



# Your Friends, Your Neighbors, Your Community

## CCQ Member Biography

Name	Gen Nestler
Occupation	Retired Professional Registered Nurse
How might people in the community know you?	Mother of three active boys and their sports (soccer, jump roping). I am also very active in church activities such as playing the piano for the choir. I have been in Juneau since 1985.

## Quilting Background

When did you begin quilting and why?	I started quilting around 1987, after moving to Juneau. I started a quilt out of a magazine without knowing anything about quilting. I joined the guild so I could learn more and how to do it the right way... I got hooked because I like to do things with my hands.
How do you like to express yourself through quilting?	I try to custom design quilts for specific people. As an example, my daughter wanted a library quilt. I took her love of Harry Potter and incorporated those fabric themes into a quilt featuring Harry Potter books on the 'shelves'.
What do you do with your quilts?	I give away a lot of quilts, and I keep some for myself. All my beds have quilts that I have made on them. In my living room I also change out quilts I've sewn to match the seasons.
Describe your first quilt and when you made it?	As stated, my first quilt was from a magazine pattern I started in 1987. I used all kinds of fabrics; corduroy, knits, silky polyester and dotted swiss cotton. For the back, I ran out of flannel, so I converted my long nightgown and turned it into a short one! I also made some potholders from the end of a mattress pad my toddler son wasn't big enough to occupy, yet. This is why I needed to join a guild... I needed better guidance!!!

This is Gen's first quilt which she still keeps on her bed:

(Note: do you recognize the pattern from the Underground Railroad display?)

