

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President Report By Carol Renfrew

Greetings!

What a wonderful time of year! The cranes are back and so are the tourists and cruise ships. My husband has started his weekly lawn mowing and my flowers and rhubarb are really growing. I know many are welcoming, visiting family and friends and planning vacations themselves. The weeds are growing along with fruits and vegetables, and the weekly Farmers' Market is ready to open.

Exciting things are happening with the Guild too. This summer's classes are filling up, but there are still a few open spots. Look at the education section for more details. And speaking of the education committee, they are looking at some really exciting teachers for 2026 and 2027. Can't wait to hear their choices!!

There is also the Alaska Shop Hop happening all over Alaska and the Quilt Walk that is happening now in Kenai and Soldotna.

Homer is hosting some from the Quilt Folk magazine and going to be appearing in an upcoming publication. WOW!! I'm sure we will hear more about their visit in upcoming communications.

Our Retreat is scheduled for February 20-22, 2026, with the Quarterdeck available starting Wednesday the 18th. A block of rooms has been set aside for us, and I learned recently that booking sooner than later really does get a cheaper room rate. Think about it!

Enjoy your summertime activities and keep quilting!!

Vice President/Education Chair Report By Nancy Mathew

Hello Quilters! I'm honored to be working with Barb Eagle, my right hand, the Education Committee, and all of you. I've had wonderful counsel and hope to serve you well.

The three summer classes are almost full. You can still get on a waiting list by contacting Sue Magyar. The classes are:

July 25 & 26, Pam Ventgen, Storm at Sea.

- if you have any questions about the class requirements/instructions or graph/layout, please contact Pam Ventgen or Sue Magyar.

Vice President/Education Chair Report continued ...

August 15 & 16, Deb Tucker.

- First day: different techniques using the Rapid-Fire Lemoyne Star tool and
- Second day: Lucky Lemoyne pattern taught. Class requirements are forthcoming and will be emailed when available.

September 5 & 6, Kris Rutledge, Paper Piecing.

- choice of two patterns: Wolf Abstractions Quilt or Sunflower Medley. If you have any questions, please contact Kris Rutledge or Sue Magyar.

Obviously, we are anxiously awaiting our classes starting in just a month. But in anticipation of future classes, the Education Committee and I are looking at possible teachers for next year, 2026, and the following year, 2027. We would love your input. Perhaps you have a favorite teacher or desire to learn something new. Please share your ideas with us. More to come ...

Retreat News By Kathleen Barkley and Sue Magyar

Greetings from Kathleen Barkley and Sue Magyar, your Retreat Co-Chairs.

We've been fairly busy, planning for 2026, getting things ready and lined up. Much of it will be saved as surprises for all of you attending, but we'd like to share some key points.

We will be enjoying the hospitality of Land's End once again. The official retreat dates are Friday, February 20th through Sunday, February 22nd. The Quarterdeck will be open and ready for you on Wednesday, February 18th, so you can get settled in, start some projects, or visit friends you haven't seen in a year.

Christina, the Event Coordinator for Land's End, has reserved a block of 25 rooms for retreat participants and encourages participants to make their reservations sooner than later. She also shared that there will be an increased cost for room reservations, but at this time she did not have a percentage to share with us.

Call Lands Ends at (907)235-0400 or 1-800-478-0400 to make a reservation and be sure to mention you will be attending the KPQG Retreat on February 20-22, 2026.

At this time, we do not have any information on any other additional or increased expenses relating to Retreat (i.e. food) and are hoping to maintain the current \$150/person Retreat expense.

Seward Area Quilters by Donna Glenz

Almost “summer” weather has been in Seward these last few days. It has been wonderful to get out and enjoy some sunshine for a change, sure hope it continues!

We are on our summer break from sewing together. We will back with our Sew Tuesday schedule the first of October. We did manage to meet our January 1st goal, to provide 42 lap quilts to the residents at Seward Mountain Heaven Care facility by the end of April. We continue to provide quilts to our “Senior/Community” Quilt program, having delivered 31 during our winter sewing season this year, for a total 129 delivered. Our Veteran Quilt program continues, with new veterans being added. In January we also re-opened our Baby Welcome Wagon quilt program, providing the “Bloom” program manager with 19 baby quilts the end of April.

We continue to stay busy sewing and enjoying our love of fabric and quilts. We wish you all a fabulous summer and hope to see many of you at our great classes along the way.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Kachemak Bay Quilters’ News By Lee Bowman

What do Kachemak Bay quilters think about most in May? Answer: The Mothers’ Day Quilt show! Many in our group rushed to finish quilts for the show, and others of us cheered them on. The three-day show put on by the Lions Club was spectacular, as usual, with quilts of all sizes and designs displayed. Attendees could vote for their favorites in each category.

Other news: Many of us enjoyed the Kenai Peninsula’s Spring meeting on the first Saturday of April. Show-and-tell and potluck times were the best, of course, though we all happily sat through the meeting, which was run very well and efficiently, in order to qualify for the rest.

In April, Jane Regan invited Haven House staff to join us at a Teddy Bear Tea, held at Lee Bowman’s house. Ten of us wrapped donated teddy bears and stuffed animals in quilts and afghans made by quilters. The wrapped bears are then given to children who staff members interview regarding family crises. Megan and Marcie from Haven House explained the program and answered our questions. Thank you to all our quilters who contributed, to help families in need.

What's Happening?

By
Jan Wallace

May 1 – August 31, 2025

2025 Alaska Quilters Shop Hop

This summer adventure includes 14 participating quilt shops around Alaska. Each block features wildlife you can see if you travel around Alaska. Find a list of shops on Facebook.

June 1 – July 23

Kenai River Quilt Tour

Get a passport from Soldotna Chamber of Commerce or from a participating business.

To enter a quilted creation, go to:

www.kenairiverquiltshow.org

July 25 – 26

Kenai River Quilt and Wearable Art Show

9:00 am – 6:00 pm @ Peninsula Recreation Center
Mile 23, Spur Hwy, Nikiski

July 26

Kenai River Wearable Art Trunk Show

1:00 pm Dana Michelle

“Wildfire Designs Alaska”

At Peninsula Recreation Center

Mile 23, Spur Hwy, Nikiski, AK

August 15 – Sept. 1

Alaska State Fair Quilts in Irwin Building

Open Thursday – Monday 11:00 am – 10:00 pm

www.alaskastatefair.org

September 12 – 13

Great Alaska Quilters Show by ALCQ

Conoco Phillips Building

700 G Street, Anchorage, AK

11:00 am – 4:00 pm Saturday & Sunday



Vintage Florals
10 1/2" Finished Block
2 Fabrics

Cutting:

Blue Floral:

1 square @ 6 1/4"

5 squares @ 3"

Yellow Floral:

1 square @ 6 1/4"

4 squares @ 3"

Piecing:

9-Patch center unit:

Layout the Blue and Yellow 3" squares as a 9-Patch with the blue on the outside corners and one in the center.

Sew the squares into 3 rows, sew the row together.



Outside corner triangles:

Cut the Blue and the Yellow 6 1/4" squares in half once on the diagonal.

Sew the bias edges of the 2 Yellow triangles to opposite sides of the 9-Patch. Press away from the 9-Patch.

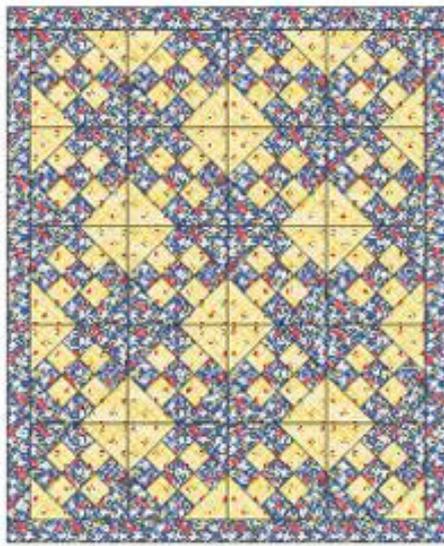
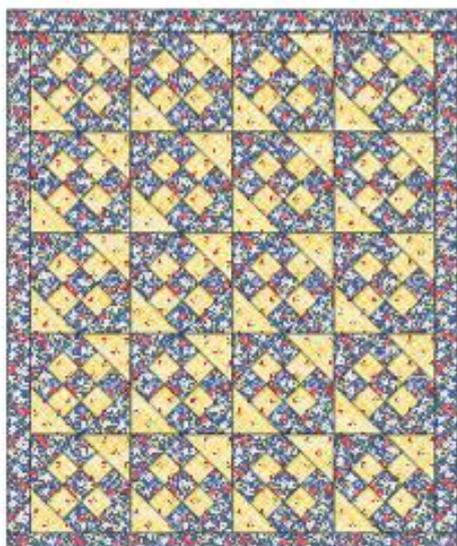
Sew the bias edges of the 2 Blue triangles to the remaining sides of the 9-Patch. Press away from the 9-Patch.

Your block might be a little oversized. Sliver trim your block to 11 Inches. It will measure 10 1/2 finished.

There are many ways to set these blocks. Use your vintage floral collection to make this one scrappy.

Enjoy your block,

Grace



Book Look by Kathleen Barkley

NATURE'S STUDIO

by Joan Colvin

A QUILTER'S GUIDE TO PLAYING WITH
FABRICS & TECHNIQUES

Publisher: Amy Marson

Published by: C&T Publishing

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To quote author, Joan Colvin, "What is joyful, what delights me about fabric composition is that colored and textured fabrics have their own symbolism. Though they may speak in different contexts, they lie in wait for me to find their meaning and voice through juxtaposition. A fabric flows and vibrates".

Colvin covers how our choices in design and fabric determine our style. She discusses how quilt makers get to figure out how to form fabric and thread into lines and spaces using different assembly methods. Lines can be straight or curved

and spaces can be geometric or organic. Colvin covers the techniques for producing soft or hard edges by the assembly of lines and spaces. Your choice of batting, stitching, density, and thickness of thread can affect the quality and size of the shapes you make in your quilt top.

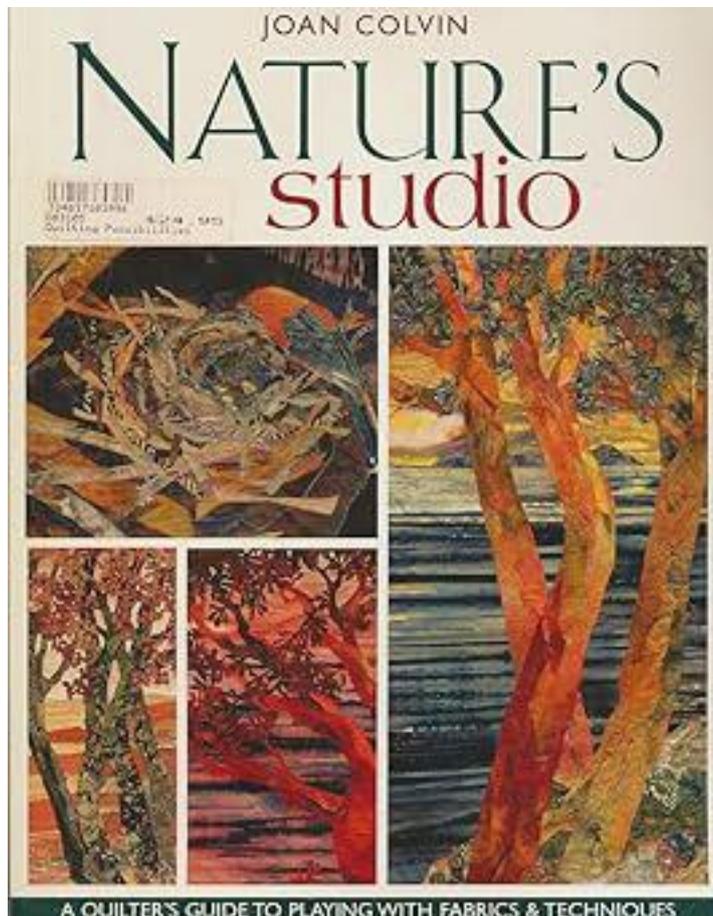
The various weights of your thread can give fine, medium, or thick lines. Colvin includes paragraphs on depth, perspective, light, shadow, value, texture, and color. She encourages finding your own style by choosing a familiar subject to begin.

Colvin devotes several pages of examples of what she calls her "Woodskin Series", showcasing a look at trees made out of fabric. I found this section to be of particular interest because her composition and assembly method were so detailed and realistic. Some of Colvin's trees had leaves and she details how to make leaves of color, how to stiffen the fabric, and how to place the leaves. She also devotes a couple chapters to birds and their nests in trees and bodies in fabric as subject matter.

"I wish for you the joy of discovery, the release of emotions that comes from sharing, and a lifetime with this tantalizing substance-fabric."

With Love,

Joan



Membership Update by Donna Glenz

Summer is almost here, still freezing every night this last week but beautiful sunshine during the day, HURRAY!

We have 101 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 along the way at our summer classes.

If you would like an updated membership list emailed to you, please let me know. Hope to see many of you this summer at our classes.

Happy Sewing
Donna Glenz
Membership Co-Chair