



# Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

## CCQ Member Biography

Name	Amy Kesten
Occupation	World Traveler
How might people in the community know you?	Very involved with social justice issues. On the Board of Juneau ProChoice Coalition

## Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?

I started quilting when I was in my mid-twenties. The first quilt I ever made was in a community schools' class in Maine. As a first year teacher in rural Maine, quilting seemed to be a great activity to take on. I used a sewing machine to piece and bought the cheapest fabric.

During my move to Alaska on the Ferry I made my second quilt entirely by hand using old cotton nightgowns.

How do you express yourself through quilting?

My quilts can usually be identified by the bold colors and improv piecing. Rarely do I follow a traditional pattern, and when I do it seems to take on more of a modern twist.

What do you do with your quilts?

My quilts are mostly gifted to family and friends. Several years ago, I made a list of people I thought would enjoy a quilt, and then babies were born, friends graduated, milestones were celebrated, depression and other illness, and some were gifted to gracious hosts. If you are quilt-worthy and a friend or family member, you have probably received a quilted or knitted item.

Amy with her Improv Log Cabin Quilt "Maine Cabin"





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Do you have a  
favorite block?

Recently I've been playing with non-traditional log cabin blocks. (See my Maine Cabin quilt displayed in the Serendipity area.) Most of my quilts are improv, and made from blocks I create without following a set pattern.

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