

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



September 2024

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## Presidents Report

By  
Carol Renfrew

Greetings!

In Homer, the fireweed blossoms are at the top, the cranes are gathering before heading south, school has started, and its fair time in Palmer! I guess that means summer is pretty much over and fall and more guild activities are headed our way.

We start with our general membership meeting at 10 A.M. on Saturday, October 5. Business includes renewing annual memberships and signing up for the February retreat. We are asking all members to complete the updated membership form this year. In addition to the regular Show and Share, we'll have a special showing of the red and white quilts we were challenged to make. Please bring yours, quilted or not! And remember we always have a great time catching up with each other as we share a fabulous potluck!!

Getting Ready for Christmas with three new projects will be October 26. I'm not quite ready to think about Christmas though as I'm still trying to get berries picked and jam made. I will hopefully be ready by

then.

Of course, retreat is scheduled for February and Jan and Sharon will have more about that later in this newsletter.

I've heard wonderful things about the classes that were offered this summer and know the education committee has more planned for 2025.

Looking forward to seeing you all at upcoming events.

Carol

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## Past President

By  
Heather Johnston

In my mind's eye I can see the snow on the mountains and the temps are dropping at night (or in the day, it is close to fall in the Kenai after all). For those winter quilters it is time to finish up the summer activities and dust out the sewing machine and pull out the projects- what will you work on first? Mine are still packed a year after arriving- they have migrated from a storage unit into my (still being renovated) house. Climate controlled, of course. I do get a chance to sew, mom and I have paired up four or five quilts to go out- I design, and match fabric and she sews them together while I'm working. I then pull out the Tiara and Cutie combo and quilt away.

Early October will bring the General Membership meeting with a show and tell- are you

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ready for it? Time to renew your membership and sign up for retreat. It is so much fun to gather with a room full of ladies, sewing and talking and sharing ideas, stories, and hints.

Late October brings Getting Ready for the Holidays- three projects that are (hopefully) quick and fun to do several to give as gifts. I know I made 30 odd pillowcases in Christmas fabric a few years ago to give out to my doctors.

Hopefully the snow won't seriously start until after these meetings and the roads will be clear and (maybe) construction free until next spring. The days are cooler in the morning here and the afternoons sometimes are not so muggy. The renovation is moving along- I have the framing up for the 2 closets and the pantry and am putting in more plugs in the craft room for all my machine needs. For those interested in following along, I have a few videos up on my YouTube Channel- Levy Rat Reno. Sporadic for the time being, but I hope to post more frequently come fall. Come watch, like, and subscribe. And leave a comment, it will be fun to hear from you.

Thinking wistfully of my Alaska Gal Pals, Heather.

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## Education/VP Report

By  
Sue Magyar

Greetings!

This past summer, we had two out of three teachers that we had scheduled. First up was Lily Huebsch, who taught the Maxwell Bag on Saturday, May 18th. We've all been drooling over this bag, as the few people who sport them can attest. Lily started with two test students at Tern Lake (Kathleen Barkley and myself) so she could hone her skills, and find places in the pattern that needed tweaking or more information.

The actual class was well attended, and Lily was back and forth the whole class, as everyone was at a different level, and all had questions. The bags are lovely! Make sure to check out pictures on the website, as well as our Facebook page.

Second, on July 11, 12 & 13, Deb Tucker taught two classes. The first was a two day class, Sugar and Spice, with Deb's twist on the Lemoyne Star. Second was a one day class on Mama Bear's Paws. Both classes were well attended, and the way Deb teaches is impressive. She fit right in with the class, and we all came away with an appreciation of her teaching and patterns. The trunk show on Friday night was well attended, and she showed a sneak peak of a quilt with her new fabric line. Gorgeous! Deb and her husband Jeff have wanted to visit Alaska for a long time, and finally they were able to make it happen. They donated a quilt top to the Guild, which you'll see later in the meeting.

Our third class with RaNae Merrill unfortunately did not come to fruition. The number who signed up was below what we had based the class fee on. Upon polling several who had signed up, the consensus was that they were unwilling to pay the additional amount. This was sad, as she would have been an amazing teacher.

For 2025, we have three teachers lined up. Pam Ventgen will be teaching Storm at Sea, which

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we're looking forward to. This is one to book.

There are new twists and turns afoot perhaps! Pam's class will be in late July. Kris Rutledge has agreed to teach a paper piecing class, and feels she'll be able to accommodate two different patterns: there's a beautiful sunflower pattern, and another called Wolf Abstractions. Our third teacher in 2025 will be Deb Tucker! They loved it up here so much, that we've been able to enter into a contract with her.

Negotiations and pattern selection are still being worked on. All these classes should be kept on your radar! Hopefully will have more information at our October meeting.

Saturday, October 5th will be our General Membership Meeting. Bring your red & white quilts to display, there will be more info at the meeting from that committee. PLUS, if you were in a class this year, bring your finished projects. This is a jam packed meeting, and ought to have something for everyone. Due to an event at the church in the afternoon, we will not have anything for an education section after the meeting.

Saturday, October 26th will be Getting Ready for the Holidays. Homer, Soldotna, and Seward have fun, quick projects for you to work on for the holidays. Each project will be presented, and questions can be asked at that time. This is a fun day, potluck lunch, and good way to knock out some holiday gifts. Details of these projects will be shown at the October 5th meeting. Fabric requirements, and more information will go out via email, so you'll have a chance to bring what you need for a fun day.

See you soon!

Sue Magyar



## 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 5, 2024, at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna.

## Homer News

By  
Lee Bowman

### Kachemak Bay Quilters' News

Summer 2024

Busy, very busy, or extremely busy would describe our quilters this summer. We have somehow fit quilting and quilters' gatherings around gardening, fishing, family visits and traveling to far flung places into our schedules, and we're still breathing. Our group has grown as usual during the summer, with an average of fifteen to seventeen members gathering to stitch and chat on Thursdays.

We have finished service quilts for fire victims, as well as blocks made by individuals for a Pratt Museum raffle quilt. We also enjoyed having the guild's challenge blocks displayed at Grace Brewery in Homer in June.

This spring and summer we welcomed several new members, and we have enjoyed getting to know them and hear their stories.

We are looking forward to our fall guild meeting.

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### “What’s happening?”

by  
Jan Wallace

The KPQG challenge blocks entitled TEXTURES for 2024 have been rescheduled at the Kenai Art Center due to my miscommunication of specific dates. They are rescheduled for November 2024. The opening will be on November 8th from 5pm to 7pm. This means they will not be returned at the October meeting as usual and will be available after the show.

We will announce the challenge blocks for 2025 at the membership meeting October 5

Still on the fall calendar

August 16- September 12.

Alaska State Fair. Irwin building  
Palmer, Thurs-Mon. 11:00am- 10:00pm  
Closed Tues & Wed

September 14-15.

“The Great Alaska Quilt Show”  
by Anchorage log cabin quilters  
first United Methodist Church  
725 W. 9th Ave.  
open Sat & Sun, 11:00am -4:00pm

**Deb Tucker Donated Quilt**

I donated the quilting and batting. Barb donated the back & binding fabrics.

Debbie Standefer



## Seward News

by  
Donna Glenz

As summer quickly draws to a close here in Seward, the tourists are heading home and the gardens are being shut down for the winter; many of us are looking forward to getting back together with our sewing/quilting friends.

While we weren't able to sew together this summer, we did continue to work on our community projects. We were able to present 19 veteran quilts to our active-duty service personnel of the US Coast Guard Cutter Mustang and 9 beautiful senior quilts to a few more of our seniors. Many of us also continue to work on baby quilts for the Clare House. Our weekly sewing get-togethers will be starting soon and our first weekend retreat of the season is scheduled for the first of November.

Hope to see many of you at our October 5th Membership Meeting.

Happy Quilting Everyone!

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## Membership Report

By  
Donna Glenz

As the newly appointed Membership Co-Chair, I would like to introduce myself, I am Donna Glenz, and I live in Seward. I have been a member of the guild since its formation in 1996. I will be helping with our annual membership renewal this year. Our annual \$25 membership runs from October 1st through September 30th. So, it is time to renew! Please get your 2024-2025 membership in as soon as possible.

Please member to use the new revised 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 the NEW address. Donna Glenz; PO Box 2385; Seward, AK 99664

Thank you all,  
Donna



## Retreat 2025 update

by  
Jan Holland

The 2025 KPQG Retreat will be held February 21-23, 2025 at Homer's Lands End Resort. To attend complete the 2025 Registration Form found in this newsletter. The conference room will be available for retreat sewers to set up and sew on Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

You must be a paid 2024-2025 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 5, 2024 or emailed shortly after received by the retreat chair. If you do not use email we will make special arrangements to get retreat information to you.

The retreat packet will include a schedule of events, fabric requirements for the mystery quilt, block information along with additional details for retreat.

At the annual meeting if more than 60 registrations have been received, we would then have a drawing for the 60 seats putting everyone else on a waiting list. People on the waiting list have gotten into the retreat in the past; circumstances change where many times seats open up. The final date to register for the retreat or request a refund is January 1, 2025. 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 Lands End!!!

Sharon Hale will be hosting a Buy-Sell-Trade table again this year!

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 21-23, 2025. The hotel block for quilters is open. If you are planning on attending make room reservations early for best pricing! If something comes up you can always cancel your reservation.

**The cost of the retreat remains at \$150.00.**

If you have any questions, contact Jan Holland at (907)227-5427 or [janandrickholland@gci.net](mailto:janandrickholland@gci.net) or Sharon Hale at (907)398-0278 or [garyhale@gci.net](mailto:garyhale@gci.net)



## BOOK LOOK

By  
Kathleen Barkley

Panel Play

20 Patterns

Border Blocks to Play with any Panel

By Carla Klop

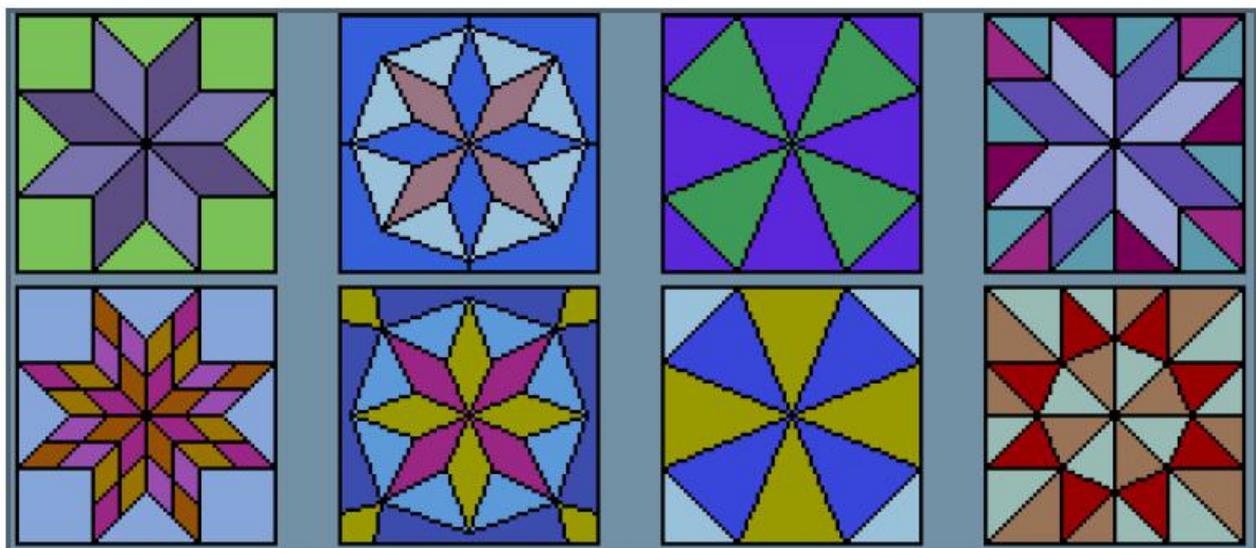
The Unconventional Quilter

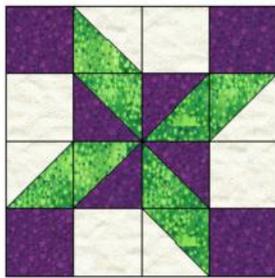
To quote Panel Play's author, Carla Klop, "Some might say you are cheating when you use a panel, as you didn't design, piece, or appliqué all the individual colors. But just go back to the only rule in quilting - do exactly what you want and send a big raspberry to the detractors. This book is all about dressing up a panel for the center of your quilt by adding intricate-looking borders made with blocks".

Panel Play features shortcut sheet methods. These methods, created by the author, are ways to make the units that go into quilt blocks more quickly than traditional methods. Seven methods are described in this book, and each is explained in detail. Traditional and original blocks are used with the panels. Page 40 of Panel Play covers working with panels, preparing the panel for borders, matching your panel choice to one of the patterns in this book, sizing the panel, and coping the borders to fit your block size.

Included in Panel Play, are photographs of each quilt at an historical location in the town of LaBelle, Florida, where the author resides and hosts quilt retreats 3 out of 4 weeks a month for 6 lucky participants.

Thanks to Sue Magyar for the loan of Panel Play!





**Clay's Choice**  
**12" block**  
**3 Fabrics**

**Cutting:**

**Cream:**

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

**Purple:**

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

**Green:**

4 squares @ 3 7/8"

**Piecing:**

**Unit 1: Triangle Squares:**

Layer the 2 Cream and 2 Green 3 7/8" squares right sides together with the cream on top. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the Cream square. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press to the Green. You will have 4 Cream/Green Triangle Square Units.



Layer 2 Green and 2 Purple 3 7/8" squares right sides together with the Green on top. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the Green square. Stitch 1/4" on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press to the Green. You will have 4 Green/Purple Triangle Square Units.



Following the block diagram above, lay out the Squares and the Triangle squares into 4 rows. Sew the units together. Press in opposite directions. Sew the rows together.

Changing the layout design really changes overall look of this block

Enjoy your block,  
 Grace

