

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President Report By Carol Renfrew

Greetings! What a beautiful spring day - low 40's, blue sky, sunshine - but it's still February!! Still too early to get hands in the dirt outside, so I guess we still have time to quilt! Last weekend was our 28th quilting retreat, and I think they keep getting better and better. There were several 57 of us with 15 being first or second year attendees. YAHOO!! The consensus seems to be that everyone liked the extended time to sew, the mini-massages for three days, separate tables in the room for meals and talking, show and tell - good times! Many thanks and kudos to Jan Holland and Sharon Hale and looking forward to what Kathleen Barkley and Sue Magyar come up with as Seward takes over for the next three years. Thanks also to the attendees for "going with the flow" during Land's Ends construction.

More exciting quilting opportunities are coming this summer with the classes the education committee has arranged for us. Keep reading to find out more and get signed up!!

Remember our Annual Meeting is April 5, 2025, at 10 AM at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna. Besides the meeting we have lunch, show and tell, and great friends to see again.

Until then, happy quilting!!

Vice President/Education Chair

By
Sue Magyar

Our three classes for this year promise to be very popular, and if you'd like to sign up, let me know. I'll have the sign-up sheets at the Annual Meeting April 5. July 25 & 26, Pam Ventgen will teach Storm at Sea. I saw pictures of her quilt top, it is lovely. She had taught Storm at Sea years ago, but the rulers that were featured in her

Vice President/Education Chair continued ...

class are no longer available. She found other rulers that she likes, so here we go again, an old classic revisited! There's so much you can do with a Storm at Sea. We'll learn quite a bit that we didn't know. The class fee is \$80 for the two day class.

August 15 & 16, Deb Tucker is coming back to teach a two-day class.

This will be based on the Rapid-Fire Lemoyne Star Tool, which many of us purchased for last year's classes. The first day of class, she'll teach different techniques that can be done with this tool, and on the second day she'll teach the Lucky Lemoyne pattern. If you missed her class last year, consider taking her class this year. She's an excellent teacher, breaks everything down so it's easy to follow, and is just one of us - lots of fun! Full of good energy, you'll be swept up and really enjoy yourself. The class fee is \$95 for the two day class.

September 5 & 6, Kris Rutledge will be teaching paper piecing. She's allowing us to choose from two patterns: one is a wolf, and the other is a sunflower medley. They are stunning. There are those of us who love paper piecing, and some who don't at all. For the rest of you, I would encourage you to take this class. I've talked to others who have taken classes from her and loved the class. They found her teaching style to be easy to follow, very informative, and not above your head.

Also, you'll get plenty of great tips to start off, and if you're having troubles, she'll be there to help work through them.

We started sign-ups for our three classes this year at retreat, and they are very close to full. Do not let this stop you from signing up. Even if you go on a waiting list, people drop out, so your chances are not that bad.

All the instructors are working on their Class Requirements. As soon as you pay for a class, you will get the class requirements emailed to you.

Hospitality
By
Sharon Hale

Central Peninsula members are reminded to please bring a main dish to share and Homer members please bring a dessert for the General Membership Meeting April 5, 2025, at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna.

Kachemak Bay Quilters' News

**By
Lee Bowman**

Spring. Is it spring? Yesterday at the park, I heard a dad ask, "How do you like this nice summer day?" What a thought. Whatever the season is, we are enjoying less snow during our morning treks to Thursday meetings at the Kachemak Center.

News:

*The Kachemak Center has decided to give us the room rent-free, because they consider us community service. That was great news! So, we cut our weekly dues in half, being that we only need to cover our local guild expenses now, such as service quilt materials and group supplies.

*We enjoyed the Kenai Peninsula Quilters' Guild Retreat from February 21-23. Many of our group attended, enjoying the camaraderie, coffee, interactive events, coffee, North Beach Quilting's pop-up shop, coffee, Dana Michelle's presentation, and a mini-quilting class. Did I mention coffee? Non-stop cutting, sewing, and pressing gave us the momentum to finish projects, and for some, the mystery quilt tops.

Seeing everyone's work, and hearing their stories during show-and-tell times, whether at retreat, or on Thursdays at lunchtime, is the best. People's personalities, experiences, and even their hearts are expressed through their quilting art, a great gift to family, friends, and the community.

Seward Area Quilters

**By
Donna Glenz**

Our winter has been filled with many hours of sewing and friendship every Tuesday and every other Sunday. We have shared several great retreats at the Seward Resort and have another one coming up the middle of March. Our little Seward Area Quilters group has many quilting friends who join us for our retreats, several come from Wasilla / Palmer, Anchorage, Valdez, Hope and the "other" side of the Peninsula. It is always wonderful to share our sewing and quilting days with all of these gals.

Our community projects continue to keep us busy. Our project to honor all of our local Veterans has been expanded. Mid – February we honored the veterans in the community of Hope with beautiful Red, White & Blue Veteran Quilts. Our "Senior/Community" quilt project continues to present beautiful quilts to members of the community. We will be presenting the 40 residents of Seward Mountain Heaven with lap quilts this spring.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Membership Report

By

Donna Glenz

This certainly has been a strange winter, I for one, have definitely enjoyed not having to spend time with a snow shovel in hand. I have sure gotten to spend a lot more time sewing instead of shoveling; hopefully we won't have to "pay" for it next year. With more daylight and warmer temperatures, spring is assuredly on its way.

We have 96 members, with several new members and a couple returning "new" members. Please be sure to welcome our new members when you see them in your local area and at our April 5th meeting.

I have not heard from anyone wanting a hard copy card or the membership list. 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. The digital copy of the membership list was emailed to your email address on file. If you did not receive the email with the list attached or if you would like an updated copy with the couple new members, please let me know. Hope to see many of you at our April 5th meeting.

Happy Spring
Donna Glenz
Membership Co-Chair

Nominating Committee

By

Sue Magyar

The Nominating Committee has been busy, but really buckled down and got results during our annual retreat in Homer.

The office of VP/Education Chair has found a volunteer willing to do the job.
The office of Secretary has found two candidates willing to do the job.

During the meeting, each position will be introduced separately, and nominations from the floor will be asked to speak up at that time.

After that, a vote will be taken if there is more than one candidate.

Exciting times! New faces, fresh perspectives, and off on another two years!
Thank you, and see you Saturday, April 5th for our Annual Meeting.

Retreat News

By Jan Holland

The 28th Kenai Peninsula Quilting Retreat was a great success - even with some challenges! We are calling this the Construction Adventure Retreat! Lands' End has been under construction since November 2024. The room we sew in has had a new roof and been enlarged. The walls were up - temporary lighting and power were put in the room for us. The hotel and construction staff all worked very hard to accommodate the retreat group! By next year we will have a beautiful room. Even through the construction we were able to enjoy sewing, show and tell, delicious food and visiting with old and new friends!

Lands' End has been booked again for next year. The dates are Friday, February 20 to Sunday, February 22, 2026. The plan will be to open the sewing room on Wednesday, February 18, 2026. The Seward group will be sponsoring the retreat for the next several years. We are looking forward to another fun retreat next year - minus the construction!

A big thank you to everyone who helped with all the retreat planning, making gifts and the willingness to help in the making of our wonderful, successful retreat.

“What’s Happening”

By Jan Wallace

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| May-September. | 2025 “Treasured Memories” challenge blocks
On display throughout the borough |
| May 9-11 | Mother’s Day Quilt Show
Friday 3:00-7:00pm Saturday 10:00-7:00pm
Sunday 10:00-5:00pm
@Homer Elks Club. 215 Jenny Way, Homer |
| June. | Homer TBA (for Challenge Block display) |
| July. | Kenai/Soldotna area. TBA (for Challenge Block display) |
| September. | Seward. TBA (for Challenge Block display) |
| July 25-26. | Kenai River Quilt and Wearable Art Show 2025
North Peninsula Recreation Center
Mile 23 Spur Hwy, Nikiski
Friday & Saturday. 9:00-6:00 |
| If you would like to enter a piece for the show get entry form @
kenairiverquiltshow.org | |
| July 26. 1:00pm | Trunk Show by Dana Michelle of Wildfire Designs Alaska
@ Center, tickets available on line |



Four Crowns
12" finished Block
3 Fabrics

Cutting:

White:

8 Squares @ 2 1/2"
2 Squares @ 5 1/4"

Medium Blue:

4 Squares @ 2 1/2"
2 Squares @ 5 1/4"

Dark Blue:

4 squares @ 2
1 square @ 4 1/2"

Hourglass Units:

Layer each 5 1/4" White square with a Medium Blue 5 1/4" square, RIGHT SIDES TOGETHER. Cut each set twice, diagonally, to make pairs of quarter-square triangles.

With the Medium Blue on top, chain piece the pairs starting with the square corner in the upper right and stitching to the point.

This will help prevent the sharp corner from being pulled down into the bobbin area. Press toward the Medium Blue. You will have 8 units with the Dark on the right.

Sew these sections into pairs to make 4 hourglass units. Press open.



4-Patch corner units:

Lay out all the 2 1/2" squares like the diagram at right. Make 4 of these.



Lay out the corner 4-patch units, the hourglass units and the remaining 4 1/2" Dark Blue Square like the main diagram above.

Sew the units into three rows. Press row 1 & row 3 away from the center. Press the center toward the center square. Sew the rows together. Press toward from the center.

Enjoy your block,
Grace



KPQG CHALLENGE BLOCK 2025

THEME: TREASURED MEMORIES

SIZE: 12" X 12"

TIMELINE: Finished blocks due at April meeting 2025
Blocks displayed though the peninsula
Blocks returned at October meeting 2025

CONSTRUCTION: Each block is an individual quilt
No sleeve required
Any technique is encouraged
Label block with title, your name, and year

“Treasured Memories”

Take a moment and a cup of tea and think back to enjoyable times.
Does a memory pop up of when you were feeling very happy? What were you doing at the time?

We're you sharing an event with a good friend or family member?

Are you out of breath doing an activity you really enjoy?

Has a wonderful event occurred? Did you reach a goal that you had been working on?

Are you sad about having lost someone, something, some treasure?

Take that memory and a few pieces of fabric and create this moment to share with others.

The 2025 Challenge Block is “Treasured Memories”

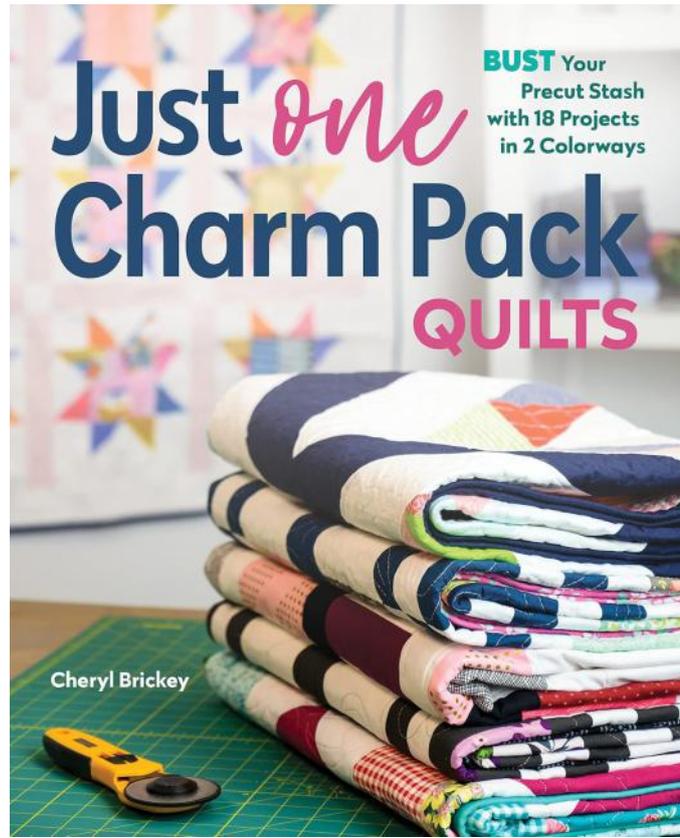
Share your memories!

Book Look by Kathleen Barkley

Just One Charm Pack Quilts
 BUST Your Precut Stash
 with 18 Projects in 2 Colorways
 Author: Cheryl Brickley
 Publisher: Amy Barrett-Daffin
 Stash Books, an imprint of
 C&T Publishing Inc.
 Lafayette, California

To quote author, Cheryl Brickley, "Think of this book as the Hamburger Helper of charm packs".

Each of the patterns in her book use just one charm pack, along with an additional fabric and background fabric to make a small lap quilt for an adult, a baby quilt, wall-hanging or table topper. I was familiar with the name, charm pack, however, Brickley states they are also known by different manufacturers as 5" Stackers, Maple Squares, Charm Rolls or Bali Snaps. Most charm packs contain 42 squares of x 5 fabric, but the quantity included in charm packs varies. Brickley suggests quilters compare the number of fabric pieces in the charm pack you intend to use with the quilt pattern instructions.



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The author also suggests before starting to work, check out that the charm squares are actually 5" x 5" squares. Some manufacturers measure the 5" between the tips of the pinked edges, while other manufacturers measure the 5" between the valleys of the pinked edges. Page 8 of the book has an illustration showing the difference in measurement. It is recommended, prior to piecing, that you measure the charm squares to know which measurement is 5" before you begin cutting and piecing the blocks together. Most of the patterns in this book require between 28-38 charm squares. All the project quilts are also made in an alternate color way. You do not need a premade charm pack to make the quilts illustrated in this book, you can create your own charm pack.

Just One Charm Pack Quilts packs a lot of information into all 123 pages and the 18 projects featured list the charm pack used for each project. Cheryl Brickley has won numerous awards for her quilts and designs. She has been featured on the Mona Bake Shop blog; in Modern Quilts Unlimited, Quiltmaker, Modern Patchwork, Quilty magazines and in QuiltCon and other international quilt shows. She has taught modern quilt design, sewing and quilting techniques, and computer-aided quilt design across the country to guilds and national quilt shows.

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