at local businesses  |
| Aug.19 -Sept 5. | Quilt display at Alaska State Fair<br>Closed on Tuesday and Wed<br>Irwin Exhibit Hall. shows on half hour 11:30-5:00<br>entry information available online<br><a href="http://www.alaska state fair.org">www.alaska state fair.org</a> |
| Sept 7-18.      | ALCQ Great Alaskan Quilt Show<br>United Methodist Church on Park Strip<br>between 9th and G Street, Anchorage  |

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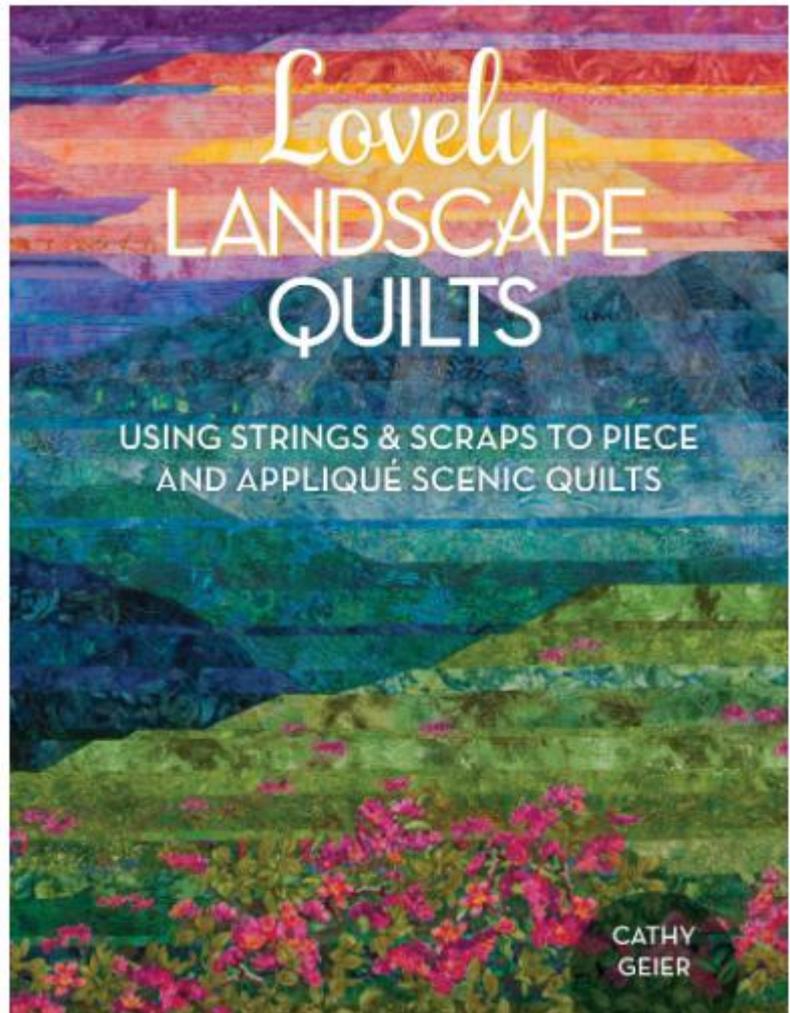
by  
Kathleen Barkley

**Lovely LANDSCAPE QUILTS****USING STRINGS & SCRAPS TO  
PIECE  
AND APPLIQUE SCENIC QUILTS**

By *Cathy Geier*

Publisher: Fons & Porter  
Cincinnati, Ohio  
\$24.99

Cathy Geier is an author, teacher, and lecturer in addition to an award-winning quilter. Geier specializes in landscape quilts and her quilts have been juried into national shows, won national and regional ribbons and have been featured in *American Quilter*, *Quilter's Newsletter*, *Quilt World* and *Fons & Porter's Love of Quilting*. She is the author of several articles and a book, *Watercolor Landscape Quilts*. Geier owns and manages an online quilt shop, *Patchworks that Praise*, that specializes in fabrics for landscape quilting. She also invented and patented a piecing technique using a tear-away foundation. This technique enables quilters to sew together multiple squares and half square triangles quickly, easily, and accurately.



Chapter 1 features a variety of strip-pieced landscapes from contributing artists. All of the quilts in this chapter are made using strips of fabric. What I found especially interesting about this chapter was the biography that was included with each artist. Few had backgrounds in the visual arts. Canadian, English, American, & a Netherland artist are featured.

Included in the chapters is design layout, pieced and non-pieced landscapes, using a tear-away foundation, using fusible interfacing, string piecing, embellishments and appliqué, adding shading and highlights, and 15 projects. According to Geier, color and texture matter more than the type of fabric and she frequently mixes all kinds of fabric.

If you are new to using strings and scraps to piece and want to make a landscape quilt, this book is a good starting point with great color photographs on a variety of projects. You will learn how to use angles to create skies, hills, water, and mountains. You will also learn how to create shadows and highlights to give your landscape quilts depth and perspective.

Happy Quilting!

