

The Frayed Edge

Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild

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Hospitality needed! We need some more members on our Hospitality Committee. People on this committee help organize our sewcials: decide what the lunch theme will be, make sure there is a person with a key to open and close the space, monitor that all the chores get done (everyone who comes signs up for a chore, the committee members just make sure it is organized and done), help organize the auffles, help set up and take down lunch. It only really becomes a chore if there aren't enough people on the committee to cover each time. We have had sewcials without a committee person present- they work, people pitch in as always, especially if it's not a big gathering this can work fine. But things flow better when someone, or several someones, are minding that flow. So, if you tend to come to sewcials anyway and you aren't volunteering in another capacity, please consider joining this committee.

Coming Attractions:

2016 Sewcial and Class Schedule- the dates are confirmed, we don't have the classes nailed down yet.

March 5 Sewcial: Doors will be open at 8:30 AM, clean up and getting out at about 4PM.

Lunch: potluck things to go with soups: relish tray, crackers, bread, etc.... We need two people willing to make crock pot soups.

Auffle: bring lightly used items for the auffle.

Projects: Bring your projects in process

Friends: Bring your love, compassion and friendship to share.

The guild will supply greens and dressings. Bringing your own bowl/plate/cutlery will help with clean up and be kind to the planet.

April 2

May 14 (Date was changed from May 7)

June 4

July 9

August 17-20 Fair

Sept 3

October 8,9 Annual meeting

Field Trips- Does the idea of spending the day with a bunch of your similarly quilt obsessed friends going to quilty destinations sound like a great idea? Of course it does! Some thoughts were to go to the FIQ (Fidalgo Island Quilters) show April 15 and 16, or perhaps a trip to Marcia Derse's Studio (fabric designer extroidinaire) and then on to the Quilt Museum in La Conner. Feedback welcome to any board member.

Classes: Barb Snider is lookin into various teachers for the Annual Meeting and also other classes. She is looking at Cynthia England, Krista Moser, Luke Haynes and Joe Cunningham She is open to suggestions.

Our guild has a mix of skill levels, from beginners to very skilled. Its hard to 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.

There was a suggestion that we have some kind of dvd at our Sewcials- a teacher, quilt convention or technique to share with the group, as Robin Atkins did at our last Sewcial. Do you have anything you would like to share?

Quilt Camp Challenge for November 2016 is to make something that is black, white and one other color. Its not to early to start, at least for someone like me who has a heap of UFOs on her table!

Pins And Needles

A new 4H Sewing club is under way! Alicia Gislasson has started up a 4H club and would love to accept donated sewing supplies. There are 21 members of the club! Yay for young sewers!

The Guild has contributed \$200 to the club to get started. The money was given in memory of Sharon Maya by her husband, and earmarked for education- perfect fit!

Im hoping that we can still contact Barb Ellis to find out what the class needs to progress.

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.