

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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Presidents Report

By
Sue Magyar, President

Happy Holidays!

Hope you're transitioning into winter without much trouble.

Gardens put to bed, exchanging rakes for shovels, sandals for boots, etc. Thank goodness we can all hide away in our piles of fabric, our warm & happy place.

Please make sure to read all the articles in our newsletter. There's some good news going on around this Guild. Make sure to read Retreat News. The latest from our venue, Land's End, has been researched and reported. Also, any changes to the norm due to COVID are explained. With that, you know that our Homer team has a fun time in store for us! The Education News will hopefully have more detail on our 2022 classes.

Two of the teachers are internationally known. Pretty exciting they've consented to come up to teach us! Details of the Challenge Block will be posted. This has been such a fun event - you never know how each participant will interpret how to represent the theme chosen each year. Jan Wallace will no doubt have more interesting events, both in person and electronically, that will be well worth the effort, I'm very sure. Of course, read ahead to find out what's happening in Homer and Seward.

I AM going to report on our Holiday Zoom, aka Sit & Sew. This was quite a bit of fun! We blocked out a time slot from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 13th. Most of the attendees stayed through most of it. While it seems like a strange concept to Zoom while sitting at home at your sewing machine, it was so much fun! The extended time gave us all an opportunity to try out the three projects, and ask questions as we went.

Sometimes looking at a pattern and pictures just doesn't compute. We had a loose schedule of events, and some of that was followed, some not. We did the demos at 11:00ish. During some of the hours, we did take 10 minute stretch and water breaks. A couple of us in Seward had to take a break to make it to the post office before closing (and saw each other there). The topics of discussion, besides the projects, and any tips concerning them (alternate ways to bind small projects, etc.), were fidget quilts, strange tools you use in your sewing room, UFO's, how to get gum out of a shirt after going through the wash (me), projects from classes we've done, etc. Very fun way to spend a day, very similar to a mini retreat or sewing day. Except you didn't have to drag your machine somewhere, you had all your stuff at hand, and you don't have to wear outdoor clothes. We had some very positive feedback. There may be more of these throughout the winter.

Maybe we'll think of a project to do that might help us get going. Otherwise, if you don't get out to sewing regularly, it's a great way to visit and get something done at the same time.

Thank you all for attending our General Membership Meeting October 2nd. It's been a challenge this last couple of years to try to think of ways to keep our members engaged, and I'm very thankful for those of you who are with us riding out this storm. Hopefully soon, we'll be able to have meetings in person, but for now, thanks to zoom, we still have a workaround. We had our Executive Board meeting after the membership meeting, and besides some day to day business, the main focus in this meeting was the safety of our members. This mostly would apply to the retreat and classes. Details in each instance will be brought forward in Retreat News, and Education News in this newsletter.

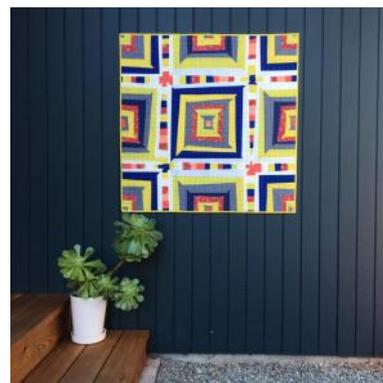
So, stay in your happy place as much as possible, and if there's anything you'd like to see from your Guild, shoot me an email. I'd love to hear from you.

Sue Magyar

Vice President/Education Report

By
Karrie Youngblood

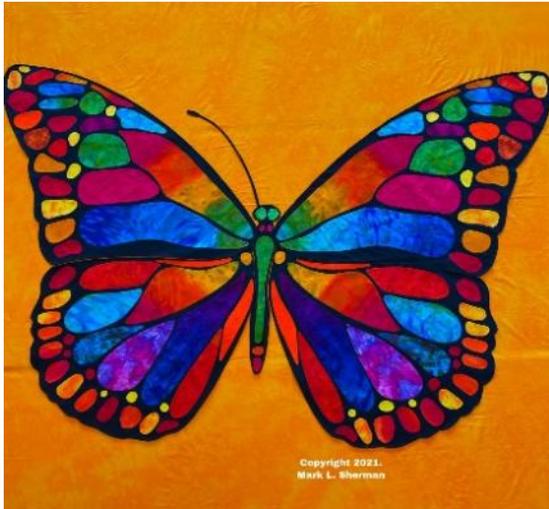
For a summer '22 highlight, popular quilt designer and teacher **Katie Pedersen of Sew Katie Did** in Seattle will teach a two-day class for us on **Friday, June 10 and Saturday, June 11**. The Friday project is called Strip Tease. You will refine your improvisational quilting skills in this modern quilt block workshop. By merging one construction method with multiple string piecing techniques, you will simultaneously create large string blocks and mitered log cabin blocks that appear both chaotic and controlled. Saturday's lesson will be Double Trouble, a fun quilt block and design workshop that merges a traditional half-square triangle block with an improvisational stitch and flip triangle technique. Classes will be held at the Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna. **Cost is \$150**. Class is from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm each day. Class size is limited, so sign up soon by contacting Karrie at homerquilter@gmail.com



Swirling Medallion Quilt from Quilting Modern (Interweave, 2012) by Jacquie Gering and Katie Pedersen. Photo by Joe Hancock.

In August we are welcoming quilt artist, teacher and designer Mark L. Sherman - Quilt Teacher, Lecturer, Art and Design (remarkablequilts.com)

Mark will be teaching two classes **August 5-6th**. On the 5th we will be participating in his hand applique by machine, learning his techniques on how to make an applique project look like it is done by hand but is done by machine. In this class we will be making his Remarkable butterfly. On Friday the workshop will be his Golden Feather class. This is a new workshop he is teaching, and we will not only learn how to make these incredible feathers, but we will also be painting them too. **The two-days of classes is \$60 plus the cost of each kit. Each kit cost will be \$50-60** depending on the availability of supplies.



We are hoping we will have trunk shows for both these teachers, I will have more details as we get closer to the summer.

I am expecting these classes will fill up quickly, so get your registration into me as soon as possible. You can call me at 907-399-2085, email me at homerquilter@gmail.com To reserve your spot send you class fee to Karrie Youngblood PO Box 763, Homer AK 99603. Make sure to send a note or put in the memo line what class you are signing up for.

In the summer of 2023, we will look forward to a new class from Pam Ventgen and Nancy Matthews. Look for details in future newsletters and on Facebook.

Seward News

By
Sue Magyar

We're slowly reconciling ourselves to the fact that it is winter here. While that opens up many new doors (snow shoveling, etc.), it also allows us to close our sewing room door behind us guilt free, to pick up where we left off in the spring.

Sheila Squires is working hard to get things booked at Seward Resort, our Army Rec Camp. Their Seabolt Hall is a very roomy area, and perfect for quilt pursuits. There has already been one retreat, with about ten attendees. While this room, in non-COVID times, was filled with thirty of us, we don't mind the elbow room. Sheila has us booked for another retreat in December and a day of sewing Veteran's quilts in November. When we aren't keeping Seward Resort hopping, other quilt groups from around the state journey to our little gem on Resurrection Bay to enjoy themselves, retreating, shopping, etc.

We have not been able to find a space for our weekly quilting in quite a while, but Seward Resort may be our answer to that as well. Keep your fingers crossed for us!! We miss the fun of either sewing for hours together, or popping in for a cup of tea and a visit.

Our UFO contest is moving along, thanks to our own Heather Johnston. What would we do without the encouragement, record keeping, and notifications? Well, we'd have quite a number of UFO's cluttering up our work areas. Of the 76 projects submitted by those of us participating, 25 have been completed over the last two years. That's pretty huge, really. UFO collectors can muffle the screams of projects wanting to be completed very effectively. We're very thankful Heather is keeping us on task, encouraging us to bring those UFO's into the light!

Enjoy the days to come, hope your Holidays bring you joy and love.

KPQG 2022 Challenge Blocks

"Balance"

Timelines

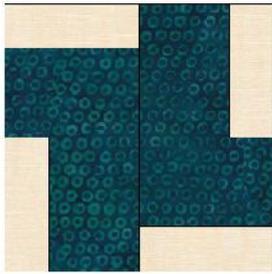
- Parameters announced at Oct 2021 Meeting
- Finished-Challenge Blocks due at the April 2022 meeting
- Blocks displayed in various places on the Peninsula
- Blocks returned to owners at Oct 2022 Meeting

CONSTRUCTION

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

If you have questions contact one of the committee members:

*Jan Holland,
Debbie Standifer,
Karrie Youngblood,
Lorraine Murphy,
Karen Sefton,
Heather Johnston,
Jan Wallace*



**Two By Two
6" block
2 Fabrics**

Cutting:

Teal:

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

Cream:

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

Piecing: Quarter Block Units

Sew a **Teal** rectangle to a **Cream** rectangle along the long side.

Press toward the **Teal**.

Make 4.



Following the block diagram above, lay out the 4 quarter block units into 2 rows.

Sew the 2 rows. Then, sew the rows together. Be careful in the placement/direction of the units.

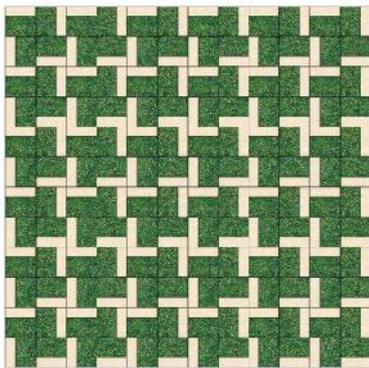
You can make a quick baby quilt with this block.

With 36 blocks, set 6 x 6, you need a 1/2 yard total of background and only 14" of printed fabric for each block.

Use up all those leftover strips from your jelly rolls.

Enjoy you block.

Grace



Retreat '22 Update - It's Time To Register!
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1. Retreat '22 will be held February 18-20, 2022 at Land's End Resort in Homer. **Registration for Retreat '22 begins December 1, 2021.** The **registration form is available on the KPQG website.** The completed registration form and payment are due no later than Monday, January 3, 2022. Mail it to KPQG Retreat, % Patrice Krant, PO Box 3307, Homer AK 99603.

1. To provide appropriate social distancing, our 2022 Retreat will be limited to 40 attendees who must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and agree to wear a mask except when eating.

2. Meals at the Retreat will be served as follows: Land's End servers, wearing masks, will serve buffet foods to us using their utensils. We will not be allowed to touch food on the buffet and we will eat at our seats. The Saturday night dinner will be plated and served at group tables in the hotel dining room. If you are not comfortable eating in the restaurant, you may take your plate to your hotel room to eat.

3. The Guild reserves the right to change or cancel the Retreat according to CDC/local guidelines. If so, any registration payments made prior to that time will be refunded. (Tee shirt payments will be refunded if the tee shirts aren't printed yet. If they are, you will get a tee shirt for an event that didn't happen. Think of it as a collector's item!)

4. **The Retreat attendee list will be determined by lottery from all paid registrations received by January 3, 2022.** All names after the first 40 pulled will be added to a waiting list and we will fill additional spaces as they become available.

5. Don't forget to renew your KPQG membership. You must be a fully paid member to attend the Retreat.

6. One guild member will win a full Retreat scholarship (registration fee, two nights in hotel and a tee shirt). We will put the names of all current members in a hat and pull one name. If you are already registered and paid, we will refund your payments.

7. A block of hotel rooms have been designated at Land's End. If you are planning to attend the Retreat, you may make your reservation any time. Call Land's End at (907) 235-0400 and mention you are a KPQG member attending the Retreat.

8. The hotel rooms at Retreat rates are available beginning Wednesday, February 16. For those who come to Retreat early, our upstairs meeting room (the Quarterdeck) will be available starting at 1:00 PM on Wednesday. Remember, only registered attendees are allowed to set up and sew during the Retreat. This includes Wednesday and Thursday.

9. Information regarding the Retreat mystery quilt, mini-classes, raffle blocks, show & tell, etc. will be sent to attendees via email in January.

Questions? Call or text Patrice Krant (770) 826-5016 or Carol Renfrew (907) 306-3786



BOOK LOOK
by
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Table Talk
Runners, Topper, and Family Treats

by
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Table Talk features some great table runner patterns, five of which are “quilt as you go”. Perfect for this time of year are the three holiday projects starting on page 45, Jolly Woods Runner, Wrap It Up Runner, and Mistletoe Magic Topper. According to Gudrun, all three holiday themed projects come together with some simple construction and make special gifts.

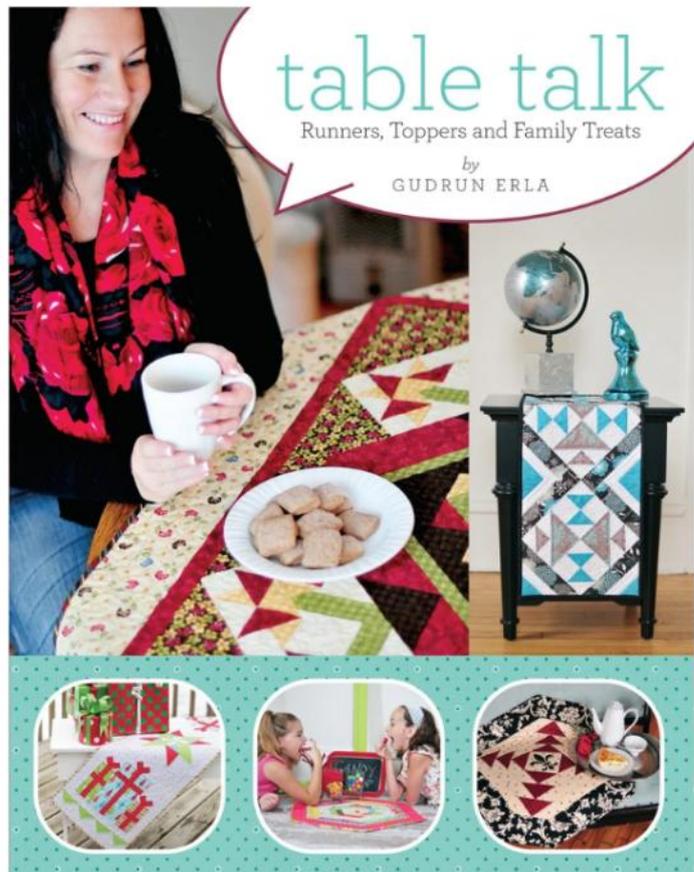
Most of the table runners in Table Talk give you some options such as using 2 ½ strips, Charm Pack, Layer Cake or fat quarters.

You can add more units to enlarge the size to fit your particular table. A variety of sizes from hexagon, square, or a traditional rectangular are featured and the patterns range from whimsical to simple elegance.

Gudrun gives concise pointers on using appliqué, pressing, borders, binding with 45 or 90 degree corners, batting/basting, marking, and securing your thread.

Gudrun has also included a variety of interesting recipes from family members including both Grandmothers and her Mother. Everything from Grandma Ela’s cinnamon rolls, Grandma Sigga’s bread, Mom’s spice cake and chocolate cookies, chicken and spinach quiche, chicken pasta casserole, and more. Gudrun states, “I hope these projects and recipes make it to your table and inspire some great table talk.”

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