

FIQ GUILD GUIDE

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FIQ Officers

Executive Board:

President:

Past President:

Vice President:

Stars Chair:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Board Members

Voting

Membership:

Program/Speaker Chair:

Community Quilts:

Quilt Camp Coordinator:

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales:

Librarian

Newsletter

Publicity

Quilt Show Chair:

Quilt Walk Chair:

The names, phone numbers, and email addresses for the members filling these positions can be found on the FIQ website: www.fidalgoislandquilters.com on the "Members Only" tab. Look for the "Board Roster" link.

Standing Committee Chairs (non-voting)

Education Committee Chair:

Hostess:

Logistics:

Divas:

Art Quilters:

American Hero Quilts:

Quilts of Valor:

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Membership Application is available "About FIQ" on-line at www.fidalgoislandquilters.com Look for "You can find the form here." They are also available at each guild meeting.

Our Membership year is September to August. Dues are \$35.00 for individuals in 2017-2018. Family Membership is \$45.00, and includes all family members. Partial year dues are pro-rated and available for members who are new to the area and wish to join after January. Optional with each membership are 5 (\$2.00) tickets for the current Raffle Quilt. These may be sold or used by the member to enter to win the current raffle quilt. See Section 11 for more about the Raffle Quilt.

All members receive a membership card that will provide various discounts at the local Quilt/Fabric shops.

New members will receive a "FIQ" pin, and a Guild Guide, and instructions (pattern) for your FIQ Name Tag.

Name Tags should be worn at all guild Meetings and other Guild activities. Wearing your tag at the guild meetings will automatically enter you in the Name Tag raffle.

A monthly newsletter with important Guild information is distributed from September through June. This will be sent to you via your provided email address. If you do not have an email address, please let us know so we can mail it to you.

FIQ MEETING INFORMATION

We have a daytime Meeting (Suns) and a nighttime Meeting (Stars). Members are allowed and encouraged to attend whichever they find fits their needs, including both!

Meeting Times:

Suns Daytime Meeting: 12:30 to 3:00pm

Stars Nighttime Meetings: 7:00 to 9:30pm

In September, we meet on the 2d Monday of the month. We meet on the 1st Monday of each month October through June. There are no meetings in July or August.

Meeting Place:

We meet at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1300 9th Street in Anacortes. Entrance is through the ground level door on "M" Avenue, and down the stairs.

Handicapped parking is available behind the church in the alley. An elevator will help in moving between floors. Members with materials to bring in, may use this door, but are requested to park elsewhere

Meeting Format:

The general meeting consists of Program/Speaker, guild business, a social time, and show and share.

Board Meetings usually occur monthly at 11:00 a.m. prior to the Suns Meeting. All members are invited to attend the Board Meeting.

TYPICAL YEARLY CALANDAR

September: Program/Speaker and/or "What I Learned this Summer"

October: Program/Speaker (Class)

November: Program/Speaker

December: Christmas Party Pot Luck

January: FIQ University

February: Program/Speaker (Class)

March: Program/Speaker (odd numbered years)
Preparation for Quilt Show (even numbered years)

April: Program/Speaker (odd numbered years)
Quilt Show (even numbered years)
Quilt Walk (All month – each year)

May: Program/Speaker (Class)

June: End of Year Pot Luck

July: No General Meeting

August: No General Meeting
A Board Meeting may be held.

GENERAL MEETING ACTIVITIES

Our monthly meetings usually include a program with a speaker, committee reports, announcements, and Show and Share. During the break refreshments are offered and coffee and tea are available throughout the meeting.

The FIQ Website will have the information regarding Program/Speaker for the upcoming meeting dates. Look for "Calendar" tab.

At most meetings there will be an opportunity to contribute to a charity. The charity can be local or global and contribution is optional.

Additionally, there may be one or more of the following activities. They may be monthly for the length of the year, or they may be done from time to time, or not at all during the current year. Names and explanations follow:

Pizza boxes - or some other type of Round Robin Quilt Block Challenge

Block of the month - Each month a block is presented by the Block of The Month chairperson. Patterns and instructions are distributed and are also sent by email following the meeting. Members are encouraged to make at least one block and bring it to the meeting the following month. Each member who brings a block is given a raffle ticket for each block contributed. The member with the winning raffle ticket takes home all of the blocks!

Fat Quarter Raffle – At the general meetings anyone who brings a fat quarter for this raffle, will receive a ticket and may be eligible to win all the fat quarters donated.

Friendship Blocks

The friendship Block Exchange Program can be a great way to get to know other members and to learn new skills. The program has evolved and will not be as complicated as previous years. All members are welcome to participate in presenting or making blocks, although participation is optional. You may make as many or as few blocks as you wish. Presenters receiving blocks may use the blocks for donation quilts or personal use, however they wish. There will be a sign-up list at our June meeting for presentation at the September or October meeting. There will be a limited number of spaces for presenters due to time constraints of our meetings something new will be a return deadline for completed blocks. The return deadline will be three months from presentation month. A presenter may choose to make it shorter but must clearly include that information in their presentation and instructions. If you have questions or are interested in more information about presenting a block, please contact the Friendship Block Chair. (Name, phone and email can be found on Officer and Board Roster.)

QUILTING CLASSES

Throughout the year classes are offered on a variety of quilting subjects. They are often given by the speaker who presents at the monthly meeting. The Program Chairperson arranges for the classes and tries to plan for them to be given at times when the most members can participate. However, the time and date is always dependent on the availability of the teacher, and the venue.

The classes will be announced as soon as the teacher and venue are confirmed. A description of the course and cost will be announced in the monthly meeting, in the FIQ Newsletter and on the website. Instructions for how to sign up for the class will also be provided. Your place in the class is not confirmed until the Program Chairperson has received your payment. If the class is not filled by FIQ members within a week of the class date, the class will be opened up to non-members (so sign up early and send your payment in !!)

QUILT CAMP/SIT AND SEW

Quilt Camp is a day camp of 2-3 days for open sewing. Members bring their machines, projects and a sack lunch and spend one day or all days sewing, exchanging ideas and getting inspiration for future projects. The cost is \$10 per day and we are currently meeting at the Allen Fire Hall, which is east of Anacortes off Highway 20 on the Avon-Allen Road. The Sit and Sews are new this year and are taking the place of overnight retreats. We are still a work in progress and hoping to have 3 sessions a year – one in the fall, late winter and spring. Notices are presented at the general meeting and in the newsletter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE and FIQ SPONSORED SERVICE PROGRAMS

In order for FIQ to maintain its 501(c)3 status each member is asked to volunteer as they are able in our FIQ sponsored charitable and outreach programs listed below. The Chairperson of each program will keep track of the total number of quilts and/or volunteer hours donated.

1. Donation of one quilt per year, or contribution of time, skill and talent to the production of a group quilt, to one of our FIQ Sponsored Community Quilt Programs. See "Community Quilts" "American Hero Quilts" and "Quilts of Valor" below for additional information.
2. Volunteer at our FIQ sponsored service program "The Kids Quilting Program" (see below for more information).
3. Donation of \$25.00 to Community Quilts for supplies

Community Quilts

Community quilts are made by the members and distributed to Skagit Domestic Violence Shelter, Anacortes Family Center, Project Linus, Harborview and Seattle Children's Hospitals.

They meet on **the LAST Monday of the month** September to May, **10:00 to 2:30**. They generally do not meet in December.

When you attend Community Quilts you will find fabric and patterns available for you to use. Contact the Community Quilt Chair, if you need specifications for quilt sizes and styles. You can also make a "Community Quilt" at home, or get a small group of friends to make a quilt together and donate it via our Community Quilt Program. Please contact the Community Quilts Chairperson for more information about the size of quilts that are currently

needed.

American Hero Quilts

American Hero Quilts are sent to Afghanistan and given to our wounded service men and women as they are evacuated to safety and remain with them throughout their recuperation. One hundred quilts a month are also sent to our heroes recovering at Madigan Army Hospital. These quilts are a comfort to the families as well as the recipients. It is a way that we as quilters can show we care. The quilts should be patriotic colors, approximately 65" X 75" and any quilt pattern. More information is available at americanheroquilts.com or contact Lynn Scoby

Quilts of Valor:

QOV is a national organization and we have a local QOV Group in Anacortes serving Skagit and Island Counties. QOV's are quilts usually based on a patriotic theme and are awarded to military veterans and individuals who have been touched by war. **We meet every LAST Monday** at Westminster Presbyterian Church for a sew day from **10:00 to 3:30**. We meet every month of the year. Please come and join us!

Contact Bruce Fairbanks, 360-708-3443 for questions.

FIQ Sponsored Service Program Kids' Quilting Program

FIQ has an active education outreach program for young people in our community. Targeting all fifth graders in Anacortes and LaConner, we visit classrooms, and take students on field trips to the La Conner Quilt and Textile Museum, where we involve them in making blocks for Quilts of Valor, American Hero Quilts, and the Anacortes Family Center. Members take part by assisting students individually to sew blocks, or by leading tours of the museum.

We also conduct block-making at a booth during the Anacortes Arts Festival for children age 7 and up.

Follow-up classes are offered occasionally in small beginner projects like totebags, pillowcases or throw pillows. During two weeks in the summer, we offer week-long "Quilt Kamp" sessions, where students complete beginner quilts in 5 days.

In 2016 we participated in a STEM workshop for 7th-8th graders at Anacortes Middle School, with projects using sewing machines and surface embellishment techniques such as dyeing, fabric fusing, and color discharge.

Members are encouraged to participate in these projects. The Education Outreach Chairperson will schedule the event dates and will contact members at the monthly meetings and via email to sign up to teach or conduct tours. For more information contact the listed Education Chair (co-chair) on the Board Roster on the FIQ website.

ASSOCIATED GROUPS

Additionally, the following groups are under the FIQ umbrella and are special interest groups. You must be a member of FIQ to participate in these groups.

Divas

Our mission is innovative use of textiles and surface design in wearable art clothing. Many of the same construction and ornamentation techniques used in traditional quilting are used in art clothing. Divas not only produce clothing but also accessories. Our meetings are planned to challenge our innovation and learn from one another and guest programs. We employ an emphasis on sharing but we also plan challenges. We also have a great deal of fun! We meet on the 4th Monday at the Salvation Army Building from 10 - 12.

Art Quilters

The Art Quilters have demos/mini-classes to explore various techniques and methods of cutting, piecing, embellishing, layering, quilting, etc. As much fun as we have broadening our horizons, our favorite part of each meeting is Show and Share. The emphasis is on Share. We are eager to show everybody else. We meet at the Salvation Army from 12:15 to 2 p.m.

See the Board Roster on the website for contact information for Divas and Art Quilters.

RAFFLE QUILT

Each year a Quilt is constructed and offered for raffle. The proceeds of the raffle go directly to the operating expenses of FIQ.

The Raffle Quilt Chairperson is responsible for arranging times and places to sell tickets throughout the year or until all tickets are sold. Members who purchase tickets with their membership have two options:

- 1) Fill out the stubs with your name or someone else's name and return the stubs to the Raffle Quilt Chairperson.
- 2) Sell the tickets, keep the money, and return the stubs to the Raffle Quilt Chairperson

Members are asked to volunteer for a two hour shift selling tickets several times a year at local area events. Sign up lists will be passed at the General Meeting. The winner of the raffle quilt is drawn at the September Suns Meeting each year.

A smaller version of Raffle Quilt will be awarded to an FIQ member. Every member who helped with the raffle quilt will be eligible for this drawing. The winner is chosen at the September Suns Meeting each year.

During each FIQ Calendar year (September to August), the raffle quilt for the following year will be made. Therefore, those who aspire to design/construct a Raffle quilt need to be two years ahead of the schedule. Your design will need to be accepted in the year before the year of construction.

THE FIQ QUILT SHOW

Every even numbered year FIQ presents a Quilt Show. Location, dates and times will be announced by the Quilt Show Chair (Co-Chairs) at the September meeting preceding the Quilt Show.

All FIQ members are encouraged to enter Quilts and or Wearable items in the show. The number of items is determined each year by the Quilt Show Chairperson and is dependent on membership numbers and available hanging space. The items entered must be made by the FIQ member. This is not a juried show, so all members are able to participate.

As an FIQ member there are many ways to contribute to the success of this fun and exciting event! Quilt show preparations begin the September before the event with announcements about the show Theme and the "Challenge". There are many ways to participate and if you are new to the process talk with another member about how you can get involved. Please look for additional information on the Website and in the Newsletter every month

The Quilt Show is a great opportunity to share our passion for quilting and sewing with our community, and it is a lot of work to put on, so this is an "all hands on deck" FIQ event. If you have ANY questions, please ask the Quilt Show Chairperson or co-chair or any board member.

QUILT WALK

Every year in April FIQ presents a "Quilt Walk" in downtown Anacortes. During the month of April Quilts are hung in participating merchants' stores. At the February or March meeting members will have an opportunity to sign up to display at a participating merchant. Some of the merchants have a very specific space for hanging or request a certain type or size of quilt. These options will be listed at the time of the sign up so the FIQ member can match up their talents with the merchant's needs and desires.

Each member who participates in the Quilt Walk is responsible for coordinating with their assigned venue and hanging their quilts by March 31 and arranging to remove them on April 30. When you sign up for a Quilt Walk venue, you will be provided more specific information.

This is part of our Outreach efforts and is very well received by the community. It is coordinated with the Tulip Festival and helps FIQ qualify for a tourism Grant from the City of Anacortes. It is also a fun way to get better acquainted with our local business people and share our quilts and wearables with our community.

There will be a Quilt Walk Coordinator each year to keep the effort apace with the calendar and the guild members aware of preparations.

FIQ WEBSITE

FIQ maintains a website whose address is:

www.fidalgoislandquilters.com

As members of FIQ, you can have access to the "Members Only Page" by using the password that is printed on the back of your membership card.

You will have access to the complete Member Roster and the Board Roster. Please be judicious in the way you utilize this information. It is meant to be used only for FIQ purposes.

If you have questions, comments or corrections to the content of the website, there is provision to contact the Webmaster under the "More" Tab of Home Page.