

The Frayed Edge
Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild
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Happy Holidays to you all!

First, please welcome Linda Cooper, our new President, and Mary Z, our president elect. Thanks to both of them for volunteering to serve us in these positions. And thanks to the rest of the board for continuing on in service!

RQAG Roster: I have attached a 2015 roster to this email. Im sure it has some errors and no doubt not everyone is on, but its my best shot. Please check it and make sure the information is correct.

Dues are due January 1, tho any time from now on would be great. Dues are \$30, Please mail it to the above address- or I will have an addressed envelope to put checks into on Wednesday nights when I am there. Dues help us cover costs of Sewcial, scholarships to classes and camp, and other sundries.

Coming Attractions:

Dec 9: Wild Rose Quilters invite everyone to a Christmas Hors D'eourves Party, Dec 9, 4 to 6 pm. Finger food and caroling, what could be better?

Dec 12: Sewcial at Bonnie's: some of us NEED a Sewcial, so we are making it happen. Our usual spaces are not available, so we are trying out Bonnie's. Brown bag lunch, 8:30 to 4, chose a chore when you get there.

2016 Sewcial and Class Schedule- the dates are confirmed, we dont have the classes nailed down yet.

Jan 9

Feb 13

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 9

August 17-20 Fair

Sept 3

October 8,9 Annual meeting

Input Invited re:publicity In order to keep solvent, we need to have our classes full. Most contracts with instructors for classes have a cancellation date 3 months in advance of the class. The board has decided that classes will be open to the guild as soon as we make the contract with any teacher, and open to the public 4 months in advance of the class, so we can be sure that we can cover fees. Do you have any great ideas about how to publicize classes? If so, contact Barb S or Krispi with your ideas.

Pins And Needles

Vashon Quilt Camps- Barb Snider is organizing two retreats on lovely Vashon Island again this year, and has openings in both. From personal experience, I can say that the site is right on the water; the food is tasty and the camaraderie is delightful. The dates are March 2-6 and April 6-10. Contact Barb at Barbsnider@comcast.net

**** 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

****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.

****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.