

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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## Presidents Report By Carol Renfrew

It's that time of year again - transitions! From the sun (and rain) and warmth of summer to the briskness of the air and colors of fall. My husband has already pointed out the yellow on the alder across the road from our house! I love this time of year! I know many are still harvesting their gardens and storing some of the bounty for later. Fish are being caught and smoked, canned, or frozen, and some are preparing for the annual hunting trip.

It's also the time when some of life's busyness slows and we can more comfortably get back into our sewing. I've heard great things about two of our guild sponsored classes this summer and remind you there is another class coming up soon. Look at the education report for more details!

I do hope many of you were able to go on the Quilt Walk in the Soldotna area and to the Quilt and Wearable Arts Show in Nikiski. If you weren't able to go this year, put a note in the reminders section of your phone so you don't miss them next year! The workmanship and creativity displayed at both were amazing. I was excited to see the Nikiski show and hope they will be able to make it an annual event. One of the things I like most about quilt shows is that you can get up close to the quilt and actually see the intricate work that quilters do. These shows did not disappoint!!

It's time also to renew your guild membership and sign up for the retreat in February. Forms to do both are included in this newsletter.

Remember too that our General Membership Meeting will be held on October 4th in Soldotna. See you there!

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## Hospitality By Sharon Hale

Central Peninsula members are reminded to please bring a main dish to share and Seward members please bring a dessert for the General Membership Meeting October 4, 2025, at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna.

## VP/Education Report by Nancy Mathew & Barb Eagle

Greetings!

What a busy and eventful summer! Our first class was the much-awaited Storm at Sea, taught by Pam Ventgen, July 25 & 26. It was well attended and Pam helped each of us make at least one (1) block. Wow, they are all beautiful! We appreciate Pam and her technique for making the Storm at Sea block seem easy. In fact, there will be many stunning quilts forthcoming!

Back by popular demand was Deb Tucker, teaching Lemoyne Stars to a full class, August 15 & 16. On Friday we learned three (3) new techniques: Lemoynes as Triangles, Strip Pieced Lemoynes, and Blazing Lemoynes. Deb's excitement continued Saturday as we started the Lucky Lemoynes Quilt, which included the Shaded Four Patch block. Everyone's blocks are beautiful! We look forward to seeing quilts during Show/Share!

On the docket for September 5 & 6 will be Kris Rutledge, teaching paper piecing. Students have had the opportunity to select either Wolf Abstractions OR Floral Fun, Kris's own design. It's a full class with about half and half selecting each design. We are sure looking forward to seeing beautiful creations!

The Education Committee has been busy. We have three (3) teachers lined up for next summer, 2026:

- Peggy Gelbrich, Yellow House Quilter, Oregon, will be teaching a two (2) day class in June. This will involve Irish Snails (no special rulers required) one day AND Crossed Canoes (foundation piecing with freezer paper) the other day.
- Pam Ventgen, Anchorage, is excited about teaching Green Glass Door, a fat quarter/scrap friendly quilt with multiple size options available. Pam's two (2) day class will be in August.
- Shonda Powell, North Beach Quilting, Kenai, has been selected to teach Metro Rings Quilt, Sew Kind of Wonderful. You will learn to use the Quick Curve Ruler and with a Jelly Roll, you're on your way! Shonda's two (2) day class will be in September.

We are excited about the three (3) classes and plan to have a picture/pattern of each quilt at the October meeting. We hope to have sign-up sheets as well.

Speaking of the October 4th meeting, an Education Presentation (Gift Ideas) will take place after the meeting and prior to Show/Share. Patrice Krant will be teaching pillowcases using panels. You will NOT want to miss this demo!

We appreciate all your support.  
See you soon!

Nancy and Barb

## **Homer News**

### **By**

## **Lee Bowman**

What a summer it has been! Our Homer group enjoyed sunny days, guests, gardening, and traveling; and more sunny days, guests, gardening, and traveling. For the most part, our numbers have grown this summer as people stay in town to fish; host family and friends; and then pop into the Thursday quilting group to chat and sew. It's cheap therapy!

#### Events:

\*A photojournalist crew from Quiltfolk magazine joined us on a Thursday in June to take pictures, and to hear our quilt stories. We enjoyed the couple who came very much and look forward to seeing the December Quiltfolk issue about Alaska when it comes out.

\*The quilt show at the Nikiski Community Recreation Center in July was fabulous! We enjoyed seeing the array of quilts created by quilters on the Kenai peninsula, including several from Homer. We also enjoyed the trunk show by Dana Michelle, displaying her new Japanese-themed designs. Dana also answered questions and gave tips on how to put together her applique kits.

Lee Bowman  
Kachemak Bay Quilters Guild

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## **Seward Area Quilters**

### **By**

## **Donna Glenz**

WOW what an amazing summer we have had this year, but fall is fast approaching; the chill is in the air, the leaves are turning and beginning to fall. For many of us, this is an exciting and wonderful time of year. We are closing up 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 each 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 Update By Donna Glenz

Fall is fast approaching and that means more time for quilting, but it also means it is time to renew your Guild membership. Our \$25.00 membership runs from October 1st through September 30th each year.

We currently have 106 members, hopefully everyone will be renewing your membership. Our October membership meeting is always a very busy one with the annual retreat registration so it is very helpful if you get your 2025/2026 membership out of the way ahead of time.

Please remember to use the membership form included in the newsletter and/or on the KPQG website. Please completely fill out the form as legible as possible so we can make sure we have your information correct and mail the form with your \$25 annual membership dues to: Donna Glenz; PO Box 2385; Seward, AK 99664

Happy Sewing  
Donna Glenz  
Membership Co-Chair



## **Retreat Update** **by** **Sue Magyar & Kathleen Barkley**

The 2026 KPQG Retreat will be held February 20-22, 2026, at Homer's Lands' End Resort. To attend complete the 2026 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, at 1:00 pm.

You must be a paid 2025-2026 member of the Kenai Peninsula Quilters 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.

We have revised the way retreat attendees will be receiving Retreat packets and updates. Retreat packets will be emailed to attendees within 2 weeks following the Annual Meeting on October 4, 2025. 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 up. 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-shirts and 2 nights at Lands' 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 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. 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.

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

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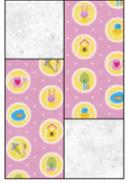


Quiltfolk is an ad free magazine that explores quilt culture. The stories in the magazine celebrate quilters and their stories. The magazine showcases a different state quarterly and features not only quilters and their quilts but commentaries on state history and geography. Quiltfolk photographer, Azuree Wiitala, in addition to photographing some of Idaho's talented quilters, also captures some of Idaho's natural world, epic waterfalls, lakes, hot springs, and the mining of precious and semi-precious stones.

The magazine's adventure started off in the Idaho Panhandle where they met the organizers of the North Idaho Quilter's Kids' Sewing Camp and learned the history of how the sewing camp came about. Also interviewed was Karen Hagen who has her own quilt museum open to the public. Hagen's quilts are housed in a renovated Masonic Lodge in Genese, a tiny panhandle town surrounded by hills. The museum displays about 360 quilts sewn by Hagen, all different in size, theme, and color. Many are hand appliquéd and hand quilted. Visiting Idaho? Hagen's quilt museum is open three days a week, Thursday - Saturday, 10:00 to 3:00.

The next stop on this exploration of quilt culture covers Boise where Lisa Flowers Ross's artistry features the western landscape and wilderness residences. Ross uses her own hand-dyed fabrics to celebrate the lakes, rivers, mountains, and rock formations she sees in her environment. Also featured in the Boise addition was Boise City Historian Brandi Burns and Artist Stephanie Inman. Inman was instrumental in adopting a patchwork quilt as her inspiration for The Suffrage Quilt, installed in 2020 in the Boise City Hall. Some of the blocks in the quilt represent the history of suffrage and women of color, especially Native American women. Quiltfolk continues to Southeast where they meet other quilters who share their stories. All the interviewees showcase their work and share some helpful tips and techniques. Thanks to Sue Magyar for her loan of Quiltfolk, a magazine worth exploring.

Quiltfolk.com  
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**Jump Up**  
4" x 6"  
2 Fabrics

**Cutting:**

**Print-Pink:**

2 rectangles @ 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

**Background-Cream:**

2 squares @ 2 1/2"

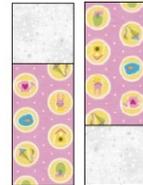
**Piecing: Half -Block Units**

Sew a Cream Background 2 1/2" square to the end of a Pink Print 2 1/2" x 4 1/2" rectangle. Press toward the Pink rectangle. Make 2.



**Complete block:**

Following the main block diagram above, lay out the 2 Half-Block units side by side with the Cream background squares at opposite ends. Sew these together to complete one block. Press to one side.



This block will work well to use up all those leftover Jelly Roll Strips or Charm Squares to make a scrappy quilt.

Enjoy your block.  
Grace



**29<sup>th</sup> Annual Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild Retreat Registration Form**

**February 20 – 22, 2026  
Land's End Resort, Homer**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (s): \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please include your email address so information updates can be sent to you.*

Retreat Registration Fee	\$150
T-Shirt (Optional / non-refundable)	\$25

Make your check payable to: Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild or KPQG (One check will suffice for both)

T-Shirt?      Yes    Please Circle Size: M   L   XL   XXL   XXXL  
                  No    Please Circle Sleeve preference: Short sleeve    Long Sleeve

Please select your size based on **Men's** Shirt sizes.

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Food Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

*Food allergies listed here will be communicated to the facility.*

Special Medical Considerations: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (Name & phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

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The following food is provided with your Registration fee:

Thursday: Coffee, Tea & Water (on your own for meals)

Friday: Coffee, Tea & Water

Appetizer Buffet @ approximately 6:00 pm

Saturday: Coffee, Tea & Water

Breakfast Buffet

Dinner – 6:00 pm – Selection opportunities when retreat is closer.

Sunday: Coffee, Tea & Water

Breakfast Buffet

*The room reservation block is in place for Lands End. Call 907-235-0400 or 800-478-0400 to make your reservation. Ask a fellow quilter if you need a roommate.*

**RETREAT REGISTRATATION AND CANCELLATION DEADLINES ARE JANUARY 1, 2026**

Please mail your retreat registration for retreat to KPQG Retreat, c/o Sue Magyar, PO Box 1617, Seward, AK 99664. If unable to mail, please bring your registration form to Annual Meeting October 4, 2025.

Questions?

Sue Magyar, 907-491-0244, [budsuem@yahoo.com](mailto:budsuem@yahoo.com)

Kathleen Barkley, 907-769-1999, [aksalt@gci.net](mailto:aksalt@gci.net)

# Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild

## Membership Registration

First Name

Last Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address

Phone Number

**Membership year is from October 1 September 30.**

**Please make \$25.00 check payable to: Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild**

**Mail to:**

**Donna Glenz  
KPQG Membership Co-Chair  
P O Box 2385  
Seward, AK 99664-2385**