

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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President's Report

By
Sue Magyar

Greetings Stitch Brothers and Sisters!!

Some of us have been able to enjoy classes again sponsored by the Guild. Christ Lutheran Church has had COVID guidelines, and that made everyone feel that the safety of the participants and everyone in the building was very important. It has been wonderful to be with each other, learning techniques and patterns. In June, Barb Steckel taught a great class using the Creative Grids Scrap Crazy 6" Ruler Set. The things she taught us about creating different patterns from this ruler set were eye opening, limited only by one's own imagination.

The tips she shared will be used for more than the patterns shown. In July, Pam Ventgen came from Anchorage to teach the Alaska Quilt by Laundry Basket Quilts' Edyta Sitar. Templates, you say? Well, we got over that pretty quickly, and hummed along creating our own version. As usual, Pam's instructions and tips were very valuable. We had so much fun! Read more about Dana Lewis' class in Karrie's news. We're looking forward to that.

We just had our executive board meeting IN PERSON! Again, at Christ Lutheran Church. Some of our board members joined us via Zoom. There were some challenges with that, but overall, it worked out fine. Here are a few of the things we discussed:

- Records Retention. We are moving forward with this, which will lighten the load on many of the executive board positions. So, never fear, taking a position on the board in the future may not mean 10 totes of extra stuff! Work is being done.

- One of the things our Treasurer has been working on is the new budget, which will move forward for approval at our October meeting. Marsha has also been busy making sure everything is as it should be, and is researching backwards to insure consistency. In researching types of accounts, she recommends keeping our bank accounts where they are as well as the types of accounts. We are avoiding bank fees with the aid of Marsha's diligence.

- Upcoming meetings. Our October meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 2nd. We are keeping current with the COVID protocols of Christ Lutheran Church, so will be able to update you closer to time of those protocols. You always have the option of zooming instead of attending in person. This meeting is historically the one where the drawings for the retreat and retreat scholarship will take place. However, since there have been concerns regarding everyone's health due to COVID, we are doing things a little differently this year. See the Retreat Report for more.

- The meeting dates for 2022 are: Annual Meeting - Saturday, April 2, 2022; General Membership Meeting - Saturday, October 1, 2022. These dates will be posted on the front page of our website, along with Executive Board meeting dates.

You are encouraged to mail your membership registration. October 1 is the beginning of our fiscal year. The membership form is available on the website, all details are on the form, such as how much, where to send the form and fees, etc. Remember, you must be a member in good standing to attend the retreat.

I can tell you that your safety is uppermost in the minds of our Retreat Chairs, and they are trying to work out the best scenario. Retreat Registrations will be available on December 1, and the deadline to submit your registration will be December 31. Due to the shifting health concerns, the health of all attendees is of the utmost concern. There will be fewer attendees to provide for social distancing, masks may be required as well as vaccines. If the pandemic continues to worsen, the retreat may be cancelled. The Retreat Committee are all navigating the shifting sands for you.

Our Education Chair has been busy as well, and we will have the third class of the season coming up in September. Other news from Karrie will be our Holiday Crafting/Getting Ready for Christmas in November, as well as demos after our October and April meetings.

Grace has a new block for us, Book Look by Kathleen never disappoints, and, despite challenges, Jan will have a list of quilty or fiber things to whet your appetite. The newsletter is a great resource for information.

At our October meeting, I will be selecting a Nominating Committee of one person from each of the three main geographic areas. This group will be finding candidates for President and Treasurer. I cannot run again, but Marsha is eligible for another term. Please reach out to me if you are interested in this committee, OR if you know of someone who would make a good President going forward.

I will also be selecting an Audit Committee of two. If you love numbers, this is for you! Please let me know if you'd like to be a part of this committee.

What a wonderful time to be a quilter. There are so many benefits:

- It's cheaper than therapy.
- We create things that make other people feel loved.
- You can run away from your troubles, or voices in your head, simply by sitting at your sewing machine.
- Petting fabric makes us happy!
- We have a superpower. How many people can say that?
- We have a secret language, and will never meet a stranger in a quilt shop.
- We will NEVER run out of things to do. The UFO pile will always be with us, even if we box it up and shove it under the bed.
- To steal from a meme: 5 steps to becoming a happier person:
 1. Quilt, 2. Quilt, 3. Quilt, 4. Quilt, 5. Quilt.



Vice President/Education Report

By
Karrie Youngblood

It has been a cold and wet summer so far, more time for quilting! We have had a great time in our classes so far this summer. I heard wonderful things about Barb Steckel's Scrap Crazy quilt class and Pam Ventgen's class in July was so much fun. It is always amazing to see all the different color combinations people pick and I am looking forward to seeing some finished projects at our general membership on **October 2nd**.



Our next class is Dana Lewis's Chic Sisters. I have picked my colors and am really looking forward to learning how to use the Wonder curve ruler. There are so many amazing patterns you can learn with this ruler.

Sept 10th, and 11th. Chic Sisters and scalloped borders. \$75

There is still room left in Dana's class, please let me know if you would like to join the fun.

Dana Lewis will be teaching Chic Sisters pattern by Sew Kind of Wonderful. This quilt measures 60x72". In this class you will learn how to use the Wonder Curve ruler. This ruler can be used for so many different patterns, look up Sew Kind of Wonderful on the internet and check it out.

On Saturday Dana will be teaching how to scallop borders for the scallop borders class, you will need to bring a completed quilt top that has been quilted, but not the binding put on. This can be your choice of size down to a large table runner.

For the summer of 2022 we have some exciting teachers coming up from the lower 48.

Katie Pedersen, is a national quilting teacher and has taught at QuiltCon for many years. Check out her website for her style and projects. Sew Katie Did. She will be teaching June 10th and 11th 2022. Project is still to be determined.

Education report continued...

Mark Sherman is an international Art Quilt teacher. He has some amazing quilts you can check out at Remarkable Quilts. The classes haven't yet been determined.

Our local teacher/Designer Brenda Clyde will be teaching an original quilt pattern on Sept. 9th and 10th, 2022. Project to be determined.

I am currently contacting teachers for the summer of 2023 and am anticipating some wonderful learning opportunities for our guild. Please contact me if you have any suggestions for teachers you would like to see come and teach.

Retreat '22 Update

September 2021

Patrice Krant and Carol Renfrew

KPQG's 25th retreat is scheduled for February 18-20 at Land's End Resort in Homer.

PLEASE READ: several important notes and changes for Retreat '22:

1. Because of the changing situation caused by the COVID-19 virus, **registration for Retreat '22 will begin on December 1, 2021.** The registration form will be available on the KPQG website as of December 1. The completed registration form and payment will be due on December 31 and should be mailed to KPQG Retreat, % Patrice Krant, PO Box 3307, Homer AK 99603.

1. To provide appropriate social distancing, our 2022 Retreat will be limited to 40 attendees.

2. The Retreat may be canceled if the pandemic continues to worsen and stay-at-home mandates are instituted. If so, any registration payments made prior to that time will be refunded.

3. In addition, masks will likely be required and COVID-19 vaccination may be required of all attendees. As of this newsletter, we cannot predict what the pandemic situation will be six months from now. We will finalize attendee requirements as we get closer to February, following CDC guidance and local guidelines. If you are not able to attend because of these requirements, your full registration fee will be refunded.

4. **The Retreat attendee list will be determined by lottery from all paid registrations received by December 31, 2021.** All names after the first 40 pulled will be added to a waiting list and we will fill additional spaces as they become available.

5. Don't forget to renew your KPQG membership this fall. You must be a fully paid member to attend the Retreat.

6. One KPQG member will win a full Retreat scholarship (registration fee and one tee shirt). We will put the names of all current members in a hat and pull one name. If you are already registered and paid, we will refund your payments. We hope you win!

7. A block of hotel rooms have been designated for us at Land's End. If you are planning to attend the Retreat, you may make your reservation any time starting now. Call Land's End at (907) 235-0400 and mention you are a KPQG member attending the Retreat.

8. The block of hotel rooms is available as early as Wednesday, February 16. For those who like to come to Retreat early, the upstairs Quarter Deck room (our meeting room) will be available starting at 1:00 PM on Wednesday. Remember, only registered attendees are allowed to set up and sew during the Retreat. This includes Wednesday and Thursday.

9. Information regarding the Retreat mystery quilt, mini-classes, raffle blocks, show & tell, etc. will be sent via email at the beginning of January.

Questions? Call or text Patrice Krant (770) 826-5016 or Carol Renfrew (907) 306-3786

Seward News

By
Sue Magyar

It's a beautiful day here in Seward. This town is packed full of people walking, parking, trying to find a restaurant that is a) open, or b) doesn't have a line out the door. As with everywhere, employees are in demand. Other than that, I think everyone is getting out on the water, or the beaches, and just enjoying the beauty of this gem of a town.

We are doing a Graphic Jam B.O.M. that has been ongoing through Sew'n Bee Cozy. Sheila is keeping up with her end, but I think the participants are lagging behind. With all that everyone is up to, it's hard to sit down and get one's head into paper piecing. It's relaxing and wonderful, but with company, travel, gardening, etc....

We have not been meeting at all this summer, and had been lined up to start having meetings at Mountain Haven, but then the cases started spiking, and that's again on hold. Tammy is usually our organizer for Elizabeth Hartman patterns and sew-a-longs, but she's been crazy busy with the kids and summer fun. Oh, and she's got another hobby - Glow Forge. Once the kids start getting back into school, things may pick up.

There are several of us that pick up anything that Gudrun Erla lays down, and that has been productive and fun!

The UFO Contest is now back into full swing for Seward Area Quilters. This has been an ongoing contest that has completed 97 projects since 2017. Even though we turned our focus to masks and gowns last year the combined 2020-2021 contest has a total of 76 projects, of which 18 have already been completed.

I guess we have had things going on after all. Pretty soon it will be time to start up our mini retreats at Seward Resort.

Hope you have all been enjoying your summer!

Hospitality

by
Sharon Hale

Hope you all are doing well and getting lots of quilting done. We will not be having a potluck at the Oct. 2nd meeting (church rules). Everyone is welcome to bring their own lunch though. We will just need to make sure we clean-up thoroughly.



BOOK LOOK

by

Kathleen Barkley

Fat Quarter Style

Published by Fat Quarter Shop

www.FatQuarterShop.comwww.ItsSewEmma.com

Fat Quarter Style features twelve fat quarter quilts. Each pattern has four size options, allowing the quilter to pick the correct size for their project (crib, lap, twin, and queen). This book provides quilters with a variety of styles and genres that are perfect for quilters of all skill levels. In addition to the twelve quilt patterns featured, Fat Quarter Style also offers quilters different techniques including preparing your backing, shortcuts to bind your quilt, and labeling, for those beginning quilters. Fat Quarter Style provides quilters with easy to follow instructions and beautiful illustrations. Fat Quarter Style gives the perfect opportunity to dig into your fat quarter stash- or to add to it!

**What's Happening**

By

Jan Wallace

"What's Happening" Fall 2021

We are still being effected by COVID in events being scheduled or canceled

In Alaska

Canceled-----ALCQ show in Anchorage in September

Scheduled---- Fiber Festival

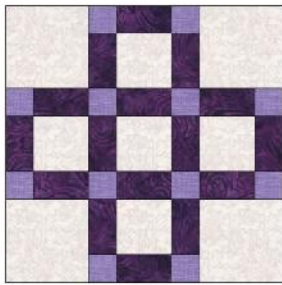
Sept. 25-26, 2021

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Soldotna Sports Center off K-Beach

Due to COVID, there will be no classes or live animals. There will be vendors with a myriad of fibers & tools to add interest to our fabric creations.

Aug. 26 – Sept. 6, 2021 --- Alaska State Fair in Palmer
www.alaskastatefair.org



Tick Tack Toe
10" Block
3 Fabrics

Cutting:

Dark Purple:

16 rectangles @ 1 1/2 x 2 1/2

Light Purple:

12 squares @ 1 1/2"

Cream:

4 squares @ 3 1/2"
 5 squares @ 2 1/2"

Piecing:

UNIT A-2 sections:

Section 1--Sew 1 **light purple** square to each end of a **dark purple rectangle**. Press toward the dark. Make 6.



Section 2--Sew a **dark purple** rectangle to each side of a 2 1/2" **Cream** square. Press to the dark. Make 5.



Sew 4 of these 2 sections together to complete Unit A. Press away from the Section 2.



UNIT B-Center Square

Sew a Section 1 from Unit A to both sides of the remaining section 2 to make a square. Press to the center.



Following the block diagram above, lay out the **Cream** 3 1/2" squares and the **Units A & B** into 3 rows. Sew each row. Then sew the 3 rows together.

This block has lots of pieces but it is not difficult. No triangles for those of you who hate them. Enjoy your block,
 Grace

