

The Frayed Edge
Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild
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Website- Big changes here! Check out Tori's great work. One change that has been made is that there is no password required. Because of this, the roster is buried a bit. To find it, go to the menu bar, select More, then Documents, then Roster. Check to see if your name is there and your info is correct. If it isn't, dues need to be paid or we missed getting them.

April 18 Sewcial: The board suggests that this be a theme sewcial **for all who care to participate**. Barb Snider came across a group on Vashon called American Hero Quilts. The members of this group make quilts for injured troops returning home from war. They will take quilt tops and finish them for no charge, have few requirements for how to make them up, and give the quilts to current injured troops. Anyone who wants to bring red, white or blue cloth, participate in making quilt blocks, and/or who wants to bring a red, white and blue 12 ½ inch block to add to a quilt is welcome to participate.

Name Tags: Yes, you know who you are. A lot of us know who most of us are. But wouldn't it be a kindness if our new members could get a little help with figuring out who we all are? Perhaps you have a quilted name tag stashed away somewhere, but if you don't, Tori has found a place that will make name tags for us. They are reasonably priced at \$10 for the magnet backed ones, and \$7 for the pin backs. Check it out:

<http://www.rqag.org/name-tags.html>

Consider wearing one on Wednesdays and at Sewcials

Word's out that Bonnie at Creative Passions has some wonderful new fabric in. She also has sign-up sheets for classes, which are not listed on her website.

StashFest 2015 presented by the LaConnor Quilt Museum is coming up, unfortunately also on April 18. 'Lots of wonderful, unique fabrics and fabric related things to add to your stash'. The list of StashFest artists include people who offer fabrics that are hand dyed, copper stamped, digitally printed and some from Japanese kimonos. More info at <http://www.laconnerquilts.org/stashfest-2015.html>

Coming Guild Attractions

2015: Mark your calendar! These dates have been reserved with the Mullis Center for classes and Sewcials. There could be changes if another class opportunity presents itself.

March 21 Sewcial – Lunch will be salad potluck, and there will be an auffle raffle

April 18 Sewcial

May 16 Sewcial

June 20 Sewcial

July 18 Sewcial

September 12 Sewcial

October 3 Annual meeting- Katie Pedersen will be back for a workshop. Many of us enjoyed her Modern Quilting class when she came a year ago. She has many quilting techniques she could share with us- check out her site and talk to Krispi about what you like of her work. <https://SewKatieDid.wordpress.com/>

Zippered Bag Class: I hope you have seen these cool bags that Krispi and Marie have made! They are so useful, as well as engendering Bag Lust big time. The date for this class is in flux. We need 12 people to sign up to make it work, which does not seem to be happening for this spring. The current thought is to reschedule for the fall and open it up to Lopez quilters and perhaps the textile guild. It will be a two day class. You will need to buy the pattern for \$13 plus have fabrics, zippers, interfacing, etc. (more on these items before class). Depending on where the class is held, the cost for the two day class will run approximately \$65-\$75. If you would be interested in taking this class please let them know. Email: Marie at mzjohansen@mac.com or Krispi at staude@centurytel.net

2015-16 - Lots o' Blocks Project Support Group

For those of you who have always wanted to do a Dear Jane, Farmer's Wife, Sylvia's Bridal or Civil War Sampler or other big non-repeating block quilt, this encouraging and supportive group is for you. The meetings have been lively and enthusiastic. Incredible quilts keep showing up! As someone who finishes maybe 3 simple quilts a year, I stand in awe of you all.

The group meets the second Wednesday of the month. Tori is moderating this group, any questions go to her at: toribh@minethatdata.com

2015 Fair Challenge Theme

For those of you who like to get started early on your Fair Challenge, here is the 2015 Fair Theme: "Strawberry Fields For-Heifer!"

Create something from the Textile and/or Fiber Arts World to match the theme. Your take on it could be strawberries, the Beatles, cows or all of the above, whatever the theme means to you - just have fun with it!

Any ? Email Tori at toribh@minethatdata.com

Quilt Camp: We will return to lovely Camp Brotherhood for camp this year. Dates are set for November 7-11.

Service Quilts: Mary Granger has a Service Quilt chart. You can sign up to make quilts for Pike Market Preschool, Pike Market Baby Room, Quilts of Valor, and/or healing quilts. The chart allows us to have a visual of how many quilts are being made, and what areas need attention.

Mary asks that you keep the quilts at home, but fill in the chart so she knows what is out there.

Pins And Needles

****Cant 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.

****Want to sign up for a class?** Class sign-up is easy! Mail your \$45 check to RQAG, POB 45, Friday Harbor. 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 PO Box. It really confuses things if you sign the book without paying. The treasurer appreciates your cooperation in this.

****Quilts Sizes for charity quilts:**

-Healing quilts- should be 'lap size', large enough to cuddle under but not bed size. Healing quilts are given in special circumstances to individuals in our quilting community (friends, spouses, people known to one or more of our guild members) 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 and a few babies, so should be approximately 42" x 54". Measurements are not absolute but lets be sure they are usable.

-Resource Center Service Quilts, and the Baby Room at Pike Place

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

****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

****Peace Island Hospital Cancer Center Quilts**

These quilts should measure about 48'x60' or smaller. Chemo patients will receive one to use during treatments and will take the quilt home once treatment is finished.

****Discount** Members of 501c3 groups, (like RQAG) get a 10% discount at Mr Sew Dandy, a machine repair guru for older sewing machines, in Anacortes

****Help the Guild's Budget**

Connect to [Smile.Amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to place a qualifying order and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the sale profits back to the guild.

****Tell me what you know!** If you wish to place information in the newsletter, please let me know. Contact Nancy Best nancyb1133@gmail.com or 378-5929.

I would 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 monthly, generally shortly after the board meeting.

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 thorough 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.