



# Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

## CCQ Member Biography

Name	Debbie Germain
Occupation	Retired from Juneau School District, do a little bookkeeping (very part-time)
How might people in the community know you?	I was born & raised in Douglas, worked in the finance department of the Juneau School District for 31 years, and for RainTree Quilting for 5 years. I raised my two children, Patrick & Catie in Douglas.

## Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?	I began quilting after my friend, Wendy, talked about how fun it is and showed me some of her quilts. Wendy invited me to join a group of women who got together once a week, after work. After seeing her quilts, and learning who she sewed with, I joined them in 2005/2006. At that time, our group was called The Hand Bags, but we have since changed our name to The Sewing Sisters.
How do you like to express yourself through quilting?	I believe making quilts as gifts for family & friends is a true gift from my heart. When making these gift quilts, I use patterns and colors specifically for the recipient. But when making a quilt for myself, I use rich tones & bright colors because they make me happy. I prefer traditionally pieced quilts but also love to machine embroider, so a combination of the two is always fun.
What do you do with your quilts?	The majority of the quilts I have made have been given to family as Christmas, birthday, and other celebratory gifts. I have kept a large number for myself, also. I have also made quilts for donation to The Shrine of St. Therese, the Catholic church in Galena, AK, the CCQ Comfort Quilts, and for the Bra Dazzler art show and auction in support of Team Survivor Perseverance.
Describe your first quilt and when you made it?	There was no quilt pattern, just the block pattern, so I figured out the layout and size on my own. I also shrank the pinwheel pattern to make corner-stone blocks for the border.

This is a close-up photo of my first quilt:

