

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

Coming Attractions

February 9 & 23, 2013– Kitty – Bargello classes (same class, two dates to choose from).

March 9, 2013 - Sewcial

April 6, 2013 – Sue – Screen bag class

May 11, 2013 - Sewcial

June 8, 2013 – Mystery Quilt Day – This is a change of date! The original date conflicted with several other major island events.

July 13, 2013 - Sewcial

August 14-17, 2013 – Fair

September 21-22, 2013 – Rita Hutchen’s Tubular quilting design TBA

October 5, 2013 - Sewcial

November 8-11, 2013 – Quilt Camp Orkila

Class sign-up is easy on the website; send your check to RQAG, PO Box 45, Friday Harbor, WA 98250.

OTHER EVENTS

*If interested in attending Camp Burton on Vashon Island, contact Barbara Snider. She tells me slots are available in March.

Special Announcement: The La Conner Quilt & Textile Museum will reopen February 14th. Please visit their website to learn about current and upcoming exhibits and events.

<http://www.laconnerquilts.com/links/>

Quilt Shows & Related Events

February 28 - March 3, 2013, SEWING & STITCHERY EXPO - Western Washington Fair Grounds
110 - 9th Avenue SW, Puyallup, WA 98371. <http://www.sewexpo.com/>

February 15 & 16, 2013, QUILTERS ARE BIRDS OF A FEATHER, Kitsap Quilters Guild, Kitsap County
Fairgrounds, President's Hall, Bremerton, WA. <http://kitsapquilters.com/>

March 15-17, 2013, Quilters Anonymous 32nd Annual Quilt Show, "Out of This World", Evergreen State
Fairgrounds in Monroe, WA. showinfo@quiltersanonymous.org

April 11 - 13, 2013, FESTIVAL OF QUILTS, Northwest Quilters 39th Annual Quilt Show, Portland Expo
Center, Exhibit Hall A, 2060 N. Marine Drive, Portland, OR. <http://www.northwestquilters.org/>

Reasons Quilters gave for attending quilt shows:

See quilts 79%
Buy supplies 73%
Enjoy quilts as art 60%
Network 34%

Exhibits most enjoyed at quilt shows?

79% Traditional
49% Contest
46% Antique
38% Contemporary art
Hmm – that's more than 100%. Do quilters
have trouble picking one favorite?

Have you attended a quilt show recently? I recently attended the *Road to California Quilt Show* and learned a little tidbit to share with all of you. Clean your cutting mat to extend its life and the life of the blade. Place in the bath tub, use a generous amount of room temperature water and a few drops of a mild detergent. Clean gently with a soft, mild bristle brush. Rinse and wipe dry with a cotton towel. **Do not use warm or hot water and do not place in the sun!** Always store flat. This info came from Charlie's E-Z Mat Cutters. Visit his website for more great information at www.olfadeals.com.

Not only was I lucky enough to attend this show, I was fortunate to attend with 5 friends from Friday Harbor! We all found ourselves within a two hour drive and decided to attend together. Here we are entering the show and then waiting for the shuttle back to the hotel after the show; still smiling, but exhausted.



Future Projects

June Mystery Quilt

Barb found a great design for our Mystery Day. With a very modern look, it might be a new style for some of us, but it is listed as “easy” and I think everyone will really like it. The pattern uses a variety of clear, medium-value solid colored fabrics with an off-white background. Commercial prints, batiks, and hand dyes in your favorite color scheme will also create a lovely quilt. The background fabric needs to be significantly different in value, either lighter or darker, than your block fabrics.

Quilt size is 50” X 80”. Smaller options are not listed, but I think it could easily be made smaller.

Fabric Requirements:

Assorted colored fabrics totaling 4 yards for the blocks and binding

Field or background fabric – 3 yards

Backing – 5 ¼ yards

Batting – 58” X 88”

April Class



Sue B's **Screen Bag Class**, April 6

Supply List:

- *pattern - since there are several out, I have purchased the right one and you can buy from me at cost.
- *5/8 yd screen fabric - in the past The Quilt Shop in Anacortes has carried this.
- *1/3 yd fabric for the pocket
- *1/2 yd fabric for pocket liner and trim
- *1 pkg piping if you wish to use it on the pocket (very optional)
- *3 to 3 1/2 yd belting for handle (I use 3, you might want longer)
- *2 strips iron-on interfacing 4" x 22" each
- *2 strips miscellaneous fabric (about 2" x 24") for covering the inside seam. I use a solid color that matches the screen.
- *Chalk or marking tool that will show on the screen fabric.
- *Large head sewing pins.
- *Jeans needle (bring a spare, also)
- *Sewing machine, thread, rotary cutter, etc.

Challenge Quilt

Make an apron for the November 2013 Quilt Camp challenge. Can be functional or frilly; adult or child; pattern or original design.

Service Quilts

Remember to set aside some time this year to make a quilt for **Pike Place Day Care**. Need these by August. These will be given to four year olds for nap time so should be approximately 42”X54”.

Measurements are not absolute, do what works with the pattern you are using.

We also appreciate lap size quilts for **Healing Quilts**. These are added to our supply whenever they come in. Nice to have four or five on hand so we have choices that fit the recipient and the situation.

Note: The guild has batting available for members to use on service quilts. If you are not familiar with this, ask one of the guild board members.