

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President Report By Carol Renfrew

Oh, my! It is cold outside and with the wind, it's really cold outside!! Perfect weather for staying inside and sewing. I've done that this week and have the retreat mystery quilt ready for it's final border. Great pattern! Wish I'd done better with the fabric selection! Now I need to get a little creative to pull it all together.

I want to thank Sue, Kathleen, and all the Seward gals and friends for planning and carrying out a wonderful retreat! It was great seeing old friends and new retreaters coming together and laughing, sharing and planning future get togethers. And thanks to all the participants for their courtesy extended during announcements and show and tell times. We sure saw some fabulous projects!! Nancy Matthew showed

samples for the guild classes that will be offered this summer in June, August, and September. Look for more class info from Nancy later in this newsletter.

This summer there is also The Kenai River Quilt Show in Nikiski on July 24-25, 2026. They have previously asked for anyone interested in presenting a technique during the show to contact them.

On April 11 we have our annual meeting at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna. We have two challenges to present that day. One is the 12"x12" finished quilt from the theme "twisted." The other is the red, white, and blue quilt inspired by the celebrations for our country's 250th birthday. Wow! Two more reasons to stay inside and quilt!! The education committee also has an inspiring presentation too.

See you in April! Stay warm and safe!

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 Annual Membership Meeting April 11, 2026 at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna.

VP/Education Report by Nancy Mathew and Barb Eagle

Hello Quilters,

Now that it's March, it won't be long until summer and the opportunity to take one or more of our Guild sponsored classes. We are really excited about the teachers/instructors scheduled.

The classes are:

- **Peggy Gelbrich**, Oregon, two (2) day class, **June 5 & 6**, with a Trunk Show Friday evening. Friday's class, Irish Snails (no special rulers required) and Saturday's class, Crossed Canoes (foundation piecing with freezer paper). Class fee: \$90.

- **Pam Ventgen**, Anchorage, two (2) day class, Friday and Saturday, **August 14 & 15**. Green Glass Door is a fat quarter/scrap friendly quilt with multiple size options available. Class fee: \$80.

- **Shonda Powell**, North Beach Quilting, Kenai, two (2) day class, Friday and Saturday, **September 11 & 12**. Metro Rings Quilt uses the Quick Curve Ruler and 2 1/2" strips. Class fee: \$60.

Barb and I will have the sign-up sheets and class samples available at the April 11 meeting. Class size is limited to 20 students, with a wait list. Payment is required to receive a class Supply List. Space is becoming limited. Any questions, please email or text.

Thank you for your interest and support.

Retreat News By Sue Magyar

Another year in the bag. Phew! We had a fabulous time, our first year of three as Retreat Co-Chairs. Much to relearn, as we did this before, but new things as well.

For the most part, things went smoothly, and the majority of attendees enjoyed themselves. Of course there were glitches, and we endeavor to get ahead of that in 2027. We SO appreciated your kind words and thanks, and your smiles and laughter. It gives us a good feeling to learn that a good time can be had amidst the issues.

We would really like to thank the following for donating gifts: Sheila, for making those handy bags and for the goodies inside! One can never have too many bags. Shonda, for the 35% off coupons, the Band-Aid holder, and bookmark with Kenai River Quilt Show information. I seriously cannot believe how many band aids I saw being sported! Heather Johnston, from Arkansas, for donating the sharps containers with KPQG decoration. One doesn't realize how handy those are until you don't have one! Jenne Long, for the jar openers. What a lovely,

Retreat News Continued...

practical gift!

Thanks also for our volunteers. Thanks to Dana Lewis for designing our T-Shirts and working with Gamas to fine tune all the details. LOVED the shirts! Carol Renfrew for toting the parts and pieces we needed - mats, ironing board covers, lifters, etc., and the Homer gals for supplying extra local support when needed. Janet and Bette, thank you for leading the exercise sessions! They were wonderful! We'll make sure to have you on the calendar next year. To all our Seward Voluntold - Karen O'Leary, Cathy Howlett, and Patty Nyholm. You do great work! So much to be done, and you jumped right on it. Thank you. We also want to thank the makers of the aprons: Karen O'Leary, Karen Sefton, Patty Nyholm, Marsha Vincent, Nancy Mathew, Sue Denzine, Jody Marker, et al. Great job! And with a smile on your faces!

Some of you may have taken pictures or videos. If you would send the photos, and stills from the videos to me, either text 907-491-0244, or email budsuem@yahoo.com. I'll get them on the website and Facebook. Especially the chorus line! Such naturals! Oh my! The hats set off the whole thing, and I believe inspired you all!!!

Next year, the retreat will be February 19, 20 and 21 (Friday through Sunday). You can show up to sew beginning Wednesday the 17th no earlier than 1:00. Top secret stuff happens before that, so don't try to spy!!!

Membership Update March 2026 Newsletter

Love this beautiful sunshine but the below zero temperatures and the crazy winds are really old. Spring and Summer are just around the corner and so is our April 11th Annual Meeting. Hope to see many of you there.

We have 104 members at this time. Many new members this year so please reach out to these new members and make them feel welcome.

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.

Happy Sewing everyone,
Donna Glenz
Membership Co-Chair

Kachemak Bay Quilters by Lee Bowman

In December, our potluck was a highlight, as usual. We always enjoy eating together and sharing what we've made. Even though three of our members were dressed in Grinch T-shirts, the overall mood remained positive, and we had fun.

The Kachemak Center where we usually meet was closed for renovation throughout January and half of February, so we met in the basement of the Pratt Museum for six weeks. The museum staff kindly helped us set up tables, electrical connections, and a space heater. It worked out fine for us, but we are glad to be back in our usual "digs", freshly painted with a new ceiling, flooring, and lights.

This winter several of our members have had surgery and hospitalizations. They have had trying times with scheduling issues, recovery times, and unexpected problems. I won't mention names but remember to reach out to those who you know.

The February retreat at Lands' End was our big highlight in February. Though some of us were unable to attend, we have heard of the fun times, the show and tell, plus the drama of Thursday afternoon's wind and waves at high tide. We are glad that everyone was safe, and that all went well from the Wednesday set-up through Sunday noon.

Take care and see you at the spring meeting!

Quilt Challenge 2026 By Sharon Hale

Challenge Because last year's red & white challenge was so successful & popular, the guild has decided to host a new one.

The rules are simple: the quilt can & must have only 3 colors, red, white & blue. No limits on the size of the quilt (it can range from a wall hanging to a king size).

Finished quilts are due at the Kenai Peninsula Quilt Guild annual meeting on April 11, 2026. Quilts will be displayed at the quilt show in July.

If you plan to donate your quilt to Quilts of Valor later, please check their website for their exact requirements before completing your quilt.

BOOK LOOK

by
Kathleen Barkley

COFFEE-TIME QUILTS **Super Projects, Sweet Recipes**

by **Cathy Wierzbicki**

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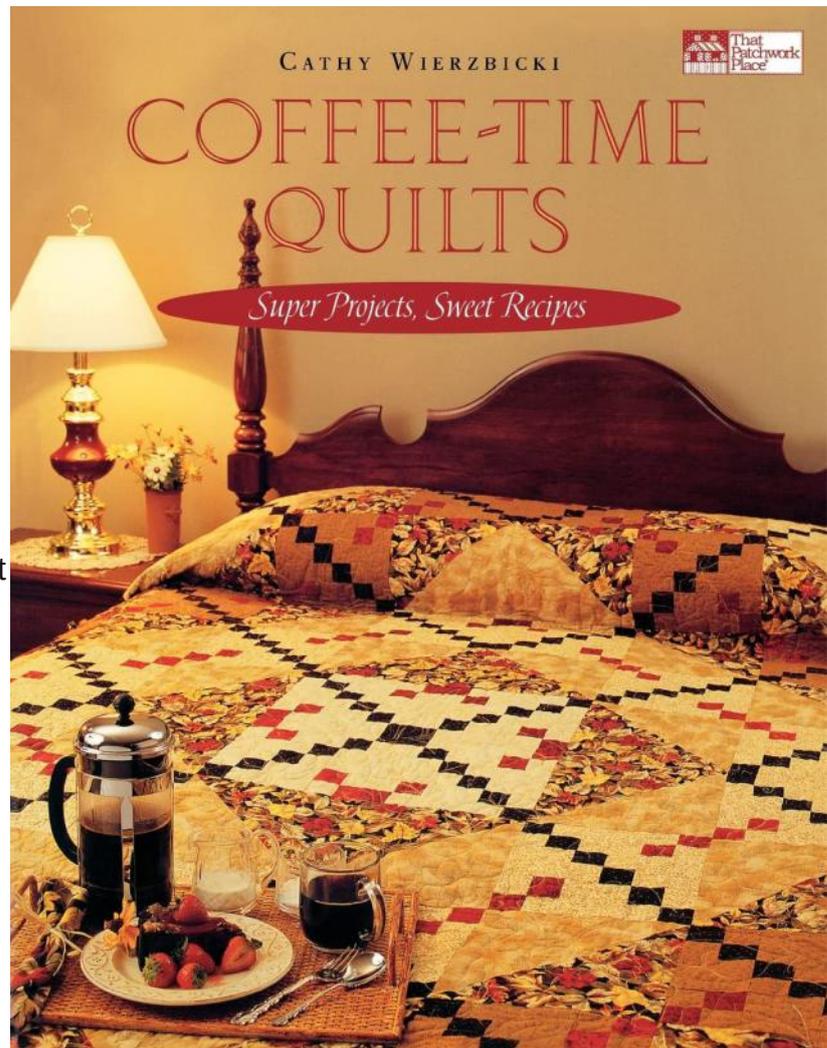
Author, Cathy Wierzbicki, states that her book, *Coffee-Time Quilts*, combines several of her favorite things: warm and cozy quilts, robust coffee, and delicious recipes. Her book caters to quilters of all skill levels, and each quilt designates the required skill level - easy, moderate, or more challenging.

The primary emphasis is on a variety of quilts that include classic blocks as well as a few original blocks. The projects range from table toppers and small wall hangings to queen-size bed quilts.

Cathy Wierzbicki's chapters include: Quilting Ingredients (sewing machine, fabric, thread, rotary cutting tools, pins & needles), Quilt making Recipes (accurate seam allowances, half-square & quarter-square triangles, fabric grain line, appliqué techniques, quilt assembly, & borders, Finishing Touches (preparing the backing, choosing batting, layering & basting, painless mitered binding, & labeling).

The author's quilt titles also reflect her love of coffee: Cappuccino Crossroads, Caramel Latte, Freeze-Dried Crystals, Espresso to Go, Hearty Blend, One Lump or Two, Percolating Pinwheels, and others. Even some of her recipes that she has included are sourced from her strong preference for coffee: Double-Shot Mocha Cheesecake, Mocha Chocolate-Cherry Chewies, Caramel Latte Cake, and more.

Wierzbicki also publishes her own line of patterns and has two other books to her credit: *Geometric Gems*, *From Squares, Diamonds, & Circles*, and *Twosey-Foursey Quilts*, *Great Designs from 2 Inch & 4 Inch Units*.



Seward Area Quilters March 2026 Newsletter

It has been a very busy winter for Seward Area Quilters. We have been meeting weekly at the Gateway Hotel and bi-weekly for our Sew Sunday. Lots of fun, laughs and great food oh and some sewing. Seriously we have completed many Community quilts, Baby Welcome Wagon, Mountain Heaven and Veteran quilts this winter.

It was wonderful to see so many old and new quilting friends at the annual KPQG retreat this year. So much fun, sewing and visiting, can't wait to do it again.

Our March retreat is fast approaching. This is our last retreat before the summer craziness begins.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer filled with lots of fishing, gardening and of course some sewing.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

“What’s Happening” By Jan Wallace

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| March 4 - 27 | 2026 “For the Birds”
Kenai Arts Center
816 Cook Ave, old town Kenai
open noon-5:00 Wed-Sat |
| May 8-10 | 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 |
| May – Sept. | 2026 “Twisted” Challenge Blocks
On display throughout borough |
| July 24-25 | Kenai River Quilt and Wearable Art Show 2026
North Peninsula Recreation Center
Mile 23 Spur Hwy, Nikiski
Friday & Saturday. 9:00-6:00
Go to northbeachquilting.com for
Listing of categories and entry forms |

Challenge Block for 2026

THEME: "TWISTED"
Size 12" X 12"

Challenge Blocks are due at the April 2026 meeting.

They will be displayed throughout the peninsula from May through September.
Challenge blocks will be returned to makers at the October 2026 meeting.

CONSTRUCTION details:

- Each block is an individual quilt
- Creating your own design is encouraged but traditional patterns are fine
- Any quilting technique is suitable
- Feel free to use any embellishments, dyes, stencils, or stitching to add interest
- The block edge may be finished any way you choose,
- NO Sleeve is required.
- Size should be 12" x 12"

-Label your block with Title, Your Name, and Year

If you have questions, contact any committee: Janet Bacher, Sue Magyar, Tori McBride, Patty Nyholm, Carol Renfrew, Debbie Standifer, Jan Wallace





Antique Tile
12" Block
3 Fabrics

Cutting:

Light:

4 rectangles @ 2 ½" x 4 ½"

Dark Blue tone on tone

4 squares @ 2 ½"

4 rectangles @ 2 ½" x 4 ½"

Floral Print

4 squares @ 2 ½"

4 rectangles @ 2 ½" x 4 ½"

1 square @ 4 ½"

Piecing corner units:

Sew the Blue tone on tone and Floral print 2 ½" squares together. Press toward the Dark Blue. Make 4.



Sew the 2 ½" x 4 ½" Floral print to the left side of the unit just made. Press away from the Floral rectangle just added. Make 4.



Rectangular Pieced units:

Sew the Blue tone on tone and Light 2 ½" x 4 ½" together on the long side. Press toward the Dark Blue rectangle. Make 4.



Following the main block diagram above, lay out the units just made and the 4 ½" Floral Print square as a Nine-Patch. Sew the 3 horizontal rows. Press rows 1 and 3 away from the center. Press the center row seams toward the Floral square. Sew the rows together and press toward the center row.

Enjoy your block,
 Grace

