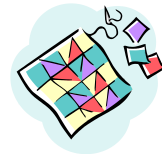


The Frayed Edge

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RAINSHADOW QUILTING ARTS GUILD
P.O. Box 45
Friday Harbor, WA 98250
May 2014



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!

Officers and Committee Chairs

Yep, it's almost time to start thinking about the rotation of officers and chairs. At this time I know we will need to fill the following positions:

President-elect (becomes president the following year)

Communications (newsletter & website, could be shared by two individuals)

Hospitality (need 4 members)

Service Quilts

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

➡ **May 17 – Sewcial** – salad potluck, guild provides greens and dressing, please bring something to add. Also, we will be doing an “affle raffle” so bring something and buy something. Proceeds from the sales help pay the rental fee for the Mullis Center that day.

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

December 6 – TBA – newly added date

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.

Non-Guild Events of Interest

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

Friday Harbor Historical Museum – Currently displaying 4 quilts by our member, Kitty S.

Game Day

May 28 – 10:30 am at the Mullis Center. Peace Island Volunteers (formerly the Medical Guild) will hold a Bridge and Games Luncheon. \$20 per person. You can visit their site www.peaceislandvolunteers.org, contact me for further information s2beau@centurytel.net or call Anne Benedict 360-298-1789. You might also consider joining this group.

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 forms now available. Will arrive in your email along with this newsletter.

Should also be available on the website by now.

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

Cancer Care Project needs hats for chemo patients. Always remember to select soft, non-scratchy yarns (think baby's skin), and aim for a small or medium adult size.

They also are requesting fingerless (texting) gloves. There is also an ongoing need for lap quilts that are sewn, knitted, crocheted or woven, approximate size of 36"x45".

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



Also, let's remember to keep track of our donated quilts. Although we do not do this as an official RQAG event I would think we could count our members' contributions as part of our community service.

Quilt Camp Registration

I will send the quilt camp registration form in a separate email. **Watch For It!**

Please Save It!!!! 

Information You Can Use

Helpful hint for pre-shrinking fabric

You know how your fabric gets all tangled up when you pre-shrink it? Well, here is a way to avoid that. Take the fabric and unfold it so that the selvages are NOT together and the centre crease is laying flat. Accordion fold the fabric along the length of the selvedge in about 20-30"

segments. Using really big stainless steel safety pins, pin the selvages together about three or four times along the edge. Turn it over and pin the OTHER selvedge. It will keep your fabric from tangling in the washer and the dryer!!!

Thread over-spinning and not co-operating?

If you are using a cross-wound spool of thread, it will come off the top easily, so you can use a thread stand at the back of your machine to hold it. If you are using a straight-wound spool of thread, it is meant to go on your sewing machine spindle sideways. Of course, if you're having no trouble with this, it's no problem to do them either way.

Thank you, Krispi, these sound like useful ideas.

Magazines

Did you know? Peace Island Medical Center would love to have fresh, current magazines for their lobby and waiting rooms. Simply drop off your lightly used magazines at the main desk.

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.

Hoffman Challenge at www.HoffmanChallenge.com (due July 18, 2014).

Quilter’s Newsletter’s “Celebrate 45 Years of Quilting Challenge”.

See QuiltersNewsletter.com

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.



Book Nook

We had a few reading suggestions offered this month.

1. Nancy B. recommends *God’s Hotel: A Doctor, a Hospital and a Pilgrimage to the Heart of Medicine* by Victoria Sweet.
2. Sharon M. suggests *Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair That Changed America* by Erik Larson This incredible book tells the events related to the 1893 Chicago World’s Fair and the serial killer stalking young women at the time.
3. Barb S liked *Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest For Gold at the 1936 Olympics* by Daniel James Brown
4. Sue B. just finished *Inheritance: How Our Genes Change Our Lives and Our Lives Change Our Genes* by Sharon Moalem, MD, PhD. Fascinating revelations about genetics and how our genes are actually influenced and change over time.
5. And several people reminded us our local author Jill Urbach (Kitty’s daughter) wrote *Two Room Flat* and *Mr. Impeccable*.

Machine For Sale



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.



Not Done Yet
Keep Going

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.