

PEACE BY PIECING QUILT GUILD

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. An active member is defined as any person who is current in their annual dues.
- Section 2. Visitors may attend two (2) regular scheduled meetings in a calendar year as a guest before being required to pay membership dues.
- Section 3. A junior member is defined as any person 17 years of age or under. An active adult Guild member must sponsor a junior member.
- Section 4. A junior member shall have the right to attend regular program meetings, participate in Show & Tell, have their names listed in the Directory, and attend workshops with the sponsor. A junior member may not vote, hold office, participate in/on committees or attend retreats.
- Section 5. Membership in this Guild is not transferable or assignable.
- Section 6. A quorum shall be not less than one-third of the active membership.

ARTICLE II

DUES

- Section 1. The amount of annual dues will be reviewed by the Executive Board, voted on by the membership, and will be posted on the website. Annual dues for new and renewing members is \$25.00. The annual dues for junior members is \$10.00. The Guild's fiscal year is a calendar year from January 1 – December 31. Dues are payable no later than the February Guild meeting. Voting rights are a privilege of full payment of dues.
- Section 2. Dues for renewing members shall be the full amount of the annual dues regardless of the month of renewal.
- Section 3. Dues for new members joining between January 1 and June 30 shall be a full year's dues. New members joining on or after July 1 and through December 31 shall receive a 50% discount of annual dues. Junior members do not receive a discount. Dues are not refundable or transferrable.

Section 4. Money collected by the Guild shall not be used to influence legislation or in any type of political or religious organization. The Guild shall not participate in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in agreement with its stated purpose.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month beginning in January 2011.

Section 2. The time and place of the regular business meetings shall be set by the Executive Board and will be posted in the newsletter and on the website.

Section 3. The meeting date may be changed by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a regular Guild meeting, providing notice of the proposed change has been made at the previous meeting, via email notice, and on the website.

Section 4. The Executive Board may change the date and/or location of any regular meeting when necessary. Membership will be notified of any change through the website and through email notice. Special meetings may be called based on the needs of the Guild.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the members present at the November Guild meeting, and shall be installed at the December meeting. They shall assume their duties on January 1.

Section 2. An officer shall be elected for a term of one year.

Section 3. The President must have served on a previous year's Executive Board.

Section 4. The Vice President – Membership must have served on a previous year's Executive Board.

Section 5. Elected officers may serve for only two (2) consecutive years in the same office.

Section 6. Partial terms, appointed or elected, shall not count as a term.

ARTICLE V

EXECUTIVE BOARD

- Section 1. The Executive Board of the Guild shall be composed of the President, Vice President Membership, Vice President Programs, Vice President Communications, Secretary, and Treasurer. The President will serve as the Chairman.
- Section 2. The board shall approve by vote, at a regular Board meeting, a new officer to fill a vacancy due to resignation, inability to perform their duties, or other reasons.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS

These By-Laws may be amended or revised by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at the regular Guild meeting, if a quorum is present. Notice of the proposed change must be made at the previous meeting and via email notice. Amended By-Laws will become effective upon adoption by the general membership, at which time all previous by-laws are repealed.

ARTICLE VII

RULES OF ORDER

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the Guild in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the by-laws or the special rules of order of this Guild.

**ARTICLE VIII
BEREAVEMENT POLICY**

When a Guild member passes away or an immediate family member of a Guild member, the Guild will give \$100 toward the purchase of flowers or donate \$100 to a charity designated by the Guild member or a family member of the Guild member. The immediate family member is defined as follows: spouse, children, parents and first generation grandchildren (including step family members). The President or Treasurer will be responsible for taking care of purchasing the flowers and The Treasurer will be responsible for writing a check to the designated charity.