

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**Membership Requirements:** Guild membership is available to anyone with an interest in the art of quilting. The Board of Directors and a majority of the members may establish a minimum annual contribution for membership qualification from time to time.

**Annual Dues** - \$25; Age 80 and over – No dues.  
Lifetime Members – No dues (Lynda Buck & Helen Crabbe).

**Visitors and Guests:** Visitors and guests are always welcome; however, after two meetings, visitors are expected to join the guild.

**Name Tags:** Name tags are to be worn at all meetings and events sponsored by the guild. This gives all members a chance to get to know one another by name. Members make their own name tags using **dark green and off white or light-gold fabric**. The Guild does not have a pattern for the tags. The name tag may be no larger than 4 x 5 inches; it may be smaller. The name tag may be of any quilt pattern and must have the member's name and the initials of the guild - S.Q.G. The name tag should be made within one month of joining. If a member forgets to wear the name tag at a meeting, a twenty-five cent white stick-on tag must be purchased at the membership table.

If you wish to have the name tag machine embroidered, contact Jackie Simpson and provide her with tan or cream fabric approximately 8" x 11" (large enough to fit through an embroidery hoop).

**Show and Tell:** Following the general meeting, members have an opportunity to share items they have made such as comfort (service) quilts, quilts, wall hangings, etc.

**Questions and Suggestions:** Any member who wishes to bring a question or suggestion before the group may do so at the monthly meetings or at any board meeting.

**Comfort Quilts:** All members are asked to donate two comfort quilts each year. They should be approximately 36x45 inches. They may be machine quilted, hand quilted, or tied — for use by males, females, or children. These quilts are collected at each meeting by the Comfort Quilt Registrar. She keeps a record of the number received and passes them on to the coordinators for delivery to the various facilities in the area that have been chosen by the guild to receive the quilts. All comfort quilts must have a guild label sewn on the back by the maker. Labels are made by the registrar who has them available at the meetings.

**Ordering Quilting Books:** Members may order quilt books at a discount from the American Quilter's Society in Paducah, KY. There is usually a representative from the guild who will have an order form available at each meeting. Books must be paid for at the time of the order. Orders are submitted when the minimum number of orders are accumulated to obtain the discount.

**Election of Officers:** The slate of proposed officers is published in the November newsletter and presented at the November meeting by the Nominating Committee. Members may nominate individuals by position; however, that person's approval must be obtained before

submitting the name for a position. Election of officers is held in November with members voting. Elected officers begin their terms in January.

**Donation Quilt:** Each year, the guild produces a donation quilt made by the members. One or two members volunteer to oversee the choice of a quilt pattern and the production of the quilt.

**Donation Quilt Tickets:** Tickets on the donation quilt are sold by the members. The Donation Quilt Ticket Chairman is responsible for providing tickets to each member and collecting the monies received.

**Raffle:** Packages of fat quarters are raffled off at each meeting. Members have the option of purchasing raffle tickets.

**Sandhills Quilters Guild Merchandise:** Members may purchase a variety of merchandise. Currently available are guild pins, engraved tape measures, or tote bags for \$4 to \$7 dollars. A few golf shirts are available for \$12.

**Meeting Cancellations:** In the event of bad weather, the Guild uses the school's decision to cancel classes. Closings will be broadcast on the local radio station – WIOZ 102.5

**Change of Address:** Please notify the membership chairperson and the newsletter editor of a change of address, e-mail address, or telephone number.

## **PROGRAMS**

The Second Vice President chooses programs based on input from the board and from members participating in the annual guild survey. We hope you will enjoy the scheduled programs. If you want changes this year, be sure to participate in the survey.

If it is difficult for you to hear during a program or meeting, you should feel free to quietly pick up your chair and move closer. Please remember to return your chair to its former place so that the room is left as we found it. Also, it is important to limit private conversations during the meetings. Our lecturers are due the courtesy of our full attention.

The December meeting is our annual holiday celebration featuring a fun-type program and a covered-dish dinner with everyone bringing a favorite food to share. Don't miss this meeting since it's a special opportunity to get to know each other better.

We are always interested in your ideas and suggestions. Please direct your ideas or suggestions by phone or e-mail. We appreciate the enthusiastic response from guild members who are asked to present programs, and we look forward to more direct participation by our talented guild membership.

## **WORKSHOPS**

Workshop meetings are held for the benefit of guild members. A member must have paid her dues at any general membership meeting prior to the workshop meetings. If the workshop quota is not filled with members in good standing, guests may attend by paying the

determined fee. Workshops will be open to non-guild members only if the workshops are not filled by members. There will be an additional cost for non-members.

**Registering** - Reservations will be taken on a first-come/first-served basis. You must turn in your check and sign-up form from the newsletter to the workshop chairman. No phone, verbal, or early reservations will be accepted.

**Cancellations** – If you cannot attend, you must call the workshop chairman and get the first name on the waiting list and call that person to let them know they can be your replacement. You are responsible for getting your money back from your replacement and getting the supply list to her. No money will be returned from the workshop chairman and you cannot get a replacement of your choice when there are people on the waiting list. If there is no waiting list and you cancel, you can get anyone who is interested. It is your responsibility to find someone to take your place if you want your money back.

## **QUILT SHOW**

The guild plans to hold a quilt show every other year. It will be held in the fall and, historically, takes place in the Pinehurst Fair Barn.

## **COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

One of the goals of our guild is to “promote and perpetuate” the art of quilting. There are several opportunities throughout the year to share our craft with our community. Participation in these activities is a lot of fun and very fulfilling.

## **A GOOD MEMBER**

A member is anyone who is interested in quilts and shall be admitted upon payment of annual dues.

An active member shall participate in and support projects and activities of the guild, have the privilege of voting and holding office, receive a regular newsletter, and pay annual dues.

All members are encouraged to support the guild by selling tickets on the “donation quilt” each year.