

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



December 2024

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## Presidents Report

By  
Carol Renfrew

Greetings! What a wonderful time of the year! Homer's sunrises and sunsets have been almost indescribable in the colors and brightness and minute by minute changing. I'm hearing the Northern Lights are also thrilling - I haven't been lucky enough to catch them in awhile.

This year I purchased another Christmas Box where you open one package a day from December first to the twenty-fifth. It's surprising how well I have gotten along without many of the surprises, but sure am finding many of them really useful.

This past Monday several of our Homer quilting group gathered to celebrate Glenda's 90th birthday. Laughter, stories and many memories were shared as we enjoyed delicious carrot cake muffins and each other's company. We have been blessed with knowing so many amazing women from across the Peninsula for many, many years. Thursday, we laughed with memories of many of them and some of their antics. It was wonderful!

I'm sure many of you are busy getting projects completed for holiday giving, making exchange blocks for the retreat, and, in Homer, welcoming new grandchildren and great grands. We have been enjoying the good weather and the fellowship of so many on Thursdays and are looking forward to our holiday potluck/party coming up in a couple of weeks.

The excitement for the upcoming retreat keeps growing and we have several newbies planning to be there this year. I know Jan and Sharon have been working hard on the planning.

Enjoy family and friends this holiday season. I feel blessed to know all of you and keep learning and making memories together.

## Vice President/Education Report

By  
Sue Magyar

I hope this email finds everyone in good health and high spirits as the holiday season approaches.

As some of you may already be aware, attendance at the Saturday, November 2nd, Getting Ready for the Holidays, was very low. Later, comments that came in were somewhat negative in relation to the three projects offered. These 3 projects were presented at the last General Membership Meeting and no objections or negative feedback were received at that time.

As everyone is aware, communication is key to addressing and meeting the expectations of our membership. The Education Committee members have been polling their quilting groups, and we've come up with some ideas and suggestions.

Here's a list of comments that were received:

- Projects weren't quilting related, and no sewing required.
- Others were glad not to have to haul their machine.
- Projects were subpar and would not be something they'd give as gifts.
- Perhaps we should go back to zoom, especially since winter event, travel might be difficult.
- Others were not at all interested in zoom.
- One group had no interest in a second event in the winter besides the General Membership Meeting in early October. Winter roads, different life stages and interests, such as winter travel to the lower 48, were cited as two of the reasons.
- Many already have too many Holiday or Christmas items, as they're getting rid of "stuff". How about handy gift ideas not related to holidays.
- Alternate scenario might be to have three projects after the October meeting. Just present the project, give out patterns, and go home and put together at your leisure.
- Would like to see more ideas like the red & white quilt project.

Are there any more comments? I would love to hear them! If you hear an idea/complaint/grievance from someone else, please share. There is no way we can know these things if they aren't told to us. I don't care what it is. To make anything work, we need to talk to each other.

Remember, if you don't like a project your group has picked, come up with another idea, and let your group know. You aren't going to be stuck presenting it unless you want to. There are others who will do that for you. You are the voice of the guild.

We're also thinking of a special project to be presented after the April meeting. Just show an idea then along you go.

Also, we're working on finalizing three contracts for 2025: Pam Ventgen, Deb Tucker, and Kris Rutledge. All should be great! More news on that later, and we hope to have sign ups available at the retreat in February to kick these off.

## Past Presidents Report

By  
Heather Johnston

Reading through Facebook tells me that the weather has been snowing well in Kenai- which makes a great time for staying in and sewing. We are just getting into cold weather here in Arkansas, I finally unboxed my long coat yesterday but didn't seem to pack my gloves or hats in the same box.

For the past 7 years Seward had a UFO Contest going and this last week it turned out to be a great thing for me. One of the baby sized quilts I finished in the contest has finally found it's forever home and is out of the house. That is just one amazing happenstance of being a quilter. You see fabric you love (or have in the stash that you need to use) and have enough to make a quick project for a retreat (baby quilts can't be any quicker) and then it lays folded on the shelf until just that right moment comes along, and it is gifted out. There was no real plan, I had no specific person in mind, but it was a project that gave me pleasure to do, fun practice to quilt, and gladness in the binding finish. And then it was ready when needed for a next day baby shower gift.

Life is much like that- we can go through many days without specific goals, we learn new things, and then one day something comes up and just that new thing you learned turns out to be the best thing you can do.

I'm learning that with my house. It has been a long journey and nowhere near done, however with all the things that I've learned working on my house I've been able to help others do. Be it patching a hole in the sheetrock, changing out receptacles, or installing low light LED's on a motion sensor in the bathroom so they don't have to turn on the lights in the middle of the night.

No learning is ever wasted- no matter the subject. Somewhere, at some time, it will be needed. Then we get to step up, take it off the shelf, and teach our skill to someone else. Just like getting a handmade quilt for their little girl to be, I know it will make that person's day. So, finish out those quilts and set them on the shelf to make someone's future day.

Heather Johnston

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## Membership Report

By  
Donna Glenz

As this COLD month of November draws to a close and we all are frantically trying to finish up our Christmas projects, I hope you can take a few minutes to enjoy our December Newsletter. We have 91 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, at the February retreat or at our April 2025 meeting.

In this digital world we all are living in; we have not been printing out the membership list or yearly membership cards the past few years. I for one, like to have the printed membership list and card. 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 has been emailed to your email address on file. If you did not receive the email with the list attached please let me know, perhaps I have your email address incorrect.

Wishing you all a wonderful Holiday Season.

Donna Glenz

Membership Co-Chair

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## **Kachemak Bay Quilters Homer Report**

**By  
Lee Bowman**

Kachemak Bay Quilters' Thursday meetings have been "hopping". Our group has grown, with three new members added in the past four months, giving us more people to enjoy and projects to see! It's become quite a social group, and as many of us say, "cheap therapy".

Events:

\*Quilts of Valor were presented on November 11 at the Elks Club. It was touching, hearing the service records of three veterans and presenting them with quilts. We are thankful for them. (Two more will receive them later.)

\*We are preparing a raffle quilt for the Pratt Museum. Tickets will be on sale soon. Stay tuned.

\*We gave three service quilts to a family burned out of their home in Seldovia. Service quilts are an ongoing need, and with our large stash of donated fabric, we're planning to sew more this winter.

\*Homer Hospice has requested knitted leg warmers for their gift boxes, and though we are quilters, a few of us also knit and plan to make some. If you have any interest in donating leg warmers, you can drop them off at the Homer Hospice office on Pioneer.

\*Our Teddy Bear project for Haven House needs new teddy bears to wrap in the small quilts that we make. Wrapped bears, cuddly friends, are presented to children in crisis when they are interviewed.

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## **Retreat Report**

**By  
Jan Holland**

**Lands End Resort - Homer Alaska**

**February 21-23, 2025**

Welcome to retreat 2025!

It is always wonderful to spend time at Lands End Resort in Homer, Alaska! It is such a

*Retreat Report continued*

beautiful location!!! As many of you know, Lands End is in the process of remodeling the restaurant and front desk area of the hotel. This area is scheduled to be completed February 1, 2025. This is such an exciting time. I will be sending an email out soon to the retreaters with dinner choices for the Saturday night dinner.

If you have not yet signed up for retreat there is still time, there are eight spots left! Fill out the registration form on the front page of the website and mail to address along with your check. The deadline is January 1, 2025. Remember you must be an active member of the guild to attend retreat, the membership form is on the front page of website.

Activities are optional for our retreaters!!! These include three block patterns, the 2025 Mystery Quilt, Show N' Tell, a gift exchange and the always popular Buy, Sale Trade table! There may also be a couple of surprises! 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

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## “What’s Happening”

By  
Jan Wallace

### **FIBER ART SHOW**———request for entries———

The Fiber Art Show at Kenai Art Center will run from **February 5 to February 22, 2025**

You are welcome to use any natural and synthetic fibers. You may enter three pieces.

Designs must be unique and original, and created in the past two years

**you must enter by 5 o'clock January, 26,2025**

The opening will be February 7th from 5 until 7 PM

there will be live music and refreshments

this is a free event open to the public

### **TEXTURES.**

on Exhibit at KAC until December 14,2024

To view the Kenai Peninsula Quilt Guild Challenge Blocks for 2024

go to website [kenaiartcenter.org](http://kenaiartcenter.org)

Click on the current exhibition

scroll down to virtual gallery tour “Into the Wild”

This is the mural show created by a dozen local artists.

see the show by moving around to the circles shown on the 3D image

Now scroll down to “Textures”

view the images in the same way

you can manipulate and see it close up for each one of our blocks!!!

**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

## Book Look

By  
Kathleen Barkley

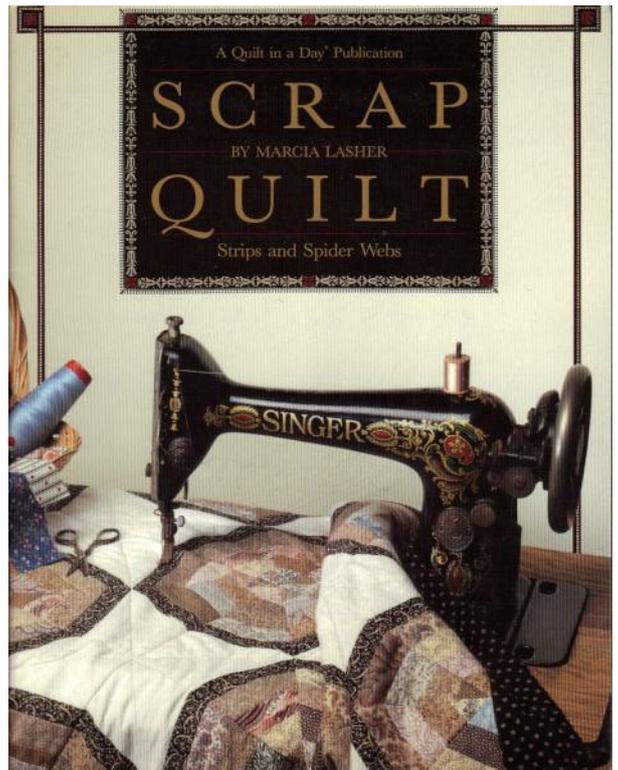
SCRAP QUILT: Strips and Spider Webs  
BY  
Marcia Lasher

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1955 Diamond Street  
San Marcos, California 92069

In the Scrap Quilt book two distinctive traditional patterns are featured: the Strip and the Spider Web pattern. The Strip pattern is simpler, faster, and a great pattern for those beginning quilters. The Spider Web pattern, an intermediate project, takes more time and involves working with bias edges.

The Scrap Quilt book includes yardage and instructions for both patterns in various quilt sizes. The author recommends using 100% cotton muslin for the background of your quilt blocks. Pre-washing and starching are also recommended. Lasher emphasizes the importance of using a lot of lights, mediums, and darks for contrast in your blocks. The whole idea is to use up the scraps in your stash. When using either of these patterns, the author suggests sewing with a small stitch, 15 stitches to the inch or a #2 on most machine settings.

In closing, to quote Marcia Lasher, "Because blocks for a scrap quilt are so simple, it is a wonderful project to work on when you don't feel like thinking, when you are tired, when you are distracted, worried, or under stress. Regardless of your state of mind, you can still do what you enjoy doing most--sewing."



## Seward Area Quilters

By  
Donna Glenz

So glad it has warmed up a bit outside. Those near zero temps and that screaming wind these last couple weeks was getting a bit old. But that didn't seem to stop our diehard group of quilters from getting together each week to sew.

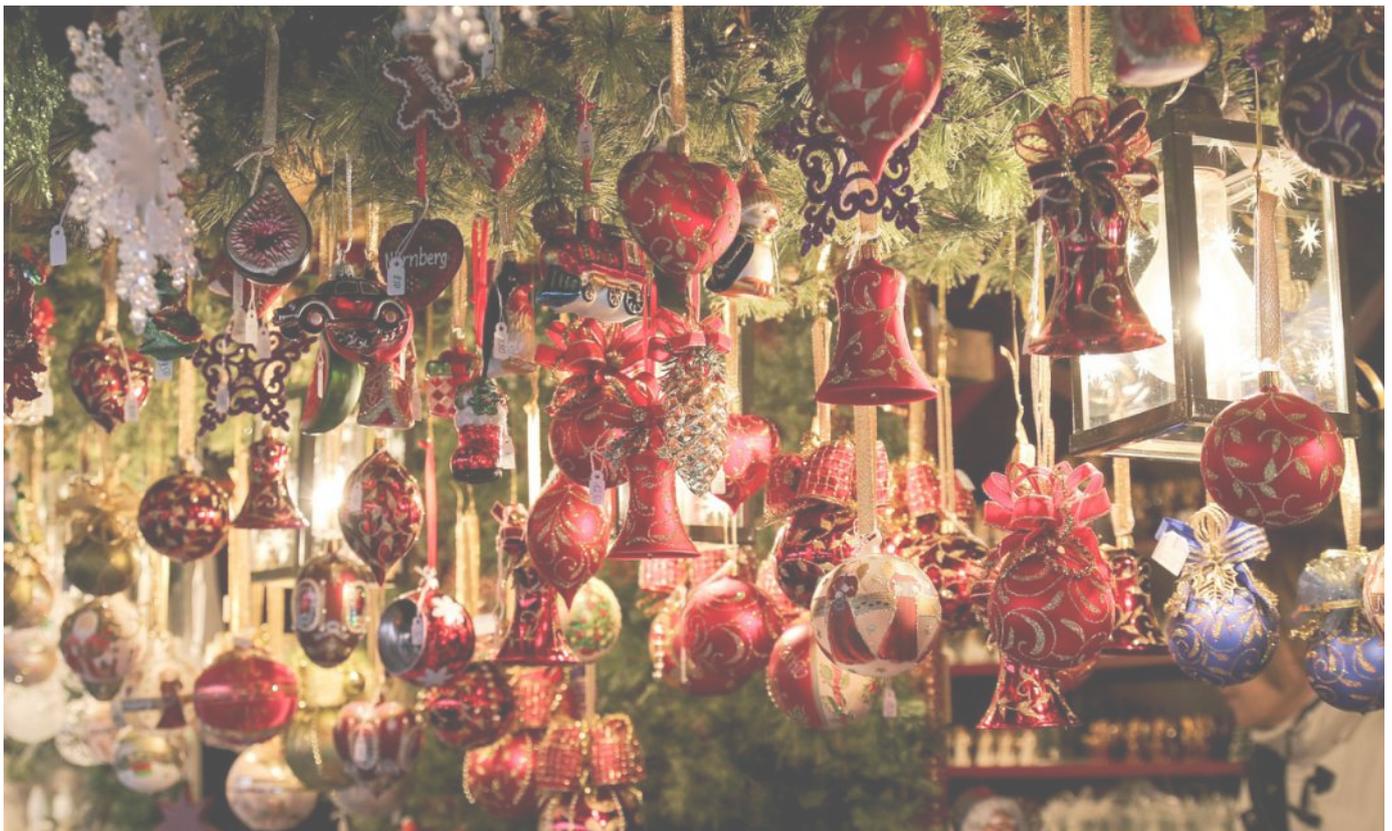
Our fall retreat was a little later than usual this year, not happening until the first of November but we had a full house with 23 quilters. We had several sewing friends from out of town join us. It is always so good to have our extended quilting friends join our little retreats. While I am not sure how much sewing was accomplished, we certainly had a lot of laughs, good food, great conversations and visiting.

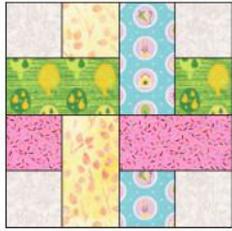
Our community projects continue to keep us busy making tops, quilting and presenting. Our project to honor all of our local Veterans has slowed down, having presented 272 Veterans here in Seward and the surrounding areas with beautiful quilts. We do continue to add a few more Veterans to our list. Our "Senior/Community" project has been in full swing for the last 15 months, in that time we having presented 104 beautiful quilts. It was suggested that our motto be "Cover Seward in Quilts."

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 to sew and enjoy our quilting time with friends.

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!





**Woven Ribbon**  
**8" Block**  
**5 Fabrics (background + 4 scrappy prints)**

**Cutting:**

**Background Light**

4 squares @ 2 1/2"

**For each of 4 different fabrics:**

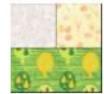
1 square @ 2 1/2"

1 rectangle @ 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

**Piecing for Quarter Block:**

This is a 4-Patch block. Fabric placement is important

Sew 1 background 2 1/2" square to a 2 1/2" print square. Press toward the print square. Keeping the background to the left, sew a 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle to the bottom. Press toward the rectangle.



Following the fabric/color placement in the block diagram, make the 4 different quarter block sections.

Rotating each unit a quarter turn, sew the units into 2 rows. Press toward the rectangle. Sew the rows together.

This block is quick and easy. Each print fabric only requires 7" of a 2 1/2" strip. Great for leftover pieces of a jelly roll. If making an entire quilt, a 1" sash would set it off beautifully--no seams to match.

Enjoy your block,  
 Grace

