

The Frayed Edge

Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild

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Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help with these positions, and

Many thanks and much appreciation to the officers and committee members who served in 2016

Dues are due, \$30, optional for members 75 years and up. Scholarships available- see a board member.

Its dues time again, and we are asking for a little different process for collection them this year. The last few years, dues collection may have been a bit haphazard: see a likely looking board member, give them a check, check wanders around in someone's pocket until it reaches the treasurer perhaps months later. (Yup, gotta wear those winter clothes a little more often if Im going to put checks in them....)

So, for the sake of sanity and financial hygiene, this year we would like you to accompany your **check with a membership form** and mail it in. Linda Cooper is our treasurer, Lynn Weatherill is our VP in charge of membership and if you can hand it **directly** to one of them, that will also work. But dont hand it to me, see above.

To download a copy of the membership form, please go to www.rqag.org (the website not the mobile form that comes up on your phone). Choose 'MORE' on the menu bar. Choose 'Join us!' from the drop down list. Go to the bottom of the

page and choose the membership pdf and print. Then (and I know this part is asking a lot) fill out the form and send it in with a check for \$30.

This will insure that Lynn, our new VP, and Linda Cooper, our trusty treasurer, will have up to date and accurate information to work from. And that you get your Frayed Edge.

Look for the 2016 membership list, to be sent out in a separate email.

*****2017 Sewcial and Class Schedule-**

Sewcials- First Saturday of the month, at the Mullis Center except as noted

January 7

February 4

March 4

April 1

May 6 at Skagit College community room

June 3

July 1

August 5

September 2

October 7 Annual Meeting and trunk show

October 8 Class with Patricia Beylea- Wow! More on that later.

November 4

November 9 – 13 Quilt Camp

December 2 at Skagit College community room

Barb Snider, Barbsnider@comcast.net, chair and yes only member of our program committee, is looking for suggestions for classes. When you fill out your membership form, or when you see her next, or when you think of it and have your email open, please send her suggestions for what YOU would like to learn. If its something

small and easy, we can incorporate it into a sewcial. If its a class topic or a teacher you would like to have come, dont edit yourself. Sure Kaffe Fassett is unlikely to come to the islands, but we dont know that if we dont ask. Instructors schedule out years in advance, so we need suggestions now for 2018 or even 2019.

Sewcials: If you would like to offer or request a mini class, 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, so bring it on!

*****Quilt Camp 2017- November 9 thru 13**

Better start buying fabric for camp now, I'm sure you will need it.

Krispi had a lot of requests for her Continuous Bias Binding and her Magic Pillowcase instructions. I have forwarded the instructions for these on to you. If you cant open them, please let me know. I am not sure what I will do about it, but let me know...

Pins And Needles

From Diane Martindale, a wonderful oportunity to show your work:

The Art In The Library theme for January 21 is *The Magic of Fabric*.

This will include are quilts, quilted objects, and clothing. Nothing should be bigger than about 48" X 48".

Diane will have some hangers available as needed. Please bring ready to hang art for the show on the Saturday Jan 21 from 10 a.m. to noon. Questions? 370-5814 Everyone welcome!

****Long Arm Quilter reviews:**

Want to have your quilt professionally quilted and dont 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

360 483-8988

traceyfisher@comcast.net

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

**** 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

****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:**

There is 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.

-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 and to babies in the baby room at Pike Place.

****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.