



SOUTHWEST FLORIDA QUILTERS GUILD

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

www.swfqg.com.

Welcome! We are so pleased that you have joined SWFQG.

SWFQG is a non-profit, educational corporation whose mission is to promote quilting through education and fellowship. Our members include a wide range of ages and quilting skill levels.

The Purpose of the Guild

- Preserve the heritage of quilting
- Be a source of information and inspiration for quilters
- Encourage excellence in quilting
- Be a service to the community
- Provide fellowship to people with a common interest

About the Guild

The Southwest Florida Quilters Guild was founded in 1993 and traditionally has over 150 members from Southwest Florida. Many of our members are here for the winter months and enjoy the benefits of our guild.

SWFQG is run by a board of elected officers. Board meetings are generally held on the Saturday preceding the monthly guild meetings. All SWFQG members are welcome to attend board meetings.

Annual dues are \$30.00. Dues are due in January. Dues not paid by January 31 will result in termination of membership.

We request that you wear a name tag at all guild meetings and activities. Name tags can be purchased from membership. Patterns to make your own nametag are available on the website.

Membership directories are available online at the SWFQG.com website. Newsletter, upcoming classes, bylaws, patterns, and other general quilting information is on the website. Some information on our website is protected by a username and password. As a member you have access to this information. The username and password are found on the back of your membership card.

Membership Benefits

- The Patchwork Primer, a monthly newsletter (via email) details all the activities meeting topics, workshops, and events.
- The “Blip”, another email for distributing time-sensitive information
- Guild workshops often provided by national teachers
- Knowledge and experience shared with fellow quilters
- A membership card that may provide discounts at some area quilt shops
- Guild retreat: In the year following the quilt show, a national teacher is brought in to teach classes for which the cost is covered by the Guild and there are special requirements to attend.

Activity Opportunities

- Attend monthly Guild meeting with programs and fellowship
- Participate in monthly meeting activities and support our groups within the guild. A separate document details our groups that operate within the guild.
- Enjoy educational workshops and programs.
- Showcase your works in our biennial quilt show.
- Borrow books from the Guild library.

Monthly Meetings

- Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month. The meeting begins at 6:30 PM. The business is conducted followed by a short program and then show and tell. Bring a project you are working on to share with members. Activities at the meeting allow you to meet current members and learn new quilting information.
- You can turn in Community Service items or pick up quilts or fabrics to make Community Service quilts.
- Monthly fat quarters raffles are held. Each month a new fabric is chosen. You can bring fat quarters and receive a ticket to win the entire collection for that month.
- Block of the Month (BOM) lets you experience new patterns. You can purchase the fabric precut or just get the pattern and turn in your own blocks the next month.

As a member of the Southwest Florida Quilters Guild, you are encouraged to:

- Participate in the educational programs offered by the Guild. Education is the Guild's way to encourage, promote and preserve the art of quilting
- Support and uphold the Guilds bylaws and policies
- Volunteer to make at least two comfort quilts per year. These quilts are donated throughout the year to various community organizations.
- Be a part of fund raising sponsored by the Guild. This includes selling tickets for the Guild's opportunity quilts, making items for our Guild show boutique and includes other fund raisers sponsored by the Guild.
- Participate in the Guild's quilt shows. You will be asked to sign up for at least one task at the quilt show, such as assisting with judging, setup, breakdown, or manning the show in two hour shifts etc. You are also encouraged to show your work in the Quilt Show, but you are not required to do so.
- Take an active and interested part in Guild affairs.
- Observe courtesies.

The Southwest Florida Quilters Guild is made up of many people with many personalities and skill levels. The Guild makes every effort to encourage inclusion and friendliness. We hope that we have made you feel welcome and that you will soon feel comfortable enough to engage members in conversation, take a class, join a committee, and be an active part of the Guild.

Once again welcome to the Southwest Florida Quilters Guild. We hope you will be with us for a long, long time. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the officers or committee chairs. A complete list is available on the website.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact the membership team.

Welcome to SWFQG. We are glad you are here!