

The Frayed Edge

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RAINSHADOW QUILTING ARTS GUILD
P.O. Box 45
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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 through 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.

Website

Remember to check out our website
rqag.org

User name: RQAG

Password: Quilter

Web Manager: Sharalyn Lehman

The website has lots of pictures, event information, membership roster and so much more. Please check it out!

Annual Dues

Your annual guild membership will be **due January 1st**.

Rising costs for rental space and other items require us to raise the dues to **\$30** per year.

Renewing members do not need to fill out a membership form, but please provide any new information if you have changes. Members age 75+ do not need to pay, but please let the membership chair (Barb Snider) know who you are so we do not accidentally forget you. A new roster will be constructed in February; let's get everyone signed up in January so the roster will be complete.



Coming Guild Attractions - 2014



January 11, 2014 – Sewcial

February 8 & 9 and repeat same class February 22 & 23 – Kitty Sorgen, Boston Commons. This is a two day class so the fee will be \$70.

March 8 – Sewcial

April 12 – class – Katie Pedersen – Modern Quilting. Website <http://sewkatiedid.wordpress.com/>

Our treasurer really appreciates receiving class payments and dues via the guild mailbox.

May 17 – Sewcial
June 14 – class –Krispi Staude -Double Diamonds
July 12 – Sewcial
September 6 – Sewcial
October 11 & 12 – Annual meeting, speaker TBA:
lecture on Saturday; class on Sunday.
November 7 - 10 – Quilt Camp – new location, Camp Brotherhood near Mount Vernon

**Class sign-up is easy; mail your \$35 check to RQAG, PO Box 45, Friday Harbor, WA 98250. Identify the class you are requesting.

Non-Guild Events of Interest

February 6-9, 2014 – Camp Orkila’s Quilt & Craft Retreat. Details and signups are available at camporkila.org or 206-382-5009. This program is run by Camp Orkila and is not an RQAG event.

March 26-30 or April 2-6, 2014 – Quilt Camp Burton on Vashon Island. You may arrive as early as Wednesday although no meals are served that day. Meals are lunch Thursday through lunch Sunday. Rates are: Thursday – Sunday: triple room \$258, double \$288, single \$318 or Wednesday – Sunday: triple \$310, double \$350, single \$390. Contact Barb Snider barbsnider@comcast.net

January Sewcial & Lunch

Seems like the right time to switch to a warm meal so we will be having “Stone Soup”. Two crock pots will be provided, one with chicken stock, one with beef. Please bring approximately ½ to 1 cup of something to add: carrots, celery, potatoes, barley, corn, rice (precooked), onion, beans, mushrooms, etc. We will turn the pots on when we arrive and have tasty soup by noon.

Bring your own soup bowl and soup spoon. Bread and dessert will be provided.

Bring items for an “Awe-ful Raffle”.

Task Basket

The January Sewcial will be our first opportunity to try out the new “Task Basket” idea. When only one member of the hospitality committee is in attendance at a guild event she has an unfair burden of responsibility. We all need to pitch in and do a little bit. All of the tasks for the day will be identified on little cards. Each attendee will be asked to pick up one chore card, pin it to her shirt, and then return the card to the basket when the task has been completed.

The tasks will be things like: setting up the room, sweeping and cleaning up, setting up the lunch counter, after lunch clean up, running the “awe-ful raffle”, assisting the instructor, making coffee, etc. As you can see, if we divide the chores, we all have a little responsibility and the Hospitality Committee member(s) can enjoy the day too. (Sue)

Challenge Project 2014

The challenge project for quilt camp 2014 is to create a table topper. This might be a table runner, a placemat, a candle mat, a napkin, a fabric sculpture or whatever you would like to see on your table. Start thinking!



Changing your sewing machine needle can really improve the stitching. Barb S. winds three bobbins at a time. When the last one is empty, she changes the needle. Good tip!





Quilt Camp 2014

After a survey and an official vote we finally have a location for next year – we will try Camp Brotherhood. Carol Hooper did a great job making sure everyone had opportunity for input. Please take a few minutes to thank her for all her hard work organizing the survey, evaluating the results, and completing the voting process. No matter how we each voted, I'm sure we will have a great camp next year.

Camp will run from Friday, November 7 – Monday, November 10th. With Veteran's Day falling on Tuesday, the committee felt it was best to start on Friday. Working members can come over Friday afternoon/evening, have all day Saturday and Sunday then return on a Sunday evening ferry to be back at work on Monday. Full-timers will return on the Tuesday ferry.



Camp Committee 2014

This fabulous group will be looking for new members to replace those who are stepping down. Please contact Barbara Ellis if you are interested. Barbara and Nancy B. are returning while Kelly H. will be joining to assist with the financial transactions. Looks like they need about three more worker bees.

Storm At Sea

If you are making blocks for this hospital raffle quilt please keep in mind that it is a scrap quilt. For the pattern to work each blue piece should be from a different fabric, even blues within one block. If you have questions, contact Patti Douglas.

Another professional quilter:

Rumpelquiltkin – Custom Machine Quilting
Arlene Anderson, Oak Harbor, WA
360-279-1107 or cell 360-320-0332
quiltkin@frontier.com

Peace Health Needs Knitters

A little reminder for quilters who are also knitters - Peace Island Hospital is in need of soft Chemo Caps. There are many free patterns available online. The Textile Guild put out a call for the caps in their last meeting. They suggest that the fiber content and laundry instructions for the cap be added to a tag - as well as a note of encouragement perhaps. The caps can be dropped off either at Julie's shop (Island Wools) or Peace Island Health at the front desk.

I made 3 and dropped them off there on Tuesday. I'm so glad that people are able to do some treatments locally now! (Marie Z. Johansen)



Take Me To The Fair

Watch this space for developing info. The Textile Guild is suggesting a dual challenge for the fair. They will develop an idea then all of us who exhibit in the Textiles Barn may participate. We don't know the details yet; sounds like it could be a lot of fun.

THE BOOK NOOK



Read any good books lately? Send me your suggestions.

Po just finished **Sycamore Row** by John Grisham, a true Grisham thriller.

Mary G. enjoyed **Belong to Me** by Marisa de los Santos. A couple who had been city dwellers moved to the suburbs. The story is about her attempts to make new friends, the successes and failures.

Mary G. also REALLY enjoyed **Knocking on Heaven's Door** by Katy Butler

This is a true story about a woman who has been tending to the needs of her older parents as they age and grow critically ill and die. She assumed that her aging parents would have a healthy, active retirement before dying peacefully at home. But when her father had a stroke he was incapacitated, and her mother became his 24 hour care-giver. She learned about the decisions that we make for ourselves and others and the long term consequences of those decisions. Her thesis is that advanced medicine, in its single-minded pursuit of maximum longevity, often creates more suffering than it prevents.

This book gives much to think about and talk about with those we love. Very well written. Not at all maudlin.



NEEDLES AND PINS

Cannot 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.

Sunshine

Do you know of a member in need of a card? Marilee Kirschner is our Sunshine gal. Just let her know and she will pick out an appropriate card and attach a nice note. Please do not assume that "everyone knows" because we do not want to overlook someone in need.

Tell Me What You Know

If you wish to place information in the newsletter, just let me know. Contact Sue Beauchamp at s2beau@centurytel.net or 370-5709. I 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 a day or two after the monthly board meeting which is usually held the second Wednesday of each month.

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Pike Place Day Care Service Quilts

These will be given to 4 year olds so should be **approximately 42" x 54"**. Measurements are not absolute but let's be sure they are useable.

Healing Quilts

These should be "lap size", large enough to cuddle under but not bed size. Healing quilts are given in special circumstances to individuals in our community who have suffered a major traumatic, life-changing event. We need quilts for both genders!

Resource Center Service Quilts

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 Quilts.

These quilts should measure about **48"x60" or smaller**. Each chemo patient will receive one to use during treatments and will take the quilt home once treatment is finished.

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.