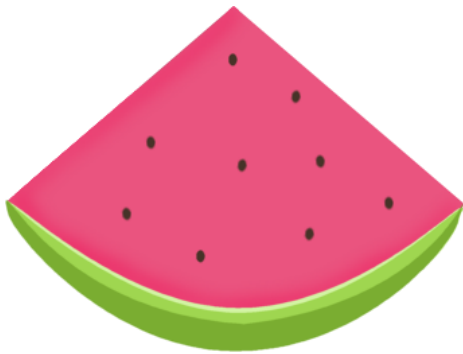




July, 2026

Next Meeting: July 28, 2026 6 pm

**North Point Church
1779 NE Hostmark St , Poulsbo**

Presidents' Message—Katherine Holtgraves

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It's always a bit of a gamble figuring out how a quilt is going to turn out—especially when you're just winging it without a pattern and doing your own thing. If you're someone who works without a pattern, you totally know what I mean. It's exciting, a little nerve-wracking, creative, challenging, and full of hope all at once.

When the March Vintage blocks came in, I was literally on the edge of my seat. I kept thinking, "How on earth will I make this perfect?" I wanted it to be sweet and special because Pam Whitt and I were going to raffle it off to some really talented and wonderful quilt friends. There were some interesting moments on my design wall, but guess what? The quilting magic happened! It's honestly amazing, and both Pam and I are super proud to be able to raffle this beauty off to a lucky guild member at the July Meeting. You don't even have to be there to win—if you're the lucky one, we'll make sure it finds its way to you!



During the raffle, every member who contributed any blocks will be entered. We had enough blocks for a second quilt but decided that's up to one special member who will receive all the blocks, the backing, the sashing, and the batting—kind of like a ready-to-go kit (no pattern, just lots of love and dreaming). Plus, we'll be raffling off a beautiful Coffee Table Book of Vintage Quilts too!

Guild Contacts

President: Katherine Holtgraves

Vice President: Susi Gaskins

Treasurer: Jan Kohler

Treasurer Elect: Claire Grantham

Secretary: Mary Jo Brisbon

2027 Quilt Show Chair: Gail Mann

Newsletter Editor: Marj Deupree

Past President: Karen Boeve

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.

June 2026 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Mary Jo Brisbon

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Vice-President, Susi Gaskins. The guild welcomed four visitors- Linda, Angela, Alicia, and Pamela. Members of the Crazy Quilters of Federal Way, selling tickets for their annual opportunity quilt, "Northern Lights", were also welcomed.

Business of the Guild

The meeting minutes from May 26, 2026, as published in the newsletter, were unanimously approved on a motion by Lisa Jette and second by Betty Wing. Jan Kohler provided the Treasurer's Report. The checking balance as of May 31, 2026 was \$44,165.23 and the savings balance was \$5,945.40. The current balance of the guild's CD is \$4,132.74. She stated the 3rd quarter budget versus actuals comparison report is available for review on the web site, and that financially, the guild is in good shape.

Committee Reports

Pet Drive, Susi Gaskins: Thanks to the generosity of our members, over \$800 was collected for the pet food drive. \$500 went to the Humane Society, along with a mountain of towels. \$300 went to Fish-line, along with hundreds of pounds of dog and cat food.

Committee Chair Vacancies: Several positions still need to be filled: Holiday Social Event 2026, Summer Social Event 2027, Snuggles, Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales, and Programs. Please step up and consider filling one of these positions.

Donation Committee, Barb Peterson: The donation garage sale held at Barb's home was very successful, with the guild netting over \$500. Some items still remain, so an extension of the sale was set up in the kitchen for members to browse and take what they wanted. She also reported that the Bremerton Senior Center will be having its 4th annual quilt show, July 31 and August 1, from 10-4. Admission is free and the event will include approximately 60 quilts on display, a sale room, silent auction, and raffle drawing.

Snuggles Name Change: The vote was unanimous to change the name of the Snuggles committee to Wrapped in Love.

Library Challenge: The theme for the 3rd Library Challenge is Quilter's Choice. Participating members will select any book from the library to create their quilt that will be displayed at the November meeting. Karen will have more information on this during her Quilt University Book Talk, as well as in the newsletter.

Next Generation Program, Audrey Fitzgerald: The recent survey of members resulted in support of shifting from our previous monetary scholarship to providing sewing machines for junior members of our community who belong to non-profit organizations in our community, such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, 4-H, and CTA camps. The program would be open to applicants between the ages of 8-18, who would submit an application, including an essay. The drawing for winning recipients would occur in September. Safety training on machine basics would be available through various resources. After training, the recipient would be able to select 25 items from the donation committee's stash, as well as 5 yards of fabric. Parental/guardian approval is required on the application form and follow up meetings will be held with the participants to determine the success of the program. The New Generation program was unanimously approved on a motion by Mary Jo Brisbon and a second from Barb Peterson. The Mission Statement of the committee will be posted to the Members Page of the website and the application form will be posted for general public access.

Quilt Show, Gail Mann: Since her last report, the Vendors Chair has been filled by Pat Graham and Mary Williams will be chairing Volunteers. With Publicity the last committee to fill, Gail decided that the

June 2026 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Continued

chair would be selected from Pam's Hospitality tickets. The number was announced and members frantically searched their tickets (hoping it was not their number). The winner was Pam Whitt, who had agreed to accept the Publicity Chair position. This was a very creative way to announce the filling of this position! Gail recognized Pam for all of her past contributions to the guild. A chair is still needed for the Volunteer Lunch.

- Registration will run from January 2-15. The system has been tested and is running perfectly.
- The PNW Quilt Festival plans to announce the dates for their 2027 show by the first of July. Gail has been in touch with them and they are considering having their show the third weekend in February so as not to conflict with our show.
- Gail is working with the fairgrounds representative to address critical ADA issues at the front entrance, such as additional handicap parking, an automatic door opener button and the threshold.
- At the quilt show meeting, there was much discussion about members participating in the show and entering quilts for display. It was suggested to have a number on the quilt label rather than the name, but that was voted down for all categories except first time entry, which will be reinstated this year.
- There will no longer be voting for viewer's choice in each category. The public will be asked to vote on their 3 favorite quilts. The top 10 of those votes will be awarded a ribbon at the February wrap up meeting.
- Gail encouraged all members to submit at least one quilt in the upcoming show.

Nominating Committee, Claire Grantham: The slate of nominated officers for the 2026-2027 year was introduced:

Susi Gaskins, President; Rachel Schweizer, Vice President; Jennifer Rudinsky, Secretary; Claire Grantham, Treasurer; and Domonique Stuck, Treasurer Elect. Voting on new officers will occur at the July meeting. If you would like to nominate someone else or possibly yourself for one of these positions, please email Claire or Nancy Parrott.

In-House Raffle Quilt Drawing, Mary Jane Efsathiou, Becky Holt and Karen Boeve: So many blocks were received for the In-House Quilt that they were able to raffle two lap quilts and donate one smaller quilt for Cuddles. Mary Jane and Becky did the quilting. The winner of the first lap quilt was Carol Cristman and the second one went to Ellen Georgi.

2027 Challenge Quilt, Mary Jane and Becky: The theme for this year's challenge quilt is "Quilt Your Story". Finished blocks depicting your quilt story should be no wider than 8", and the finished length from dowel to the bottom, no more than 48". A sleeve needs to be at the top for the dowel. Challenge quilt entries will be displayed and voted upon at the January 25 meeting. More details will be included in the newsletter.

Quilt Show Shopping Boutique, Mary Jane and Becky: Members were encouraged to start getting ready for the shopping boutique. Labels for items to sell are already posted to the website. The same procedures as last year will be followed. Labels need to be stapled to the items for sale.

Sharing: Susi asked Rachel Schweizer and Domonique Stuck to be tonight's show and tell quilt holders. Many beautiful quilts were shared.

June 2026 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Continued

Program, Quilt University:

Members went back to school for the evening program, changing classes every 15 minutes to learn new tips and techniques from our member instructors.

- * Tool and Gadget Demo – Luisana Sawyer and Joyce Conbere
- * How to Scale Quilt Blocks- Meche Watne
- * Hand Quilting (stab stitch method – Lisa Jette
- * Book Talk – Karen McCutchen
- * No Waste Flying Geese – Anita Bernhard

The program was very successful and the members learned a lot in each class! Special thanks to all the instructors who made this happen!!!

Fat Quarter Lottery, Carolyn Nannery: Keitha Unger was the winner of June's purple/tulip theme. Next month the theme is red or blue/4th of July.

Hospitality, Pam Whitt: Tonight's theme was "Hip to be Square". Eight lucky winners received door prizes in the shape of a square.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM

Mary Jo Brisbon, Secretary

Nominating Committee News—Clair Grantham and Nancy Parrott

At the July meeting you will be asked to vote for the 2026-2027 officers of the guild. The nominating committee has selected the following list of nominees:

President: Susi Gaskins (stepping up from vice president of this year)

Vice President: Rachael Schweizer (will become next year's president)

Secretary: Jen Rudinsky

Treasurer: Claire Grantham (stepping up from treasurer-elect of this year)

Treasurer-Elect: Domonique Stuck (will become treasurer next year)

Additional nominations may be made from the floor at the July meeting provided the nominee has granted prior consent. A huge **Thank You** to all the current officers for their exemplary work and to the list of nominees for stepping up to carry on the torch.

REMINDER: The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, July 23rd at 9:30 am on zoom.

2026 Library Challenge—Karen McCutchen

In the tradition of our first two library challenges, the 2026 challenge is also designed to get our members exploring and using the books in our library.

Challenge - Quilter's Choice: Learn or Try Something New: Use any book from our library to learn a new skill or try something new.

Are you a traditional quilter who would like to try something modern? Are you afraid of paper piecing? Are you feeling guilty about the precuts you have in your fabric stash? Have you always wanted to try applique? Never made a quilt by Eleanor Burns? This year's library challenge is the perfect opportunity to check out a book from our library and learn or try something new. With over 280 books in our library, there is something for every quilter.

Want to team up with a partner or a team to learn something new? Feel free to make this a group experience!

Size - the quilts can be any size and don't even have to be a whole quilt! Or even a quilt!

Timeline - we will show the quilts/quilt tops at the November 2026 meeting, giving us plenty of time to get a top, an entire quilt or an item from the "other" section of the library completed. At the meeting we'll each share what book we used, what we learned or tried, and reveal our quilts (or???)

Are you in? I hope you will choose to make your own quilting challenge. Ready, set, go!!!

Questions? Please contact Karen McCutchen at

Unveiling the AccuQuilt Fabric Cutter

Do you have a project waiting to be cut? Need to process some scraps into squares and strips? Or other shapes? Or just want to see how the AccuQuilt works?

Thanks to the generous donation of an electronic AccuQuilt fabric cutting tool along with many different dies, by Carol Kunold, the Guild is now able to offer the use of this tool to it's members. The AccuQuilt cutter will be available during scheduled times at the Church or during specific events as announced.

The Tools Library committee will be making it available during the 3rd Saturday workshops if members sign-up for a time slot. Kathy Beach will be doing the initial tutoring on use of the tool and there is a handout with guidelines posted to the Guild website along with the inventory of available dies.

The first session will be held Saturday, July 18, at Northpoint Church between 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Time slots will be for 1/2 hour max. We have a dedicated email set-up to receive requests for a time slot. The priority will be established by time email is received. If your time is available, we will confirm back to you, if not, we will suggest available options.

Please email to reserve a time slot.

Questions? Email to

2027 Challenge Quilt—Maryjane Efstathiou and Becky Holt

QUILT YOUR STORY

CRITERIA

- Quilt your story. Make blocks that represent things in your life that tell your story! Books, animals, quilting, travel, etc.
- Finished Blocks can be up to 8-1/2" wide
- Your top block should have a sleeve to hold a ¼" dowel. This is the preferred method of hanging.
- Length of **finished** "story" can be no longer than 48". This is from dowel to bottom of last block
- Your story needs to be completed by the January 25, 2027 meeting. Guild member voting will take place at this meeting.
- Please show your commitment to this project by signing up at the July Guild meeting.
- Questions? Email or



Third Saturday—Audrey Fitzgerald

There will be a summer break in the workshop schedule in July and August.

Barb Peterson will be leading the **19 September** workshop. She has a great car trash receptacle pattern to share that can hang from your gear shift or over a head rest all thanks to the power of Velcro. There are certainly more uses for this product and it would make a great, quick gift. You may want to consider using a vinyl or waterproof fabric for the lining to hold spills in check.

The rescheduled ornament workshop will be held **17 October**. Leslie Stapleton will be showing us how to wrap fabric around a Styrofoam ball that can then add some great color to a variety of events. This isn't just for the yuletide tree; it would be equally at home in an Easter basket or even as part of a mobile over a baby crib. You are only limited by your imagination.

In person signups for workshops are in the church lobby during guild meetings. If you are not able to sign up for a workshop in person, please contact me to sign up. Unless otherwise stated, the workshops run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church and there is a \$5.00 class fee. Supply lists will be emailed out a couple of weeks before the workshop to allow for the gathering of materials.

Please remember that workshops are led by quilters like you who have volunteered to share a project with their fellow guild members. If there is something that you enjoy doing or a favorite project that might be of interest to other sewers and you would like to share, please contact me. Also, fresh ideas for future workshops are always welcome.



How did we do this year? I am preparing the final board meeting of the year and would love to have any feedback that you may have! We would love to hear what worked for you and what you might suggest to improve for the future. Just spend a minute and write an email to Katherine – and I will include in the next board agenda. NO SURVEY... but we sure would love to have your thoughts.

Here is my email:
Are you better at texting?

Thanks for sending along your thoughts. The Board Meeting is 7/23/26 @ 9:30 AM Use the zoom link located on the members site for THURSDAY. HOPE that you will include your thoughts!

Sew-ins via Zoom—Colleen Lane

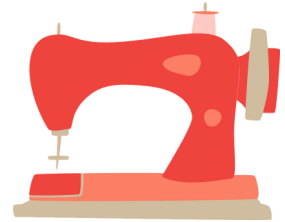
Share the camaraderie of sewing with friends from your home! Great time to work on anything from new projects, UFO's, handwork, organizing your sew space. We're there to enjoy each others company, support, suggestions, laughter and fun.

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

Open Positions—Susi Gaslins

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD WOMEN for 2026 - 2027

We are looking for a just 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; a new volunteer will have plenty of time to learn the ropes with Anita's help.

Special Committee Chairs for 2026 - 2027

Picnic/Summer Social 2027:

Raffle Ticket Sales:

Membership—Chris Miller

As of this writing, we are 182 members strong. Our membership year is September 1st thru August 31st. There will be no change in the price of dues or nametags for the 2026-2027 year. Membership will remain at \$40 and nametags will remain at \$15. We will start taking renewals at the July 28th meeting. We will be set up by 5 pm for your convenience.

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.

July - Red or Blue/4th of July

November - brown/football (Seahawks)

August - No lottery

December - No Lottery

September - Orange/Foliage

October - Black/cats

Good luck to everyone!

A quick update on the Monster Dolls—please bring yours to the July Meeting! Be sure to add



your name somewhere on your doll so we can get it back to you safely. We'll be snapping some cute pictures and celebrating with monster cupcakes! If you're ready to find your doll a new home, that's fantastic too. We'll be adopting them to other Kitsap Members if they are interested for \$10 each, with all proceeds going to **BREMERTON BACKPACK BRIGADE**. It's such a wonderful organization that provides backpacks filled with food to kids on weekends on free lunches. The weekends can be tough for families facing food insecurity, and this charity helps fill that gap so kids in Bremerton have healthy food to enjoy during weekends. Check them out at bremertonbackpackbrigade.org.

SEE YOU FOR ALL THESE FUN AND GAMES IN JULY!

SAVE THE DATE

Kitsap Quilters Fall 2026 Retreat: Wednesday, November 11th starting at 10:30am through Sunday, ending at 1:00 pm, November 15th. More details to follow in the August and September newsletter. Sign-ups for fall retreat will be at the September meeting, September 22.

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

Programs—Anita Bernhart

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



Save the Date: 25 August 2026

for Our Summer Ice Cream Social

Take a break from the summer heat & enjoy a cool treat with your fellow quilters. Get to know someone new while participating in a team activity – no brawn needed; we'll "exercise" our minds! Come join us for some summer fun in the Northpoint foyer at 6:00

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

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.

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.

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 Bremerton. 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.

Sunshine and Shadow—Chris Miller

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



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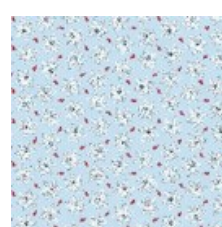
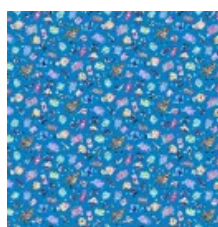
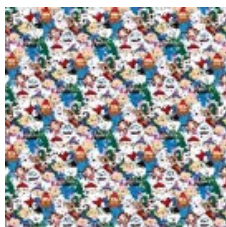
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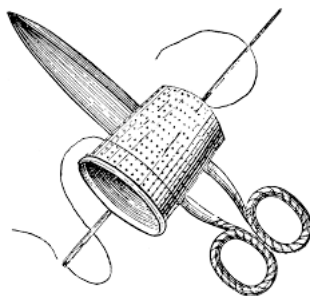
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