

**The Frayed Edge  
Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild  
POB 45  
Friday Harbor, WA 98250  
November 2014**

**Your Board, as of October 4, 2014:**

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**Website:** [RQAG.org](http://RQAG.org) Username: RQAG Password: Quilter

If you go to the website, you will notice that it is not up to date. This is because no one has volunteered to be our Web Master. Here is your chance to be Master of your own little piece of the universe! Jump right in!

**Annual Dues-** Wow, we currently have 65 members. And dues for all of us are due as of January 1. No need to fill out a form, just mail the check to Kelly, or hand it to her. But please, be kind to your hard working treasurer: 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.

**Quilt Camp Report:** Quilt camp was a rousing success at our new site, Camp Brotherhood. The food was delicious, the spaces were clean, the setting was lovely and the light in the sewing area was so good people didn't use their Ott Lites. According to the post camp evaluation forms, those who attended unanimously wanted to return, so we will. As 2015 Veterans day falls on a Wednesday, it was decided to offer camp for 4 nights, November 7-11. No pressure here! You can come for all the days, or fewer, and you can expect a healthy, accessible venue.

**Coming Guild Attractions  
2014**

December 6 – Sewcial – Salad Potluck, the Guild will bring greens and dressings. There will be an Auffle Raffle, so bring things to raffle that need a new home. Also, a donation bucket will be put out: the room costs us \$125, we usually get about \$80 from the raffle.

Judy Johnson, the Threadmonger, will join us for this Sewcial. She will give a (free) presentation on thread: types, uses and materials, and will bring a collection of her threads for us to purchase. She requests that you come knowing the type of bobbin that your machine uses. Her presentation will start around 11 am and run about an hour.

**2015: 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

February 21 Kitty's Shimmer Class  
March 21 Sewcial  
April 18 Class???  
May 16 Sewcial  
June 20 Sewcial  
July 18 Sewcial  
September 12 Sewcial  
October 3 Annual meeting

Remember, 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.

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

We are delighted that Kitty will share this beautiful pattern with us. She does require that you spend about an hour with her prior to the class to choose combinations and prepare a layout of the design on paper. She will be available to work with individual students after January 1<sup>st</sup> for the February 21 class.

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-solid. If sharing bits of your stash with your friends makes a friendship quilt, then this one ends up being a friendship quilt, for sure!

**2015 Fair Challenge Theme is Here!**

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!

Any ? Email Tori at [toribh@minethatdata.com](mailto:toribh@minethatdata.com)

**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. If you'd like to benefit from some camaraderie of other quilters during the long hard journey, join us. We'll start meeting in January 2015 1-2x month depending on the desire of the group and encourage each other to keep going when we only have 37 of our 140-225 blocks done!

There are more than 13 ladies signed up so far and more are welcome to join in the arduous fun journey:)

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)

**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.

### **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.

#### **\*\*Quilts 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.

#### **\*\*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

#### **\*\*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.

**\*\*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.*