

**The Frayed Edge**  
**Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild**  
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**January 2015**

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Happy New Year, everyone! This is your delayed December/early January version of the Frayed Edge. Sorry about December, the Newsletter took a back seat to all those holidays and Christmas cookies. Since there is a Sewcial in the middle of the month, I thought it best to get a newsletter out to remind us of dates instead of just skipping until I caught up with myself at the January board meeting.

Soooooo First off, if you haven't already paid 2015 dues, I invite you to do so soon. The February newsletter will go out to people whose dues are current, and I wouldn't want you to miss out! Just mail the check for \$30 to Kelly, or hand it to her. Write '2015 dues' on the check, and make sure the address on the check is current so we can cross check it with the roster. Note if your email address has changed recently as well.

**Coming Guild Attractions** 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, so keep an eye on these.

January 17 Sewcial – Potluck Salad, guild will provide greens and salad dressings.  
February 21 Kitty's Shimmer Class. There are just a few places left in this class.  
March 21 Sewcial  
April 18 Class???  
May 16 Sewcial  
June 20 Sewcial  
July 18 Sewcial  
September 12 Sewcial  
October 3 Annual meeting

**Keep going, there's more....**

**\*Shimmer Quilt Class  
With Kitty Sorgen  
February 21, 2015**



We are delighted that Kitty will share this beautiful pattern with us. Before the class, you will spend about an hour with her to choose combinations and prepare a layout of the design on paper. What a great way to spend time with Kitty!

Those who took the first class session found it fun and challenging- its a very full day! And be prepared to be sharing stashes, as this quilts takes a lot of reads-as-solids. If sharing bits of your stash with your friends makes a friendship quilt, then this one ends up being a friendship quilt, for sure!

**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.

**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! Questions? Email Tori at [toribh@minethatdata.com](mailto:toribh@minethatdata.com)

**Got Christmas?** It seems like there is enthusiasm building for another Christmas log cabin fabric exchange. The exchange would probably be in June or July. We need someone to

organize this project, which would include sending a sign-up sheet around, figuring out a date and finding out how much fabric each person should bring to the exchange (Someone must have the information on this, either written or in memory, so tracking it down shouldn't take too long). Until then, if you want to be a part of this exchange, the block has a green center, then cream/white and red sides to the log cabin. So if you see Christmas fabric on sale, that is what you are looking for. And let Nancy or Po know if you would like to be the Queen of Christmas.

### **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 group is for you. The group will meet on the second Wednesday of the month at 4 pm.

Anyone interested in the Dear Jane Block of the Month kit, can check it out here:

[http://store.stitchinheaven.com/stores\\_app/Browse\\_Item\\_Details.asp?Store\\_id=203&page\\_id=23&Item\\_ID=4531](http://store.stitchinheaven.com/stores_app/Browse_Item_Details.asp?Store_id=203&page_id=23&Item_ID=4531)

To ask other ? or to sign up email Tori at: [toribh@minethatdata.com](mailto:toribh@minethatdata.com)

Check this out: Ragfinery.com Janet Wight sent along a link to this interesting store in Bellingham. Ragfinery is a nonprofit training business and textile reuse center. They sell upcycled goods, fabric, yarn, sewing notions and more. They also have sewing machines, sergers and tools for public use, classes, and volunteers to help in store.

### **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.

**\*\*Service Quilts:** Mary Granger has made 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. This way we can have a visual of how many quilts are being made, and what areas need attention.

Quilt 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.

***-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.

***-Batting is available for members to use for service quilts.*** Ask one of the board members if you need help locating this resource

**\*\*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](mailto: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, give or take.

***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.*