

The Frayed Edge

Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild

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*****2016 Sewcial and Class Schedule-**

August 17-20: Fair - Entry day is Tuesday. Challenge: Tiny theme, see below.

September 3: Sewcial, salad potluck. The last date to get those Pike Street quilts in!

September 14 (at Wednesday Quilting): Christmas fabric exchange; anyone can join in this. Bring 2 ½ inch wide, wof, red or cream colored Christmas themed strips, 10 of each to share. You get back as many as you bring, give or take.

October 8: Annual meeting, doors open at 8:30 am, business meeting starts at 9am, Trunk Show by Susan Wade when that is completed. See below.

October 9: Susan Wade's Appliqued Fish Collage class, brown bag lunch. See below

November 10-14: Quilt Camp, see below.

December- sometimes a sewcial seems to slip in here, if there is one a notice will be sent out to guild members.

*****San Juan County Fair**

Its Sunday before fair, and I have some last minute binding to do to get my quilts ready for TUESDAY, entry day. No surprises there!

Krispi Staude and Christy Hinkle are superintendents again this year, for which I am deeply grateful. Its a huge job, and they do it so well! Our quilts are safe and

returned neat and clean because of their hard work and organization - and they make look so easy. Thank you thank you thank you!

There are still some slots open to help at the fair, please consider signing up if you haven't, or even if you have and have time. You get to catch up with friends and be surrounded by outstanding artwork, what could be better?

Anyone who has quilt racks they are willing to loan for the duration of the fair is requested to bring them on Tuesday, morning would be better than evening.

This years Wool Shed Challenge is a way-fun concept- **Tiny; make something that invites close viewing**. Take a look: <http://www.rqag.org/sjc-fair.html>

*****October 8/9 Annual Meeting,**

The annual meeting is the morning of October 8. We will be electing board members. We are in need of a president and a vice president/president elect for 2017. If you enjoy being a part of the guild, and haven't been on the board for a while, or are new to the guild and want to lend a hand, please consider taking on one of these positions.

Yay! Thanks to Barb Snider, we have **Susan Wade** coming to our annual meeting for a trunk show on Saturday and a class on Sunday. Her focus is on **adventuring with creativity**, and to give you something to work on while you get your juices flowing, she will teach a class in appliqué collage. She describes this class as "A gateway experience from traditional quilting to improv fabric collage" We will spend the day creating a fish design collage, which comes out pretty spectacular and will be finished by the end of the day! That's right, not another UFO taking up space on your shelf! (Perhaps I speak only for myself, but that sounds pretty wonderful!) Check out her Facebook page for some inspiration: <https://www.facebook.com/SusanWadeFabricCollage/> Looking on Facebook at the blocks her students have made, she is very successful in teaching her subject.

The annual meeting and Trunk Show on Saturday are open and free to all members of the guild. The class on Sunday costs \$45, send a check to POB 45, Friday Harbor, and write the name of the class on the check.

FYI- Our guild has a mix of skill levels, from beginners to very skilled. Its unlikely we can find teachers who match all skill and interest levels. Nationally known teachers are scheduled a year or two in advance, and cost around \$500 a day, give or take. Opening the classes to our guild members first and then, by 3 months before the class, to the public is one way to be sure to get classes full enough to pay for quality teachers. Classes cost members \$45/day. Our program liason is always open to/eager for suggestions: Barb Snider, Barbsnider@comcast.net

Sewcials: There was a suggestion that we have some kind of dvd or mini class at our Sewcials. If you would like to offer something, or need some help with some

quilting skill set, please contact Barb Snider or bring it up to other guild members and see if there is interest. Personally, I love learning new things from my peers, especially if I can find a better way of doing something that I didn't know I needed!

*****Quilt Camp 2016- November 10 thru 14** Thirty one of our thirty two quilt camp slots are filled! Get your application and money in pronto if you plan to come. The application is here: <http://www.rqag.org/programs.html>

In case you have been living under a rock and haven't heard, our valiant Quilt Camp Committee had to find a new location for our camp at the last minute. Fortunately, The Firs Retreat Center in Bellingham has space for us and years of experience with quilting groups. Some wonderful fabric stores are nearby, and the cabins look sweet. New this year-a slumber party, organized by Julie Ross and Linda Coleman. And yes, of course it's optional, but I for one wouldn't want to miss it!

The camp committee is looking for people who would like to present a mini class. (Remember, these are your friends, you don't have to feel like you are a professional teacher. If you have some tip or trick you think is really nifty, please share!)

Questions? Barb Ellis islandbre@gmail.com or Po polineus@gmail.com

Quilt Camp Challenge for November 2016 is to make something that is black, white and one other color. I know of a few people out there who have already finished theirs! Some people just haven't practiced the fine art of procrastination enough in their lifetimes.

Pins And Needles

*****Something new:* Long Arm Quilter reviews:**

Want to have your quilt professionally quilted and don't know where to go? Here are a few recommendations from people in the guild. These are not the Guild's recommendations, these are individual's recommendations, and we/they hope you find them useful. If you would like to add a recommendation or give a review, please let me know. If you think having these reviews in this newsletter is inappropriate, you can let me know that too.

Bobby Hyland:

4841 Buena Park Rd
Waterford, WI 53185

bobby.hyland@gmail.com

Bobby does a fabulous job, will do custom or over-all quilting, or a combination of both. Meander \$1.75 sq ft (0.0122 per inch), over-all \$2.50 sq ft (0.0174 per inch), custom \$4.00 sq ft (0.0278 sq inch), batting and thread included.

Recommended by Nancy Best and Barb Snider

K&E Machine Quilting:

405)452-3910

7882E 122nd St, Wetumka, OK 74883

Kim.kay@att.net

Kim has been doing quilts for members of our guild for years. She currently has a very prompt turn around time. She does all-over quilting, has lots of patterns, and does a great job, for a very good price: \$0.015 per square inch, which includes batting.

Po recommended her.

Tracey Fisher

851 E Douglas Ave

Bellingham, WA 98229

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traceyfisher@comcast.net

Carol Hooper says her neighbor had a quilt done by Tracey, and it is beautiful. I dont have her prices.

****Something has gone missing-** the bell we use to ask for quiet on Wednesday afternoons when there is something that we all would like to hear. Does anyone know where it is? If so, please return it to Janet W.

**** On-Going 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. The group meets the second Wednesday of the month. Tori is moderating this group, any questions go to her at: [**toribh@minethatdata.com**](mailto:toribh@minethatdata.com)

****Can't 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.

****Charity 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 bring quilts to her, and fill in the chart.

-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

Other charities that our individual guild members support include:

****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.

****Quilts of Valor** for servicemen and women. See Beth Phillips for more info on this organization

****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.