

KENAI PENINSULA QUILTING GUILD



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Presidents Report

By
Heather Johnston

As the sunlight is lasting past 10 pm and the days are warming it is like reverse gardening. We put away our sewing things in exchange for the green stuff that makes Alaskan summers wonderful.

The outdoors beckons for us to come away from our machines and projects and play in the dirt and plants. And the flowers of Alaska have a way of enticing us, saying "come and pick me, pick me!"

We have some good classes set this summer to help bring us back into the creative fabric form despite the summer ruminations. Alaskans well know that the return of the night brings us back home to sit with friends and sew to our hearts' content.

I have accepted a job back home in Arkansas and will be moving soon. I will miss catching up with all you ladies at our meetings, my sewing buddies.

I have learned so much from this group in the last eight years. I was a self-taught quilter when I came, and this group helped me expand my skills and creativity. Which is what you are supposed to do in a guild, increase your learning and make great friends.

Thank you all for being so open and welcoming. I will avidly look at the Facebook pages to keep up with you all.



VP/Education Report

By
Sue Magyar

As the new VP/Education Chair, I want to say thank you for your support at the meeting in April. It was heartening to have volunteers come forward to offer a hand where needed. Believe me, I have taken down names, and do plan on taking you up on your offers!!

Your Education Committee has been hard at work already. The first meeting had to do with the duties of the Education Chair and the committee: who should be responsible for what, where we could use a helping hand, etc. We also discussed a survey that had been passed around at the October 2022 meeting. Some of the items on the list have been incorporated, and others are being considered.

Here are happenings this year to put on your calendar:

Pam Ventgen Class: July 7 & 8 (Friday & Saturday). She will be teaching Abigail's Window. The fee for this two-day class is \$90. There is still availability, so if you would like to take this class, please email me (magyar@arctic.net). You won't be registered until you send me your class fee. Make the check out to KPQG and send to Sue Magyar, PO Box 1617, Seward, AK 99664. When I am in receipt of your \$90, I will send you the class requirements.



Nancy Mathew Class: Saturday, August 19th. She will be teaching Sew Easy Strata Star. This one-day class does have homework! The cost for this class is \$45. There is still availability for this class as well. Email me at magyar@arctic.net. If you'd like to join, please send your check, payable to KPQG, to Sue Magyar, PO Box 1617, Seward, AK 99664. After receiving your check, I'll send your class requirements and homework assignment.



Not sure, but there may be another class this year yet - stand by for more on that.

Saturday, October 7th is our **General Membership meeting**. As a rule of thumb, we have had some sort of Education offering after the meeting. This year, we're working on a very fun exchange, so start saving 2 1/2" strips. More details to come in the September Newsletter.

Saturday, October 28th is **Getting Ready for the Holidays**. Each of the three main areas of the Peninsula (Central, Homer and Seward) will be bringing you a project that will be a quick gift idea for the season of giving. If any of you have a really good idea, talk it over with your area's quilters. They would probably be delighted to have fresh ideas. We'll be talking more about this probably during our October meeting.

Next year, we will have Deb Tucker teaching in July, and RaNae Merrill teaching in August, plus another class with a local teacher. More to come on that.

We are working on other ideas to keep your creative juices flowing and will be bringing those ideas forward through our Newsletter Chair. Your Education Committee is happy to take any suggestions you may have, both on projects and prospective teachers. The Committee members are Barb Steckel, Kathleen Barkley, Donna Glenz, Cathy Howlett, Loraine Murphy, Kris Rutledge, and your president, Heather Johnston.

Homer News

Spring may have arrived late this year, but for the Kachemak Bay Quilters, a heartfelt spring arrived on April 20 (see picture). We were busy making heart blocks for comfort quilts on the very day that Patrice Krant walked into the room. She was able to join us again after 14 months in Portland receiving and recovering from a heart transplant. What a way to kick off spring!

We also enjoyed catching up with returnees and snowbirds and hearing everyone's stories. The group has grown to an average of sixteen each week.

We greatly enjoyed the Mother's Day Quilt show, put on by the Lion's Club. Our group's raffle quilt won best in show, and we still have tickets available for the raffle which will take place in September. If you want to buy tickets, you can contact any of our



Seward News

By
Donna Glenz

Many of us in Seward have been (a few still are) patiently wondering if spring will ever arrive this year. The end of May is fast approaching and many of us still have mounds of snow and ice in our yards. But as always there is a positive side – with all the snow and ice outside it gives us more sewing and quilting time inside! Really, who wants to work in the yard and garden in the cold and rain?

Our first of the year Social Sharks sew along was great fun. With Heather keeping us on track each week, a number of us managed to complete our "shark" quilts in record time.

With many of our gals "snow birding" or busy with other tasks, our annual March Retreat was very small this year, only 9 members were able to attend but we had a great time and with fewer attending we had LOTS of room to spread out. Many, many laughs and lots of sewing was accomplished.

One of our ongoing projects has been totally amazing. With about a dozen of our gals involved we have managed to honor 204 of our Seward and Moose Pass area service veterans. Over the last 3 years, this project has brought tears and heart felt appreciation to many of us in the presentation of a beautiful quilt to the men and women veterans in our area.

As you all know, one of our treasured quilting sisters is leaving us. Heather has accepted a position with a hospital back in her home state of Arkansas and is leaving the first of June. She has been a huge inspiration to us all. Heather is an extremely talented and gifted seamstress and quilter. She has inspired, encouraged and lead many of us in our sewing and quilting journey these last 8 plus years. I know that she will continue to participate and encourage us from afar and while we all wish her the very best life has to offer, we will miss her greatly.

“What’s Happening”

by
Jan Wallace

2023

- July 1-31 Kenai River Quilt Tour
Local Art Quilts and Watercolor Art on display
Throughout Soldotna Businesses
Get passport from the Chamber and get at least
12 stamps to win Great Prizes!
- June -August “Picking” the 2023 KPQG Challenge Blocks on display
Throughout the Peninsula
Check the website for updates!

Retreat News

By
Jan Holland

Your hosts for the 2024 KPQG Retreat will be the quilters from the Central Peninsula area!! We are excited and have begun our preparations for Retreat.

Preparations have begun with reservations at Lands End for the sewing room on February 16, 17 and 18th; the sewing room will also be open on Wednesday and Thursday for the early retreat sewers!

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

Call Lands 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.

You must be a current paid member of the Kenai Peninsula Quilting Guild to register for our annual retreat. Be sure to renew your membership in September 2023.

The registration form for the retreat will be included in the September newsletter and on the website. At the October meeting registrations will be accepted (also mailed to the address on the form for 2024 Retreat). 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 up!

Our retreat team is looking forward to another great retreat in February!!!

For any questions call, text or email: Jan Holland. (907)227-5427. Janandrickholland@gci.net. Or Sharon Hale (907)398-0278. Garyhale@gci.net

Book Look

by
Kathleen Barkley

QUILTING MODERN

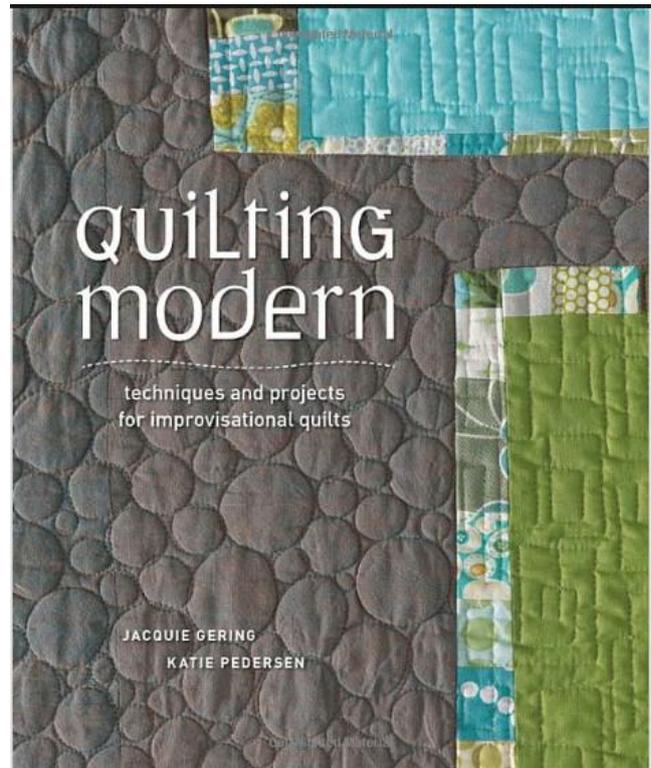
by
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Quilting Modern is a collaboration between two fiber artists: Jacquie Gering and Katie Pedersen. Their book explores techniques and projects for improvisational quilts. Quilting Modern includes projects for quilters at all levels, including wall hangings, pillows, bed quilts and table accessories. You will learn how to use improvisational techniques to make graphic contemporary quilts and quilted projects. Detailed instructions are provided with each technique. The subject matter includes tools and materials for the modern quilter, color, and design, embracing curves, and finishing touches. The author's repertoire of techniques encourages and supports improvisation.

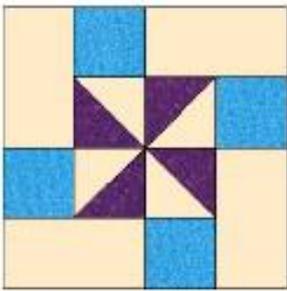


Besides the basic standard tools and supplies most quilters use, the authors recommend a few specific tools to support your improvisational sewing, piecing, and quilting methods. These include a carpenter's square, a large collection of acrylic squaring rulers from 2.5 inches to 15.5 inches, long rulers 36 & 48 inches, additional cutting mats for working with panels or oversized blocks, dressmaker shears, and an extra rotary cutter designed for cutting paper. A design wall is also recommended.

Color theory and the three basic color schemes; monochromatic, complementary, & analogous colors are discussed. The modern quilts in the book emphasize design, contrast, emphasis, balance, unity, movement, and rhythm. Gering and Pedersen collaborated with Angela Walters, a long-arm quilter, who beautifully executed the more complex quilting designs in the book.

Free piecing, the foundation for improvisation, includes a discussion on auditioning, cutting, sewing, and reviewing. The authors recommend sewing and quilting primarily with 50 weight, 100 percent cotton thread due to cotton's high heat tolerance, strength, and pliability which results in flatter seams.

Happy Quilting!



Windmill 2
12"
3 Fabrics

Cutting:

Cream:

4 rectangles @ $3\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$
2 squares @ $3\frac{7}{8}''$

Purple:

2 squares @ $3\frac{7}{8}''$

Teal:

4 squares @ $3\frac{1}{2}''$

Piecing:

Unit 1: Triangle Squares:

Layer the Cream and Purple $3\frac{7}{8}''$ squares right sides together with the Cream on top. Draw a diagonal line from corner to corner on the Cream square. Stitch $\frac{1}{4}''$ from both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line. Press toward the Purple. You will have 4 of Unit #1.



Unit 2:

Sew a $3\frac{1}{2}''$ Teal square to each Unit 1 as shown at right. Make 4. Press toward the Teal.



Unit 3: Quarter Block

Sew a Cream rectangle to the left side of Unit 2 as shown at right. Press away from the Cream rectangle. Make 4.



Following the block diagram above, lay out these units into two rows. Sew the units into rows. Sew the rows together. This one makes an interesting secondary design. Try it in an on-point setting for a different view.

Enjoy your block,
Grace

