



Ridge Quilters' Guild

Who We Are and What We Do

Ridge Quilters' Guild is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization that has served the Ridge since 1978. The Guild's mission is to promote quilting through education, exhibitions, programs, workshops and to encourage philanthropic quilting for the benefit of our guild, community, state, and country.

Activities

Our monthly meetings include a program. This could be a trunk show by a member, or an outside speaker, or could be a luncheon. It also includes a business meeting and a time for members to show and tell about the quilts they have recently made. Members bring snacks to share during a refreshment break.

You will see various tables set up around the room. These tables include Community Service, Block of the Month, upcoming Workshop information and sign up, a monthly pick a prize raffle, and a Treasure Table where bargains can be purchased for a donation. Committees may change based on volunteer participation.

Drop-In: Currently this is held on the 1st and 4th Wednesday of the month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm, where every member can come to work on their own projects, get help from others, pin a quilt together or just visit. We also use this time as a Guild to make items that we can sell at upcoming events. The Drop In is held at the Terry Ashe Center in Paradise. Occasionally a mini workshop is taught by one of our members or we meet to work together on Community Service projects.

Workshops: Several times a year there is a workshop taught by our guest speaker. The workshops are held the Wednesday following our general meeting. There is a cost to attend and possibly special supplies or pattern from the teacher.

Quilt Show: In even numbered years, we hold our bi-annual quilt show in October. This event is where our members display their handiwork. A Featured Quilter's work is also displayed. The Featured Quilter is chosen by the membership.

Home Tour: In odd numbered years, we hold a holiday themed Open House on the first weekend in December. 4-5 homes, mostly member homes are decked out in a cacophony of Christmas Decorations to start out the season. At the event we hold a Pick a Prize raffle and Boutique, as well as display our current Opportunity Quilt.

Opportunity Quilt: A quilt design is picked by and made by members. Tickets are sold and then raffled off. Each member is expected to sell or buy a packet of tickets that cost \$10 (for 13 tickets). This is one of our main fundraisers and we use this month to fund our Community Service efforts.

Luncheons: There are usually two luncheons a year, in June and December.

Facebook: In addition to our public Facebook page, there is a "private" Facebook group called Ridge Quilters Guild. Members are encouraged to join. Members use the group to ask questions on the projects they are working on or get updates on upcoming events.

Committees

Community Service: This committee organizes our philanthropic activities. The Guild members make small quilts (40" x 50"), walker bags, clothes covers and placemats. The items are given to various community organizations such as the Cancer Center, Habitat for Humanity, Disabled group homes, Retirement centers, etc. We also help other Community Organizations with donating quilts or quilted items for their events. Members donate their fabric or kits are available from the Community Service committee. Every member is requested to participate, either by sewing, cutting out and assembling kits, long-arming or binding finished projects.

Block of the Month*: This committee chooses a block each month and provides a portion of the fabric needed along with directions on constructing the block. This is a fun way to try new things and get a chance to have all the blocks turned in to create a quilt for yourself.

Education Outreach*: This committee visits area classrooms and provides a small history lesson about quilting. Then based on the teacher's theme, the committee assists students in making blocks. Younger aged students can use fabric markers for drawing their picture, and older students are taught simple construction techniques. Then the committee takes the blocks, completes a quilt, and returns it to the teacher. Many of the quilts are raffled off at school events to earn funds for the classroom, but some teachers decide to keep the quilts as a memory of that class.

Pick a Prize*: A monthly drawing for one or more prizes is at each meeting (excluding luncheons). Stop by their table to purchase your tickets.

Treasure Table*: This committee accepts donations of various quilt related items to sell. You can shop there for great bargains.

Secret Sisters*: This committee matches up members that sign up. At sign up you mention a little bit about your likes and dislikes. Each month you bring a small quilt related gift for your "secret sister" based on their interests. Sign ups are usually in September and the reveal is the June luncheon. Who doesn't enjoy getting a gift?

As you can see, there is a lot to do in the Guild. Our meetings are full of opportunities. Guests are welcome to attend our meetings. There is a nominal fee of \$5 if we have a paid speaker that month. We currently meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Paradise Lutheran Church, 780 Luther Dr, Paradise, from 10:00 am to around noon. Doors open at 9:30 am. The more you get involved, the more enjoyment that you will have with our group. There is a place or activity for each of us. We have beginners to very accomplished quilters, we all love the art of quilting and enjoy sharing it with others.

For more information, you can email the Guild at ridgequiltersguild@gmail.com