

FIQ GUILD GUIDE

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FIQ WEBSITE

FIQ maintains a website whose address is:

www.fidalgoislandquilters.com

Our email address is: fiqwebsite@gmail.com

FIQ Officers

Executive Board:

President:

Vice President:

Secretary:

Treasurer:

Board Members

Voting

Community Quilts:

Librarian

Membership:

Newsletter

Past President:

Program/Speaker Chair:

Publicity

Quilt Camp Coordinator:

Quilt Rack Coordinator

Quilt Show Chair:

Quilt Walk Chair:

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales:

Webmaster

The names and phone numbers 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

Welcome to Fidalgo Island Quilt Guild!

As we come back from the pandemic, we are re-establishing our groups and looking forward to new ideas. If you are interested in helping with our open spots, please speak with a board member. Do you have a new idea to share with us, please talk with a board member.

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 January 1 to December 31st. The amount of dues can be found on your membership application. The second and subsequent members of the household will pay (50%) of the annual dues, over 80 years old, \$0.00. Partial year dues are pro-rated and available for members who are new to the area and wish to join after January.

During Quilt show years-The membership form includes a choice of receiving 10 free raffle tickets that are non-transferrable, or the option to donate those tickets back to be sold by the guild. 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. The password for the website is on the front of your card.

New members will receive a "FIQ" pin. Please go to

www.fidalgoislandquilters.com and print out the pattern for your name badge.

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. Don't forget to get your ticket.

A monthly newsletter with important Guild information is distributed. 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. It is also published on the website under the Member's only area.

FIQ MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting Times:

Sewing Social time:	10:30 to 12:00 pm
Daytime Meeting:	1:00 to 3:00 pm
Board Meeting:	3:00 pm-following the General meeting

We meet on the 1st Monday of each month.
In September, date will vary due to the holiday.

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 3:00 pm, after the general meeting. All members are invited to attend the Board Meeting.

TYPICAL YEARLY CALENDAR

These events are subject to change throughout the year, this will be noted on our website calendar and newsletter. We have switched to a yearly format instead of a September -June format.

January: FIQ University

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)

Summer months we have a yearly picnic in July or August

December: Christmas Party Pot Luck

GENERAL MEETING ACTIVITIES

Our monthly meetings usually include a program with a speaker, committee reports, announcements, and Show and Share.

The FIQ Website will have the information regarding Program/Speaker

for the upcoming meeting dates. Look for “Calendar” tab.

These activities may vary year-to-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 and phone 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.

Sit and Sew's take place when a member reserves a local spot with enough outlets for machines, good lighting and tables. Members bring everything they need for their projects. This may come with a cost or free depending on the location. The hostess/host will determine how many people are able to attend. Anyone is able to set one up. Speak with a board member for more information. Notices are presented at

the general meeting, website, facebook and in the newsletter.

COMMUNITY SERVICE and FIQ SPONSORED SERVICE PROGRAMS

Fiq considers it part of membership obligation to participate with this worthwhile project. This project helped FIQ become recognized by the state as a non-profit organization, which gives us special tax status. It is a meaningful way to give back to the community.

In order for FIQ to maintain it's 501(c)3 status each member is asked to volunteer as they are able in our FIQ sponsored charitable and outreach programs listed below. See "Community Quilts" "American Hero Quilts" and "Quilts of Valor" below for additional information.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, to any event, contact the treasurer.

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 10:00 to 1:00**. They generally do not meet in December.

When you attend Community Quilts you will find fabric and patterns available for you to use. If you need specifications for quilt sizes and styles, please go to the Community quilts page on our website. 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 service members and their families at Madigan Hospital, and other warrior transition centers in the USA 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.

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. More info available on the website.

Fiber 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 2nd Wednesday at the Senior Center at 10. For more information, contact Helen Montgomery or visit the Diva tab on the website.

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 on the fourth Thursday with at various locations. Check the tab on the website for more information.

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

RAFFLE QUILT

Some years 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 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. Winner is drawn at the September meeting.

During each FIQ Calendar year (January to December), 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.

For more information, see the Quilt Show tab on our website.

QUILT WALK

We are looking for a coordinator for the 2024 year. 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.

If this sounds interesting to you, talk to a board member about becoming the coordinator for next year.

Library

We have quite an extensive library filled with books, templates and dvd’s available to our members. These will be available at every meeting. Checkout is available. Our current list of books and templates can be found on the Resources section of the website.

Social Media

Our website www.fidalgoislandquilters.com is full of information on all the happenings of our quilt guild.

The member's tabs are password protected. You will find the password on the front of your membership card. In these tabs you will find the Roster of all the members, newsletters, financials, newsletters, forms, nametag instructions and meeting minutes.

The general part of our site will have our calendar, resources page for all the groups, challenges and events and a message board for outside guild information and events.

To submit information to the website, send to fiqwebsite@gmail.com.

Please be judicious in the way you utilize this information. It is meant to be used for FIQ purposes only.

Facebook

Our facebook page, Fidalgo Island Quilters is used to post reminders for our members, show and share and fun quilting events.