



Cabin Fever Quilters' Guild

CELEBRATING OVER 40 YEARS

*Happy
New Year!!!*

**13: Board Meeting,
5:30pm @ Noel Wien
Library**
**20: General Membership
@ Faith Baptist Church
7pm**
**20: Begin Newsletter
Submissions**
**27: NEWSLETTER
DEADLINE**

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Highlights

Quilting in The Snow

January 23-25th

**Please bring 1/3rd yard of fun fabric
any color or design for surprise project.**

**Please contact Sue Gross if you are able to help
transport items from storage to the retreat**

***Please Send All Future Newsletter Announcements to cfqnewsletter@gmail.com

January

- **9 Jean Leder**
- **11 Sharon Weekley**
- **13 Vicki Koehler**
- **17 Diana Crawford**



- **18 Dambra Callahan**
- **18 Carol Lovejoy**
- **23 Dorothy Stella**

NORTHERN COMFORT is published monthly on the CFQG Website. Members are notified by email of the web posting. Paper copies are available via first class mail for an annual fee of \$25. Please inform Membership Chairman of any address changes. **ADVERTISING:** Personal ads related to quilting are free to Guild members on a space available basis. Quilt related commercial ads: full page \$30, half page \$15, quarter page \$8. Payments should be sent with ad copy. The CFQG cannot accept responsibility for the content of ads.

CABIN FEVER QUILTERS' GUILD is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting the appreciation and knowledge of quilt and quilt making. **MEMBERSHIP:** Non-members may attend twice as guests. Guild membership is open to anyone interested in quilts.
Annual Dues:
\$30 payable in October
\$25 for Sr. Rate 60+ years
\$25 extra for a mailed

Newsletter subscription, others can view on CFQG website.

NEWSLETTER SUBMITTALS:
Items/corrections are due by the 27th unless otherwise announced:

*Email subject line MUST contain:
CFQG Newsletter*

Acceptable file formats: WORD (.docx), Adobe PDF, JPG, TIFF, BMP, GIF (Please include the 3 letter file extension)

When submitting an article, please send in a Word or Google document.

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Board Meeting

CFQG BOARD MEETING MINUTES

December 9, 2025

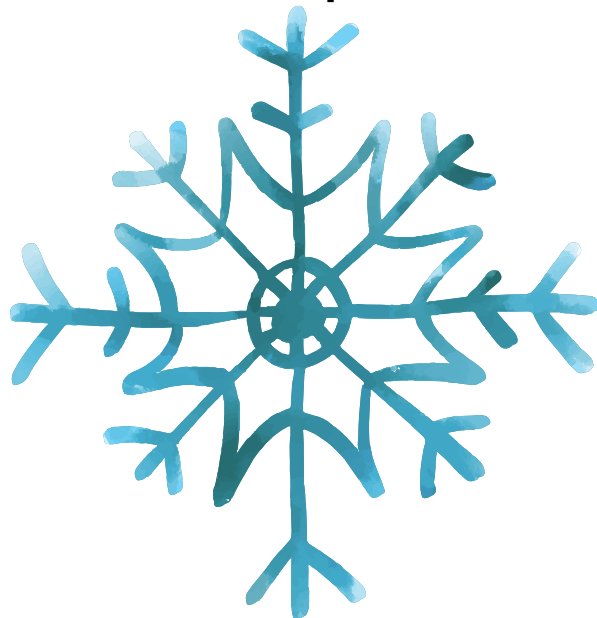
Meeting Canceled

Cold Weather Policy

**If the temperature at noon,
on the day of meeting is BELOW
-30 degrees**

**General Membership Meeting
will be canceled**

Call Time and Temp 907-452-3553



CFQG General Meeting

Minutes December 16, 2025

The meeting was called to order 7:10 by President Diana Wariner

Welcome Visitors: Ashley & daughter Evelyn, Kathy (Kay Sissons mom) and Karen Milne

October Minutes: Dorothy Stella moved, Shirley Sterner seconded, minutes approved

Treasurer report: Bobby Tarkiainen – Regular Acct balance approx. \$ 32,000 Raffle acct approx. \$ 4,000.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Hospitality: Dorothy Stella - binder going around.

Membership: Pat Fox info is entered into new system, directory available in January. Please check with members you haven't seen lately so everyone can be included.

Sunshine Sue: Brenda Doggett - no report.

Community Sewing: Looking for volunteers to chair community sewing, Elaine will advise.

Quilting in the Snow : Sue Gross Jan 23 to Jan 25, room for a few more if anyone else wants to attend. Sue has packets and is accepting payment for those with balance due.

Secret Pals: Colleen Pedretty gifts on table in back, application forms to be sent out by email. Think about participating in 2026, registration is in January, and will begin in February.

Publicity: Kat Helmuth- Chinook Charter School students are making quilts for all graduating 8th graders & are looking for fabric donations. Looking for small prints, bright colors & neutrals in one yard or larger pieces.

Raffle Quilt 2026: Board member's will settle on a quilt design at next board meeting.

Quilt Slushy: March 28 – April 3 at the Elks club

Sew Flurries: Mary Olson - looking for teachers - think about what you could demonstrate or teach.

Workshop: no report

Tanana Valley Fair – Theme is “All is Fair in Love and Spore”, Veggie is Mushroom, Flower is Zinnia, and colors are Crimson, Taupe and Jasmine.

Quilt Alaska: Jeanne Sneddon – check next newsletter, slips with reminder dates handed out.

Block of the Month – Jeanne Sneddon – 33 snowflakes won by Dawn Cooper. January will be Spinning Spools, use striped fabric for “thread” block pieces.

OLD BUSINESS

Need website administrator and chair/co-chair for community sewing.

NEW BUSINESS

Ornament exchange - 24 participated.

DRAWINGS

Door Prizes: Carla Drvenkar, Janice Cleworth, Nancy Hummel, Karla Taylor-Welch, Elizabeth Harder.

Name Tag: Sue Gross

Fat Quarters: Dambra Callahan

Show and Tell: Mystery Quilts

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Blissful Bobbins now does Babylock sales & service

Adjourned 8:40 pm

Next board meeting – 1/13/2026 @ 5:30 pm Noel Wien Library

Next General Meeting 1/20/2026 @ 7 pm Faith Baptist Church 910 Chena Pump Road

Announcements

Ladies Quilters Group

1st & 3rd Wednesday of the Month
@ Bethel Church on Farmers Loop
5pm-7:30pm

Bring a Sewing Machine in Good Working Order.
Beginner Sewing Lessons Available.

Current Project:
Quilt As You Go projects
Triangle Tote Bags
Contacts

Kim Wardwell (907) 799-4495
Macia Bryant (907) 317-2185



HOSPITALITY

- Ice: Amelia Houtchens
- Beverage: Dorothy Stella
- Veggies and Dip: Carolyn Weaver, Trisha Immonen
- Appetizers: Wendy Brandon, Janice Cleworth, Dambra Callahan
- Sweets: Shirley Sterner, Marty Wilson, Elizabeth Harder

New Members

New to the Guild?
participate in drawings!

Meeting starts at 7pm, arrive a few minutes early to
Enter your name in for the following drawings:

Door Prize

Name Tag -wear handmade guild nametag
Fat Quarter-one entry per fat quarter you bring
Block of The Month-Bring current month's block,
one entry per block, winner takes all.

Meeting goes over guild business and upcoming events.
Announcements, Snacks and Show and Tell follow.



Ashley & Evelyn

Find us...

Webpage:

<http://www.cfqgalaska.org>

Look for the forms, events, policies, etc.

Facebook:



<https://www.facebook.com/CabinFeverQuiltersAlaska>

Announcements

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

QUILTS OF VALOR

Dawn-Marie Karella:
Quilting Lions & Friends
dm@kdmproperties.com
907-328-3296



COMMUNITY SEWING

Wrapping up 2025 Community Sewing I would like to thank everyone, who came to sew on Community Sewing days, donated finished tops, finished quilts, blocks, took home tops to finish or picked up quilts to bind. We were able to donate the following quilts:

23 quilts to Red Cross

35 quilts to Stevie's Place

2 quilts to Hospice

1 quilt top (donated from Connie Deere) backing, batting and binding to FMH for a raffle

We will be sewing again at Faith Baptist Church, on Monday, January 19, 2026. We will start at

9:30 and wrap it up by 2:30, as usual it will be a brown bag lunch affair.

Please bring your machine if you can, we can always carry it into the church for you. We will be completing some quilts started in 2025, creating backs and binding.

I have two quilts in need of binding, one has bias binding.

Please get in touch with me if you can finish one of these quilts. I sew on Thursdays at Davis Hall, with the QOV group and it's an easy place for pick up and drop off.

Happy Sewing New Year,

Elaine Thompson McGee 907-322-0448

Community Sewing Chair or Co-Chair needed!

Google Groups

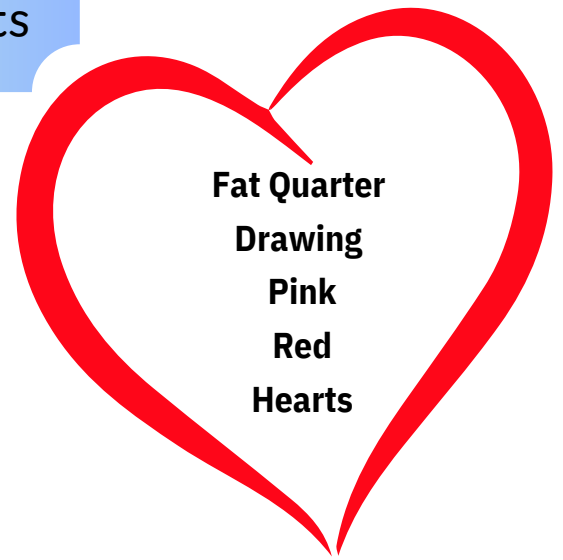
The Guild uses Google Groups for communications. As I receive new membership information, I will send an invitation to you from the CFQG Google Group. You will receive an email from CFQG with a subject line of **Invitation to Join**.

All you have to do is click on the blue box that reads **Accept this invitation** and you will have joined the group.

If you have not received the email, the link is:

<https://groups.google.com/g/cfqg/>

Elaine Thompson McGee
322-0448 elaineltm@gmail.com



Fat Quarter

Drawing

Pink

Red

Hearts

Sunshine Sue News

NO UPDATE

IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE
IN OUR GROUP WHO COULD USE
A THOUGHTFUL CARD PLEASE SEND
AN EMAIL TO BRENDA DOGGETT

Please send any notices to
bj.oils@hotmail.com



UPCOMING EVENTS

Quilting In The Snow

January 23-25

@ Chena Hot Springs Resort

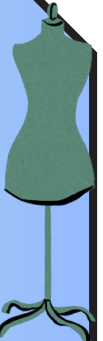
Classes

Pop Up Shop with The Blissful

Bobbin

Questions... Contact Sue Gross

(907) 347-5275



Announcements

Mystery Quilt Reveal



Announcements

A Year at a Glance

Meeting is held 3rd
Tuesday of the Month
January

Quilt In the Snow Quilt
Retreat

February

Secret Quilter Sister
Program begins

March

Spring Potluck with a
Potholder Exchange
& Parade of Aprons

April

Laura's Quilt Slushy Quilt
Retreat

May

Spring Fashion Show

June

July

August

CFQG Quilt Show at
Tanana Valley Fair
CFQG – Small Quilt
Auction at the TVF

September

Sew Flurries – Quilt
Retreat

Membership \$ Due

October

Annual Dinner with Voting
Quilt Raffle Drawing

Challenge Fabric Project
Reveal

November

December

Holiday Ornament
Exchange

Quilt Alaska 2026

Get ready for Quilt Alaska 2026! Let's make this event outstanding! The biennial show, organized by the Cabin Fever Quilters Guild and Fairbanks Arts Association, is open to CFQG members and residents of Interior Alaska, Doyon Region. Held at Bear Gallery in Pioneer Park, it features quilts of any size and wearable art garments, attracting many visitors each year. Each person may submit either one entry, or both a garment and a quilt. If you are unsure whether your item will qualify for the show, please ask.

For this exhibit, a "QUILT" consists of three layers—a designed top, center batting, and back—held together by stitched patterns or designs. This description pertains to both quilts and wearable art. We support all quilting styles: traditional, contemporary, and modern.

You will be required to attach Velcro (hook side) to the top of your quilt for hanging. Very large quilts will require additional Velcro on the bottom corners. You can sell your work; however, FAA will retain a 35% commission.

Interested in giving an Artist Talk in the gallery? Contact Jeanne for details.

Quilt Alaska 2026 - Important Dates:

Friday, May 1 – Friday, June 5 - Enter your piece online at Fairbanks Arts Association. (You'll need to provide a photo of yourself along with a description of your quilt.)

Sunday, June 28 - Intake at Bear Gallery – You will drop off your quilt at Bear Gallery. Your quilt and/or garment must remain on display throughout the entire show. (We will ask for volunteers to assist with intake and for the show set-up. We will share the exact times and dates as soon as the information becomes available.)

Friday, July 3 - First Friday at Bear Gallery - (We provide refreshments and will also need volunteers for the reception.)

The quilt show will run from Friday, July 3 through Saturday, August 1 Sunday, August 2 -Take down at Bear Gallery – You'll pick up your quilt at the gallery. (We will ask for volunteers for this day also.)

I will remind everyone of these dates as they get closer. Meanwhile please call or text me with any questions.

Jeanne Sneddon, 907-347-3104

Announcements

Quilt Slushy

March 28th - April 3rd at Elks Lodge

Join us in the spring for our week long local quilt retreat! Enjoy classes, finish your UFO's or just come for some sewing fun! Sign up will be in the February Newsletter! If you'd like to teach a class please contact Jennifer Pearson or Sharon Weekley.

Jennifer Pearson (907) 712-7997

Sharon Weekley (907) 322-9865



Veggie: Mushroom

All is Fair
in Love
and
SPORE

COLORS

× Crimson ×

× Taupe ×

× Jasmine ×

FLOWER



Zinnia



Tanana Valley Fair

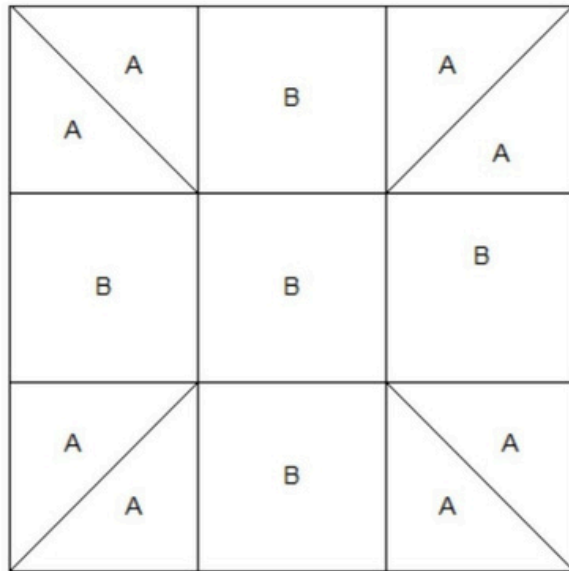
We are past the holiday busy time! Now we can find some time to make a small quilt for the auction at the fair. Deadline isn't until the July meeting, but it is not too early to turn in your contribution—and get back to finishing your larger entry for the fair. Just remember: avoid a size/shape which looks like a potholder, and entries must not be larger than 100" all around.

Questions? Call or text Elizabeth at 907-378-2637.

Block of the Month

January Block of the Month

Spinning Spools



Fabric and Cutting

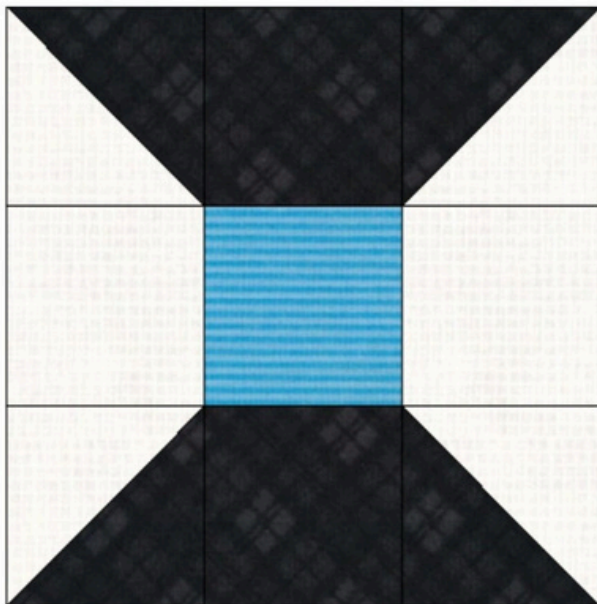
Use colorful, striped fabric for your “thread”. Use a black print that reads mostly black for your spools, and use a white-on-white fabric for the background. Refer to the quilt diagram below for color suggestions.

A – 2 7/8” squares, cut diagonally into half square triangles. (4 background and 4 black)

B – 2 1/2” square. (1 stripe, 2 black, and 2 background)

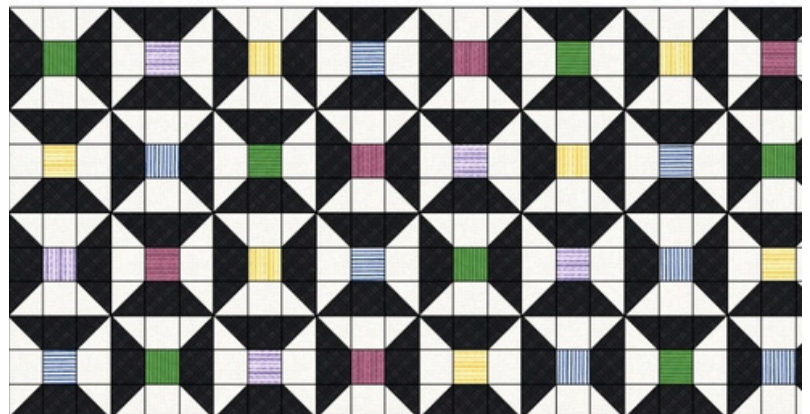
Sewing

Sew your half square triangles together, then add the black squares in between. Sew your squares together, then sew the block together as pictured.



Alternatively, you can make the spool top and bottom by cutting two black 2 1/2” X 6 1/2” rectangles and four 2 1/2” white squares. Sew the squares on the diagonal on either side of the rectangles. Trim the excess off the back. This will replace the black squares and triangles and the white half square triangles.

Finished size is 6 inches, 6 1/2 inches unfinished.



CFQG Secret Quilting Pal (SQP) Form – 2026

Submit by January 31, 2026

How It Works: Complete this form and hand in, mail or email to the SSQP Coordinator (below). We exchange the forms so everyone has some information about their “pal”. Try to really give your Secret Pal a snapshot of who you are. Beginning in February, give your SQP cards/gifts for birthdays, holidays, anniversaries or just for fun, at least 6 times during the year. SQP’s will be revealed at the next January meeting. Bring gifts to Guild meetings and put on the SQP table anonymously. Contact the SQP Coordinator (below) if you have any questions or problems delivering or picking up a gift. Try to make something for your SQP whether it’s a card, a baked goodie, or an ornament.

NAME _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL _____ BIRTHDAY (mo/day) _____

OTHER FAVORITE HOLIDAY(S) _____

IN DECEMBER I CELEBRATE.....(circle) CHRISTMAS HANUKKAH KWANZA NONE OTHER _____

FAVORITE THINGS _____

THINGS YOU COLLECT _____

FAVORITE COLOR(S) _____

AT HOME – COLORS/DÉCOR:

Kitchen _____

Bath _____

Living Room _____

Bedroom _____

GOALS FOR 2023 _____

Can gifts be delivered to your workplace? YES NO

ADDRESS / DIRECTIONS: _____

OTHER INFO FOR YOUR SQP _____

Be specific i.e. I use note cards, I have a problem with fragrances, I am allergic to peanuts.

SQP Coordinator: Colleen Pedretty, PO Box 70051, Fairbanks, AK 99707 * Cell 907-590-9334 EMAIL: colleenp@acsalaska.net

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Fairbanks, AK 99708

CABIN FEVER QUILTERS' GUILD MEETING

January 20, 2026

*General Membership Meeting at
Faith Baptist Church*

7:00pm



- *Wear Your Homemade Name Tag!*
- *Door Prizes*
- *Bring a Fat Quarter*
- *Bring Block of the Month*