

Standing Rules

Meetings and Special Events

1. Guests are welcome to attend two consecutive monthly meetings, after which they will be invited to become dues paying members.
2. As a courtesy to all, members shall wear a name tag to general meetings.
3. Workshop rules are as follows:
 - a. The general membership shall vote upon all possible workshop teachers and make recommendations for invitations to be sent by the Executive Board. The days, dates, and topics of workshops shall be voted upon by the general membership.
 - b. Notification of cancellation, by workshop participants, shall be given to the workshop chair as soon as possible. It is not permitted to substitute another person in your place. The workshop chair will notify the next person on the waiting list. In the event there is no waiting list, a substitute may be found and the money will be forfeited unless all financial workshop expenses have been met.
 - c. Members shall be given priority to register for workshops prior to the published deadline, after which the workshop will be advertised to the public. Workshop information will be distributed to the membership and the full amount of the workshop fee must be returned with the registration form.

Dues

One of the goals of the Guild's Quilt Show is to increase new membership. New members who sign up to join the Guild at the Quilt Show, are automatically considered to have dues paid through the next full Guild year.

UFOs

Once a month, Capital City Quilters' Guild sponsors a time for members to get together and work on UnFinished Objects; hence the name UFOs. The third Saturday of every month, or as available, CCQ rents the hall (to the left side of the chapel) at Shepherd of the Valley Luthern Church in the Mendenhall Valley. UFO times are from 9 AM to Midnight. (Occasionally unexpected church activities will impact scheduled UFO dates.)

You don't need to sign up in advance and there are no goals for UFOs. It is just an informal way to visit with other quilters and make progress on sewing projects. Sometimes classes are offered along with a UFO. A description of the class, what to bring, and any additional costs will be listed in the newsletter.

Christmas In July

Summer time typically is the start of Christmas Projects. CCQ kicks off the season at the July Guild meeting. In preparation for the July meeting, members begin organizing "Christmas In July" at the May and June meetings by identifying a coordinator and explaining the event to new members.

At the July meeting, members may exchange hand-made ornaments. Members can use any medium, but the ornaments must be hand-made (quilted, cross-stitched, clay, etc.). Also at the July meeting, as part of "Christmas in July", members exchange the Christmas Challenge brown bags. (See Christmas Challenge.)

The July meeting also celebrates the occasion with a potluck of finger foods.

Christmas Exchange

The Christmas Exchange show cases your design and quilting skills. Quilters interested in the Christmas Exchange place three ½ (one-half) yard pieces of fabric: background, theme, and a coordinating fabrics, their name, identify if the fabric is washed or not washed, and an idea of what they might like in a plain brown grocery store bag, and bring it to the July CCQ meeting. All the bags are placed on a table. Everyone who put in a bag takes a different bag home. A guild member coordinates the exchange and keeps track of the members participating in the exchange.

Once you receive "your" bag, you keep the fabrics and identity of your Christmas partner a secret while you make a quilted object. You need to utilize in some way all three fabrics on the FRONT of the quilt, and add fabrics, quilt batting, and backing from your own stash. Quilts must be at least 24 inches x 24 inches, and must be finished by the CCQ Christmas Party in December. The quilt label must include swatches of the three original fabrics. Completed Christmas exchanges are brought to the annual CCQ Christmas Party where they are returned to the owner and admired by all.

Shrine Weekend

At the direction of the Board, CCQ rents the lodge at the Shrine of St Therese, or Eagle Valley Retreat, for a quilters' retreat weekend for the members. It is informal. Quilters bring out all of their sewing gear and set up shop to sew. You may stay overnight, quilt until the wee hours, share meals, conversation, beach walks, and get to know other quilters. The fee charged for these weekends covers the cost of renting the facility, but the coordinators' attendance maybe be subsidized by CCQ. The coordinator for each Shrine retreat weekend will be

selected at a general membership meeting. Payment of the Retreat Fee is due at sign-up, or you will be on a wait list. Note: alcohol may be present during retreat events. Retreats are co-ed.