

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President Report

By
Carol Renfrew

Greetings!

It's another rainy day, (Surprise! Surprise!) and it sure feels like summer is coming to an end. Makes me think it's time to start the fall/ before winter chores. So today I'm making jam from the remaining berries in the freezer from last year's harvest. Tomorrow, more moving of the woodpile thanks to the desire of the neighborhood rabbits to set up housekeeping there. Not gonna happen!! And so, the list slowly begins to dwindle.

Fall brings good things like more time for quilting and our Guild meeting on October 3. We'll find out about who'll be attending the retreat, the new guild challenge, classes for next year and have a great lunch with friends. I hope you're planning to attend!

I really like the retreat committee's mystery quilt offering this summer. What a great new idea! Can't wait to see the results.

If any of you are heading to Fairbanks any time soon, there is a quilt exhibit at the UA Museum of the North. Ree Nancarrow's show is called "Observations: Two Decades of Change." It will be up until January 10, 2027. The online description sounds incredible.

Good luck with your chore list and see you in October!

Hospitality

By
Sharon Hale

Seward members are asked to Please bring dessert to the October general meeting and all Central Peninsula members please bring a main dish.

VP/Education Report by Nancy Mathew and Barb Eagle

Happy September!

What an interesting and busy summer! At the time of this writing, Shonda Powell is preparing to teach the September 11 & 12 class, Metro Rings. There has been a lot of excitement with fabric selection, so we look forward to seeing beautiful creations!

The Mystery offered in July is well underway, with Clues emailed twice a month. If anyone is still interested in participating, please let us know.

There will be a short, very informative, and the neatest Educational Demonstration at the end of the October meeting, before lunch. You will not want to miss what Rachel Grossl is going to share!

The Education Committee continues to be very busy. We have three (3) teachers scheduled for next summer, 2027:

- Cyndi McChesney, award-winning quilter and teacher (and author of three books) from Colorado, will be teaching a two (2) day class June 4 & 5, with a Trunk Show Friday night. Friday's workshops include: Six (6) Tips for Creating an Amazing Panel Quilt and Mastering the Fundamentals of Panel Quilt Design. Saturday's session will be Choosing Your Own Adventure, using your own panel. Class fee: \$100/student.
- Nancy Mathew, local teacher, will be teaching a one (1) day class on August 14. The Saturday class will be Mango Tango, learning an amazing technique for making quarter-circle curves edged in flanges. A table runner or quilt will be your option. The pattern gives three (3) quilt sizes. Class fee: \$40/student.
- Patty Billingsley, Certified Stripology Ruler Instructor for GE Designs, will be teaching a two (2) day class September 10 & 11. Friday's workshop is Master Your Stripology Rulers, learning new tips and techniques. It will also include a small table-topper project. Saturday's session will be the Hera Quilt pattern, one of the new GE Designs with endless layout options and five (5) sizes available. Class fee: \$90/student.

We are really excited about the three (3) classes and plan to have pictures/patterns/books available to see at the October meeting. We hope to have signup sheets as well.

Thank you. We appreciate all your support. See you soon!

Nancy and Barb

Kachemak Bay Quilters

**By
Lee Bowman**

This summer has been busy as usual for our quilters, with gardening, fishing, hosting visitors, travel, and home repairs. We also enjoyed visiting the Kenai Quilt show in Nikiski in July, where several from our group entered quilts, and Piama taught about fabric design and showed her fabrics.

Our outreach to the community continues. We donated quilts to a family of five who lost their home in a fire in June, and another one in August. Also, we donated a quilt to the food pantry's silent auction fundraiser.

Coming up: Kris Rutledge (who taught the wolf and flower paper piecing class in Soldotna last September) will teach a paper piecing class in Homer on October 24th and 25th at the Kachemak Center, located east of Homer near Tire Town. Please contact Kris for more details if you are interested.

Quilt on!

Seward Area Quilters

**By
Donna Glenz**

It sure has been a very rainy wet summer this year but that has made for a lot more time in the house sewing. Fall is fast approaching, the chill is in the air, the leaves are beginning to turn, and the berries are ready for picking. For many of us, this is an exciting and wonderful time of year. We are closing our gardens and getting ready for winter, which also means we have a lot more time for sewing and quilting, HURRAY!

Seward Quilters are unable to meet and sew together during the summer but fall brings us back together again. We sew together every Tuesday from 8am to 4pm, so if you are in Seward on a Tuesday, we would love to have you stop by and say hello. We have several retreats planned this winter and we will be continuing to work on our several ongoing community projects.

We wish you all a wonderful winter, with lots of time to spend at your machine.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

Membership Report

By

Donna Glenz

We closed out the 2025/2026 membership with 108 members. Thank you all for reaching out and making our new members feel welcome this past year.

I have awesome news. Our Membership Chair, Cathy Howlett, is once again able to take the membership job back full-time. It has been my pleasure to help with this big job for the last couple of years.

Your Guild membership for the year 2026-2027 is coming due. Our membership runs from October 1 through to September 30. Please be sure to use the updated form to send your \$25.00 annual membership dues to Cathy Howlett, PO Box 1511, Soldotna, AK 99669-1511. The revised membership form is attached in this newsletter and posted on the website.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at our October 3rd fall meeting. Please remember to send your membership to Cathy Howlett.

Happy Sewing everyone,
Donna Glenz
Membership Co-Chair

Challenge Quilt

By

Sharon Hale

We are starting a new challenge which will be due in April of 2027 at the general meeting.

Guidelines are as follows:

Must be black and white and one other color (only one)

Any size is acceptable from mini to king

Quilts will be displayed at the quilt show in July at no cost to members

February 2027 Retreat Update

by

Sue Magyar & Kathleen Barkley

The 2027 KPQG Retreat will be held February 19-21, 2027, at Homer's Land's End Resort. To attend, complete the 2027 Registration Form found in this newsletter. The Quarter Deck will be available for retreat sewers to set up and sew starting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, after 1:00 pm.

You must be a paid 2026-2027 member of the Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild in order to register for and attend the retreat. Be sure to renew your membership! Only registered attendees may set up and sew in the conference room during the retreat.

Retreat packets will be available to those who have renewed their membership and submitted their retreat registration with payment. For those who are not present that have met this criteria, we will email these within 2 weeks following the Annual Meeting on October 3, 2026. If you do not use email, we will make special arrangements to get the retreat packet to you. The retreat packet will include a schedule of events, fabric requirements for the mystery quilt, and block information, along with additional details for retreat.

At the annual meeting, if more than 60 registrations have been received, we will then have a drawing for the 60 seats, putting everyone else on a waiting list. People on the waiting list have been able to attend the retreat in the past; circumstances change where many times seats open. The final date to register for the retreat, t-shirt, or request a refund is January 1, 2026. We will be drawing for one scholarship from the general membership at the October meeting. This covers retreat fees, t-shirt and 2 nights at Land's End!!! Patty Nyholm will be hosting a Buy-Sell-Trade table this year. Karen O'Leary will be in charge of the block exchange.

Call Land's 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 19-21, 2027. The hotel block for quilters is open. If you are planning on attending, make room reservations early for the best pricing! If something comes up, you can always cancel your reservation. The cost of the retreat remains at \$150.00.

Every effort is being made to hold the retreat registration fee to \$150. We've obtained a list of food prices, and they have risen considerably. Even though we are in the initial stages of negotiation, we're hopeful that a solution will be found. You may notice that the cost of t-shirts has been increased to \$30. Our goal is to break even on the t-shirts, and their prices have increased.

If you have any questions, contact Sue Magyar at (907) 491-0244 or budsuem@yahoo.com, or Kathleen Barkley at (907) 769-1999 or aksalt@gci.net.

Book Look by Kathleen Barkley

Fun with Panels

Create One-of-a-Kind Quilts - Tip & Techniques for Success

Author: Cyndi McChesney

C&T Publishing Inc.
P.O. Box 1456
Lafayette, CA 94549

As a National Quilt Association Certified Teacher of the Year, Cyndi has taught classes throughout the United States and Canada. Cyndi also operates a longarm quilting business from her home studio in northwest Arkansas. She has won awards in shows such as the Vermont Quilt Festival, Mancuso Visuals #1, the Hoffman Challenge and many more. In 2023 Cyndi participated in a quilt-related tour to The Netherlands and Belgium. Her students find her humor and detailed teaching expertise a bonus.

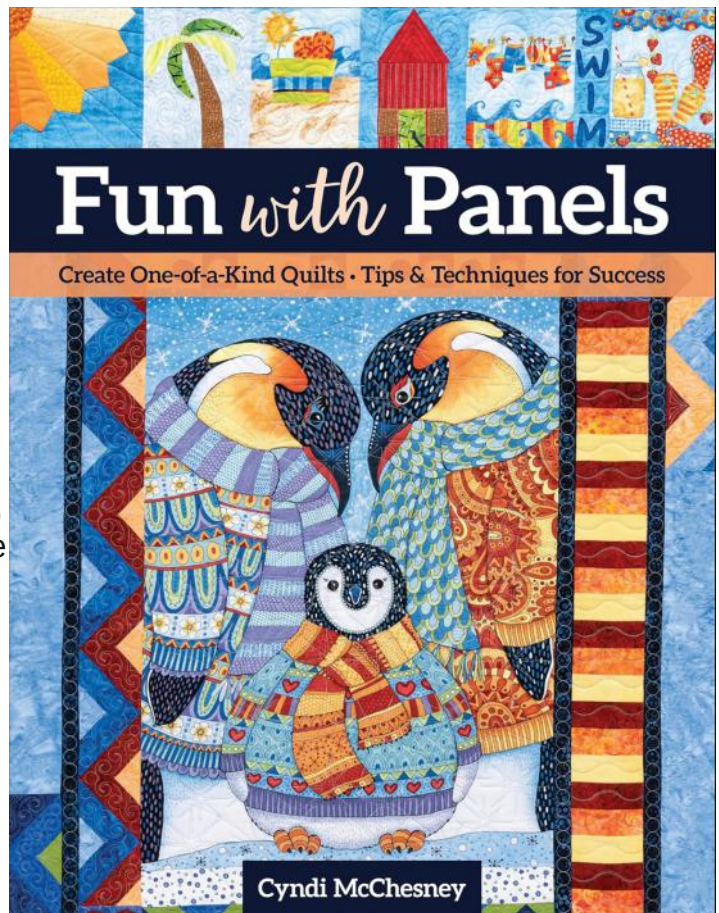
Author Cyndi McChesney demonstrates how to work with a variety of different types of panels in her book, "Fun with Panels". She explains how to use panels for bags, table runners, quilts and placements.

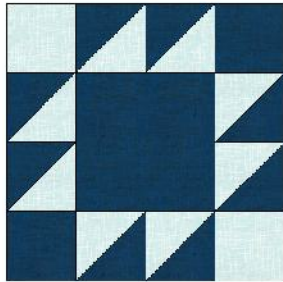
Students also learn to map out designs using panels. Chapter Four in her book deals with "wonky" panels and using odd-sized sections. The book walks through the steps of how to create a variety of quilts and other projects without using a pattern. Cyndi suggests that the solo panels that are available today work well with theme borders that highlight the panel motif. Understanding your intended space is important, so you know if your panel is in good proportion to the space available. The goal is to creatively fit the spaces around your panel or between the elements of the panel.

Cyndi will be teaching class(s) sponsored by the Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild on June 4 & 5, 2027, at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna. For more information on the class, contact KPQG Education Chair, Nancy Mathew. Visit Cyndi online and follow her on social media.

Website: cedarridgequilting.com. Facebook: [/cedarridgequilting](https://www.facebook.com/cedarridgequilting). Correspondence may be sent directly to Cyndi via email at cyndimcchesney@gmail.com.

Thanks go to Sue Magyar for the loan of "Fun with Panels".





Indian Hatchet
12" finished
2 Fabrics

Cutting:

Light:

2 Squares @ 3 1/2 "
 4 Squares @ 3 7/8"

Dark:

2 Squares @ 3 1/2 "
 4 Squares @ 3 7/8"
 1 Square @ 6 1/2 "

Piecing:

Unit 1: Triangle Squares:

Layer the light and dark 3 7/8 "squares right sides together. With the light on top, draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the light square. Stitch 1/4 " inch on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press toward the dark.



Following the block diagram below, lay out the Squares and Triangle Squares into 3 rows. Sew these units into rows. Sew the rows together.



Enjoy your block,
 Grace

