

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!

Amazon's Generous Offer to Nonprofits

The guild has just set up an exciting new fund raising opportunity through Amazon.

You simply connect to Smile.Amazon.com using this link to place a qualifying order and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the sale profits back to the guild!

It is easy, easy, easy to set up if you have an existing account with Amazon.

Also, tell your family and friends so they can support our organization too.

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/42-1535247>

Start shopping,



Officers and Committee Chairs

The guild needs a few good members to step forward and help fill positions essential to the operation of the guild. Please let one of the officers know that you would be happy to take one of these jobs. A guild is only as strong as the members!

President-elect – This person has a pretty easy job the first year. She helps maintain the roster, fills in if needed for the president, and learns about the role of president which she becomes the second year.

Communications - This job includes both newsletter and website maintenance. The two jobs can be split and shared by two individuals. I have done both so can tell you what to expect. Anyone with basic computer and writing skills can do the newsletter. You simply type it on

your computer and send out as an email attachment to all members. Much of the information is rolled over month to month and frequently other members provide information. It can be written throughout the month and finished for readership after the monthly board meeting. The website needs someone with some skills at this kind of thing. Perhaps a member is willing to do the newsletter and has a hubby or other family member who is techie enough to help with the website??

Now, I hear some of you saying, "But I cannot attend every board meeting." Not a problem. I missed multiple meetings and just asked someone to take notes and send me any new information. Worked great.

Hospitality – A four member team seems to work best as someone is always gone. We currently have three volunteers so just need one more.

Service Quilts – This person collects all the service quilts, keeps a chart of those that were turned in and makes sure the quilts get to their destinations.

The following members have stepped forward to fill (or refill) these positions:

President- Barb Snider

Treasurer- Kelly Hilsinger

Program- Krispi Staude

Secretary- Nancy Best

Hospitality- Krispi, Sharon M. and Nancy B. (need at least 1 additional member)

Sunshine – Carol Hooper

Wow! What a terrific group of quilting friends - of course you want to be involved! Contact Carol Hooper or me to choose your role.

Coming Guild Attractions - 2014

July 12 – Sewcial

August 13 – 16 – San Juan County Fair

September 6 – Sewcial

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

November 8 - 11 – Quilt Camp Brotherhood

December 6 – TBA



Guild dates for 2015: mark your calendar - these dates have been reserved with the Mullis Center for classes and sewcials. Details will be announced later.

Jan 17	April 18	July 18
Feb 21	May 16	Sept 12
Mar 21	June 20	Oct 3



**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.

Special Fair Award



Do you have an embellished quilt to enter into this year's fair?

A reminder that RQAG will once again offer "The Dot Merlino Memorial Sunshine Award" in memory of a wonderful and beloved member of our community. Dot was an extraordinary accomplished quilter and machine embroiderer. She created embellished and embroidered juvenile and baby quilts that brought "sunshine" to all who viewed them. A \$50 gift certificate will be awarded to a quilt entered in the San Juan County Fair, chosen by the Quilt Judge. The winning quilt must be a minimum 36" square and of a type that Dot would have created.

The Wild Rose Quilters; a brief history

The Wild Rose Quilters is a loosely un-organized group. We have no leader as such. It started well over 25 years ago with about 8 women who were knitters and then took a series of quilting classes on Orcas Island and wanted to continue to meet and encourage one another. The group met in people's homes for years as an after-dinner-time group... usually from 7 until 10 or so depending on the evening. We didn't have a group name. One year, we wanted to be in the Fourth of July Parade in Friday Harbor, and were told that we couldn't participate unless we had a name. We voted on the name and Wild Rose Quilters came into being.

We have been meeting at the Mullis Center on Wednesday nights for about 8 years. We have become more of an afternoon/before-dinner-time group. We start gathering at 4PM and are nearly always gone by 6. The group is open to anyone doing any craft... we have knitters, crocheters, tatters, and of course, quilters. We collect no dues and do not require anything of you except come join us, have a good time and enjoy yourself. Often there is someone willing to help you if you have a question or need assistance with something. Although we don't collect dues, we do put out a "pot" and each person is invited to contribute \$1 weekly toward the Mullis Center expenses. One thing we do is to encourage one another. This is probably the most supportive group that I have been in. You can get twelve different ideas to help your project and then go home and choose one or come up with something totally different and no one takes offense. There are people at all different levels of quilting in this group and everyone's efforts are applauded.

Krispi Staude keeps us connected with her "Chronicle". Each week she takes photos of the items people share at our Wednesday night gathering and puts together a little "newsletter" for everyone to encourage our projects. She sends it out via email and is more than willing to add names to her list.

Please join us whenever you can. The door is always open to new and old alike.

PS. There is a Quilting Guild also here on San Juan Island, called the Rainshadow Quilters Art Guild. We have Saturday events, classes and one annual meeting. There is a board, a roster and dues involved in that group (only \$30 a year). Many of the Wild Rose Quilters are part of the guild, but it's not mandatory!

[Thank You to Krispi for creating and sharing this history.]

Challenges

***San Juan County Fair** – “**Down on the Farm**” Details on the “Needles & Pins” page.

***RQAG Quilt Camp Challenge** – Make a table topper for quilt camp. Details on the “Needles & Pins” pg.

Fruit & Veggies - small projects to make for the "Down on the Farm" challenge for the Fair. These knit or crochet veggies and fruits 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.

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



Just For Fun – Things Krispi found online and shared for us to enjoy.

Terms you may find in quilting magazines. Did you know all of these?

BOM = block of the month

D4P = Disappearing 4 Patch

D9p = Disappearing 9 Patch

DF = double fold

DWR = Double Wedding Ring

FMQ = Free Motion Quilting

FQ = fat quarter

Frogging = Unsewing (Or as I grew up with it as out)

HST = half-square triangle

LAQ = Long arm quilter

LOF = length of fabric

LQS = local quilt shop

QAYG = Quilt as you go

PHD - project half done

RST = right sides together

SF = single fold

SID = Stitch in ditch

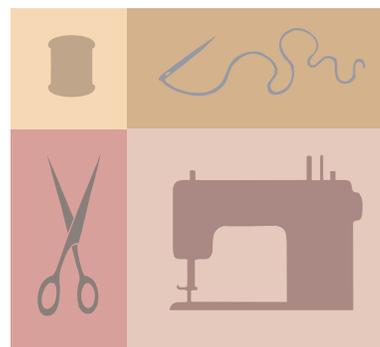
SOG = straight of grain

UFO = un finished object

WIP = work in progress

WOF = width of fabric

WOW = white on white



ripping

WST = wrong sides together



And then a respectful parody of the serenity prayer:

Quilter's Serenity Prayer

God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change,

The stash to make a quilt to help me cope,

A quilt to give comfort to those I love in times of hurt, fear and uncertainty.

And the courage to keep on sewing when life itself seems held together by a single thread of hope.



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.

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.

"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.

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

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.

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.