

The Frayed Edge

Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild

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Coming Attractions:

(Sept 26, Craft Expo sponsored by the San Juan County Textile Guild, see below)

October 3 Annual meeting, coffee starts at 8:30 meeting 9-11:30, **followed by a Sewcial**, sack lunch

October 4: Katie Pedersen workshop, at Skagit College, 9-4 salad potluck

November 6-8 RQAG Quilt Camp

October 3, Annual Meeting at the Mullis Center, 9-11 am. A review of the year, election of officers for next year, and reports from the committees. The Service Committee and friends will present some charity quilt opportunities, including a new-to-us dynamite project aimed at protecting girls. There will be a Trunk Show by Katie Pedersen after the business part of the meeting! Yummy colorful modern quilts are her forte. This year's annual meeting will be followed by a sewcial! Bring your gear and a sack lunch to the annual meeting and stay around for an afternoon of sewing with friends.

Open Positions on the board- A word about volunteering: this wonderful group of friends that we all are is set up as a volunteer organization. We give of our hearts and our stashes and our time in many ways, acts which bless both the giver and the receiver, and which make our community a more loving place for all of us. Currently we are looking for two people who would like to be, um, blessed a bit more- a winter (1/2 year) president, until Meg can return and take over in the spring, and a president elect. The president runs the board meetings and generally directs things, delegating wildly, while the president elect keeps track of membership and plans her coronation wardrobe.

October 4 - Katie Pedersen class at Skagit College: Katie will be offering both Double Trouble and Roan's Triangles quilts instruction at her Workshop. These are lovely and fun quilts, check them out! The class registration form and the supply list are on the web with the pictures of completed quilts:

<http://www.rqag.org/programs.html>

Katie adds humor and encouragement to her solid teaching skills. We will get those creative juices flowing in some very modern ways!

Note: This class is now open to the public. There are only a few spots left, so talk to your non-guild quilting friends about joining us.

November 6-9 Quilt Camp 2015: Its less than two months away! Four days of quilting, visiting with friends, sewing, laughing, and even a little shopping.... <http://www.rqag.org/programs.html> will take you to the page on our website, where you can download the registration form. I will again include it at the very end of this newsletter for those of us who find internet connectivity problematic. Register with a \$25 registration fee, the rest is due at the annual meeting, October 3. First come, first served.

For those who have not been to an RQAG quilt camp, it is a much loved and anticipated 4 -day-3-night-sewing-binge-with-your-quilting-girlfriends. Last year we switched our site to Camp Brotherhood, near Mt Vernon- and 6 quilt shops. The rooms are motel quality, the sewing room is spacious and well lit, and it is easily accessed by those of us who have mobility challenges. Once again this year we have an opportunity to visit Over The Rainbow, an online quilt shop that opens its doors one day a month to rummage thru its HUGE inventory. We have mini classes by members- Mary Granger will be teaching a clam shell applique class, and Tori will be showing us how to make woven coasters. Fun, food and shopping with friends!

Of Note-

***Camp is for members.** Registrations will not be accepted from non members.

***Registration forms go to me, Nancy Best, or by mail to the guild,** address on the form.

***Scholarships for this and all events and dues are available.** Dont be shy, the money is there specifically to enable us to enjoy all of our members at our events. Don't let a lack of funds deny us your presence! Please see your guild president or any executive board member that you feel comfortable with to apply. Scholarships are kept confidential.

****Camp Challenge (Optional, but fun):** make a bag, any kind of bag, any size or use. Challenge items are optional, but why not take this opportunity to make up that bag you have been thinking you wanted to get around to.

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

Sept 26-Craft Expo Sponsored by San Juan County Textile Guild

'Join us for an exciting day of crafting and textile art exploration. Learn a new craft, re-visit one that you enjoyed doing in the past, or explore new possibilities with many wonderful crafts to choose from. We will be demonstrating knitting, crocheting, quilting, weaving, spinning, and basketry. Small handwork such as embroidery, needlework and other crafts will also be featured. Watch our projects take shape as we work on them. Stay for a while or stay all day. Make sure to enter our drawing to win beautiful door prizes! **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2015 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM MULLIS CENTER, 589 NASH STREET, FRIDAY HARBOR, WA**

September 18 and 19 Evergreen Quilters Guild will be presenting their biennial Quilt Show "Starry, Starry Night, Friday through Saturday at Birchwood Presbyterian Church, 400 Meadowbrook Ct. Bellingham, WA.

www.evergreenquilters.org

**** 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.

Quilt Camp Registration Form
Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild
PO Box 45, Friday Harbor, WA 98250-0045
Camp Brotherhood
November 6-9, 2015

- Please turn in your \$25 non-refundable deposit by July 15 to reserve your space and show us that you are seriously considering quilt camp. Your space will not be reserved without payment of your deposit. You may give your registration and check to Nancy Best or mail to PO Box 45.
- If you or anyone you know would like to receive a scholarship for camp, please contact either the Guild Treasurer or the President. Your request will be kept in the strictest confidence.
- Final payment is due by the October annual meeting 2015.
- If we have more members wishing to attend than slots available, the committee will maintain a waiting list. A member who must cancel is responsible for notifying the committee and will receive the names of those who might be available. Substitutions are the responsibility of the canceling party, drawing first from the waiting list if names are available

Quilt Camp Registration Form

Name _____ Phones: _____
hm# _____; cell# _____
Address _____ City _____

State/Zip _____ Email: _____

Emergency contact person _____ phone # _____

Do you have any health issues that you think we should know for emergencies?

Do you have dietary needs or allergies that we should know about for food service?

I am choosing:

- _____ Option #1 (3 nights arrive on 11/6, 8 meals) \$226 for a triple room
- _____ Option #2 (2 nights arrive on 11/7, 5 meals) \$150 for a triple room
- _____ Option #3 Day pass \$20 plus the cost of meals (meals to be paid directly to camp)

_____ I do not have a specific roommate request & would be happy to be assigned to a room with two other quilters.

_____ I wish to share a room with the following individuals

1) _____ 2)

We will be assigning three quilting campers per room.

I expect to arrive _____(day)

_____ (approx. time)