

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!

Survey Results & Request for Vote

We received survey results from 48 of our 65 members, an excellent response. The responses were detailed and showed considerable thought. What was most important to you when considering a camp venue? The top nine items were: Food (22), Sewing room features (14), Fellowship (12), Accommodations (11), Safety/Access (9), Cleanliness (9), Shops nearby (8), Distance (7), Cost (6).

Here are the results for the feelings about Camp Orkila and Camp Brotherhood:

	<u>Orkila</u>	<u>Brotherhood</u>
1. Would not go here	8	2
2. Would prefer not to go here	4	5
3. No preference	21	21
4. Would prefer to go here	10	13
5. Would only go here	3	4

Looks like twenty-one members don't really care; they just want to go somewhere! Although this shows a definite preference for Camp Brotherhood, the board felt the membership had expressed a strong desire to have a formal vote. **We are now calling for your vote.** Timeliness is important. We have put a small deposit on Camp Brotherhood to secure it for a couple of weeks.

The vote is for 2014 camp and the choices are only Camp Orkila on Orcas or Camp Brotherhood near Mount Vernon. Please vote. Even if you stated no preference on the survey keep in mind that a

simple majority will be used for the final decision, and we would like to have as much participation as possible.

You may vote in person at 5:00 on Wednesday, December 4th, at our regular gathering or you may email your vote to Carol Hooper any time before 5:00 on December 4th. Late votes will not be counted. You will not receive a reminder or phone call.

If emailing your vote you may simply state: "I am voting for Camp _____" and send to Carol at onstagecavaliers@aol.com with the subject heading: RQAG camp vote

A few of you have already emailed your vote to me, and I have forwarded to Carol so you are counted.

Thank you Carol and Nancy for the time you have invested in the survey and your desire to make certain that everyone has a voice in this decision.

Annual Dues



Your annual guild membership will be due January 1st. 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/>

May 17 – Sewcial

June 14 – class – Krispi Staude -Double Diamonds

July 12 – Sewcial

September 6 – Sewcial

October 11 & 12 – Annual meeting with Michelle Watts: lecture on Saturday; class on Sunday. website <http://jmichellewatts.com/>

**Class sign-up is easy; mail your \$35 check to RQAG, PO Box 45, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 then place your name on the sign-up sheet in the white notebook at the Mullis Center.

Non-Guild Events of Interest

February 6-9 – 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 – 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

November 23-December 22 - SJ Museum of Art exhibit – “Echoes of the Tides” with opening reception Sat. Nov. 23rd from 5:00-8:00 pm. Details at www.sjima.org

Something New At Events

We all love attending Sewcials and Classes, and we appreciate the efforts of the Hospitality Committee who make the day easy and comfortable for everyone. Frequently only one member of the committee is in attendance at the event, placing all responsibility on that one person. Some members do step in and assist when something needs to be done, and the committee does appreciate your attention to these needs.

In the interest of fairness, I think we all need to pitch in and do a little bit. I have suggested a chore basket. All of the tasks for the day will be identified on little cards. Each attendee will be asked to pick up one of the cards, pin it to your shirt, and then return the card to the basket when you have finished your task.

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.

Our first opportunity to join in will be the January sewcial. (Sue)

Quilt Camp 2013

Thirty-nine RQAG members gathered at Camp Orkila for a fabulous weekend of activity – and we even had good weather. We quilted. We laughed. We dined. We renewed old friendships. We collected new friends. We talked. We laughed. We created. We shopped in the new store. We danced. We walked. We stitched. We unstitched (oops). We laughed. We shared. We learned. We taught. We played. We heard jokes. We consulted. We advised. We solved problems. We received gifts. Thank you to the camp committee for your time, energy and creativity. You made this event happy and memorable for all of us. Camp committee members: Po Powell, Barbara Ellis, Nancy Best, Mary Zeretske, Heather Arp, Joyce Ragsdale, and Barb Snider.

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.

Quilts of Valor

The Quilts of Valor project has come to a close. The 24 blocks received from a Sewcial 2 years ago and the 36 blocks from the 2011 Quilt Camp Challenge (which were collected at Camp 2012) became 5 gorgeous quilts. **Krispi and Charlene** then completed an additional top starting with blocks Krispi made from an earlier project.

After the tops were completed we sent them to Kim in Oklahoma for machine quilting then had a binding party one Wed night to finish them off.

Thanks to everyone who completed blocks and special thanks to the following:

Joyce Ragsdale, Po Powell, Beth Phillips and Marilee Kirschner for the sashing and borderwork on three quilts.

Marilee and Sue Beauchamp for completing the two tops from blocks made at the Sewcial,

Barb Snider and Beth Phillips for their fabric contributions for borders,

Ebie Currey for making six pillow cases after I only asked for two, and to **Krispi and Charlene** for their quilt top.

Also many thanks to our Rainshadow Quilting Arts Guild for purchasing fabric for backings, bindings and pillow cases and for paying for the machine quilting and postage.

Four of the quilts were part of a group of 40 presented to returning sailors in Bremerton, WA this month. The other two went to a VA Hospital in Utah. They were all very much appreciated. Both of the women coordinators who received them commented on our beautiful work. So kudos to all of us!! We are a very generous group of quilters.

As a PS to this story, **Kris Phillips and Donna Hinkle** took some of the remaining fabrics at Quilt Camp to make more service blocks and quilts.

If anyone is interested in being further involved in the Quilts of Valor project go to their website at www.qovf.org or just type in Quilts of Valor.

Many thanks to all of you,

Mary Z

Pike Place Quilt Stories



Last month several of our members hand delivered the quilts to Pike Place Day Care. They reported a wonderful day meeting the children, having lunch, and helping each child choose the best quilt for him or her. Later we received a lovely thank you from the day care administrator and some comments from parents of older children who attended the day care as 4 year olds. Here are a few of the comments that were posted on the day care's facebook page.

Leeza: I have never seen such amazing generosity. The Rainshadow Quilters have kept our little birds warm for over a decade. Each quilt is unbelievably beautiful –a treasure our little ones get to keep. It's very heartwarming.

Brenda: Jackie is loving his quilt. Thank you so much.

Sarah: My high school student still has his quilt. Thanks Rainshadow Quilters for spreading the love.

Xena: Amado and Audrey still have theirs and they are in middle school now.

Ken: Assata still has hers.

Billie: Pike Place is the most amazing place ever. My grandson went there when he was a little guy and we still talk about all the wonderful things he learned. Thanks for still being the wonderful program you are and giving back in so many ways.

Challenge Project 2014

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In the Kitchen

Brussels Sprouts

(Cathy Champley)

Ingredients:

½ cup cider vinegar, ½ cup golden raisins
6 slices bacon
2 lbs Brussels sprouts
2 T. olive oil, 1 t. sea salt, 1 t. black pepper
1 sm. Red onion



Heat oven to 425 F.

In a saucepan, over medium heat, warm vinegar. Add raisins. Turn off heat, let plump.

In large skillet, fry bacon, reserve drippings.

Cut any large sprouts in half. Place sprouts on baking sheet or ovenproof dish. Toss with olive oil, 2 T. bacon drippings, salt, and pepper. Roast, stirring once, for about 30 minutes.

Meanwhile, cook onion in remaining drippings over medium heat for 5-7 minutes.

Sprinkle sprouts with drained raisins, onion and crumbled bacon. Serves 8

Two Ingredient Pumpkin Cake with Apple Cider Glaze

Barb Snider

For the Cake

1 yellow cake mix
1 (15oz) can pumpkin puree

For the Glaze

1-1/2 cups powdered sugar
3 Tablespoons apple cider
¼ teaspoon pumpkin pie spice

In a large bowl mix the cake mix and pumpkin puree. Using a hand mixer or stand mixer beat until well incorporated. The batter will be very thick, but will come together nicely.

Pour batter into a greased 7 x 11 x 2 pan. This is the small, rectangular-sized pan from your Pyrex set. You know, the set you had to have when you got married and rarely ever used all the pieces. Finally, you have a use for it.

Bake at 350 degrees for 28 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Do not overbake.

Let cool for 4-10 minutes in the pan, then flip onto a platter.

Make the glaze while you're waiting.

Combine powdered sugar, apple cider and pumpkin pie spice. Glaze should be thick but pourable. Add more sugar or cider if needed. Pour over the cake while still warm. Reserve some to pour over each slice when served.

Serve warm or room temperature.

Quilting Tool

At camp Carol demonstrated the Fons & Porter binding tool which a number of members wanted to purchase. I asked Bonnie to stock eight in her craft shop. Please support Bonnie and buy one of these if you answered "yes" when the count was taken.

THE BOOK NOOK



Someone suggested we should share interesting book titles so I'm starting a new section in the newsletter. Please submit the titles and authors of a few good books you have read recently. You may wish to add a one sentence description. I will publish your suggestions and we will all have a new resource for our reading choices.

NF – **Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking**, Susan Cain. Fascinating study of the special qualities of introverts and other quiet individuals – a must read for anyone who sometimes feels out of step with the rest of the world or who parents a quiet child. (Sue B.)

NF – **Cecilia: An Ex-nun's Extraordinary Journey** by Cecilia Inglis. She became a nun in Australia in 1951 and left 30 years later. (Sue B.)

NF – **A Captain's Duty: Somali Pirates, Navy Seals, and Dangerous Days At Sea**, Richard Phillips. If you saw the movie, you only have the "Reader's Digest" condensed version. Read "the rest of the story". (Sue B.)

F – **Mink River**, Brian Doyle. Follow the lives of the citizens of this small Oregon coastal town. (Patti D.)

NF- **Boys in the Boat**. For anyone who grew up in the Puget Sound area. (Patti D.)

NF – **Unbroken**, Laura Hillenbrand. Story of the longest survival at sea, longest time as POW, and an Olympic runner. Story of survival (Patti D.)

NF – **The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History**, Robert M. Edsel. A group of soldiers were appointed by Eisenhower to save the national treasures of Europe. (Marilee K.)

NF – **Saving Italy: The Race to Rescue a Nation's Treasures from the Nazis**, Robert M. Edsel, (Marilee K.)



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.