

# KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



December 2022

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## President Report

By

Heather Johnston

December is coming up fast and closing out the quilting year. We've had several ups and downs these last two years but staying sewing buddies always brightens the close of the year.

I've driven the Sterling Highway a time or two this fall; the roads are icy in patches and construction delays always seem to lie around the next bend in the road. Much like real life and hobbies, if everything goes to plan you wonder in the back of your mind "What's next?". So, when they come- sit back, put on some music, and enjoy life's little pauses.

Getting ready for Christmas was a blast. Great food, lots of sewing, and even better company. The three projects were enjoyed by all and some who came planned to do only one or two ended up doing all three after seeing the sample items! Seward had the longest project (time wise AND length of project, pillowcases not withstanding), I appreciate small (and quicker) projects that I made as presents.

Our last board meeting of the year was this month, just easy housekeeping items and we got to hear about the fun being planned for the Homer Retreat. I can't wait to see you there in February. This last year was fun as we broke with tradition and sat on the same side, facing the same way and those mountains were beautiful to look up and see over the water in that bank of windows. I hear there are some spots still open so think about it.

And next year's meeting schedule:

### 2023 Meeting Dates:

- 2/17 - 1st Quarter Executive Board Meeting - Land's End, Homer
- 4/1 - Annual Meeting - CLC (Christ Lutheran Church)
- 5/20 - 2nd Quarter Executive Board Meeting - CLC
- 8/12 - 3rd Quarter Executive Board Meeting - CLC
- 10/7 - General Membership Meeting - CLC
- 10/28 - Getting Ready for Christmas - CLC
- 11/4 - 4th Quarter Executive Board Meeting - CLC

## Vice President - Education

Barbara Steckel

Just before the last Newsletter we had 2 more classes. Nancy Matthew had a successful wallet class. Everyone had a great time and several students were already planning to make more for gifts. Then Sharon Hale taught a group how to make Mickey Moose. The group was small, but everyone had a lot of fun and there were some unique moose created. Check the website photos and hopefully you will see some of the creations.

At the General Meeting in October, our education program was to take a short survey to get a feeling on what the group was interested in for education. A number were very interested in one day classes. We also got some feeling on what members are willing to pay for classes. This information helps the Education Committee in coming forward with possible classes.

Wish we could give you specific information on classes for next year, but we are still working on it. Pam Ventgen is working on a two-day class that hopefully will have multiple choices for size and not use special rulers. We are listening to you.

We have asked a couple of teachers to give us proposals for one-day classes and we will be following up with them so we have more information by Retreat.

Some of the well known teachers have gone to having "certified" teachers to present their classes rather than them doing all the travelling. Some of these certified teachers are closer, but it isn't having the actual teacher with us, but we do get the same classes offered by the known teacher. The price for outside teachers has also increased. In KPQG the students (members) pay for the teacher fees and the classroom while the KPQG pays for the teacher's travel, hotel, meals and other appropriate class related costs. The Education Committee tries to keep all of this in mind when trying to find teachers.

PLEASE, if you have a suggestion for a teacher, let one of us know so we can pursue it. We have a very diverse membership with many different interests, not every class is going to be something you might want to take, but be brave and try something new. You might like it. Your Education Committee is Lorraine Murphy and Kris Rutledge from Homer; Donna Glenz, Kathleen Barkley, and Sue Magyar from Seward; Cathy Howlett and Barbara Steckel from Central Peninsula.



## Homer News

By

Piama Svoboda

Not much going on here in Homer. Everyone's getting a start (or finish!) on any presents they're making and most likely shipping out somewhere for Christmas. More teddy bears and then teddy bear quilts to go with them of course. I have not been going to quilting lately, but I haven't heard about much excitement outside of the norm for this time of year. Oh, and in case some of you didn't manage to make it to the quilt show that the Lion's Club so graciously took over, it was wonderful! There was a good turnout of quilts, and it was fun to see what everyone has been working on, as usual. Besides that, people are excited about the retreat in February. It's always good to have something to look forward to after the holiday season is over. We're also counting down the days until Patrice will be back from her, what will be by then, one year long heart transplant "adventure" (for lack of a better word!) in April. We all miss her very much but are happy she is doing well in general. She's a toughie!

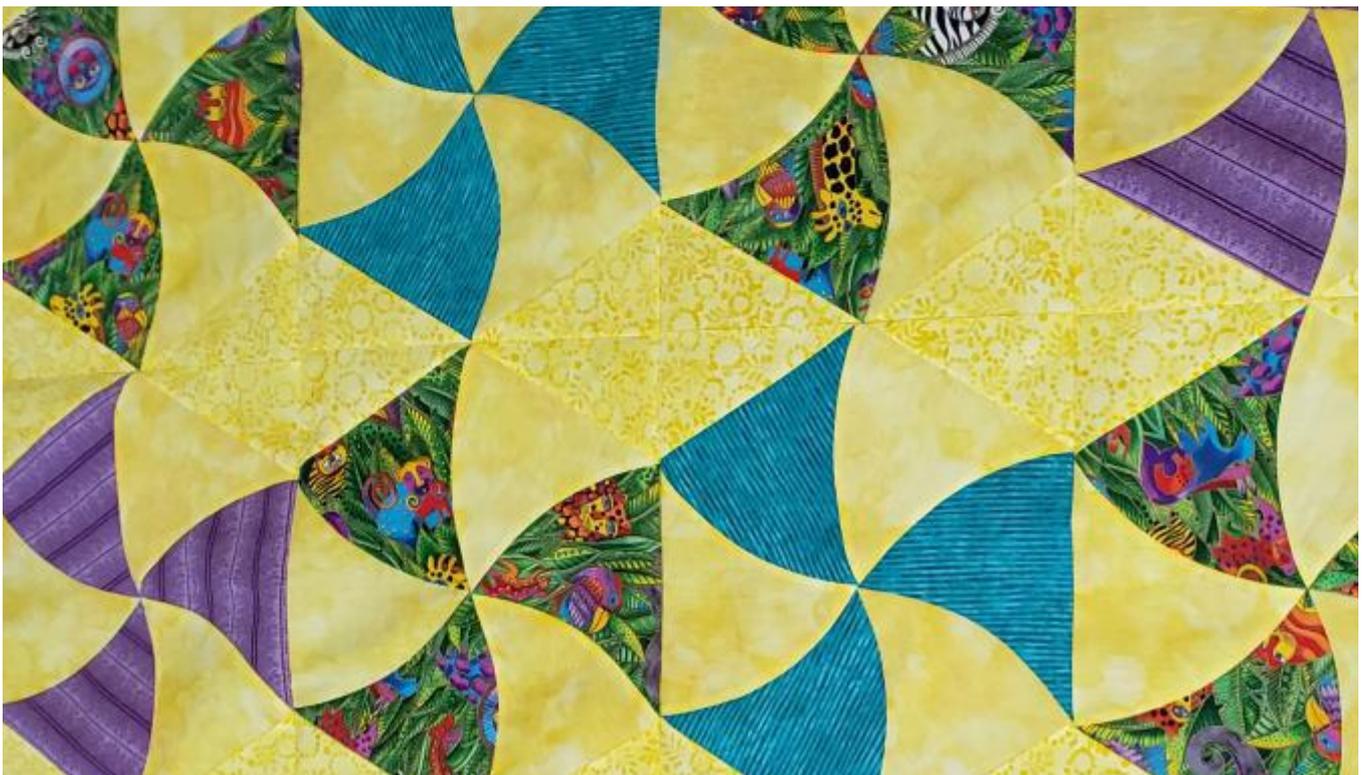
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## Sad News

It is with a lot of sadness that we let you know that Ann-Lillian Schell passed away Wednesday evening, November 23rd. She has fought a long hard battle and was always positive and kept moving forward. Her daughter Sarana and grandson Kai were with her.

Should you want to send a card or note, Sarana Schell and Kai's address is 1320 F Street, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Ann-Lillian's memorial service will be Saturday, December 17th, at 2pm. Services will be held at Kenai Fellowship Church of Christ, 8.5 Kenai Spur highway.



## KPQG Challenge Blocks for 2023

Theme: "Picking"

Size: 15" X 15"

Timelines:

- Finished blocks due at April 2023 meeting.
- Blocks will be displayed in various venues on the Peninsula.
- Blocks will be returned to creators at October 2023 meeting.

Construction:

- Blocks may be finished any way you choose.
- Each block is an individual quilt.
- 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.
- No sleeve is required.
- Please label your quilt block with the creator's name, title of quilt block, location, and year on the back.

If you have questions contact committee members Jan Wallace, Debbie Standefur, Janet Bacher, Heather Johnston



## Secretary Report

By

Debbie Standefur

I am thankful to have all of you in my life. This has been a year of healing for me, and I couldn't have done it without each and every one of you!

**Book Look**  
by  
Kathleen Barkley

### Stripology Mixology 3

by Gudrun Erla of GE Designs

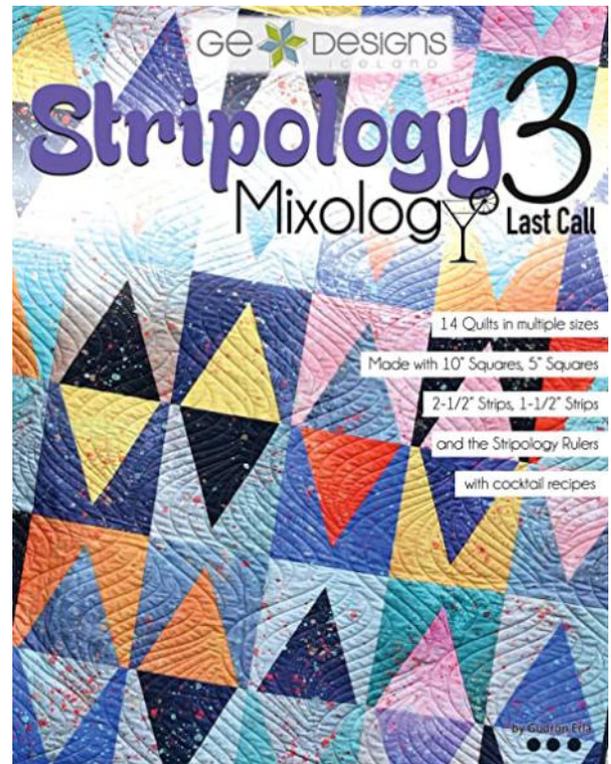
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Stripology Mixology 3 is Gudrun Erla latest book. Fourteen quilts in multiple sizes are featured. The book showcases quilts put together using precut sizes of 1 1/2" & 2 1/2" strips as well as 5" and 10" squares. Stripology Mixology 3 caters to quilters of all levels. Gudrun has marked each pattern with a checkmark at the beginning of each pattern indicating the difficulty level; beginner friendly, confident beginner or intermediate quilter. Gudrun also notes at the top of each pattern which rulers work well with that particular quilt and gives instructions and tips for using the ruler(s). By using the Stripology rulers, cutting time is reduced and accuracy is improved. More detailed instructions on using Stripology rulers can be found on Gudrun's website series Stripology 101 videos.

I found the instructions for each quilt easy to follow thanks to Gudrun's detailed verbiage. Gudrun demonstrates how to cut half yard bundles to make two quilts into the sizes you need with little waste involved. And to top it off; Gudrun has included twelve cocktail recipes!

Happy Quilting!

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## Welcome to Retreat 2023

Lands' End - Homer Alaska  
February 17-19, 2023

You still have time to register for retreat 2023 and we still have room!!! We have 50 people registered at this time leaving 10 spots open! The registration form is on the website.

We are looking forward to all the activities available to retreaters! The mystery quilt is called 'Choices' with many options available! We have three block patterns you can join with a chance to win the blocks. And what is retreat without Show and Tell!

There will be a buy, sell, trade table at this year's retreat. A gift exchange and an on-site vendor!!! Sew'n Bee Cozy will have a shop set up for all to enjoy!

Grey Wilson from Wilson's Proper Edge will be at retreat on Saturday February 18. Here are the services and prices he is offering - scissors/pinking shears/thread snips \$5 - Grey will sharpen rotary blades for \$1 with a minimum of \$10 - these he will take offsite to sharpen and will be mailed directly back to you!! He believes he will also be able to sharpen seam rippers!! He is not sure what he will charge.

If you have not registered come join the fun!

For questions, please call, email, or text Jan Holland - (907)227-5427, [janandrickholland@gci.net](mailto:janandrickholland@gci.net) or Sharon Hale (907)398-0278, [garyhale@gci.net](mailto:garyhale@gci.net).



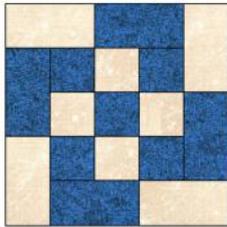
## SEWARD NEWS

By  
Sue Magyar

Greetings from the winter wonderland of Seward! The weather is ever changing, but today it's upper 20's, sunny, and crisp. Light snow fell last night (at least south of the snow belt), and we got another inch. Not so bad. So far...

Our quilting activities are ramping up a bit. We continue to work on quilts for our local veterans. We're nearing completion but have a way to go yet. 2023 for sure, hopefully the first half of the year. There have been other opportunities for giving in Seward. Unfortunately, there were two families who lost everything to fire (not lives), so we were very happy to have quilts on hand for these families. One man had lost the quilt awarded to him as a veteran, and we gladly replaced this as well. Checking with Seward's Baby Welcome Wagon, their supply of quilts is good, and they are keeping a schedule of meeting with new mothers, having events and gatherings to help educate new parents and support them. It sounds like a fun event! We have been involved in making quilts for raffle to benefit the new Animal Shelter in town. They have a new building but need to fill it with the necessities. Seward Schools' Travel Club has again become more active and needed quilts to raffle. We called upon our people, and Pam Ventgen donated a couple lovely items (thank you Pam!). We hope they raise tons of money! The middle school is saving to go to D.C./New York City, and the high school hopes to be able to go to Costa Rica. We have been meeting more frequently, every two weeks or so, which is nice. Donna had a little pajama bottom session with sergers that was appreciated. The Elizabeth Hartman addicts will be getting another fix with Social Sharks. We'll be having a New Year's Day event to start this process. This event is also kickoff for UFO club in 2023. We're still plugging away on those darned UFOs, and unbelievably, creating more! Ah well. Heather gently urges us along, keeping a tally, and making nifty prizes!! Retreats are on the horizon as well. Seward Resort will be the setting for about 12 of us the first weekend in December. These are always very fun, and we welcome the opportunity. Of course, we're looking forward to being with our Guild gang in February! So much fun!





**Surrounded Nine Patch**  
**10" Block**  
**2 Fabrics**

**Cutting**

**Blue:**

5 squares @ 2 1/2"

4 rectangles @ 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

**Cream:**

4 squares @ 2 1/2"

4 rectangles @ 2 1/2" x 4 1/2"

**Piecing:**

**Nine Patch Center Unit:**

Lay out the blue and cream 2 1/2" squares into a nine patch with blue corners and blue center square. Sew the squares into three rows. Press rows 1 & 3 away from the center cream square; press row 2 toward the cream center square. Sew rows together, press away from the center.

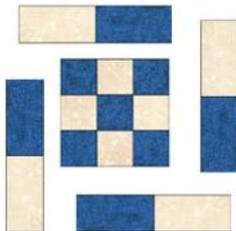


**Strip units:**

Lay out the blue and cream rectangles right sides together. Stitch together along the short end. Press toward the blue. Make 4 strip units.



**Partial Seams Piecing around the Nine Patch:**



Lay out the block following the diagram to the left, align the center NINE PATCH UNIT with the STRIP UNIT above it. Beginning at the right, stitch about halfway across the NINE PATCH UNIT, leaving the remainder of the NINE PATCH UNIT free. Press away from the NINE PATCH UNIT.

Align the upper right STRIP UNIT and stitch the second seam. Press away from the NINE PATCH UNIT. Work your way around the block adding each STRIP UNIT in order, pressing away from the NINE PATCH UNIT each time. Then, complete the partial seam between the final STRIP UNIT and the first STRIP UNIT.

Once you master the partial seam piecing technique, the block is easy. It also works up well using a different fabric for each block in your quilt. Enjoy your block.

Grace

