

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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Presidents Report

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Retreat was another success, a huge thank you Jan and Sharon for giving us a weekend filled with fun, prizes, and time to show off our projects. In the past hearing the oohs and ahhs from people who understand and appreciate how much time and effort goes into our quilts and other crafty things has always made me smile. I hear it was warm and sunny enough to go for a stroll outside along the beach. The website should have some great photos posted on the projects and maybe some of the sites. If you took some pictures at retreat, there should be a folder on the website to post to. I'll be getting on to see what the mystery was this year. I always have too much to finish at retreat to work on it then, but as a participant I get the instructions and do a small one later.

The education committee has some amazing teachers this summer with Lily Huebsch, Deb Tucker, and RaNae Merrill coming to impart their knowledge. Please contact Sue Magyar to sign up.

The Annual Meeting is Saturday, April 13th at 10 AM at the Christ Lutheran Church, 128 N. Soldotna Ave. in Soldotna. The 2024 Challenge Blocks - Texture, is due at this meeting to go gallivanting around the Peninsula on display.

The newsletter has a lot of information, so take your time to read through it and see what is happening.

Summer time in Alaska is the time to go out and enjoy nature and everything Alaska offers. In Arkansas, summer is the time to stay inside (in the AC) and get inside work done. And for anyone wondering, I did manage to get the tile done in the laundry room. Not WHEN I planned to, but it did eventually happen.

Secretary News

By Debbie Standefur

My sincere thanks to Sue Magyar for covering my duties as Secretary; for the many prayers and well wishes as my parents recovered from their hospitalization with Covid; and finally for the love shared as my folks celebrated their 75th anniversary. I am so blessed to be here with family. I am lifted by my many quilting friends at KPQG

VP/Education News

By Sue Magyar

Greetings!

It's hard to get back to reality after such a blissful, relaxing, fun, retreat! Seeing all our quilt sisters from across the K Pen, quite a treat. AND, how come Homer had bare ground? We're buried here in Seward, and will probably have enough snow to cool our sodas at any Memorial Day picnics. But enough about that.

Speaking of retreats, this weekend (Feb 24ish), amid horrid weather and road conditions, two different sets of retreaters braved the road system to come this way - three to Tern Lake (a slice of heaven), and a pretty nice sized gang to Seward Resort. Just proves that once we are on a mission to get to retreat, nothing will stop us!

Many things are happening this year in the area of Education.

You will be hearing from our newly formed committee in this newsletter about our red & white quilt drive. The premise is to get the ball rolling at our April meeting, and display all of our beautiful red & white quilts at our October meeting. After that, take your quilt to your community's charity quilt drive. I have been dreaming in red & white.

Our 2024 classes are starting to get full, but there is still space available. Just to warn you, word is out on the street (non- guild members from around the state) that Deb Tucker and RaNae Merrill will be at our guild, and they are asking very pointed questions, wanting to sign up. I would defer to our members first, but it would be a good idea to get your spot secured by sending payment to me (Sue Magyar, PO Box 1617, Seward, AK 99664). These classes are:

- Maxwell Bag, taught by Lily Huebsch. Saturday, May 18, class fee \$65.
- Sugar & Spice, taught by Deb Tucker. Thursday, July 11 & Friday, July 12. Class fee \$110.
- Mama Bear's Paws, taught by Deb Tucker. Saturday, July 13. Class fee \$55.
- Spirals Boot Camp, taught by RaNae Merrill. Friday, August 23. Class fee \$60.
- Free Motion Mastery, taught by RaNae Merrill. Saturday, August 24. Class fee \$60.

Class requirements are different, but all require a pattern, and some require rulers, or homework, or more. Once you pay, class requirements will be forwarded to you. Each of these teachers excel, and it would be an excellent opportunity to take their classes. Please take a moment and look these teachers up online, either their websites or YouTube. Amazing. Well, you may not find Lily online, but she is still amazing!

We're trying to get a list of teachers booked for 2025. Pam Ventgen has already agreed to teach, and we're looking at the all-time favorite Storm at Sea. Perhaps with a Snail's Trail element, or at least a talk or demo material on how to enhance this beautiful pattern. More on that later. At retreat, we had a questionnaire going for two different styles of quilts. We did not get enough votes to make either class worth it, for either the teacher or the guild. There needs to be a minimum number of students in order to make them worthwhile. However, I have a survey questionnaire that I'd like you to take a moment to complete. Please click the link. It won't take you but a minute. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DK2FKDF>.

Also, I am looking for someone who could shadow me in my last year in this office. You'd learn quite a bit, experiencing what all goes in to classes, handling teachers and contracts, meetings, etc. This will give you the tools to do the job. Think about it and let me know.

Vice Presidents Report Continued ...

If you have any ideas or suggestions for classes or fun things, please give me a shout. Hope to see you all at the April meeting, Saturday the 13th at 10:00 a.m., Christ Lutheran Church.

Retreat News

By Jan Holland

The 27th Kenai Peninsula Quilting Retreat was very successful! The weather was perfect, the company was better!! We all enjoyed the treat part of retreat!! Everyone enjoyed shopping, eating, sewing and great fellowship with a wonderful group of ladies!

Lands' End Resort has been booked again for next year. The dates are Friday, February 21 to Sunday, February 23, 2025! We will plan on opening the sewing room on Wednesday, February 19, 2025. Looking forward to another fun retreat next year!

A big THANK YOU to everyone who helped with all the retreat planning, making of gifts, and the willingness to help in the making of your wonderful, successful retreat!!

Hospitality

By

Sharon Hale

A reminder for the annual meeting on April 13th at the Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna, Central Peninsula members are reminded to please bring a main dish to share and Homer members please bring a dessert. Looking forward to seeing you all for a great meeting!

Homer News

By Lee Bowman

March 2024 Kachemak Bay Quilters' News

In this news clip we remember our friend, co-quilter and former president of our group, Elaine Plante, who passed away suddenly on Monday, Feb. 19th. Elaine had moved to her daughter's home in San Diego this past September, and was in outpatient care for stent insertions when she died in recovery. Elaine will be greatly missed!

Winter news: In December several of us completed applique ornament table runners, while also working on holiday gifts. Following the holidays, we finished binding service quilts that Karrie had longarm quilted for us before she left for the winter. We were able to give a king and a twin quilt to a family that survived a fire in January.

On February 8, we made heart squares to stockpile for comfort quilts, enjoyed a "Galentine's" Day potluck, and displayed quilted Valentine cards that we had made.

Homer News Continued ...

Also, February 16 to 18 was the Kenai Peninsula Quilters Guild Retreat at Lands' End. Many quilters arrived to set up and sew on the 14th and 15th, as well, so we enjoyed the extra time to get to know each other and to finish projects. A highlight of the retreat was pattern designer Dana Michelle's talk and demonstration of her applique techniques. Also, the show and tell times were incredible, as we watched many quilters show their completed projects and tell their stories.

With the arrival of more daylight hours, we look forward to starting spring projects. The spring guild meeting will be helpful because it necessitates a trip from Homer to Soldotna. And what will we do following the meeting, you may ask? The answer may vary depending on the person, but several of us from Homer take the chance to visit quilt fabric shops to add to our supplies and fabric stash. See you there!

Seward News

By Donna Glenz

Well, here it is almost "Alaskan" spring. Our very cold temps and the strong winds of late sure make us wonder if the piles of snow will ever go away.

We had our annual January Retreat at the Seward Resort and we were once again blessed to have Cathy and Lily from the "other" side of the Peninsula join us. It was an extremely wild, snowy and cold weekend with many of the gals sewing with stocking caps, heavy coats and gloves on. With the temps below zero and the gale force winds blowing we couldn't get the sewing room warmed up. But it didn't stop any of us from having a wonderful time with lots of laughs and great food.

Our Veteran and Seniors community projects continue to keep us busy making tops, quilting and presenting. We have been very lucky this winter and not had any local house fires, until today. We will be gathering quilts for the family that lost their house in a fire earlier today.

With our great community support, we have two beautiful areas to sew. We get together every Tuesday and every other Sunday.

Hope to see many of you at the April meeting in Soldotna. Happy Quilting Everyone!



What's Happening?

by Jan Wallace

2024

- April 13 Challenge Blocks "Textures". 12" x 12"
Due at KPQG Annual meeting
- May 10-12 Mother's Day Lions Club Quilt Show
Homer's Elks Club
Friday 3:00-8:00
Saturday 10:00-8:00
Sunday 10:00-4:00
- July 1-31 Kenai River Quilt Tour
Local Soldotna Businesses display quilts
Passports available at Chamber or any of the businesses
- May-August "Textures" Block Challenge on display throughout the Peninsula
Check www.KPQG.org for updates

KPQG Challenge Blocks 2024

TEXTURES (2024 Theme)

Soft, stiff, fuzzy, silky, knobby, ridged, sticky, smooth, rough, folded, scrunchedso many options for the Challenge Blocks for 2024!

The blocks should be 12"x 12" and may include any techniques you choose to explore.

Blocks are due at the April 2024 meeting. They will be displayed at various venues on the Peninsula from May through September, then returned to creators at October meeting.

CONSTRUCTION

- Size 12"x12"
- Each block is an individual quilt.
- Edge may be finished any way you choose.
- No sleeve is required.
- Any quilting technique is encouraged.
- Simple pieced traditional patterns will work fine or create your own design.
- Feel free to use embellishments, dyes, stencils, and/or stitching to add interest.
- Label your block with title, your name, location and year.

If you have questions contact any member of the committee-Jan Wallace, Heather Johnston, Janet Bacher, Rachel Grossl, Debbie Standefer, or Taryn Stein.

BOOK LOOK

By Kathleen Barkley

**SCRAPS, INC.
15 BLOCK-BASED DESIGNS
FOR THE MODERN QUILTER**

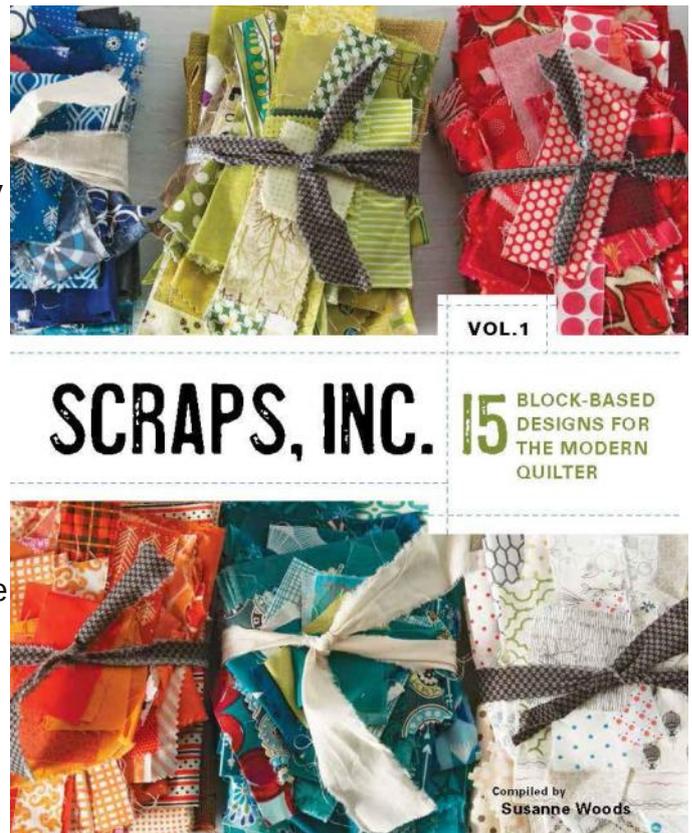
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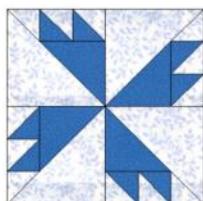
SCRAPS, INC. features fifteen of the best designers in quilt making and the scrappy patterns they created for this book. The quilt patterns are block-based and the quilt assembly is simple. Each designer offers up her own tips for storing scraps with the aim of keeping the quilter both inspired and organized. Also in SCRAPS, INC. is a variety of techniques including improvisational piecing, appliqué, and chain piecing.

From Designer Amy Ellis, “Sewing from the scrap bin is always a treat, and usually serves as a reminder of the other quilts I’ve made in the recent past”. Designer Sherri McConnell has the following advice, “Scrap quilts can be daunting for quilters worried about getting just the right mix of fabrics. Don’t be afraid to use pieces that don’t exactly go together in a scrap quilt: It is this kind of an arrangement that gives scrap quilts their character”. Scrap stash Designer Amy Smart, “I don’t deny it: I am a scrap lover/hoarder. I have a hard time letting go of any of those little fabric orphans because I see the potential in each one”.

My favorite project in SCRAPS, INC. is DIAMONDS IN THE SKY, a gorgeous quilt designed by Melissa Lunden. The deconstructed blocks create classic diamonds and chevrons from scraps in a modern and minimalist way. “I keep a large bag next to my cutting table and put all my small scraps in it as I work on a project. I use these scraps for later projects - and they are perfect when I need to experiment on a new design idea and don’t want to cut into my good fabric”.

If this is your first quilt making book or even if you need a refresher or reminder of some of the basics, you can download their free PDF available at lucky.spool.com which contains their “Quilt Making Basics”.





Rosebud
12" Block
2 Fabrics

Cutting:

Medium Blue:

4 squares @ 2 7/8" cut once diagonally
 2 Squares @ 4 7/8" cut once diagonally

Background Print:

6 squares @ 2 7/8" cut once diagonally
 2 squares @ 6 7/8" cut once diagonally

Piecing:

Half-Square Triangle Units:

Make 8 half-square triangle units from 8 sets of 2 7/8" Medium Blue and Background Print Triangles. Press to the Background Print triangle. Sew 2 of these units side by side, then add 1 Background Print triangle to one end as in this diagram. Press this strip to the Background Print. Make 4 units.



Quarter Block Unit:

Sew a Medium Blue 4 7/8" Half-square triangle to the bottom of the unit just made to complete a half-square triangle. Add the 6 7/8" Background Print Triangle to complete the Quarter Block Unit. Make 4.



Piece these together as a four-patch, rotating each unit a quarter turn as in the block diagram above.

Enjoy your block,
 Grace

