

BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD CONSTITUTION
(June 2014)

VISION STATEMENT: To provide an environment in which members can participate in all aspects of quilting.

ARTICLE 1 This organization shall be known as the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD.

ARTICLE 2 OBJECTIVES:

- a. To educate and encourage members about the art and craft of quilting by providing lectures, workshops, and awareness of the broader quilting community through exhibitions and shows.
- b. To promote the art and craft of quilting to the community at large through participation in quilt shows, contests and community events.
- c. Wherever possible, to support requests from community organizations to provide quilted items for charity or to be used for their fundraising activities.

ARTICLE 3 Membership in the BLUEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD is available upon payment of the prescribed fee as determined by the Executive Committee. The membership year is July 1st to June 30th following and membership fees shall be pro-rated from March to June.

ARTICLE 4 General meetings shall be held the 3rd Monday of each month except for July and August. In the case of the 3rd Monday being a statutory holiday for City employees the meeting will be altered to the 2nd Monday of that month. The date of the December meeting may be altered at the discretion of the Executive Committee Board. The Annual Business meeting and election of new officers will be held in June of each year. The Nominating Committee Chairperson (Past President) or designate shall conduct the election of officers at the June meeting.

ARTICLE 5 Committee members will be elected to conduct the various area of Guild business; these areas may include, but not be limited to: Community Outreach Projects, Library, Membership, Programs and Workshops, Newsletter, Publicity, Social, Special Projects, and Webmaster.

ARTICLE 6 The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Guild and one member of each of the Committees, duly elected at the annual meeting. The positions of Vice President, President and Past President shall each be for one year with the incumbent serving one year in each consecutive position. The remaining officers shall serve a two-year term.

ARTICLE 7 In the absence of the President, the Vice President or designate shall conduct the meetings.

ARTICLE 8 The Constitution may be amended at a general meeting by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present, following written notification of 30 days.

ARTICLE 9 The Agenda for all general meetings shall be determined by the President in collaboration with the Program Chair.

ARTICLE 10 Finance:

- a. All cheques in excess of an amount to be determined by the Executive at the 1st meeting of the fiscal year must be signed by two of the following: Treasurer, President, Past President or Vice President.
- b. Each committee chair shall have an approved budget. Any further expense must be approved at the Executive level.
- c. Financial records (including Guild Show) shall be available and open for perusal by any Guild member. Two non-executive members of the Guild shall be appointed as auditors at the June meeting and shall report results at the October meeting.
- d. All requests for financial donations must be submitted for consideration by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE 11 In the event that a duly elected officer cannot complete the required term of office, or is in flagrant neglect of the duties of that office, the Executive shall appoint a member to carry out the term of that office.

ARTICLE 12

In the event the Bluewater Quilters' Guild determines it is unable to continue as an organization, date undetermined, all assets and chattels held by the Bluewater Quilters' Guild at the time of the discontinuance would be sold, outstanding debts and liabilities would be paid and surplus funds would be donated to a local charitable organization as voted on by the existing membership at the time of such discontinuance. There is no personal gain to be realized by any member.