

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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Presidents Report

By

Heather Johnston

Hello from hot, hot, hot, Arkansas!

My things have finally arrived, and it is like Christmas and I'm unwrapping all those quilty presents from... myself. In all seriousness, mom and I have worked on ONE quilt since we got to Arkansas in the 8 weeks before my things arrived. And, by working on, I laid out a section in the morning and she sewed it while I was at work. You know how no two sewers (or sewing machines) sew the same? This is a lot like that.

This project reminds me of the guild. Some of us are more traditional, some are more free flowing, some like the muted colors, others lean toward the brights. Handwork, pieced work, or applique- however we sew, whatever the choices, we all have one goal in mind- making something beautiful.

Summertime is when we put away the quilting to concentrate on the gardening, the fishing, the far away friends and family coming for a weeklong visit, or us visiting others now that the roads are clear. But summer is almost over, and autumn is around the corner (and winter is coming.) It is time to be drawn back into the creative pool of fabric.

Upcoming guild meetings and events are the October meeting and Getting Ready for the Holiday's (some awesome crafts this year for you to do). The education committee has been getting some things together to keep us busy. This is when we get to come together as a whole and renew those friendships that summer had set aside.

We might meet up occasionally, communicate by technology, and run into each other while grocery shopping; our goal is still the same- making something beautiful. In our lives, our families, our friendships. The threads that connect us together might seem tenuous but can be as strong as steel to see us through the tough times. Or how far apart in miles we are.



VP/Education Report

By
Sue Magyar

So far, this year has been a great year!

Pam Ventgen taught Abigail's Window in July. The class was a success, and it was such a beautiful quilt. Everyone enjoyed the pattern, and as usual, Pam's guidance was priceless.

By the time you are reading this, Nancy Mathew's Sew Easy Strata Star class will have occurred. There are at least 10 of us, and all are getting our homework done, and looking forward to a day of fun! The way Nancy teaches a pattern is very insightful. As she makes numerous samples of a pattern, she takes notes, and these are gold to all her students. It breaks instructions down into usable data, and the results are a success.



In September, Brenda Clyde will be teaching Parity. This is a one-day class on Saturday, September 23rd. Parity is a pattern that lends itself to rebel behavior in that there are many ways to arrange the quilt layout. Brenda's teaching style will carry us along, injecting energy and great learning tips. We can't wait for this! It is not too late to sign up for this class. If you would like to attend, send me an email at magyar@arctic.net, the class fee is \$60, check made payable to KPQG. Once your check has been received, I will email you class requirements. There will be some homework. This class will be one you don't want to miss. Brenda will collect \$16 for the pattern when you get to class.

I hope to see you at our **General Membership Meeting on Saturday, October 7th**. We've got a very fun project for your participation, should you choose to. Everyone who wants to participate will bring a bag with 25 batik strips measuring 2 1/2" by WOF. When you hand that in at the door, the bag will be numbered, and you will sign a piece of paper so that we can track all who are participating. During the Education portion of the meeting, the Education Committee volunteers will use the list and the numbers on the bag to make sure that you do not get your own bag. After all bags have been distributed, we'll have a short program with ideas on the many ways you can build a quilt out of these strips. Also, Getting Ready for the Holidays projects will be available for you to see.

For Show and Share, we'd appreciate people bringing their quilts made of 2 1/2" strips.

Getting Ready for the Holidays will be Saturday, October 28th. This is 10:00 to 4:00, potluck lunch, day of fun for all. Each of our three main areas have a project in mind of something quick to make for a holiday gift, hostess gift, etc. They will demo this project. You will be receiving more information on these projects, along with fabric requirements, and materials needed via email, as well as pictures of the projects.

Also, if you would like to participate in a block exchange, please bring a block to Getting Ready for the Holidays. The block must be red, green, and white (white being white, not off white, beige, ash, etc.), and must measure 12 1/2" (12" finished size). No particular pattern, whatever you wish. We'll have a drawing at the end to see who wins these blocks for their new holiday quilt.

VP Report Continued...

Big things are in store for 2024, a beautiful trifecta of classes. We have two national teachers on our schedule: Deb Tucker in July, and RaNae Merrill in August. Lily Huebsch will be teaching the Maxwell Bag. Some of you have seen this bag owned by a few quilters, and it is amazing. More details to come on the date, etc. We're also working on 2025. If you have any suggestions for teachers, please let one of the Education Committee members know.

Homer News

By
Lee Bowman

Summer 2023 has been busy. Many of us have entertained visitors, traveled to visit family, or headed to vacation destinations around the globe. Or we have done all the above. Whew. Some of our members have endured hospitalizations and surgeries, or are coping with family members' care, or the death of family members or close friends. It's at times like this when the group, still 12 strong on summer Thursdays, supports one another with cards, calls or heart quilts. We call the quilters' group "cheap therapy", but it's quite special, nonetheless.

The quilt raffle for the Kachemak Bay Quilters (tickets sold out this summer) is coming up in September. We are all holding our breath to see who wins.

Hospice of Homer has asked our group if we would be willing to donate lap quilts for the "Peace and Comfort" boxes that they are putting together for end-of-life clients and their families. They also appreciate blankets, afghans, and lap sized quilts. It sounds like a wonderful way to bring comfort to people in our community and beyond. If you have any questions, Ruthie Sullivan, the administrative assistant for hospice, says to please call her at 907-235-6899.

Seward News

By
Donna Glenz

As I sit here gathering my thoughts for the newsletter, the sun is shining and TV news gal just stated that Seward was the hot spot for the State today, 72°. While like the rest of the Peninsula, Seward has had very, very little in the way of sun and summer this year. The leaves have already started to turn and are blowing around like crazy. I am reasonably sure it is the middle of August and not September. Very strange and different summer this year. But there is one good thing about a cool and very wet summer, we have had more time to be in the house sewing.

Our ongoing project of honoring all our Seward area Veterans continues. We have honored 225 local Veterans with beautiful Red, White and Blue quilts. We are just getting started with a new community project. Seward Area Quilters is working with the Seward Senior Center to provide a beautiful lap quilt to each and every home bond senior in the area. This will be an on-going project for the next couple of years.

We will soon be starting our winter quilting get-togethers, where we will kick off our "Dogs in Sweaters" sew-along and continue our community quilting projects.

Hope to see many of you at the October guild meeting. Happy Quilting Everyone!

Retreat 2024

By
Jan Holland

We are excited for the 2024 KPQG Retreat!! It will be held February 16-18, 2024, at Land's End Resort in Homer! **To attend complete the 2024 Registration Form found in this newsletter.** The conference room will be available for retreat sewers to set up and sew on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 1:00 pm. **You must be a paid 2023 - 2024 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 or sew in the conference room during the retreat.

Retreat packets will be available on October 7, 2023, at the end of the General Membership Meeting at Christ Lutheran Church in Soldotna. If you have completed your registration, paid your membership dues and are unable to attend the meeting a retreat packet will be mailed to you. Addresses for mailing are on the registration form and the membership form. At the October meeting registrations will be accepted. If more than 60 registrations are received, we would then have a lottery 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! The final date to register for retreat or request a refund is January 1, 2024. 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!!!

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

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

We are planning on having a full house with room for 60 of our members to attend the retreat. The hotel block for quilters is open. If you are planning on attending you can make room reservations. If something comes up, you can cancel your reservation.

Call Land's End 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 16-18, 2024.

The cost of the retreat remains at \$150.00.

Lands End has been remodeling - the good news is the remodel will not affect the conference room for our sewing! The bad news is the Harbor Room downstairs will not be available for a vendor; therefore, we are unable to have a vendor this year. We hope that in the future a room will be available!

If you have any questions, please contact Jan Holland at (907)227-5427 or janandrickholland@gc.net or Sharon Hale at (907)398-0278 or garyhale@gci.net. Happy Quilting Everyone!

Hospitality By Sharon Hale

Central peninsula members are reminded to please bring a main dish for the October annual meeting and the Seward members are to bring dessert!

Book Look

MODERN Roots

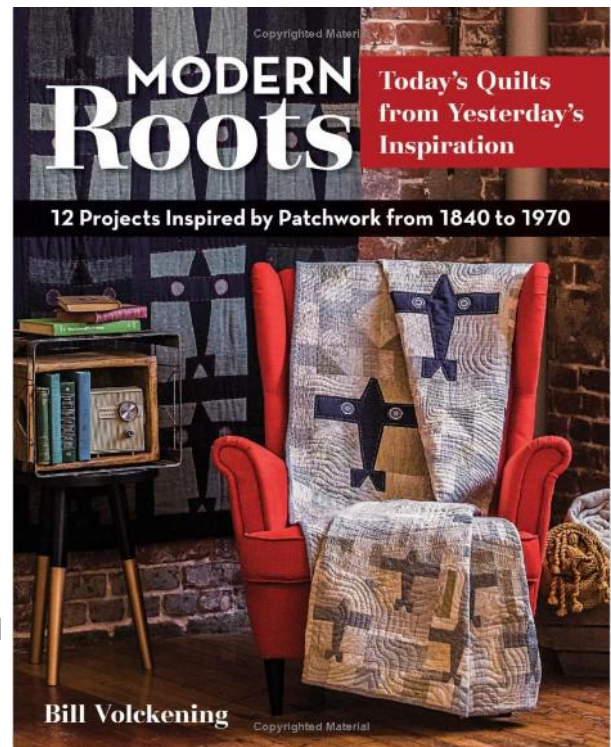
Today's Quilts from Yesterday's Inspiration

12 Projects Inspired by Patchwork from 1824 to 1970

Author: Bill Volckening

Publisher: Stash Books (C&T Publishing)

MODERN Roots is filled with examples of antique/vintage quilts and their modern-made counterparts. This book presents twelve quilts from the author's collection and explores characteristics of modernism. Some of the projects featured include the Pineapple Log Cabin, Lone Star, Tennessee Piece Quilt, Radiating Fans, Indiana Puzzle and Shadow Box. Directions are concise and very easy to follow with step-by-step pictures of each assembly. The photography is spectacular and as I read more about the author, I learned in addition to being a great quiltmaker, Bill Volckening is also an award-winning photographer. The history Bill includes behind the art of early quilt making is very informative and early examples represent inspiration for today's quilters.



Bill purchased his first quilt in 1989 and credits this as the start of his new hobby, collecting vintage quilts. In 2009, Bill showed his collection of New York Beauty quilts to a local quilt study group and with their encouragement, tried to share his extensive collection. Since that time, The Volckening Collection, has been exhibited from New York to Tokyo and appeared in various publications worldwide. His blog, Wonkyworld, examines the process of collecting quilts from the perspective of a 21st century collector and details his quilt journey. Bill also has an extensive library of rare titles and signed editions about all things quilt related. Bill studied at Rhode Island School of Design and the School of Visual Arts in New York.

A quote from the author, "Quilts are America's most beloved works of art, and they keep us warm at night".

“What’s Happening?”

by Jan Wallace

2023:

August 18-September 4 Alaska State Fair
Irwin Exhibit Hall
Shows hourly 11:00am-4:00pm
Except Aug 22-23, 29-30

September 9-10 Great Alaska Quilt Show 2023
11:00 am - 4:00pm
First United Methodist Church
725 W 9th Avenue

Quilters Retreat Feb 2014





Turnstile
12" block
4 Fabrics

Cutting:

Blue:

4 rectangles @ $6\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$

4 rectangles @ $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$

Cream:

4 squares @ $2\frac{7}{8}"$ cut once on the diagonal

Red and Yellow—cut same amount for both colors

6 squares @ $2\frac{1}{2}"$

1 Square @ $5\frac{1}{4}"$ cut twice on the diagonal—you will have 2 quarter square triangles left over (Option 2—Use a quarter square ruler. Cut a strip of each color $2\frac{5}{8}"$ by about $8\frac{1}{4}"$. Then cut the 2 triangles needed for each color) No wasted triangles.

Piecing:

Two-Patch Units:

Sew 1 Red and 1 Yellow $2\frac{1}{2}"$ squares together. Make 4.



Flying Geese Units:

Sew Cream $2\frac{7}{8}"$ triangles to the short sides of the Red quarter-square triangles. Make 2.



Sew Cream $2\frac{7}{8}"$ triangles to the short sides of the Yellow quarter-square triangles. Make 2.



Rectangle Units:

Draw a diagonal line on the back of the remaining 2 Yellow and 2 Red $2\frac{1}{2}"$ squares.

Place a Yellow square on top and at one end of a Blue $4\frac{1}{2}" \times 2\frac{1}{2}"$ rectangle.

Sew on the drawn line Make 2.



Repeat with the Red Square and a Blue rectangle. Make 2.



Quarter Block:

Sew the units just made into quarter blocks following the layouts below:



Make two of each colorway.

Following the block layout sew these into 2 rows. Sew the rows together to complete the block. I made mine from a fat-quarter mystery pack of batiks.

Enjoy your block,
Grace



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:

**Cathy Howlett
232 Stacy Drive
Soldotna, AK 99669**

27th ANNUAL Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild Retreat
Registration Form
February 16 – 18, 2024
Land's End Resort, Homer

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Phone (s): _____

Email: _____

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

	Separate checks for each, please
Retreat Registration Fee	\$150.00
T-shirt (optional/ non-refundable)	\$ 25.00

Make Checks payable to: **Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild or KPQG**

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.

Food Allergies: _____

Food allergies listed here will be communicated.

Special Medical Considerations: _____

Emergency Contact (Name & phone #) _____

*The following food is provided with your Registration fee:

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

Friday: Coffee, Tea, & Water

Appetizer Buffet

Saturday: Coffee, Tea, & Water

Breakfast Buffet

Dinner: **CIRCLE ONE:** Fish & Chips / Chicken Alfredo Fettucine / Steak / Chicken Breast]

Sunday: Coffee, Tea, & Water

Breakfast Buffet

The room reservation block is in place @ Lands End. You can make your reservations now: (907)235-0400. Ask a fellow quilter if you need a roommate.

RETREAT REGISTRATION & CANCELLATION DEADLINES ARE JANUARY 1, 2024

Bring completed Registration to Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 7th, 2023 or mail to:

Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild Retreat, c/o Jan Holland, 36115 Murray Lane, Soldotna, AK 99669

Questions? Jan Holland (907)227k-5427, janandrickholland@gci.net or

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