

Southport Sampler

December 2024

Greetings!

It never fails that this most wonderful season of the year always kind of sneaks up on us and time seems more precious than ever!

We are looking forward to returning to Ruffolo's II for our Holiday Party on Dec 2nd and seeing you there. It should be a great time to gather and enjoy each other's company along with sharing some great food!

Don't forget we still have 1 more Craft Fair to finish up the year. Kristine Pegues and Carol Rannow have once again done a terrific job managing the fairs for us. We hope you'll come out and support the Guild's booth at Gateway Tech College on Saturday, Dec. 14th and shop for those unique last minute gifts.

As we get ready to pause our membership meeting schedule over January and February, we want to encourage all our members to consider filling those last 2 Director positions to round out the upcoming 2025-2026 Board. Be sure to contact Maxine Pelt if you are interested or have questions – she'd love to hear from you!

We also wish to remind all Chairpersons that budget submissions will also be coming due in February. As soon as we have a site, we will communicate the specifics, but for right now, please save the evening of Monday, Feb. 24th for this meeting.

So what will you be working on over the next few months? Something to enter into next year's Quilt Show? Did you sign up for the new Challenge? Or will you be looking to organize your sewing space and going through things getting ready to take part in the De-Stash sale in April?

Whatever it is, we'll be looking forward to hearing all about it and having some terrific Show 'n Tell when we return to our meeting schedule on March 3rd.

Until then, we wish you all a joyous holiday time with your families!

See you soon!

Tara & Peg



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Southport Quilters
Guild
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Southport Quilters Guild

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month **March through December**, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 8760 – 37th Ave, Kenosha unless otherwise noted. Board Meetings are held the week before the Membership meeting and details can be found on our website.

Social time 6:30 Meeting 7:00 Guests always welcome / \$5

2024—2025 Officers & Directors

President	Peg Malmberg & Tara Zerzanek 2026
First VP/Programs	Susan Binzel & Peggy Cairo 2026
Second VP/Membership	Judy Carney 2025
Secretary	Deanise Kersting 2026
Treasurer	Carol Rannow 2025
Director/Webmaster	Donna Makouske 2025
Director	Rose Ann Ambrowiak 2026
Director	Judy Blum 2025
Director	Kristine Pegues 2025
Director	Maxine Pelt 2026
Director	Kate Watling 2026
Director/ Newsletter	Renee Riedel 2025
Past President	Kim Voss 2026

Two Year terms are served through April of year indicated after each officer's name.



**Sunshine
Committee**

If you know any-
one in the Guild
who has been ill

or had a family tragedy, please
contact Cathy Monahan

at

847-668-0510 cmonach@gmail.com



**December Holiday
Party**

Mark your calendars -
the Holiday Banquet will be
held on Monday,
December 2nd
at Ruffolo's Special Pizza 2,
3931 45th Street.

The party will start at 5:30
cocktails (cash bar) with
dinner at 6:00.

Cost per plate \$17.00

We will be including some Guild
business, and then will be
concentrating on new Challenge
Quilts, show and tell, Shalom
collections and eating



Our Guild Mission

The objective and purpose of this Guild shall be:

- 1) To recognize, explore and promote, through the organized effort of a non-profit organization, the potential of the quilting medium.
- 2) To establish an educational environment conducive to the development of quilting.
- 3) To interest people of the area in participating and sharing in the development of quilting through a non-profit organization.

2024-2025 Committee Chairs

Advent Calendar	Pat Frieman
Anderson Quilt Show	Lori Brown
Block of the Month	Debby Gillmore
Challenge Quilts	Liz Spannraft
Comfort 4 a Cause Quilts	Peg Malmberg, liaison
Craft Fair Chair	Carol Rannow & Kristine Pegues
Hospitality	Althea Mieske
Kenosha County Fair	Sherilynn Klamm
Mentor Program	Peg Malmberg
Monthly Door Prizes	Mary Gustafson
Nomination Committee, 2025	Maxine Pelt, Cathy Monohan
Party Chairs	Jackie Kim & Rose Ann Ambrowiak
Public Relations	Kate Watling, Renee Riedel
Raffle Quilt, 2025	Kitty Plovanich & Heide Peterson
Raffle Quilt Promo, 2024/25	Kitty Plovanich
Raffle Tickets, 2024/25	Sandy Becker & Tara Zerzanek
Shalom Center	Kitty Plovanich
Sunshine Committee	Cathy Monohan
Tech/Website	Donna Makouske



Serenity Quilt Shop is your #1 destination for quilting and sewing in the Kenosha, Wisconsin area! Check out the new classes (also great gift ideas), New

fabric, new collections, new classes! Check out the website for a preview or come in and look for yourself

Current hours: MON | WED | THUR | FRI 10-5 SAT 10-4 SUN 12-4
Closed Tuesdays

Serenity Quilt Shop, LLC. 4003 80th Street, Suite 102
Kenosha, WI 53142

Phone: [262.577.5886](tel:262.577.5886)

Email: Info@serenityquiltshop.com

Shop Online

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Patterns

Thread

Kits

Shop Sample

Clearance

**Last Craft Fair of the year - December 14,
Gateway Tech, Kenosha, 9am to 3pm**

We have had a TON of fun at the craft fairs around Kenosha. From Elkhorn Fair grounds to JI Case way up north in Racine, people are interested in our guild member's work, care and love of craft. Many of our neighbors have purchased items that are gifted to loved ones, even if the "loved one" is themselves. Those who stop by the booth are curious about the items and the craft itself, so much of the time as a volunteer is spent talking craft - how to do things, how one craft influences another, where ideas come from, the joy of gifting hand made products.

If you would also like to be part of the conversation, please sign up to help out at the last craft fair of 2024. Or you can still get in your Guild donation. Many times we get requests for items that are not found elsewhere. The last fair at JI Case High school there were requests for Christmas items, including ornaments and we have specific requests for plastic grocery bag holder/dispensers, neutral colored table runners and Dresden Plate table toppers.

Come be part of the fun, get your picture on Facebook and meet fellow crafters and admirers of the wonderful hand made items we all love to make.

Contact Kristine Pegues 847-791-6055
kristinepegues@gmail.com



Get to know your fellow Guild members

We have noticed that there are several members who do not have their pictures on the membership list on our website. This member listing is for MEMBERS ONLY, no one else can see it who visits our website. This is such a good tool to use when you're trying to place a name and/or a face, whether you're a new member or have been with the guild for a while. With that being said, we will be taking pictures at the Christmas Party! We know you will all be looking your festive best, so what better time! If we don't have your photo we will be asking for you to oblige us or if you would like an updated photo posted, just ask and we'll be happy to snap a new picture! You can also send us a photo of yourself that you would like us to use.

Thank you and see you at the Christmas Party!

Donna Nicolazzi and Kitty Plovanich
Membership co-chairs

Hello quilters!

As you know the West Suburban Quilters Guild was kind enough to let us come to their meeting last month to sell raffle tickets. They were VERY generous by purchasing 13 books of tickets - there were only about 20 members at the meeting we attended! They were also very kind and welcoming to us and so I'm asking our guild members to do the same for them when they attend our March 3, 2025 meeting to sell tickets for their raffle quilt. Bring cash or your checkbook and be ready to make their trip to our guild a successful one!

Learn more at <https://wsqg.net/quilt-show/raffle-quilt/> site. They meet monthly on the second Wednesday.

Also on March 7 and 8, 2025 they are part of an Art Crawl and Shop Hop in Waukesha. Their small quilts will be displayed in shop windows in downtown Waukesha and you can vote for your favorite. They are also having their quilt show on March 14 and 15.

Their flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Kitty Plovanich



Reserve your spot and SELL at the 2-day Craft De-Stash Sale!

Friday, April 4, noon 'til 5pm (Set-up Friday morning) and Saturday, April 5, 9 am til 2 pm at The Vault, Downtown Kenosha \$25. for an 8' banquet table + 2 chairs

NOW is the time to purge your craft stash while we're off until March!

Pay Tara at the Holiday Party, or mail your check payable to SQG to our PO Box. Please include a note what type(s) of craft supplies you plan to sell so we can advertise! (Ex: Quilt fabric, wool, cross stitch, yarn, etc!)

There is space for 25 tables. After January, we will offer any remaining table to other guilds or crafters.

SIZZLING BARGAINS

DATES TO REMEMBER:

First and Last Thursday, Comfort 4 a Cause: April thru November 2024 -
Comfort 4 a Cause meets first and last Thursdays at Lord of Life Church 5601 Washington Rd from 10:00 – 2:00

December 2, Monday Guild Meet:
Guild holiday party, no lecture. Will include “Show and Tell”, Shalom donations, Challenge quilts

Jan/Feb 2025

No Guild meetings

Budget Meeting: Feb 24 2025
All directors to attend, any member welcome

March 3, 2025

Zoom Lecture: Elizabeth DeCroos of

Epida Studios on Pojagi – from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada.

<https://www.epidastudio.com>

Nominations for new board members due, voting held in April

April 4-5, 2025

De-Stash event at The Vault, Downtown Kenosha

April 7th, 2025

Lecture: Nina Clotfelter on Threads: what’s the BIG deal?

Nominations vote taken

Craft Fairs, 2024

December 14, 2024

Gateway Tech, Kenosha, 9am to 3pm
Last fair of 2024

Nominations News

For our Board of Directors, we have two directors, Kristine Pegues and Donna Makouske, stepping down from their roles at the end of the current fiscal year. Directors assist in the general planning and decision making of the Guild. Joining the Board of Directors is a great way to meet more Guild members in a smaller setting and to be active participant in keeping our Guild on its mission to promote the art and education of quilting. Kate Watling, already on the Board of Directors, will be stepping into Donna’s role as Technology Chair. Kitty Plovovich and Donna Nicolazzi have taken the remainder of Judy Carney’s role as 2nd Vice President until 2025 and have agreed to go up for vote for a new full term. Carol Rannow and Kristine Pegues are stepping down as Craft Fair Chairs, so that role needs to be filled, much easier when shared among a few Guild members! We also need a third guild member to be on the nominations committee. We will pass out slips of paper during December’s meeting but will continue to accept nominations for open positions until the time of voting at our April 2025 meeting. PLEASE discuss with your nominee as to why you think they would be good for the roles available or ask current Directors or Chairs what is involved. Non-Board members are always welcome to attend Board meetings as non-voting observers to see what is involved in running a Guild such as ours.

If you wish to nominate someone for any open roles, including yourself, (again, please discuss it with the person you are nominating) if you aren’t present at December’s meeting, you may contact:

Positively programs!!!

Dec 2, 2024

Quilt Guild Holiday Party – no lecture

Jan/Feb 2025

No meetings

March 3, 2025

Zoom Lecture: Elizabeth DeCroos of Epida Studios on Pojagi – from Ancient Korea to Modern Canada.

Part lecture and part trunk show, this fun talk tells her journey from Canada to Korea and back again. While in Korea she studied the ancient art of Pojagi, Korean patchwork. Back in Canada, the Korean materials were difficult to find so I adapted Pojagi technique to readily available western materials with some great results.

Peggy Cairo took a class in this technique and the resulting block is really cool!

April 7th

Lecture: Nina Clotfelter on Threads: what's the BIG deal?

This is a fun lecture on all the things you didn't know you needed to know about thread! Nina is an educator for WonderFil Specialty Threads and is here to share her knowledge. Learn about thread weights, ply, specialty threads and how to work with them. You will leave full of information!

There will also be a class on FMQ (free motion quilting) – info to be provided at the December and March meetings.



Block of the month - Do you have Scraps?

Check out our website for specific patterns of our current block of the Month projects. These are great practice to test quarter inch sewing skills, use up scraps and try patterns before committing to a big quilt. It is a way to play with colors, try out combinations of colors, and test skills in accuracy of measuring and cutting fabric. It is also a great way to contribute to a charity quilt for someone special.

June – Potato Chip Block

Use up 2.5 x 4.5 scraps, all kinds. 18 needed for a block

July – 2 x 2 Block

Make with 2 high contrast colors, 4 each of 3.5 x 6.5 inch (or 3.5" strips work well)

August – Disappearing 9 Patch

Needed: 9 5" squares, any color. The highest contrast (dark) goes in the center

October – Snowball Block

2 colors, high contrast. Need 1 sized 9.5", the other color is cut into 4 3.5" squares

November – 5 strip HST

Make with 5 2.5 x 11 strips of different colors. Great for leftover binding.

Look for more patterns at SouthportQuilters.net under Resources: Block of the Month.

ALL CLASSES & EVENTS

Are available in limited numbers.

See our Facebook Patchwork Party in Sept, Oct

www.sewnsaveofracine.com

262-554-8708 262-554-6445 (direct line to the Fabric Gallery)

Monday through Friday: 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Saturday: 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Sunday: Closed



Sew 'n Save
of Racine

Did you know that Sew 'n Save has a You Tube Channel?

Please check out what we have posted. We are adding new content all the time, so make sure you click the **subscribe** button so you don't miss anything!



Patchwork Party Live! - Join us live on Facebook!
6:00P The second Monday of every month!



**Community Service Program —
Shalom Food Pantry**

Thank you for all you do and just "keep quilting"
<http://shalomcenter.org/needs.html>

Our mission is simple: serve the community through food, shelter and supportive ways. We believe that this mission will help realize a greater vision: self-sufficiency by maximizing the potential of people



Comfort 4 A Cause

We are a group of volunteers working together to supply items of comfort to those in need in our community. Knit, crochet and sewing of all skill levels welcome. Supported by Southport Quilters Guild, Serenity Quilt Shop, Women of the Kenosha Moose Lodge, Tabitha's Sisters and Pleasant Prairie Woman's Club.

For more information or questions check our Facebook page, call Kim Hemphill phone 262-914-4543 or email Kim at lillykim@hotmail.com

Scheduling Notes:

Join us at Lord of Life Church, 5601 Washington Rd in Kenosha from 10:00am - 2:00pm. Come for the day or as much time as you can!

For those wishing to assist with the annual **Shop-With-A Cop** distribution, join us at Meijer in Kenosha by 9am on these Saturdays – **December 7th, 14th & 21st**. See first-hand the joy our work brings to the community!

In January and February of 2025, hands-on block making tutorials will be offered at Lord of Life Church from 10am until 2pm on the first and last Thursdays of these months only, and will be open to all Guild members. Bring your machine and sewing supplies – fabric and patterns will be provided. Hoping to complete more blocks to make into Sleep in Heavenly Peace quilts. See the Comfort 4 a Cause facebook page or contact Kim for more details.