

June, 2026

Next Meeting: June 23, 2026 **6 pm**

North Point Church

1779 NE Hostmark St , Poulsbo

**Presidents' Message—Katherine Holtgraves**



Have you ever found yourself wondering where a raffle quilt ends up after it leaves our hands and heads out into the world? Or where a quilt you've made and lovingly given away finally settles in? This time, I know exactly where it landed. It is now draped across my guest bed, and every time I walk by, I seem to slow down just to admire it again. It really is a show-off—in the very best way. I may even have to give it a name, since it already has plenty of personality!

Just look at those glorious colors. I want to send a heartfelt thank-you to the 2025 Raffle Committee—chair Mary Jane Efstathiou and her 15 fellow guild members. Their care, their thoughtful fabric choices, and the beautiful quilting by Becky Holt all came together in the loveliest way. This quilt is a One Block Wonder, a pattern I had never even heard of before joining Kitsap Quilters, and now I can see why people fall for it. It has a way of looking both perfectly planned and a little bit magical at the same time—which, if you ask me, is quite a trick.

It all begins with a fabric that has a large repeat print. From several repeats of that pattern,

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Vice President: Susi Gaskins

2027 Quilt Show Chair: Gail Mann

Treasurer: Jan Kohler

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*Kitsap Quilters was established to foster and encourage the art of quilting, both in its traditional approach and its contemporary adaptation, to bring together those who love the art form and to share the art form with the community.*

quilters cut identical shapes—usually hexagons. When those pieces are sewn together, the repeating motifs start to bloom into beautiful, kaleidoscope-like designs. And that's where the fun really starts: every block comes from the very same fabric, but because various parts of the print land in various places, the quilt ends up looking wonderfully intricate and far more complicated than it politely lets on.

**To me, it really does feel like quilting magic—with just a hint of mischief.**

There's a little bit of lovely history behind the One Block Wonder, too. The technique grew out of kaleidoscope quilts, a style that dates to the 1800s. Quilters cut identical shapes from fabrics with repeating motifs and arranged them into intricate geometric patterns that looked like a kaleidoscope.

Then, in 2005, **Maxine Rosenthal** and **Nancy Miller** published *One-Block Wonders*, helping introduce the technique to quilters everywhere—and giving the rest of us one more reason to stare at fabric and imagine possibilities.

**To me, the One Block Wonder feels like such a happy meeting of two traditions: the Victorian delight in kaleidoscopes and the quilter's joy in turning simple pieces of fabric into something fresh, beautiful, and just a little bit dazzling. Honestly, it is hard not to be charmed by a quilt that can show off this much.**

## May 2026 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Mary Jo Brisbon

The meeting was called to order to 6:02 PM by President, Katherine Holtgraves. The guild welcomed five new members and three visitors, as well as members of the Evergreen Piecemakers, from Kent, who were selling tickets for their beautiful raffle quilt.

### Business of the Guild

The meeting minutes from April 28, 2026, as published in the newsletter, were unanimously approved on a motion by Maureen Hirsch and a second by Diane Stafford. Jan Kohler provided the Treasurer's Report. The checking balance as of April 30, 2026 was \$45,317.96. and the savings balance was \$5,945.15. Revised guidelines on submitting and approving an expense voucher have been posted to the website. Jan briefly reviewed the approval process, reminding all members that vouchers have to be approved by an authorized person before submitting to the Treasurer for reimbursement.

**Committee Reports:** Katherine thanked Stacia for quilting the spring retreat quilt for Norma's friend, Joan. She also thanked Audrey Fitzgerald, Jeannette Schanbeck and Debbie McKeever for heading up the Next Generation Committee, who will be overseeing the guild's providing new sewing machines to young persons in the community interested in fostering their sewing arts and skills. The committee will make a presentation at the June meeting.

**Donations Committee:** Barb Peterson will be hosting a donation garage sale at her home, May 29 and 30 – lots of fabric, notions, and tools. The address is 3024 Ridgeview Drive, NE, Bremerton. Please contact her if you are available to help with set up. Donations are by cash or check made payable to Kitsap Quilters. Let's help Barb clean out her garage!

**Snuggles Committee, Proposed Name Change:** There is a lot of confusion about the Snuggles and Cuddles committees since their names are similar in nature. Since a Snuggles product is a small stuffed animal

## May 2026 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Continued

wrapped in a small quilt, Barb Peterson is proposing to change the name of the Snuggles Committee to Wrapped in Love. This will be voted on by membership at the June meeting.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Workshops:** Members are signing up for the workshops, but are not showing up when the event happens. This puts a tremendous burden on the instructor and others prepping for these workshops. The workshops will be reduced to six per year; January – April, and September- October. They will continue to feature a variety of topics and activities. If you have ideas for workshops or would like to instruct one, Audrey Fitzgerald would love to hear from you.

**Quilt Show:** Gail Mann is “lighting a fire” under our members to get them to step up and fill the three remaining chair positions for the 2027 Quilt Show; Publicity, Vendors, and Volunteers. Contact Gail or Candace Alvarez if you are willing to help.

**Tools and Gadgets:** Luisana Sawyer and Joyce Conbere gave a presentation on the plans for Tools and Gadgets. Short demos of the various tools will be presented during the break. This evening’s demo is on creating perfect circles. It was suggested that the demos be video-taped, and put on the website to allow members to view at their leisure, and/or provide a list of existing videos that are already available. A list of the available Tools and Gadgets is on the website. Luisana and Joyce will also be part of next months Quilt University Program.

**2026 Raffle Quilt Drawing, Mary Jo Brisbon and Gail Mann:** Members of the guild who worked on the 2026 Raffle Quilt, Water’s Edge, were thanked for their design, fabric selection, piecing, and quilting. They created a gorgeous quilt that was literally jaw breaking. Norma Tipton drew the winning ticket. Congratulations to Katherine Holtgraves for winning!

**President’s Message:** Katherine’s last challenge for guild members is Monsters, Monsters, Monsters. She showed several examples of fun monsters she has created and encouraged members to participate and create one of their own to keep or one to put up for adoption at the July meeting.

**Sharing:** Katherine introduced tonight’s show and tell quilt holders, Ruth Burkholder and Karen McCutchen. Many beautiful quilts were shared.

### **Program, Paper Piecing- Tips, History & inspiration, Norma Stark**

Norma is a renowned International Instructor and is featured in American Quilters Magazine, March 2026 edition. She believes that the most accurate block is one that is paper pieced. In her presentation she shared practical techniques, historical insights and creative inspirations for paper piecing enthusiasts of all levels. All members received a Beginner’s Paper Piecing Instructional handout and her presentation included a tutorial on creating the paper pieced fan that is part of her Fandango Workshop. Her advice in trying this technique is “relax-nothing is under control”.

**Fat Quarter Lottery, Terry Forslund:** Leslie Stapleton and Carol Ryamond were the winners of May’s yellow/flowers fat quarters. Next month the theme is purple/tulips.

**Pet Drive, Susi Gaskins:** The Pet Drive was very successful with members donating pet food, towels, and \$700 monetarily to benefit Fishline and the Kitsap Humane Society. Five lucky members participating in the drive received fabulous prizes donated by Sherry’s Cozy Quilts.

**Hospitality, Pam Whitt:** Since April showers bring May flowers, tonight’s them was based on flowers. Ten lucky winners were able to select floral adorned prizes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 PM.

Mary Jo Brisbon, Secretary

## Sew-ins via Zoom—Colleen Lane

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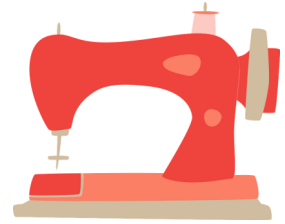
Share the camaraderie of sewing with friends from your home! Great time to work on anything from new projects, UFO's, handwork, organizing your sew space. We're there to enjoy each others company, support, suggestions, laughter and fun.

All Zoom Sew-In's (Saturday, Monday and Thursday) will use the Saturday Zoom sign in link

**MONDAYS— 10 am to ?????**

**THURSDAYS - 1 pm to ?????**

**SATURDAYS- 9 am to ?????**



To join the Zoom Meeting, go to the Member's page of the guild website and use the Saturday link.

If you have any questions, please contact Colleen Lane at

## Open Positions—Susi Gaslins

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### LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN for 2026 - 2027

We are looking for a few more volunteers to fill positions on our various committees. Please consider giving your time and talents to one of the open positions. If you have questions, seek out a board member or approach the person who currently holds the position to learn more about how you can contribute to the fun and success of our guild.

### Standing Committee Chairs for 2026- 2027

**Programs:** Anita Berhard has booked presenters thru 2027, so a new volunteer will have plenty of time to learn the ropes with Anita's help.

### Special Committee Chairs for 2026 - 2027

Holiday Party 2026:

Kitsap Snuggles (Wrapped in Love):

Picnic 2027:

Raffle Ticket Sales:

**REMINDER:** The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 18th at 9:30 am on zoom.

## June, 2026 Volume 45, Issue 6 Fat Quarter Lottery—Carolyn Nannery

Welcome to the 2026 Fat Quarter Lottery! For a chance to win, bring a FQ or ¼ yard for each chance to enter to win in the color/theme each month. One chance for each FQ you enter. The months of August and December there will not be a lottery as we have the picnic and Holiday party.

June - Purple/tulips

November - brown/football (Seahawks)

July - Red or Blue/4th of July

December - No Lottery

August - No lottery

September - Orange/Foliage

Good luck to everyone!

October - Black/cats

### Monster Creations: BRING YOUR MONSTER FRIEND TO GUILD MEETING IN JULY!



Hopefully you were able to attend the May meeting and meet some new friends – THE MONSTER BRIGADE. If you were unable to attend and would like to join the fun for JULY... please email me, and I can send in the mail the instructions. We are going to have pictures taken, enjoy cupcakes that the MONSTERS LOVE, and have some adoptions take place. You can trade your monsters with others or take the one you make home, as it is just YOURS! If anyone would like to adopt a monster, we are going to donate the proceeds to Backpacks for Kids in Bremerton. <https://www.bremertonbackpackbrigade.org/>

Read about this worthy program that helps our kids! Have fun making these creations.. and please NOTE the heart.. was gathered at our own Kitsap Garage Sale! It is KITSAP QUILT GUILD LOVE.

### Name Change for Snuggles vote at the JUNE Guild Meeting.

Changing the name of the committee "Snuggles" to "Wrapped in Love" has been suggested by Barb Peterson. This is due to the fact that so many of us get the Cuddles vs. Snuggles programs confused much too often. We would like to clear that up in the Kitsap Bylaws and have talked to all parties involved to see if they might support this change. The Guild was informed at the May meeting. We are giving 30 days notice, along with a newsletter announcement. At the June meeting, there will be a vote of the Guild to formally rename the Snuggles program to Wrapped in Love. Please know that this will change the Bylaws permanently. and hopefully we will not be as confused as we have been for many years!

## **Kitsap Quilters 2026 Program**

### **January 27, 2026: Lynn Czaban Quilts**

Presentation: Lynn Czaban Trunk Show  
 2-day work shop (Jan.28-29): Portrait Quilt Technique  
 View Lynn's galleries at Facebook: [Lynn Czaban Quilts](#)  
 Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/lynnczaban/>

### **February 24, 2026: Quilt Show Wrap-up**

### **March 24, 2026: President's Challenge**

### **April 28, 2026: Elizabeth Barton**

Zoom Presentation: From Inspiration to Quilt: the photograph...then the quilt  
[Elizabeth Barton Art](#)

### **May 26, 2026: Norma Stark**

Presentation: Paper Piecing Tips, History and Inspiration  
 1-day Work shop (May 27): Fandango  
 Website: [Norma's Quilt Studio](#)

### **June 23, 2026: Quilt University**

### **July 28, 2026: Josephine de la Cruz Keasler**

Presentation: Josephine de la Cruz Keasler's Trunk show/Lecture  
 2-day Work shop (July 29-30): Judy Neimeyer's Bali Wedding Star  
 Website: [Bali Wedding Star](#)

### **August, 2026: Guild Picnic**

### **September 22, 2026: Deb Kalenty**

Presentation: Deb Kalenty's Trunk show/Lecture  
 2-day Work shop (Sept 23-24): Jubilation  
 Website: <https://quiltersobsession.com>

### **October 27, 2026: Jill Huntington**

Presentation: Jill Huntington's Trunk show/Lecture  
 1-day Work shop (Oct 28): Where the Mountain Meets the Roses  
 Website: [Huntington Quilt Design](#)

### **November 17, 2026: Dana Keeler-Pacific Rim Quilt Company**

Presentation: Dana Keeler's Trunk show/Lecture  
 1-day Work shop (Nov 18): 2-Fabric Applique  
 Website: <https://www.pacificrimquilt.com>

### **December 2026: Holiday Party**

\*\*To sign up for any classes or questions about the classes, please contact Anita Bernhard at  
[360-689-7238](tel:360-689-7238) or [AnitaMBernhard@gmail.com](mailto:AnitaMBernhard@gmail.com)

## Programs—Anita Bernhart

### June 23, 2026 – Quilt University

We have an engaging Quilt University session. We will have the following demonstrations:

- Lisa Jette - Hand quilting, stab stitch method
- Meche Watne – How to scale quilt blocks
- Luisana Sawyer and Joyce Conbere – Tool and gadget demo
- Anita Bernhard – No waste flying geese  
Karen McCutchen – Book talk

### July 28, 2026: Josephine de la Cruz Keasler

Presentation: Josephine de la Cruz Keasler's Trunk show/Lecture

Josephine is a certified Judy Neimeyer instructor!

**2-day Work shop (July 29-30): Judy Neimeyer's Bali Wedding Star (Using 2 ½ "strips)**  
**10 AM-4 PM**  
**North Point Church**  
**Class Fee: \$45**

We still have several openings for this class. Please contact:  
**Anita Bernhard**



## Newsletter—Marj Deupree

**Deadlines:** The deadline is the 5th of the month, January through October. The November and December deadlines are one week earlier due to the earlier guild meetings. There will be a reminder in the October and November newsletters.

**Submissions:** Send submissions via email in an office type format (eg .docx). Preferably one email per submission. If you do not receive a response from me within 24 hours, please doublecheck that I got it. **Proof what you send!** I generally do a copy and paste. Don't assume I will catch typos or gibberish. And please don't ask me to write or re-write your article for you.

**Advertising:** Advertising is very inexpensive for members, from \$5/month for a business card size ad to \$25/month for a full page ad. Contact Marj if you wish to advertise. Non-members are welcome to advertise, too. Their rate is double that of members.

**Publishing:** The newsletter will be sent to members via email approximately one week after the deadline. It will also be available on the website at that time.

## Small Groups—Kyte Milton

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Small groups are member-led communities where we learn, explore, and create using specific techniques together. Groups meet regularly to share projects, ideas, and works-in-progress. Sign up, bring your machine, tools, and a curious mind—all experience levels are welcome.

In-person meetings are held at North Point Church in Classrooms 1 & 2, unless otherwise noted.

There is a \$5 site fee—waived if your meeting falls on a guild meeting day.

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### Anything Goes + UFOs

Work on your projects in a friendly, social setting—online or in person.

**Contacts:** Maryjane Efstathiou, Becky Holt

**In person:** Second Thursdays 10:00 am–2:00 pm.

**Thursday, May 14 will be the last gathering for this group until September. We will reconvene on September 10. See you all then.**

**If you have any questions, contact Maryjane or Becky.**

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### Applique & Handwork

Bring any handwork for a relaxed, drop-in session with fellow stitchers.

**In person:** First Tuesdays, 10:00 am–12:30 pm – no need to sign up: just drop in.

**NOTE: For July AND August,** we will meet at Nancy Mathisrud's backyard in East Bremer-ton. If you embroider, needlepoint or have a binding to sew on by hand, please join us. We will begin at 10:00 AM until ?? Please bring your own lunch. I would appreciate you letting me know if you will be coming so I will have a chair for you. The backyard is shaded but if it gets too hot I have an air conditioning in my home.

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## Sunshine and Shadow—Chris Miller

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Kitsap Quilters has a Sunshine and Shadow chairperson, Chris Miller. If you are aware of someone who might be in need of a card to celebrate something special or a note of sympathy or support, please contact Chris. She will send a greeting from Kitsap Quilters to that member to let them know we are thinking about them.

Chris can be reached at

# Stitches In Time—Nancy Parrott

As I write this, we had the hottest day of the year yesterday at 87 degrees. The neighborhood was alive with summer activities; dog-walking coming in at number one. Oddly enough I was reminded of retiring eight years ago when I needed to shift my mindset from ‘producing every day’ to ‘enjoying the day’ without feeling guilty of my newfound freedom.

My hubby and I did this by doing 12 healing walks at Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge Island. The idea was to use nature to assist in recognizing, improving and increasing one’s sense of wellbeing and purpose. I still use this technique as I enjoy the outdoors because it refreshes my mind as well as my body.

Here are the 12 themes that Bloedel suggest be used and journaled about on your nature walks.

- Walk 1: Awareness- be fully present in the moment
- Walk 2: Possibilities- discard limitations created by your anxieties
- Walk 3: Connections- link the past to the present and consider new beginnings
- Walk 4: Transition- understand you have control over the future despite the past
- Walk 5: Journey- a 1000-mile journey begins with a single step, choose to start now
- Walk 6: Forgiveness- allow yourself to heal and free yourself from any angry past
- Walk 7: Joy- we become what we think; seek peace, wisdom and joy
- Walk 8: Freedom- embrace the choice you have of happiness over fear and sadness
- Walk 9: Trust- believe in yourself and your inner instinct
- Walk 10: Reflection- wisdom and confidence is achieved through examination
- Walk 11: Gratitude- use nature to rekindle the light of the human spirit
- Walk 12: Fulfillment- you are complete in the moment

The walks can be done in any order, but it is recommended that you begin with Awareness, using all five senses to gather as much from nature as possible to start your journey and ending with Fulfillment and giving yourself permission to gracefully accept the accomplishments gained from your walks.

**KQ’s Pet Food Drive – The Final Tally**

A heartfelt thank you to all of you who donated to our spring pet food drive benefiting Fishline & Kitsap Humane Society. It was a success! Altogether, we collected nearly 200 lbs. of food, \$800, and a small mountain of towels. Once again, you have proved what a generous group quilters are!



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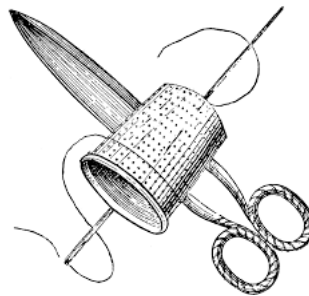
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