

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President report

By
Heather Johnston

Hello all! Here in Arkansas the nights are cool but the days still warm up in the afternoon. Thanksgiving was this last week and that meant four days to work on my house. I had planned to tile the bathroom and laundry over the four days. While prepping for the tiling I noticed the sheetrock under one window was softer than it should have been and I ended up opening the wall and removing the dry rot from a window long taken out which derailed the tiling project.

That's what life has given us these last few years, hasn't it? Covid derailed our lives- as a planet, as a person, as a guild.

But two years in and we are now really getting back in the groove. Our different areas have been meeting regularly again for a year, the guild is having classes, and the guild retreat is once again just around the corner. Winters in Alaska is when the sewing machine comes out to play full time. With the snow on the ground we play in our sewing rooms creating a garden of lovely quilts. We take precautions, expect what plan, but change for the detours.

My detour is a solid window sill, tilted at the right angle to keep the water out for another 70+ years, and a chance to insulate the outside wall. Maybe I'll get to tile next week.

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VP/Education Report

By
Sue Magyar

Greetings, Fellow Stitchers!

More of us have been busily jumping into our more active winter season, completing projects started earlier in the year (or in some cases, years!), and starting new ones. Is anyone doing a Block of the Month? This is a good way to keep your sewing machine gears going without a huge time commitment.

We had a great time at Getting Ready for the Holidays. The three projects presented by the different communities were quick to put together and easy to understand. Two bonuses, on top of being together for several hours of fun together.

I've been firming up a contract with our own Lily Huebsch, who will be teaching the Maxwell Bag on Saturday, May 18, 2024. This class will cost each participant \$65. If you would like to attend, please send me a check for \$65 made out to KPQG (Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild), to: Sue Magyar, PO Box 1617, Seward, AK 99664. When I have the class requirements (which will include homework), I'll send those to you.

We still have openings for the following classes for 2024:

Deb Tucker - Sugar & Spice. Thursday & Friday, July 11 & 12. \$110.

Deb Tucker - Mama Bear's Paws. Saturday, July 13. \$55.

RaNae Merrill - Spirals Boot Camp. Friday, August 23. \$60.

RaNae Merrill - Free Motion Mastery. Saturday, August 24. \$60.

\$350 altogether. Santa would be delighted to make you happy and enroll you in each of these classes! If I had to miss one, I could not pick, so I'll see you there.

Your Education committee is working on 2025. We've got some talented instructors in mind, and are working on these and more.

As we discussed at our October meeting, be thinking of a red & white quilt pattern you would love to make. If enough of us come up with a collection of red & white quilts, we'd have quite a display. It will give you something to work on before the February mystery, and after Christmas gifts. AND all times between.

So much is going on, with retreats, classes, online fun. Jump in and enjoy some of the joy of stitching together! If I don't see you at retreat in February, I'll see you at the Annual Meeting Saturday, April 13th.

Retreat News

By
Jan Holland

2024 Retreat Update
Lands' End Resort - Homer Alaska
February 16 - 18, 2024

Welcome to retreat 2024! We are looking forward to all the activities available to our retreaters. We have a Mystery Quilt called Jelly Roll. There are three block patterns you can participate in with a chance to win the blocks.

If you are registered and have not received emails with Mystery quilt and block instructions please let me know!!! Show N' Tell is my favorite activity!!!! You also get to spend time in a beautiful location, with friends having lots of fun sewing!!

We have 45 people registered at this time leaving 15 spots open! If you would like to join - the registration form is on the KPQG website; Print, complete and mail in your form by the deadline, January 1, 2024. We will have a buy, sell, trade table; a gift exchange and Grey Wilson will be here to sharpen your scissors and rotary blades!! We will have lots of treats and maybe a few tricks!!

Looking forward to seeing you in February!!! For questions, please call, email or text Jan Holland at 907-227-5427, janandrickholland@gci.net or Sharon Hale at 907-398-0278, garyhale@gci.net

Homer News

By
Lee Bowman

Kachemak Bay Quilters' December News

Potlucks, parties, and projects. Oh my! Numbers have been up for our Thursday meetings this fall, even though several people have left Homer to head south for the winter. Plus, everyone has enjoyed our gatherings and quilting projects.

In September, Elaine, our president and longtime quilters' guild member, moved to San Diego. Hence, our first potluck was to send her off and to wish her well.

In October, we had another potluck and costume party for Halloween. At that party, we donated more than a dozen lap-sized quilts to Homer Hospice.

On Veterans' Day, our members presented quilts of valor to several veterans at the Elks Club, honoring their service to our country. In the meantime, Christmas projects and presents, and service quilts for fire victims have been flying off our needles. Karrie donated her time long-arm quilting the service quilts before heading south for the winter.

Homer News Continued ...

Thanks to all of you who participate in our meetings and who make those parties fun. And thanks to everyone who has donated time, materials, and skills to give cozy quilts to those in need.

Seward Area Quilters

By
Donna Glenz

My goodness, here we are near the end of another year, where does the time go? While everyone is busy with holiday events, remember to take a few minutes here and there to sit down at your machine to just unwind and relax.

We had our annual October Retreat at the Seward Resort and we were happy to have a Cathy and Lily from the "other" side of the Peninsula join us. It is always so good to have our extended quilting friends join our little retreats. While I am not sure how much sewing was accomplished, we certainly had a lot of laughs, good food, great conversations and visiting.

Our community projects continue to keep us busy making tops, quilting and presenting. While our list of local Veterans is getting smaller, we have decided to also honor our local active-duty service members so, our project will continue for the foreseeable future. Our project to honor our Seniors is in full swing, having provided 17 lap quilts in the last 3 months.

Our winter sewing season is keeping us all busy and sewing together. With great community support, we have been provided two beautiful areas to sew. We get together every Tuesday and every other Sunday.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year filled with many happy hours of sewing. Hope to see many of you at the February Retreat in Homer. Happy Quilting Everyone!

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.

*Challenge Blocks Continued ...***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

Singular Sensations

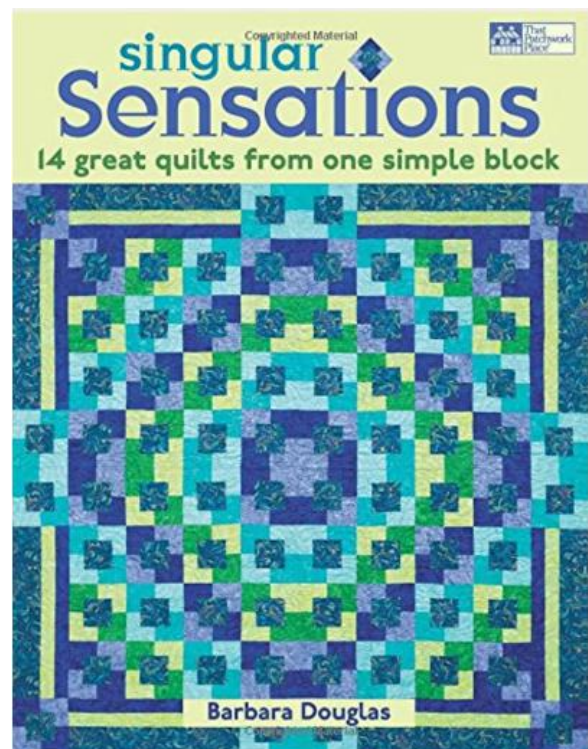
14 great quilts from one simple block
by Barbara Douglas

Martingale Press

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Author, Barbara Douglas, showcases 14 different quilts that can be made from one block. This block, Squares-within-Squares, has great diversity because of the different ways the blocks can be arranged. I picked this book to review because many of our Guild members across the peninsula are involved in making three yard quilts using three colors and many of the patterns lend themselves to three colors. The blocks are easily constructed and offer diverse design choices. Depending on how you layout your blocks, you can have quilts whose blocks look circular, layered, floating, checkered and more.

Most of the designs are determined by the placement of the fabric values. Your choice of colors will change the appearance of the quilt. Because the block is made up of one large center square, two side pieced units made of two smaller squares, and two top/bottom pieced units made of two rectangles, the pieces can easily be put together using the strip-piecing method. The Squares-within-Squares blocks in the book are made in three finished sizes: 6 inch, 9 inch, and



Book Look Continued ...

12 inch. Barbara also provides information on using triadic and analogous color schemes in your quilt. In addition to her quilt patterns, Barbara also includes several table runners of various sizes using the Squares-within-Squares block.

Barbara began teaching quilting in 1989 and started her quilt-pattern design company, Stone Cottage Designs, in 1999. Her work has been juried in the International Quilt Festival and has appeared on the PBS television show Martha's Sewing Show with Martha Pullen. To quote Barbara, "In the truest sense of the word, the Squares-within-Squares block is a renaissance block-a renewal and revision of an old block, one which creates diverse and varied quilts for diverse and varied quilters". You can view more of Barbara's quilts on her website: www.stonecottagequilts.com



H Quilt Block
6" block
2 Fabrics

Cutting:

Print:

2 rectangles @ 2 ½" x 6 ½"
1 square @ 2 ½"

Light Background:

2 squares @ 2 ½"

Piecing:

Center Row:

Sew a Background 2 ½" square to both sides of the 2 ½" Print square
Press to the print square.

Following the block diagram above, sew the rectangles to the sides of the center row.

Press toward the print rectangles.

A quick and easy block to whip up for that last minute quilt.
This is a great way to use up all those leftover jelly roll pieces.
You only need 15 ½" of a print fabric and 5" of a light background fabric. Set 6 x 8 you have a 36 x 48 quilt.

Enjoy your block,
Grace

