

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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## President Report

By  
Carol Renfrew

Greetings!

Although the weather might suggest otherwise, summer is here! And with it comes gardening, family and friends visiting, traveling, fishing, tourists, BBQ, fresh vegetables and sitting on the deck. We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful place that provides so many opportunities to appreciate our good fortune.

Appreciation is what comes to mind when I think of the Quilt Show that was held on Mother's Day Weekend. There were so many beautiful entries that showcased skills with color, design, persistence,

and stories. The classes offered by our KPQG this summer increase our skills and appreciation for other's abilities and desire to teach and learn.

So, enjoy your summer and appreciate all the richness of friends, family and nature.

We are blessed!

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## Past President

By  
Heather Johnston

Hello everyone from steamy Arkansas! Everyone here asks me if I miss the Alaskan winter. I say no, but I do miss the summers! All I can say is Thank you, Lord, for letting AC be invented.

At 7am we are already in the 70's and climbing and by 10 my glasses will fog up when I step outside. I've had a chance to get some sewing done- mainly for an upcoming trip in June (isn't that how it goes sometimes? Nothing to quilt and bound in a few weeks flat.) It has been great to sit down at the machine and sew or quilt instead of hammering or drilling away. You ladies are most likely getting in the last sewing of the season as the summer weather, such as it is, warms up and outside activities and travel pick up.

I think of my sewing group often (while daydreaming about the weather, mostly). I hear I missed the first class of the summer and wish I was there for the others. I know the Education Committee has worked really hard to get instructors that get us to think on new techniques or ideas. Stay dry this summer, hopefully you won't have the rain like you did last summer and enjoy the coolness. The house is coming along, plumbing is in and the electrical is caught up to date. I'll be refinishing the floors this week and painting the rooms that I can. I think that could be considered the halfway point. Still a lot left to do but the relief of getting the floors done will be huge.

Have a great summer ladies.

## VP/Education

By  
Sue Magyar

Hello from partially sunny Seward!

We have had our first class of the 2024 season. Lily Huebsch taught 16 of us the Maxwell Bag. She was busy the entire day, going from student to student, helping and answering questions. A couple of us had been Lily's test students, helping her iron out pattern or teaching issues. Hence, I had two bags, as did Kathleen Barkley. Wonderful, gorgeous bags resulted!

This led me to think. We need these pictures out there.

If you are on Facebook, look at Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild page. We have posted several bags. If you have yours done, please create a post, or add on to another post by commenting. These bags need to be seen!

Also, [www.kpqg.org](http://www.kpqg.org) has a photo gallery, and you can add your pictures there. This is a tad more complicated than Facebook, but once you get used to it, it should work well.

- To view photos, click on Photos, and you will see the photo gallery. There should be a page for each class or activity or meeting. You do not need to be logged in to view.
- If you would like to add to an existing folder, first log in. Then go to the Photo Gallery and click a specific folder. You will see tabs to View, Edit or Delete. If you select Edit, you will be able to add a photo from your phone or computer. You can also add a short description once your photo is uploaded.
- If there is no folder, go to the bottom of the page and click Upload Photos, or Read More. You will find a link to create a new photo gallery (also, instructions can be viewed here). Once you name the new folder, you can upload your photos. Selecting your photos from your photo gallery on your phone, you'll see the count, etc. on the page. Wait for the little wheel thingy to quit spinning before you save. After the wheel has stopped, you'll see your photos, and be able to add titles, etc. You can then hit save. Go back to the Photo Gallery page, and you should see your folder.

These are the very simplest of steps. There are issues of course. Some have trouble depending on their phone. There are orientation issues. It was explained to me by our Website/Media Chair on how to correct this, but he's so far above my level of understanding that all I heard was a rapid buzz. If you have troubles, I would be happy to post your pics for you, just text them to me. Questions of a more technical nature could be forwarded to Adam Bauer or Barb Steckel.

As I said, just the beginning of a fun summer ahead, with two national teachers coming to our Guild! In July, Deb Tucker is teaching two classes: Sugar & Spice and Mama Bear's Paws. There are a few spots available in one of the classes, so please contact me if you are interested. RaNae Merrill will be here to dazzle us in August with a couple of classes: Spirals Boot Camp, and Free Motion Mastery. Space is available. If you have any questions, please let me know. Email me at [magyar@arctic.net](mailto:magyar@arctic.net), or text or call. My cell # is 907-491-0244.

The Education Committee is working on 2025. Stand by for more!

## Seward News

By  
Donna Glenz

### Seward Area Quilters

Many of us here in Seward are still wondering if it will ever warm up enough to melt the rest of this snow before it is time to come again. It sure has been a very cold spring but many of our leaves are finally thinking about opening and turning green. Others of us have given up on even thinking about planting or gardening and are just sewing this "summer".

We had our annual March Retreat at the Seward Resort with lots of laughs, great food and tons of sewing time. With our crazy busy summer season is upon us (even with the cold weather) we have stopped our weekly quilting get together until September. Although many of us continue to sew and work on our community projects all summer, others of us are just too busy.

Several gals from Seward were able to attend and complete Lily's bag class last month. The bags turned out beautiful and a ton of fun was had by all.

Our Veteran and Seniors community projects continue to keep us busy making tops, quilting and presenting. We have presented well over 230 Veteran quilts to our local Veterans and 69 senior quilts to our local seniors. Several of us have been busy making baby quilts to be presents to the Clare House in Anchorage in loving memory of a young Seward lady.

One very special Senior Quilt presentation was accomplished at our end of season gathering at the end of March. We were able to present a beautiful senior quilt to one of our original Guild founding members, Joyce Simpson. She has been a huge quilting and sewing inspiration to all of us over the last 30 years, it was an honor to recognize her as one of our amazing seniors.

Hope to see many of you at one or all the wonderful classes planned over the summer.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

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## Homer News

By  
Lee Bowman

Kachemak Bay Quilters News  
Spring 2024

Other than watching snow melt, grass turn green, and our feathered and furry friends give birth, all of which are fantastic after a long winter, probably the biggest event for quilters was the Mother's Day Quilt Show in Homer. Once again, the Lions Club put on the event at the Elks Club. It was an incredible show with lots of talent displayed by everyone who entered their quilts. Thanks to all of you who participated and congratulations to the winners in each category!

In other news, we have appreciated receiving gifts of fabric from the stashes of long-time quilters who don't need it anymore. The fabric will be helpful for making service quilts, and for completing personal scrap projects. The quilters' storage room totes are filled to the brim now,

*Homer News continued...*

so we have plenty to finish those projects.

Many of our quilters have been leaving to travel this spring or arriving back in Homer from their winter homes. This turn-over is interesting because all of us return with stories to tell. And once again, our Thursday meetings become a fun place to relate and communicate.

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## “What’s Happening”

by  
Jan Wallace

KPQG Challenge Blocks.	“TEXTURES”
June 1-30	Grace Ridge Brewery 870 Smokey Bay Way, Homer Open 12:00-8:00pm
July 5-31	Pratt Museum 3779 Bartlett Street, Homer Open Tues- Sat. 11:00-4:00 pm Grand Opening 1st Friday 5:00-7:00
August 2-31	Kenai Art Center (back gallery) 816 Cook Avenue, Kenai First Friday Opening 5:00-7:00
September	Displayed in Seward TBA

### Elsewhere in Alaska

June 15-July 15	Kenai River Quilt Tour Pick up Passport from Soldotna Chamber Or 1 of 12 businesses participating See chamber website
July 5-27	Quilt Alaska @ Bear Gallery 2300 Airport Way, Fairbanks Open Mon - Sat. Noon- 6:00 fairbanksart.org
Aug 16- Sept12	Alaska State Fair / Irwin Building Palmer. Alaska state fair.org Thurs-Mon. 11:00am - 10:00pm Closed Tues & Wed
Sept 4-8	Valdez Quilt Festival primarily classes Valdez quilt festival.com
Sept 14- 15	The Great Alaskan Quilt Show by Anchorage Log Cabin Quilters First United Methodist Church 725 W. 9th Ave Open Sat & Sun 11:00am- 4:00pm

## Retreat Update

By  
Jan Holland

February 21, 22 and 23rd are the dates for the 2025 Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild Retreat!

The Retreat will be held at Land's End in Homer, Alaska! The sewing room will be open for sewing starting Wednesday February 19th at 1:00 pm through the day Sunday, February 23rd.

The sewing room will hold up to 60 of our members to attend retreat. The hotel block for quilters is open, if you are planning on attending retreat you can make your room reservation; if something comes up you can cancel your reservations.

You must be a current paid member of the Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild to register for our annual retreat. Be sure to renew your membership in September 2024. Forms are on the KPQG website with instructions for mailing.

The registration form for the retreat will be included in the September newsletter and on the website. No sign ups until the registration form is available, however the sooner you reserve your room - the better the rate! Please mail your registration form with payment to the address on the form prior to the October meeting. Registration forms will also be accepted at the meeting. If more than 60 registrations are received, we would then have a lottery for the 60 seats.

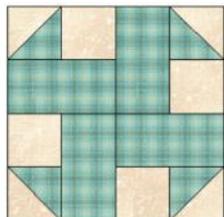
Call Land's End at 907-235-0400 or 1-800-478-0400 to make a room reservation and be sure to mention you will be attending the KPQG Retreat on February 19-23, 2025.

Our retreat team is looking forward to another great retreat in February!!

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**Scrapy Zig Zag Variation**  
**12" Block**  
**2 Fabrics**

**Cutting:**

**Teal:**

2 squares @ 3 7/8"

4 rectangles @ 3 1/2" x 6 1/2"

**Cream:**

2 squares @ 3 7/8"

4 squares @ 3 1/2"

**Piecing:**

**Unit 1: Triangle Square:**

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the 3 7/8" CREAM squares.

Layer the CREAM and TEAL 3 7/8" squares right sides together.

Stitch a 1/4" seam on each side of the drawn line. Cut on the line.

Press toward the TEAL. You will have 4 triangle squares.



**Quarter Block Units:**

Sew a 3 1/2" CREAM square to each Unit 1 as shown at right.

Press to the CREAM square. Make 4.



Sew a TEAL rectangle to the bottom of the unit just made.

Press to the TEAL rectangle. Make 4.



Following the block diagram above, lay out these units into two rows. Sew the units into rows. Sew the rows together.

Try this with all plaids, maybe homespun fabrics.

Enjoy your block.  
 Grace

