

Possible Guild Activities

Secret Pals – Each participant will receive or draw a name of another participating member. Secret pals do nice things for one another. Small trinkets, quilt gadgets, a thoughtful card or something you think might be enjoyed are brought to the meetings marked with the recipient's name. Items are then distributed. The identity of your Secret Pal is revealed at the June meeting.

Round Robin - Those wishing to participate are divided into groups. Each member of the group creates their own center motif and they may include specific instructions regarding color, theme, or size. This center motif is passed to a different member of the group, who will then add something to the motif: a border, appliqué, or whatever they feel will enhance the original design. The quilt continues to be passed to a different member of the group each month until each of the members has contributed to the quilt. At the last meeting, the quilt is returned to its owner, who has not seen it since the beginning motif. The results are always a pleasant surprise.

Mystery Quilt – Instructions for making a quilt are given out in phases over a period of time. Instructions include suggestions for color selection (lights/darks), fabric yardages required, and cutting & assembly instructions. No picture of the finished product is shown, hence the MYSTERY.

Challenge Quilt – Those participating must meet specific requirements regarding the fabric choice and/or the theme of the quilt.

Special Events

Quilt Show / Raffle Quilt – Our guild presents a quilt show of our members' quilted items whenever possible. Members are encouraged to submit their quilted items. Registration forms will be available. All members need to volunteer their time to this project, especially during the weekend of the show. A raffle quilt is made yearly by guild members and each member is asked to sell/purchase one book of raffle tickets. The raffle quilt is our main fundraiser.

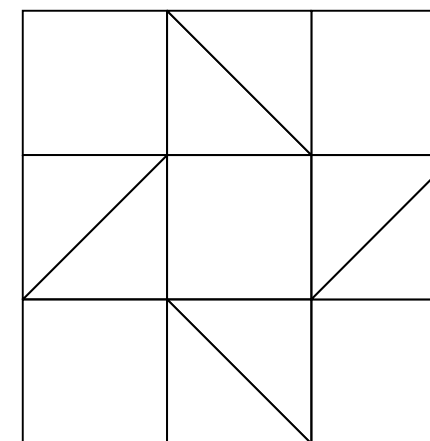
Workshops – Workshops are scheduled throughout the year. These are usually presented by the guest speaker of the month. The workshops cover a wide variety of techniques. A fee is charged and there may be additional requirements.

Bus Trip – The guild will arrange for trips to various quilt shops and points of quilting interest. Those attending are responsible for the cost of the trip (deposit required). The committee determines the destinations and dates.

Paarlberg Farm Festival – Our guild holds a mini quilt show and raffle at the South Holland Heritage Festival held at Paarlberg Farm during Labor Day weekend.

Potluck Supper – The June meeting marks the end of our calendar year. Members are asked to bring a dish to share. Menu requirements vary. This meeting is held one-half hour earlier, at **6:30 pm**.

Welcome to Heritage Quilters of South Suburbia



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Member Reference Guide

Our website:

www.heritagequilts.org

Membership

Member's Badge – Members are encouraged to make their own fabric badge as soon as possible. Instructions are found on the back page of your directory. Wearing the badge is a requirement for winning a door prize.

Nametag – Members will be provided with a plastic covered nametag that can be worn around the neck. Your nametag will be available at the Membership Table the month of your enrollment. Your nametag is also a key to the door prizes.

Members' Album – Photos will be taken of new members at their first meeting and added to the album.

Dues – Dues are \$30 per year and are renewed at the April, May, or June meeting. A late fee of \$5 will be charged for current members renewing after the June meeting. New members joining at the January or February meetings will pay \$15. New members joining in March, April, or May will pay dues of \$10. They will be entitled to all member privileges.

Directories - A listing of all current guild members, their addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses is distributed every year. Updates will be published in the newsletter. Please respect other member's privacy and keep in a secure place.

Newsletter

The **Laurel Star** is published five times per year (Sept/Oct, Nov/Dec, Jan/Feb, Mar/Apr, and May/June). New members will have their names added to the mailing list and their name and information will be included in the next newsletter in order to keep our directory current. Members are encouraged to submit items of interest to the newsletter chairperson. Deadline for articles is usually the guild meeting prior to publication of the next edition. It is preferred that newsletters be sent to members via email in order to save on paper and postage expenses. Newsletters will be mailed to those members who do not have email.

Programs

Our monthly meetings begin with a business meeting and reports from the various committees. On most months, we also have special guest speakers, including some who are nationally-known quilters, who present an hour program and/or trunk show on a specific topic related to quilting.

Library

Members have the privilege of checking out books, magazines, and magazines for one month. A late fee will be charged per book, per month. Books selected at the November meeting are due at the January meeting; those checked out at the May meeting would be due at the September meeting. To check out a library book, remove the index card found on the back of the book cover, sign it, and file the card under your last name in the index box. When returning a book, find the card you signed and place it back in the book.

Information Table

An information table is located in the back. Announcements of future quilt shows, new quilt stores, contests, classes, and other current items of quilting interest are there. Flyers are usually available.

Service Committee

The Service Committee may call on members to donate fabric for service projects. Quilt kits are often available for completion by members. Dates and location of Service Committee meetings vary. Projects will be chosen by the committee or the board, but members may bring suggested causes to the guild and then be in charge of that project.

Show & Tell

There is a "Show & Tell" time at each meeting. Members may bring completed projects to share with the guild.

Refreshments

Members are asked to supply dessert food for the meeting's break time. Sign-up sheets are located on the refreshment table. A reminder will be in the newsletter for those volunteering. Beverages are supplied by the guild.

Door Prizes

There is a door prize drawing at each guild meeting. All members are eligible for the door prize drawing **if they are wearing their member's badge and/or their nametag**. A member can only win one prize per year. Donations are accepted.

Used Book/Pattern Sale

Members may participate by bringing in their used books and/or patterns. A piece of masking tape with their name, date, the book/pattern title, and the asking price must be on the cover. All monies will be returned to the seller at the next guild meeting. Items can be bought and sold throughout the year. Due to space items can only be kept for 3 months/ We also have a **free table**. Members are welcome to bring items they no longer want or need. Please remove any leftover items at the end of the evening.

Block of the Month

Free instructions are available for a particular block at each meeting. Those members who choose to participate must return their completed block at the next meeting. **Each participant** enters their name into the drawing one time for each block returned. The committee will determine if the blocks will be distributed to one or more winners depending upon the number of blocks returned.