

STANDING RULES November 28, 2015

1. General Meetings shall be held on the fourth Wednesday of the Month, except for the months of July, August, November and December. Meetings will start at 6:30 PM, location to be announced. For all other meetings, advanced notification should be given to Members by e-mail, phone or mail.
2. Annual dues \$20, if paid on or before July 30; after July 31, dues are \$25, new members \$20. Fiscal year is August 1-July31st.
3. Guild Members shall be able to attend all meetings free of charge; shall receive minutes from all the meeting, newsletters, and membership roster with the understanding that this roster may not be used for commercial purposes. (Revised Jan. 2012)
4. Guild members are able to advertise quilting related items/classes/trips/events/web site in the Guild Newsletter at no charge. Contact Newsletter Coordinator for all ad deadlines, as the dates may change month to month. Non-members may advertise for a fee of \$50.00 annually for ads placed on the website. (Revised Nov. 2015)
5. Following the election, the Officers shall determine a budget for two years and submit it to the membership for approval no later than the first general meeting of the fiscal year. The Board, upon approval of the General Membership, shall manage the property and affairs of the Guild. (Revised Jan. 2012)
6. Biennial Quilt show profits will help defray the cost of the Guild operations and help support the monthly educational programs
7. The Board shall appoint an audit committee to review the current financial condition of the Guild and report its findings to the General Membership at the June meeting. (Revised Jan. 2012)
8. Committee Chairs shall be appointed by the President prior to the first meeting of the fiscal year. Standing Committees, whose Chairs are voting Board members are: Membership, Newsletter, Program. Grants, Historian, Hostess/Greeter, Liaison w/Sapphire, Mini Groups, Properties/Keys, Scholarships and Web Master. Other Committee Chairs will be appointed by the President as deemed necessary. (Revised Jan.2012)
9. Name tag instructions shall be provided by the Guild to new members at no charge. Those members shall provide their own supplies. All are encouraged to make and wear name tags. (Revised Nov. 2015)
10. Bitterroot Quilters' Guild and Sapphire Quilt Club share ownership and responsibility of quilt racks, related items and Storage Unit rent. Information regarding ownership responsibility and use of shared items, location and contact individuals will be kept by Properties/Key Chair person. All changes affecting shared items and their use must be agreed upon by both organizations. (Revised Jan. 2012)
11. Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote of the board members in attendance at any regular board meeting of the Guild.

12. Possession and distribution of keys to the storage unit-The following officers/committee chairs will each have a key to the storage unit for the durations of their service in that office/chairmanship: President of the Bitterroot Quilters' Guild, President of the Sapphire Quilt Club, Properties Chair, Program Chair and Liaison with the Sapphire Quilt Club. The Properties chair will also keep and distribute one other key to the following chairs for the short duration of their responsibilities: Spring Retreat, Fall Retreat, Fair Booth and Quilt Show. Said chairs will surrender the key back to the Properties chair upon completion of his/her responsibilities.

13. In the event the President is unable to complete her term the Vice President will become President. If there is a vacancy in any other office the Board will appoint a replacement. (Added Jan. 2012)

14. The following categories will be standard in every quilt show:

1. **Theme** (Any size)
2. **All Handmade** (Lg and Sm) Done by hand by entrant. No machine touches quilt.
3. **Rookie** (Lg and Sm) First time entering a quilt show.
4. **Junior** (Any size) Made by person under the age of 18.
5. **Wearable Art and Accessories** Must be made by entrant and include a quilting technique.
6. **Decorative Items** Quilted items for home decoration. May be quilted by self or other.
7. **Antique/Restored** (Any size) Made before 1950. For exhibition only.
8. **Group** (Any size) Quilt top made by two or more people. May be quilted by self or other.
9. **Mini Group Project** Done by one or more persons as a mini group project. May be quilted by self or other. Project explanation necessary.
10. **Art** (Any size) Original work. Designed and manufactured by one person.
11. **Innovate** (Lg and Sm) Innovative variation/adaptation of recognizable traditional design, pattern or set. May be quilted by self or other.
12. **Pictorial/Landscape** (Any size) Represents a recognizable image of a person, place or thing. May be quilted by self or other.
13. **Other** (Any size) Does not fit in any of the categories. May be quilted by self or other.
14. **Digital Embroidery** (Any size)
15. **Traditional Categories**
 - A) **Machine Pieced, Hand Quilted**(Lg and Sm) Includes machine pieced, hand applique, & hand quilted.
 - B) **Machine Pieced, Machine Quilted by Self** (Lg and Sm) Includes machine pieced, machine applique & machine quilted by self.
 - C) **Machine Pieced, Quilted by Other** (Lg and Sm) Includes machine pieced, hand or machine applique, and quilted by other.
16. **Challenge** (Any size) A challenge determined by Challenge Committee and announced at least one year prior to show.
(Added February 2014) More information and explanations on file with President and Show Chairman.