



April, 2025

Next Meeting: April 22, 2025 **6 pm**

North Point Church  
1779 NE Hostmark St , Poulsbo

## President's Message—Karen Boeve

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April showers have arrived! But did you know that April is also designated as National Volunteer Month? It serves as a reminder that even small acts of kindness can create a ripple effect of positivity, supporting and inspiring others.

Your volunteering, or other acts of kindness, has the power to create a ripple of positivity across our community. When your kindness connects with the kind acts of others, real change is possible.

It is important that you know your volunteer contributions are valued and meaningful. Whether volunteering to chair a guild committee, working at the quilt show, donating a quilt, cooking for an ill friend, or checking in on a neighbor, each action we take impacts our community's overall wellness, now and for future generations.

Together, let's celebrate the true essence of volunteerism by spreading love, kindness, and hope, one act of service at a time. Thank you for being a bright Point of Light!

**REMINDER:** The next board meeting will be held on Thursday, April 17th at 9:30 am on zoom.

## Guild Contacts

President: Karen Boeve

Vice President: Katherine Holtgraves

Treasurer: Barbara Martin

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Secretary: Susi Gaskins

2025 Quilt Show Chair: Darlene Boggs & Gail Mann

Newsletter Editor: Marj Deupree

Past President: Jeannette Schanbeck

*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.*

## KQG Points of Light—Karen Boeve

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**Sherry Schweizer** and the team hosting the Spring Retreat, including **Sarah Lewis, Linda Moran, Katherine Holtgraves,** and **Jeannette Schanbeck,** are the KQG April Points of Light.

Much of Sherry's volunteer acts happen quietly in the background, supporting our events and causes. This month I am highlighting her most recent contribution, which included a large, very large, purchase of Raffle Quilt Tickets.

Sarah led the team that hosted our Spring Retreat. Linda, Katherine and Jeannette worked with Sarah to create a wonderful experience for participants, with surprise activities and goodies everyday.

Thank you all for your acts of service!

## March 2025 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Susi Gaskins

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- Karen Boeve called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm.
- West Sound Quilt Guild is here with Berta Stone & Marion Woode, selling raffle quilt tickets.
- Our speaker, Charisma Horton, was introduced by Anita Bernhard. Charisma outlined her unique and unconventional career path from long arm quilter to pattern design, working with Rob Appell, to fabric designer for Timeless Treasures. She shared several personal moments and triumphs, and her new love of chickens and her pink barn/studio.

### NEW BUSINESS

- February meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Colleen Lane and seconded by Clare Grantham. Approved by unanimous vote.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Barbara Martin Checking balance: **\$ 50,577.27**; Saving Balance: **\$ 9,940.86**.
- We welcomed new member, Piper Struempfh, and visitors, Merry McAllister, Abbi Dorn, & Viking Safar
- **Members Survey and Future Voting-** Karen
  - Survey - Thank you to the 98 people who responded to the survey. Please note that we pay attention to your responses even if we cannot always implement your ideas. A link to the survey results will be shared with all members.
  - Karen is creating a quick survey for April (on Survey Monkey) to vote on our meeting start time. Once sent, it will be open for one week so you can respond.
  - There will also be a vote in the future about a possible increase in dues from \$30 to \$40, which would include 10 raffle tickets.
  - We will also hold a vote concerning the size of the blocks for Christmas Exchange. The options are either: 15 blocks at 6.5", or 6 blocks at 12.5". You can add one extra block to have one for yourself, which will mean 16/6.5" or 7/12.5" blocks.

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## March 2025 Kitsap Quilters Guild Minutes—Continued

- **KQG Points of Light** this month recognized all the quilt show committee chairs
- **Committee Updates** – Karen
- The next library challenge will be announced in the April newsletter
- The Snuggles Committee thanks you for your continued support.
- Many lovely quilts were presented by our members during “Show & Tell.”
- **Fat Quarter Lottery** with Carolyn Nannery: the green batiks were won by Katherine Zimmermann & the green fabrics were won by Leslie Stapleton.
- Jeannette Schanbeck lauded Sherry Schweitzer for selling 180 raffle tickets at her shop and she also won the raffle quilt raffle prize.
- Pam Whitt held a “Shop Hop” door prize raffle with gift cards to six local shops; there were 6 happy winners.
- We recognized Terry Loy’s 90th birthday & the members sang “Happy Birthday” to her
- There are openings in the Beginners Class which begins 4 April.
- Please remember to pick up the items you leave on the “Free Table” each month: there is no place to store them at the church.

### UPCOMING DATES

- 26 March: Workshop with Charisma Horton
- 11 – 13 April: Piecemakers Quilt Club – “Fabric of the Forest” Quilt Show & Classes, Forks HS
- 17 April: Executive Board Meeting
- 22 April: General Meeting
- 23 April: Workshop with Krista Moser
- 10 May: Cabin Fever Quilters Quilt Show, After the Storm, the Rainbow, Port Townsend Community Center

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

## Hospitality—Pam Whitt

I am looking for 12 Kitsap Quilters to serve on a hospitality team to provide a welcoming experience for new members at our general meetings. It would involve showing them where the various committee tables are, introducing them to a few board members and sitting with them to answer questions. You would be scheduled for just a couple of months of the year so the commitment is not huge, but extremely important. Please contact Pam Whitt:

## Programs—Anita Bernhard

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### **April 22: Speaker: Krista Moser (Lecture: “Diamonds are a Girls Best Friend”)**

Website: <https://www.kristamoser.com>

Workshop: 1611 Union Street on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00-4:00

Krista is offering a 50% discount on the digital download of her pattern 1611 Union Street (If you are not taking the class you can still take advantage of this offer!!). She is also offering 10% off of 2 fabric kits as well. The link to her Codes and info below:

Digital Download of the pattern 50% off: KQG1611-50

10% off the 1611 Fabric kit: KQG1611-10-RED, choose with pattern

10% off the 1611 Fabric kit: KQG1611-10-PUR. choose with pattern

### **May 27: Speaker: Lois Hallock (Lecture: “Your Perfect Quilting Space”)**

Website: <http://www.clearview-designs.com>

### **June 24: Speaker: Cindy Grisdela (Lecture: “Journey of an Art Quilter”)**

Website: <https://cindygrisdela.com>

Workshop: “Artful Improv” 2-day workshop on 6/25 & 6/26 10:00-4:00

Link to Supply List: [Microsoft Word - Artful Improv - Supply List 2022\(M\).docx](#)

### **July 22: Auffle (Auction/Raffle)**

What is an Auffle? It is a cross between an Auction and a Raffle. It is also known as a bucket raffle, Chinese raffle/Auction, penny social or a tricky tray. Lots of different names, but lots of fun!!

The Auffle involves multiple prizes with each prize having its own bucket (receptacle) for the deposit of tickets based on the participant's choice. Participants purchase tickets which they can distribute among the items they want to win. A participant is free to choose whichever bucket/prize by dropping their stub in the bucket of their choice. Of course, the person with the most tickets in item's bucket has the highest chance of winning that item. Once the sale of tickets has been closed and all sold tickets are deposited in the respective buckets, a person selects a lucky winner from each bucket. Tickets will be sold the night of the event for \$1.00 a piece or 6 tickets for \$5.00. The Kitsap Quilters Guild receives 100% of the proceeds from this event.

I'll be accepting donations of anything quilt related for the Auffle. Happy to accept donations of anything quilt related such as fabric, fat quarters, kits, jelly rolls, layer cakes, books, rulers, patterns, or? Please contact Anita Bernhard at if you have questions or would like to donate.

### **August 26: Guild Picnic**

### **September 23: Business meeting/Officers**

### **October 28: Speaker TBD**

Workshop: Working on getting Eva Paige to do a workshop on October 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>

### **November 25: Speaker TBD**

### **December 23: Xmas Party**

# Library—Karen McCutchen

## Kitsap Quilter’s 2025 Library Quilt Challenge

At the March meeting, the 2nd Kitsap Quilter’s Library Challenge was mentioned.....so here are the details. As with last year’s, this challenge is designed to get our members using and exploring the books in our library.

**Challenge – Kitsap Goes Modern:** Use a modern quilting book from our library (or your own or the Kitsap Library) to make a modern (or modernish) quilt. Our library has 22 books that have been identified as “modern”, ranging from improv to modern interpretations of classic blocks or quilts. See the list below.

Some key concepts to explore are: use of solids only, negative space, minimalism, asymmetry, modern traditionalism, and low volume....to name a few.

**Size** – the quilts can be any size

**Timeline** – we will show the quilts/quilt tops at the October 2025 meeting, giving us plenty of time to get a top or entire quilt completed. At the meeting we’ll each share what book we used, what we learned, and reveal our quilts.

I will work with the Quilt Show leaders to get a category for hanging our Library Challenge Modern quilting interpretations at the next show.

I am also volunteering to facilitate a small Contemporary Quilt Study Group – details are in a separate article.

Are you in? I hope you will join this quilting adventure and learn about contemporary quilting. Ready, set, go!!!

Questions? Please contact Karen McCutchen at

### Modern Quilt books in the library:

Artful Improv	Out of the Box
Diamond Chain Quilts	Quilt Block Cookbook, The
Gravity	Quilt with Tula & Angela
Improv Handbook for Modern Quilters	Quilting with Curves
Log Cabin Improv	Savor Each Stitch
Modern Basics II	Splash of Color
Modern Improv Quilting	Stash Statement
Modern Landscape Quilts	Sunday Morning Quilts
Modern Patchwork	Tula Pink's City Sampler
Modern Quilt Workshop	Wedge Quilts Workshop
Modern Quilts from the Blogging Universe	Zen Chic Inspired

## 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

## 3rd Saturday Workshops—Audrey Fitzgerald

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On **19 April** Sarah Lewis will lead us through the assembly of a zippered pouch that resembles a **small in-box** when unzipped. This low-slung bag isn't overly tall but opens into a great shape to keep everyday sewing notions, clips, pencils and pens, or anything else that needs to be corralled when running loose. Once you have made one, I bet you could figure out how to adapt the pattern to any size to meet future requirements. You will have the option of making one that is floppy and packs easily or one with stiffer sides thereby enabling it to stand open with ease. Workshop is full but I can start a standby list in case of cancellations.

Leslie Stapleton will be taking a break from Hospice and Cancer quilts on **17 May** and will be offering instructions on how to make **ornaments** from Styrofoam balls and material. Although traditionally made for Christmas, these ornaments would do equally well for Easter, to perhaps hang from a mobile over a baby crib, or in any other setting where a bit of color is wanted. You can get a sneak peek at the ornaments and construction method during a guild meeting at the sign up table.

Margaret Jones will be making another appearance on **21 June** with her AccuQuilt cutter and assorted dies. This will be a chance for you to check out how the cutting system works, cut out shapes that appeal to you and pick up some skills with **raw edge quilting**. Bring a project you are currently working on that you want to add a bit of zip to with applique or just bring fabric pieces and backgrounds to play with. The idea is to get comfortable with this technique. Although you can affix the applique to your projects with a straight stitch, you may want to bring a sewing machine that has blanket, zig zag or other decorative stitches so you can just doodle around for the sheer fun of it.

Another **Free Sew** will be offered **19 July**. Bring your own project to sew with fellow guild members or pick up one of the offered pre-cut Cuddles, Hospice or Cancer kits that will be made available for this event. Barbara Peterson, Leslie Stapleton and I will be making up more kits in one of the conference rooms while you sew, and I don't think any of us would object if you wanted to take a kit home with you for later.

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 ). 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.

## Membership—Chris Miller

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As of today (4/5/25) we have 168 members. If you want to order a name tag, I will be placing an order soon. I have nametags for the following people that have not been picked up yet.

Patrice Bullard, Donna Burt, Sharon Douwes, Margy Falin, Lauren Ganowski, Julie Haase, Jill Hauge, Jenn, Carol Ann Jackson, Susan Karp, Michele Pompe, Kathleen Pulici, Marily Reisel, Carolyn Schaefer, Patty Schindler, Carol Silva



## Meals On Wheels Placemats—Debbie McKeever

We have a new charity project starting in April. The Meals on Wheels group delivers to home bound people in our community. They are requesting placemats to put in their meal deliveries for birthdays and other holidays. They have very few requirements but are requesting placemats without batting, so they are easier to put in the delivery boxes. I am making kits to be made by guild members that can be brought back for delivery. If you have fabric you would like to use, that is acceptable as well. I have downloaded a self-binding placemat pattern from Shabby Fabrics that also has a video, but it is totally acceptable to

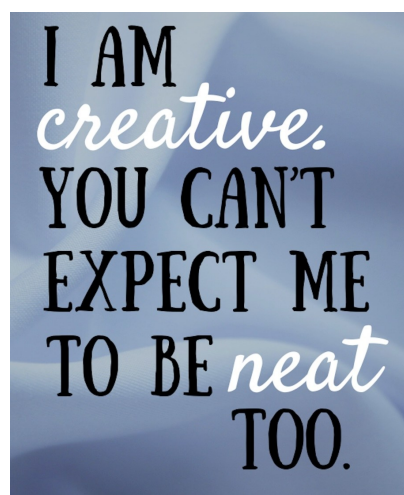
use two fabrics the same size and sandwich them before turning. I'm going to ask you to do a stitch close to the edge seam and an X in the center of the placemat to keep them flat when washing and drying for the recipients. Please contact me with any questions :Debbie McKeever-



## Fat Quarter Lottery—Carolyn Nannery

Welcome to this year's FQ Lottery! Bring a fat quarter/or  $\frac{1}{4}$  yard to enter the lottery in the color each month. One chance for each FQ you enter. This year we are going to do a year of batiks! For those of you who don't have batiks you can bring a FQ in the color of the month or the theme if posted that month. The months of August and December there will not be a drawing as we have the picnic and Holiday party.

April -	Yellow batiks/Yellow fabrics
May -	Purple batiks/Purple fabrics
June -	Red batiks/ Red fabrics
July -	Any color batiks or fabrics
August-	No lottery due to picnic
September-	Brown batiks/brown fabrics
October -	Orange batiks/Orange fabrics
November -	Any color batik and or Holiday fabrics



## Sew-ins via Zoom—Colleen Lane

Share the camaraderie of sewing with friends from your home!

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

**MONDAYS– 10 am 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

## Guild Donations—Barb Peterson and Lisa Jette

Our latest guild donation comes from the estate of a dear guild member, Anita Grumer. She passed in February and I have been working with her family to make sure her donations get put to good use.

There were a few totes of fabric, several bags of scraps, some partially completed quilt tops, and kits she put together "to finish someday." There was also boxes of rulers, templates, patterns and quilting tools and notions.

Several items have been offered for sale through our Facebook page. All money goes to the guild. There were 4 irons that have been sold, distributed to 4H, and put into the guild's workshop supply box for our use. There is still a nice sewing cabinet for a decent size machine.

Lisa and I have discussed the distribution of Anita's and other donated items. All of the Chairs of our charity groups have been contacted and have first rights to these items. We will be bringing items to the guild meeting or third Saturday workshops. If you will be making charity quilts, you may take whatever fabric or supplies you need to complete them. We hope to have a sale of what is left, possibly during the May third Saturday workshop or before our May guild meetings. All funds will go toward these charities.

I'm sure there are others who are doing work on charity projects that will benefit from the donation. I would appreciate you contacting me and letting me know what you need.

The guild continues to accept donations of fabric and other supplies. Contact me or Lisa Jette if you know of anyone who wishes to donate to Kitsap Quilters. Thank you all for your support and contributions.





## Small Groups—Karen Boeve

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**SMALL GROUPS** — Small groups are a great way to meet and get to know other guild members that are interested in similar techniques.

### Applique / Handwork

First Tuesday each month – 10 to 12:30 at North Point

Join us for a great social time doing handwork and applique

### Improv

First Thursday each month – 10 to 1 at North Point

Come join us if you are interested in working and learning with others on improvisational piecing and design.

**Dear Jane** -- work at your own pace and share with others your version of the Dear Jane quilt originally pieced by Jane Stickle in 1863.

Second Thursday each month 1 – 3 in person at North Point church

Every Thursday except for second each month 1 – 3 Zoom, using Saturday log on

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## Civil War Reproductions Small Group—Margaret Jones

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### New “Civil War Reproductions” Small Group is forming!

Poison Green. Chrome Yellow. Double Pink. Turkey Red. Prussian Blue. Do those colors set your heart aflutter? Mine too! There's something classic about quilts that include them. And lucky us, we have access to them through Civil War Reproduction fabrics. If you'd like to get together with like minded quilters, please join me in a new guild small group, Civil War Reproduction Quilters.

The Dear Jane Small Group has graciously invited us to share their meeting time, location, and Zoom times. Please join us in person from 1-3 on the second Thursday of each month at the Church. We will also meet 1-3 on Zoom on the other Thursdays during the month (see the guild's Zoom times).

Point of Contact - Margaret Jones

## Invitation to join a new Contemporary Quilt Study Group

A new small group is starting! This group will be facilitated by Karen McCutchen but will need all participants active involvement as we study some modern quilting concepts and create some contemporary quilt examples. Let's learn together!

There are many concepts to explore: use of solids only, negative space, minimalism, asymmetry, modern traditionalism, alternate grids, and low volume....to name a few.

We will start with Modern Traditionalism, and as a group, decide on the follow-on topics. We will not be covering Improv, since a small group already exists for that.

Here are a few examples and artists to take a look at that inspire me:

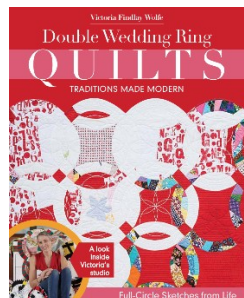
Laura Loewen has won ribbons at QuiltCon for her Modern Traditional quilts

[Laura Loewen – Designer + Maker of Modern Quilts](#)



Victoria Findley Wolfe won best in show at the very first QuiltCon for her take on a double wedding ring quilt.

[Victoria Findlay Wolfe Quilts](#)



**Timeline:** To start, we will do a 3-month study of Modern Traditionalism. This refers to an approach to quilt design that takes inspiration from traditional quilts but applies some parameters of modern quilting – think of it as an invitation to play with color, scale, negative space or alternate grids (just to mention a few).

April – Sign up with Karen McCutchen

May – Face to Face meet-up before the May meeting (some homework required – will be sent out to participants the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May)

June – Zoom meeting

July – Face to Face meet-up before the July meeting. Share creations, decide on next topic.

Are you in? I hope you will join this quilting adventure and learn about contemporary quilting.

Questions? Interested in joining? Please contact Karen McCutchen at

## 2025 Quilt Show Viewer's Choice Ribbon Winners



**BEST of SHOW**  
and 500 Applique/Embroidery Winner

**Sue Spargo's *Crimson Tweed- Modified***

**By Loretta Gordon**

Quilted by Angela Ferdico

Pattern modified by Alissa Doljanin

Each wool and cotton piece was hand appliqued on, plus outlined using different stitches in silk pearl variegated threads, embroidered and embellished using Swarovski crystals and Czechoslovakian beads. This Labor of Love took 14 months and was completed in December 2024.



**Pam Whitt**

***Woodland Creatures***  
100 Large Pieced Category

***Underwater Life***  
600 Contemporary Category

Machine Quilted by  
**Pam Whitt**

This is a Block of the Month from Stitchin' Heaven, although it took me years to complete.



This is a large panel that I found on Spoonflower.com and free motioned quilted on my longarm. I added hidden sea creatures here and there while quilting.

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## ***Harry Potter's Bookcase***

200 Medium/Large Category

By **Nancy Parrott**

Quilted by Nancy Parrott

Paperpieced from the Project of Doom  
Block of the Week blocks from 2015

This quilt is for my 55-year-old nephew who is both a bookworm and Harry Potter fan. This is my second favorite quilt I have ever made.



## ***Monet Meets Seurat and Van Gogh***

300 Medium Quilts Category

By **Vicki Adams**

Quilted by Libbie Peterson

I used seven printed panels for this quilt. Six were cut up in One Block Wonder style and the seventh is in the center of the quilt. I ended up with so many triangles made up into hexies that I also got another quilt that has been given away. Terry Loy's method for facing a quilt made the perfect edge finish for this piece. I got sleeves for hanging at the top and bottom as a bonus.



## ***Dresden Neighborhood***

400 Small Pieced Category

By **Vicki Adams**

Using the Dresden Neighborhood pattern

Quilted by Libbie Peterson

A fun little project made with Cherrywood hand-dyed fabric and Artisan Shot Cottons.

More Winners and Pictures next month!





# Sherry's Cozy Quilts

*Fabric, notions, and all things warm & cozy.*

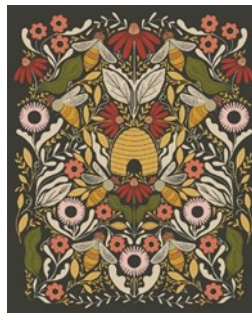
Thank you to everyone who attended our 4-year anniversary. We have lots of new fabrics this month.



Tim Holtz Palette of the month Green



In the Beginning Fabrics Emerald Dragons



Moda Bee Garden

Regular business hours:

Wednesday through Saturday

10am-5pm

Sundays

11am-4pm.

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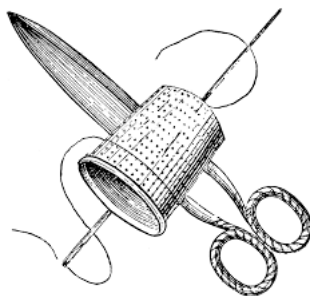
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**ALL PACIFIC  
NORTHWEST  
SHOP HOP**

**April & May  
2025**

**Get a Collectible Quilt Square from each shop  
and be eligible for prizes by visiting all the  
shops in any one of several regions.**



Kitsap Quilters welcomes new members throughout the year.  
You are invited to attend two meetings free, after which membership is  
required for further attendance.  
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