

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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## President's Report

By

**Sue Magyar**

This is my last President's letter to you! At our April meeting, someone else will be filling those shoes, and leading the Guild into the next big adventure. This is the end of my two terms beginning in 2018. I had been president in 2008 for two terms. Before and after that, I had held a few terms as secretary, and prior to the Homer crew taking the Retreat responsibilities, I had been part of a team that was in charge of Retreat. It has all been very rewarding, and I would highly recommend considering a position with the executive board.

Your executive board has been the greatest help to me and is always willing to go the extra mile for this guild. There is quite a bit of work

involved, and some tough decisions that need to be made, to keep the guild running smoothly, and for the benefit of all members. While all members may not take advantage of a class being offered, for example, there's something else that would pique their interest. The executive board has been striving to think of creative ways our members can enjoy the guild even when we cannot meet in person. If there are ideas you may have, please share them.

Oh, and don't forget. Please let me know if you'd like to take a one-year trial at being Vice President/Education Chair. The office comes up for election in 2023, but we need to fill this position right now. You will be the recipient of help aplenty from the executive board, some of whom have had this position, and the Education Committee.

There is something very special about this Guild, with all the variety of quilters, all the different quilts that come from these talented people are stunning. Some of us jump from one thing to another with wild abandon. Others stay the course of a particular type of quilting, honing their skills and getting better and better. Some of us have signature styles - any quilt with a circle I would bet had Jan Wallace behind it, for example. Also, the giving nature of this group. Each of our different geographic areas have devoted their time and made quilts for very special groups yet can still pull together for emergencies in other areas. When we get the call to pitch in, we rally.

Be watching the website for some terrific photos from retreat. If you have taken pictures at retreat, please post them to the 2022 Retreat Folder under photos. If you don't know how, you could text the pictures to me and I could post them.

At our Executive Board meeting, we'll be making the decision of whether to meet in person at our Annual Meeting on Saturday, April 2. Watch for more info on that. We'd have to have a quorum, which currently is 18 to 20. If you would like to meet in person, let me know. If we have a solid 18, we could meet in person. We will be following the Church's protocols.

Let us always strive to keep our bond. We are a family! It is my fervent wish and prayer that, on the other end of "the troubles", we can all come together. We don't know what issues our fellow quilters are dealing with. Let's be kind to one another until we can meet again. Meanwhile, I want to leave you with something to think about:

As long as we have memories, yesterday remains. As long as we have hope, tomorrow waits. As long as we have love, today is beautiful. As long as we have faith, anything is possible.

Meanwhile, get a cup of tea, or your choice of relaxing beverage, and enjoy all the articles in this newsletter.

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### **Vice President/Education Report**

**By  
Sue Magyar**

Big news is afoot here in this department.

As you already know, Karrie Youngblood has resigned her post. After much soul searching, she has decided that her attention is needed closer to home. She has really done a great job in her post, especially considering COVID hit in the middle of it and she had to shuffle everything around. Let me tell you, shuffling teachers is no easy task!

The Executive Board will meet Saturday, March 12th. Among other business, we will be voting on a candidate who has come forward to fill in for the year left in this term. She will not be running for this office when the year is up, so our Nominating Committee will be on the lookout next winter to fill the position for the 2023 - 2025 term.

For this year, Karrie had Katie Pedersen and Mark Sherman signed up to teach. Mark just contacted Karrie and will not be able to come to Alaska. The last two years, with cancellations, etc. have not been good for his funds. He was hoping to make that up on a trip he was guiding to Spain, but that too had been canceled. Katie Pedersen's class did not get the minimum number of participants, so that has been canceled as well.

DO NOT DESPAIR! We are rethinking this year altogether. Our nominee has her brain churning and is already thinking of options for this summer's classes. Perhaps we'll have one day classes, all local instructors, so people don't have to spend money on a room if traveling. The Education Committee will be working hard to come up with options, and of course will welcome your suggestions.

And there is more. You'll have to come to our Annual Meeting, which is Saturday, April 2, 2022, at Christ Lutheran Church. Watch for updates on the meeting.

**Seward News****By****Sue Magyar**

Seward finished the 2020-2021 UFO Contest year with 47 projects completed. In the five years since we started this makes 131 projects completed. This doesn't include the incredible number of service quilts worked on and donated for Baby Welcome Wagon, Mountain Haven, and Fire or Hug quilts across the years. Nor all the masks, gowns, or Veteran quilts for our local heroes, or the quilts that went to the Kenai groups in the last two years. We are an AWESOME group of sewers!

We have a good start to the 2022 year with 7 signed up (email: [hmj.seward2015@gmail.com](mailto:hmj.seward2015@gmail.com) if you would like more information), 86 projects are currently on the list, with 3 projects completed (in FEBRUARY!!!!). Heather sends out an email early in the month with the stats, a little personal journaling on a de-hoarding house cleaning, and sometimes a funny photo to inspire you on to complete something that month. At the end of the year there are cash prizes to look forward to and everyone gets a participation prize- Heather comes up with some interesting stuff. Just ask to see what I've gotten over the years.

We started the project of making quilts for our local veterans and eliciting the help of our local American Legion to distribute them. So far, we have furnished slightly over 100 quilts. We were hoping that they could be given out at events. Then, COVID. While the Legion has been giving them out, there are many veterans out there that don't take advantage of their social offerings. Thanks to some creative thinking, many of the Veteran quilts we had made were finally delivered in person to recipients by Seward Area Quilters. We probably have 50 or 60 to go and are busily sewing to meet this need! It's such a joy to honor those of us who served our country.

In other news, the Seward Area Quilters have had two Winter Retreats at the Army Resort this year- January and February, with plans for more in March and April. We have also been able to start up our Tuesday sewing again at the Army resort every other Tuesday.

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**Homer News****By****Piama Svoboda**

What a pleasant surprise that the retreat actually happened this year! I think Carol and Patrice would have made it happen come hell or high water though, after having this last one hovering over them like the UFO from the movie "Independence Day" for the past two years! We missed you Patrice but are grateful that Janet was able to fill in for you. Thank you, all three of you, for all your hard work, despite the plague holding you back last year! The weather cooperated too. We were pleasantly surprised that the worst weather we had was heavy rain. Granted the deep puddles weren't too fun to drive (splash, hydroplane, fly...) through, but at least they didn't warrant the Spit shutting down like at the last retreat two years ago.

Some of our Homer quilters have been meeting again every Thursday and so it was really fun for the rest of us who went to the retreat, but who have not been meeting weekly, to see them. It might have even inspired some of us to start coming again, who knows? Hauling a sewing machine there nope, but hauling some handwork, yes!

**Secretary Report**  
**By**  
**Debbie Standefer**

Greetings fellow guild members. I want to thank all of you who filled in for me for the 4 months I was out of state visiting my parents & siblings in Oklahoma. It was a fabulous visit, reconnecting with everyone there. My parents are well (88 & 93) and living on their own for now. I am truly blessed!!! And of course, we did some quilting. In addition to sewing, my sisters and I painted barn quilts. How lucky to share a passion with such a diverse field of options. If anyone would be interested in attending a class painting barn quilts, let me know.

Some examples of our 24" x 24" Barn Quilts:



**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 General Membership Meeting April 2, 2022, at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna.

**What's Happening**  
**By**  
**Jan Wallace**

- April 2** Challenge Blocks - "Balance" (12"x 12" blocks) due.  
Turn in at KPQG General Meeting in Soldotna.
- May-August** "Balance" blocks on display throughout the Peninsula  
Check website periodically for details
- May 6-31** ART CLOTH NORTH V  
Georgia Blue Gallery, 3555 Arctic Blvd C-5, Anchorage  
(907) 563-2787  
A juried show of Alaskan SAQA members  
Peninsula quilters Nan Thompson and Jan Wallace have pieces in this show.

**June- August** Wednesday in the Park Market, Soldotna, 11:00-6:00  
Check out the fiber/quilt exhibitors

**July** Biennial Quilt Show  
Pioneer Park Center  
Fairbanks

**July 1-31** Soldotna "Quilt Tour" over 16 businesses host a quilt on display.  
Pick up a passport at Visitors Center or any of the businesses to enter for prizes.



Image is Jan Wallace's "Illusions in Motion" to be seen at Art Quilt North V.

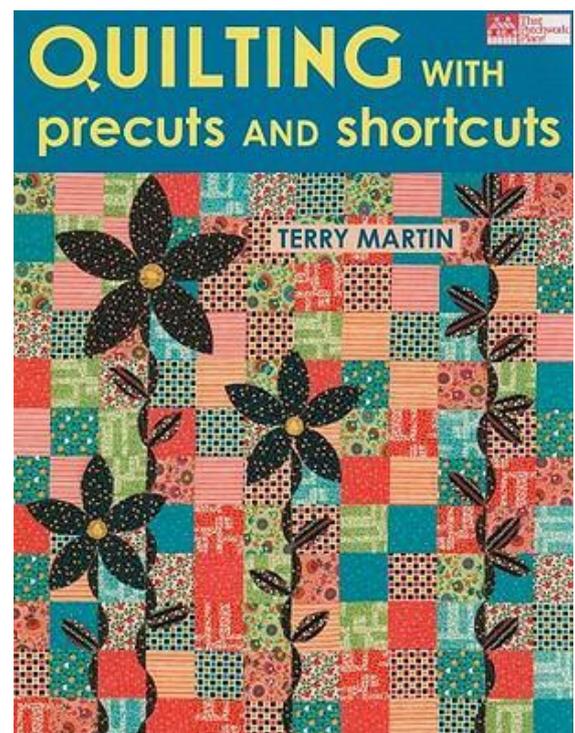
**Book Look**  
by  
**Kathleen Barkley**

**QUILTING with Precuts and shortcuts**

by Terry Martin

Published by  
Martingale & Company

For those of you not yet familiar with Terry Martin, Quilter, Author, and Teacher, her book, **QUILTING with precuts and shortcuts**, is filled with numerous creative projects based on the fast, easy cutting, and piecing methods Terry incorporates into her patterns. Terry's techniques to simplify quilt making include sewing with precut pieces, stacking and cutting for fast results, using strip sets, and making template-free appliques. Terry details each technique and offers shortcuts that make even the complicated appearing patterns in her book simple and easy to piece.



Terry is the author of over seven quilting books including *Snowflake Follies: Quilts to Make in a Winter Weekend*, *Row by Row: 10 Easy Bar Quilts, Cut, Sew, and Go*; *Block Wonders*, *Focus On Florals: Quilts From Pretty Prints and Variations on a Theme: Quilts With Easy Options*.

Terry belongs to the Busy Bee Quilt Guild of Snohomish, Washington. She teaches once a month at the Quiltmaker's Shoppe in Arlington, Washington. The class is called Soup 'n' Sew. Terry provides the project of the month. The owners make homemade soup. A couple students bring fresh-baked bread. To quote Terry, "We have a great time gabbing and sewing. The project

is a block or small project that can be finished during class, with the students getting fabric and cutting instructions ahead of time." Terry mentions in her book that the Chinese Lantern block, found on pages 19-22, was a very popular block one month with the quilters at the Quiltmaker's Shoppe. I have made this block from her book and it does go together fast because Terry's directions call for strip piecing and each strip set makes four blocks.

"This is what I wish for all of you: to make simple quilts that are fun, beautiful, and that make you happy". Cheers, Terry

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### **KPQG 2022 Challenge Blocks -"Balance"**

#### Timelines

- Parameters announced at Oct 2021 Meeting
- Finished-Challenge Blocks due at the April 2022 meeting
- Blocks displayed in various places on the Peninsula
- Blocks returned to owners at Oct 2022 Meeting

#### CONSTRUCTION

- Size 12" X 12"
- Each block is an individual quilt.
- The quilt may be finished anyway you choose.
- No sleeve is required.
- Any quilting technique is encouraged.
- Feel free to use embellishments, dyes, stencils, and /or stitching to add interest.
- Simple pieced traditional patterns will work fine or create your own design.
- Label your quilt with title, your name, location and year

*If you have questions contact one of the committee members: Jan Holland, Debbie Standifer, Karrie Youngblood ,Lorraine Murphy, Karen Sefton, Heather Johnston, Jan Wallace*

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### **Retreat Report**

**By**

**Carol Renfrew**

#### **Retreat 2022**

Our retreat this year was like everything else these last couple of years - different! Unlike our usual sixty participants there were twenty-seven of us including four or five newbies. We didn't sit across from each other or around the round tables to eat, but I think we laughed and had good conversations - lots with others we haven't previously gotten to know well.

Many beautiful projects were worked on and typical of quilters, knowledge and how-tos were passed on to others who asked or admired. Check out the photo gallery for pictures of show and tells!

Our Land's End representative Megan went above and beyond to serve us well, and Land's End showed their appreciation for our patronage with a tray of complimentary desserts and espresso drinks for everyone.

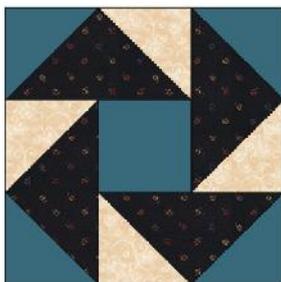
Our 25th Retreat t-shirt, designed by Heather Johnston, is a beautiful blue with words to describe highlights of retreats past and hopes for retreats in future years too.

We had the usual welcome bags, door prizes, exercise/stretch breaks, group photo, plenty of sewing time to start or complete projects, followed Covid protocols and missed all our friends who could not be with us this year. SO - Mark your calendar for Retreat 2023, the third weekend of February 2023 with Jan Holland, Sharon Hale, and the Soldotna gals in charge.



Thanks to everyone who helped with the making of gifts, willingness to pitch in and help in any way they were asked, especially Janet Bacher, and for the flexibility of all those who attended this year.





**Night Vision Variation**  
**12" Block**  
**3 Fabrics**

**Cutting:**

**Teal:**

1 square @ 4 1/2"  
 2 squares @ 4 7/8" cut once diagonally

**Cream:**

2 squares @ 4 7/8" cut once diagonally

**Black:**

1 square @ 9 1/4" cut twice diagonally

**Piecing:**

**Three Fabric: Flying Geese Units: Teal and Cream**

Place the **Teal** triangle right sides together on top of the **Black** square triangle, matching corners, and stitch. Press the unit open, then repeat with the **Cream** triangle on the right side. Press open.



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**Partial Seam Piecing:**

With right sides together, align the corners of the **Teal** 4 1/2" square along the long (**Black**) side of the flying geese unit just made. Sew from the center of the square to the outside edge. Press away from the square.

You now have a complete side to add the next flying geese unit. Continue to add flying geese units in this manner. Continue to press each unit away from the center square. Be sure to fold the partially sewn unit out of the way when sewing the last unit to the center square.

Finish stitching the partial seam to complete the block.



Enjoy your block,  
 Grace

