

The Frayed Edge

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RAINSHADOW QUILTING ARTS GUILD
P.O. Box 45
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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild is to foster an appreciation and understanding of quilts as a traditional needle-craft medium or expressive art form; share talents and knowledge to promote excellence in needlecraft; educate and encourage our members and the public in traditional quilts and quilt art through workshops, guest teachers and speakers and quilt shows. The Guild shall provide opportunities to exhibit examples of traditional quilts and quilt art; donate to charitable organizations; and provide information to all members with regard to Guild programs, retreats, shows, and meetings.

Website

Remember to check out our website
rqag.org

User name: RQAG

Password: Quilter

Web Manager: Sharalyn Lehman

The website has lots of pictures, event information, membership roster and so much more. Please check it out!

Coming Guild Attractions - 2014

May 17 – Sewcial – salad potluck, guild provides greens and dressing, please bring something to add.

June 14 – class –Krispi Staude -Double Diamonds- learn the technique and make a bag!

July 12 – Sewcial

August 13 – 16 – San Juan County Fair

September 6 – Sewcial

Oct. 4th– Annual meeting – morning meeting followed by afternoon class

November 8 - 11 – Quilt Camp –Camp Brotherhood near Mount Vernon

**Class sign-up is easy; mail your \$35 check to RQAG, PO Box 45, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. Identify the class you are requesting.

NOTE: You are not signed up for a class until you have sent in a check. Please do not sign your name in the Program Book until your check has been mailed to the RQAG P.O. Box. It really confuses things if you sign up without paying. The treasurer appreciates your cooperation in this.

Non-Guild Events of Interest

April 1-30th - Anacortes Quilt Walk, Downtown Anacortes

April 25-26 – Central Washington Quilt Show “Quilts Along the Trail”, Kittitas Co, Event Center, Ellensburg, WA. You are invited to submit a quilt. Go to www.myellensburg.com

May 15-17 – Quilt History Retreat on Lopez Island by the Western WA Quilt Study Group. Go to karequilt@aol.com for registration information

August 14-16 – Quilt! Knit! Stitch! (International Quilt Festival event), will be at the Oregon Convention Center, Portland, OR. Check it out at www.quilts.com – class signups begin late April

June Class – Double Diamonds

Here are a few images of the Double Diamond bags that Krispi will teach in June. She has several styles which include sewn in Zip-locs. How handy is that? The double diamond is easy and really striking. Join the class, learn a new technique, make something useful and pretty for yourself (or as a gift), and have fun.



Peace Island

Kathy Chadwick sent out this message to Peace Island Volunteers and friends:

The Peace Island Volunteers' Cancer Care Project is well underway.

Now that spring is here, Dawn Alger, RN of the Cancer Care Unit has requested more hats in lighter weight yarns and in soft pastel colors. Always remember to select soft, non-scratchy yarns (think baby's skin), and aim for a small or medium adult size.

Would anyone like to try knitting fingerless (texting) gloves? There have been requests for some. If you need a pattern contact Kathy.

There is also an ongoing need for lap quilts that are sewn, knitted, crocheted or woven, approximate size of 36"x45".

For anyone who has more money than time, would you consider donating yarn to the project? Then the yarns can be given to willing knitters. (Call Kathy if interested.)

Donations may be dropped off at the Greeter's Desk at the Medical Center, Island Wools in town, or, email Kathy Chadwick to make other arrangements. Every item should include: Your name; Fiber used; Care instructions. Questions, please contact Kathy at: 378-8838 or email mkchad1477@rockisland.com

Quilt Camp 2014

Reserve your spot for Quilt Camp, 2014, at Camp Brotherhood (November 8-11). A refundable deposit of \$5 to \$50 will hold your spot.

Mail check to our PO Box 45, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.

Option #1 (3 nights, 8 meals) \$225 for a triple room

Option #2 (2 nights, 5 meals) \$150 for a triple room

Option #3 (day pass) \$20 plus the cost of meals

Registration form will be available soon but you can send in a deposit now.

San Juan County Fair

This year's Fair Challenge theme is "[Down on the Farm](#)" and your Fair Challenge project can be realized in any manner you wish within the Textile and Fiber Art universe. Anything 'farm related' goes, it could be barns, farmhouses, tractors/equipment, farm animals or crops, whatever 'farm' means to you! Along with the ideas above, here's some inspiration to kick you off with ideas and get you excited about starting your project: <http://www.pinterest.com/geminiislandart/down-on-the-farm/>

Other Challenges

Are you interested in other challenges?

Check out the **Hoffman Challenge** at www.HoffmanChallenge.com (due July 18, 2014).

Or look at **Quilter's Newsletter's "Celebrate 45 Years of Quilting Challenge"**.

Go to QuiltersNewsletter.com

Fruit & Veggies - Torre passed along this idea that came from a local knitter. Here are a few ideas for some small projects to make for the "Down on the Farm" challenge for the Fair. These knit or crochet veggies and fruits are a good way to use up leftover yarn. They will be exhibited at the Fair, then either returned to the maker, or donated to the local Family Services program to distribute as kids' "grab" toys.

She provided two pages of links for the specific items. I can forward that to anyone who is interested but I think you can find many of them on your favorite yarn sites such as raverlry.com



If you have not heard, Bonnie is moving be in the store the day she learned the store building. She will use part of the classroom while Merle will use the I also noticed that she is now carrying a promised even more fabrics when she has the larger store. Let's keep checking with her and buying there when we can.



her craft shop this summer. I happened to deal was concluded for the former lumber building for her store and a large other part for his business.

fairly good selection of minky fabric. She



Bernina Artista 730 Embroidery Sewing Machine with Bernina Stitch Regulator

I bought this machine brand new in 2007. I have had it serviced regularly and I have added many extras including the multiple thread holder that attaches to the back of the machine. I also have the acrylic table insert so that you can insert it in your sewing cabinet like a Koala. I have many additional feet. Everything original to the machine is intact, manuals, embroidery hoops, carriers etc. This machine is in perfect condition, please call if you are interested in seeing it and sewing on it. This was used for embroidery and some sewing, low hours as I have several other machines that I use to sew with also. Contact Julie Ross 317-5421 or email julier@centurylink.net I am asking \$2800.00 OBO. I want it to go to a good home, to someone who would really like it. It is a very fun machine.



NEEDLES AND PINS

Cannot Find the Wednesday Quilters?

Sometimes the Wednesday afternoon group, Wild Rose Quilters, is displaced when another event receives priority at the Mullis Center. The blood drives are a common example. The Wild Rose group is usually able to relocate to either the Mullis Center Library or the "craft room". So – if you arrive to find the Center occupied by others, be sure to go around to the side door and look for your quilting friends.

Sunshine

Do you know of a member in need of a card? Marilee Kirschner is our Sunshine gal. Just let her know and she will pick out an appropriate card and attach a nice note. Please do not assume that "everyone knows" because we do not want to overlook someone in need.

Tell Me What You Know

If you wish to place information in the newsletter, just let me know. Contact Sue Beauchamp at s2beau@centurytel.net or 370-5709. I love to include stories about quilt shows or shops you have visited, or just anything related to quilting. You can write an article or give me the facts and I will put something together. The newsletter is sent out a day or two after the monthly board meeting which is usually held the second Wednesday of each month.

Challenge Project 2014

The challenge project for quilt camp 2014 is to create a table topper. This might be a table runner, a placemat, a candle mat, a napkin, a fabric sculpture or whatever you would like to see on your table.

Healing Quilts

These should be "lap size", large enough to cuddle under but not bed size. Healing quilts are given in special circumstances to individuals in our community who have suffered a major traumatic, life-changing event. We need quilts for both genders!

Pike Place Day Care Service Quilts

These will be given to 4 year olds so should be **approximately 42" x 54"**. Measurements are not absolute but let's be sure they are useable.

Members of 501c3 groups (like RQAG) get a 10% discount at Mr. Sew Dandy in Anacortes.

Resource Center Service Quilts

Baby quilts **approximately 36" square** can be turned in and will be donated for distribution to new San Juan island infants.

Peace Island Hospital Cancer Quilts.

These quilts should measure about **48"x60" or smaller**. Each chemo patient will receive one to use during treatments and will take the quilt home once treatment is finished.

"Wool Shed Challenge"- San Juan Co. Fair:

Use any Fiber or Textile Art to create something that fits the theme "Down on the Farm". It could incorporate anything from farm buildings, equipment, animals, plants, etc. - anything farm related goes!

Items will be judged in their normal category, whether it's Textile or Fiber Arts and will then be displayed jointly in an area between the two groups.

Batting Available

The guild has batting available for members to use on service quilts. Ask one of the board members if you need help locating this resource.