



**Heritage Quilters Guild
Newsletter**
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Greetings to everyone in this Pandemic time!

I debated using pandemic in the greeting, but everything we do now revolves around this situation.

Let's consider the ways it is affecting our guild.

- * PROGRAMS and WORKSHOPS: All are cancelled until hopefully February of 2021.
- * SOS workspace: not available because it is needed for teaching the children at SOS.
- * SOCIALIZING OPPORTUNITIES: limited to mask wearing and distancing.

As in all aspects of our lives now, we have to find new enthusiasm and ways of surviving! What a challenge. If any group is prepared for this, it is quilters. We are good at finding ways to put things together (fabric and thread) so that they become beautiful and useful in special ways!

In this newsletter issue you are going to find a revised copy of the By-Laws updated from 2017. I would ask you pay special attention to two places:

Article I-Name and Purpose and Article VI Dissolution.

Article I Name and Purpose

The purpose of the Guild shall be to foster the art of quilting and to encourage through education, a high standard of design and technique in all of its various forms.

Article VI Dissolution

On dissolution, all remaining funds shall be distributed to the Department of Textiles of the Art Institute of Chicago for the specific purpose of the preservation of antique quilts.
(see treasurers report on page 2)

These two articles written in 1981 tell us how serious the guild founders were about education and improvement of the art of quilting. And if we do have to dissolve our guild, appreciate where the funds will go. Let us hope this doesn't happen to us anytime soon.

This is our challenge now: how to move forward in a meaningful way so that we can keep our guild together. The Board of Directors had a very thoughtful Zoom meeting about this. The results: HELP WANTED and IT'S ABOUT YOU!! You will see in coming issues that we have need for 7 new officers this Spring. Not only officers but ideas for programs and ways to keep in touch. Perhaps we will need more small Bee Groups meeting on Facebook or Zoom and then sharing to the whole group. Virtually there are so many possibilities to keep us in touch if we are not able to be together in person. Let's give it our best effort!

On a personal note, I know I never would have known the thrill of making a quilt to be proud of and to share with another, if I hadn't belonged to Heritage Quilters Guild and met so many fine quilters and lovely friends. The inspiration of Workshops, programs, Bees and our very own Show and Tell is with me forever.

From a sincerely grateful quilter!
Martha Sayles

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

2—Dorothy Huber

9—Nancy O’Connor

14—Andi Tomasik



15– Vickie Skinner

20– Marie Blunk

21– Gail Stepanek



HELP WANTED—TREASURER

Can you add and subtract, if so we have a great position for you. Simple jobs, Write a few checks and deposit a few checks. Just like balancing your own checking account.
WE NEED YOU.

<u>Treasurers Report from Barbara Kirnbauer</u>		
Balance as of Sept 8, 2020		\$22,926.28
No Expenses		
Income Registrations	70.00	
Refund from Fall Retreat	375.00	
Raffle Tickets Sales	398.00	
	Total Income	843.00
Balance as of September 22, 2020		\$23,769.28

WORKSHOP

2020-2021 Guild Workshop and Lecture Schedule

The programs and workshops for the 2020-2021 year have been planned, however due to the pandemic situation the Guild board has made the difficult decision to cancel the October and November programs. These speakers have agreed to reschedule their presentations and workshops for the 2021-22 program year.

The Guild has not made any final decisions regarding programs for February, March and April at this time, however we hope that we can have in-person lectures and workshops, so start thinking about attending one of the workshops planned by these great speakers! Check out their websites for additional information on each presenter.

October 13, 2020 – Catherine Redford – **CANCELLED-**
Rescheduled for March 2022

November 10, 2020 – Penny Sturges (Quilts Illustrated) – **CANCELLED –**
Rescheduled for April 2022

February 9, 2021 – Monique Jacobs (Open Gate Quilts) – www.opengatequilts.com
As of September 2020, the guild is planning to have Monique present in-person for the February Meeting.

Lecture – “Designing Fabric and Books”
Workshop – “Sailing Among the Stars”



March 9, 2021 – Sally Manke, Fiber Artist – www.sallymanke.com

Lecture – “Trunk Show”

Workshop - “Mixed Media Flower Art Quilt”.

Note: Sally was a featured artist at AQS Quilt Week in Daytona Beach, February, 2020. Come take her workshop at the guild and learn the same techniques and support your guild!

April 13, 2021 – Karen Combs – www.karencombs.com

Lecture – “Optical Illusions”

Workshop - “Patchwork Illusions”



If you have additional questions, please text or call:
Diane Juskelis, Acting VP of Programs – 708-525-3046
Barbara Wrobel, VP of Workshops -630-257-3286

Planned Activities for the October 13th Meeting



Let's Play Left – Center – Right!

Come to the meeting on October 13th and join us in a game of Left-Center-Right! Let's play using 3 fat quarters. No special theme or color...any 3 fat quarters. The more players we have the bigger the jackpot. Every player will receive 3 tokens in exchange for their 3 fat quarters. We'll spread out at the tables to keep our distance and use a gloved hand to handle the dice. If you have some gloves, bring them along. We'll have some available in case you don't have one for yourself.



SCRAPPY 4-PATCH SWAP

Get out your bin of left-over 2½" strips and squares. Let's do a scrappy 4-patch block. Blocks should measure 4½' square. Package up your 4-patch blocks in bundles of 10. Pin your bundles together or secure them in zipper bags. You may swap a bundle for every bundle you make. Make 2 bundles, take 2 bundles. Make 5 bundles, take 5 bundles. The more we make to swap, the scrappier our swap will be. Bring your bundles to the meeting on October 13th and let's have a successful swap!

Pet Pillows

I have taken pet pillows over to "TLC Animal Shelter", several times over the summer! Thanks for all the scraps! Anyone that would like to MAKE some pillow bags, that would be awesome! "TLC" likes the size about 8 to 12 inches, square, rectangular, or whatever, would be fine, Just sew up 3 sides. We can sew up the last side when they are stuffed.

Thanks!

Judy Gaines



HOSPITALITY UPDATE - DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY

In these uncertain times we will probably not be able to have our annual Christmas pot luck dinner in December this year. Instead of the dinner, the board has suggested that we have a food drive for a local food pantry at our December meeting. More information will be forthcoming at the October meeting and in the November newsletter. We sincerely hope that everyone will be willing and able to participate in our food drive to help the needy in our area.

Hopefully when the current health situation is resolved we will again be able to resume normal hospitality at our meetings and our pot luck dinners.
Please be safe and follow the IDPH guidelines.

Kathy Becker
Hospitality Chair

The WINGS Challenge show and voting is being planned for the Nov 10th meeting. The plan is to post a show of your finished Wings project and we will take votes for the best WINGS project!

You will be provided with the link to check out the entries at that time.

Each picture will be numbered, but will not have a name. The voting will take place via email to bbmolony@comcast.net, and the winners will be announced for the December meeting.

Send your picture via email to Bobbie Molony at bbmolony@comcast.net

Do NOT put any identification on your Wings piece, so that everyone can vote anonymously. Each member can vote for their favorite.

There will be 3 prizes awarded –1st, 2nd and 3rd. 3 gift cards—\$50.00, \$25.00 and \$15.00. Try to get your projects finished so we can vote on them.

**Bobbie Molony bbmolony@comcast.net OR
Bobbie Hunley bobbiequilts@yahoo.com**

(The 2 Bobbies discussed this and decided that—to be fair - the 2 of us will enter our pieces, but they will not be included in the voting.)

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

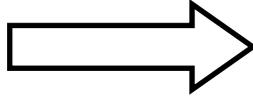
Hi ladies!

I hope you all have had a nice month. I just pulled out a umm "older" project to finish. It has about 60 pieces in each block, yikes. That should keep me busy! Our current membership count is 68 & since there is a new member, I will be sending out an updated pdf of our membership book. Your understanding is very much appreciated with the member pdf's this year as we navigate thru this difficult & unknown time.

Your membership team, Edna & Diana

**OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2020 WINNER
AND OPPORTUNITY QUILT 2022 PLANS**

Congratulations to member Donna Stevens on her winning our beautiful 2020 Opportunity quilt!



This break is only a short one as we must now plan ahead to the 2022 guild raffle quilt. The first thing to do is to pick out a quilt pattern. We are calling on any and all members to look into their patterns, magazines, Pinterest boards and perhaps find that one of a kind quilt that we could make for our next show. Any ideas are welcome.. Please send quilt pictures to me or Dolores Kettman. I know the show is two years away, but it doesn't hurt to get an early start.

Barb Wrobel

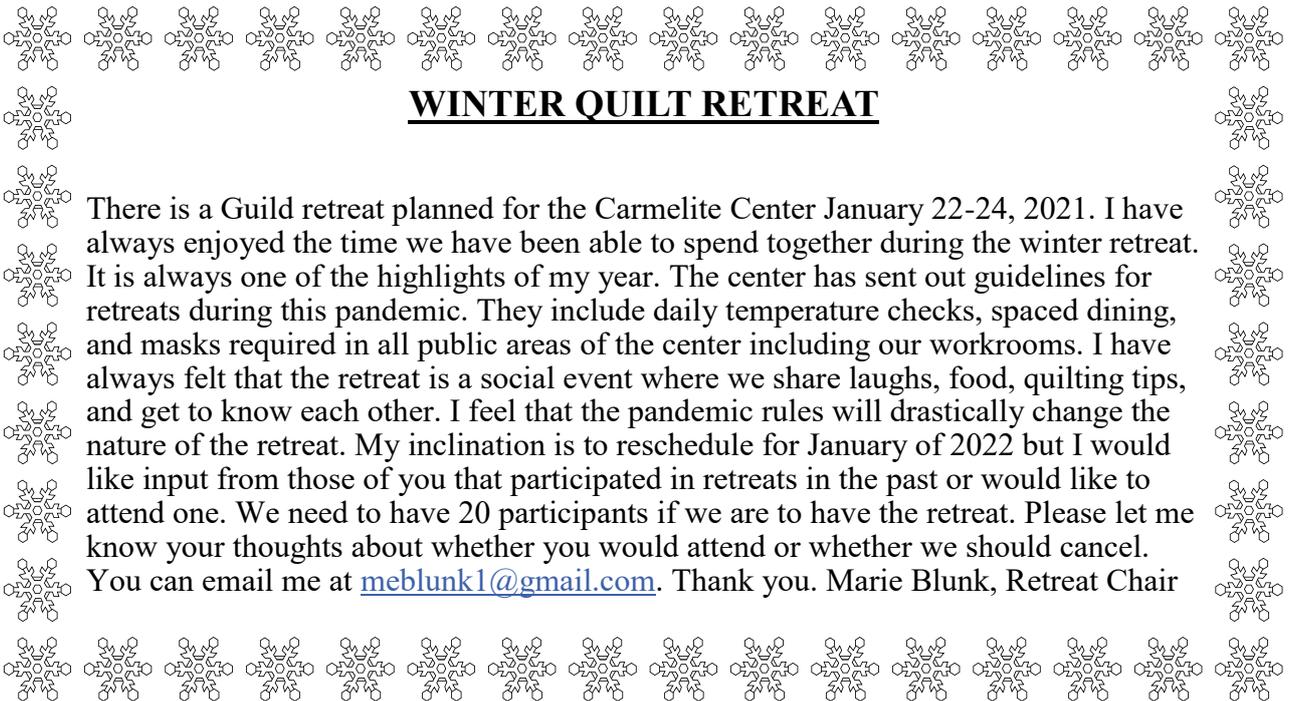
RETREAT UPDATES

OCTOBER RETREAT CANCELLATION

Due to restrictions in place at the Carmelite Retreat Center, it was decided to cancel the October retreat for 2020. No decision regarding the January 2021 retreat. We expect a decision will be made in the October/November timeframe.

WINTER QUILT RETREAT

There is a Guild retreat planned for the Carmelite Center January 22-24, 2021. I have always enjoyed the time we have been able to spend together during the winter retreat. It is always one of the highlights of my year. The center has sent out guidelines for retreats during this pandemic. They include daily temperature checks, spaced dining, and masks required in all public areas of the center including our workrooms. I have always felt that the retreat is a social event where we share laughs, food, quilting tips, and get to know each other. I feel that the pandemic rules will drastically change the nature of the retreat. My inclination is to reschedule for January of 2022 but I would like input from those of you that participated in retreats in the past or would like to attend one. We need to have 20 participants if we are to have the retreat. Please let me know your thoughts about whether you would attend or whether we should cancel. You can email me at meblunk1@gmail.com. Thank you. Marie Blunk, Retreat Chair



SOS report:

A big thank you to Betty Drzal and Joanne Smith for finishing the last half of the Christmas stockings. We are still accepting school supplies to fill them. Drop them off at the next guild meeting. We will fill the stockings in November, probably at the VFW. Watch your email for the time and place.

We need quilts for boys. We have tops and backs but no one to quilt them. Sue Barnhill again has generously offered her longarm for anyone who would quilt SOS quilts. Give her a call!

JoAnne Smith (708) 275-7045
Sharon Fritz (708) 744-2003



Veterans Quilts



YOU are all wonderful! We have had such a great response for our Veterans! We have collected about 25 quilts, all together! 5 were left from last year. They have been distributed, and now we are working on getting the rest out and into the hands of very deserving people! On Labor Day I went with Karen from the VFW Auxillary to Lago Vista. We were able to give out 4 quilts there. The men gathered at one home and we dropped them off. They were so very appreciative! It was something to see how seriously they take their service to our country! We spent a few minutes with them and were able to get a few good pictures. They will be posted on our Guild Facebook page. So, try to look at the Facebook pages to see them.

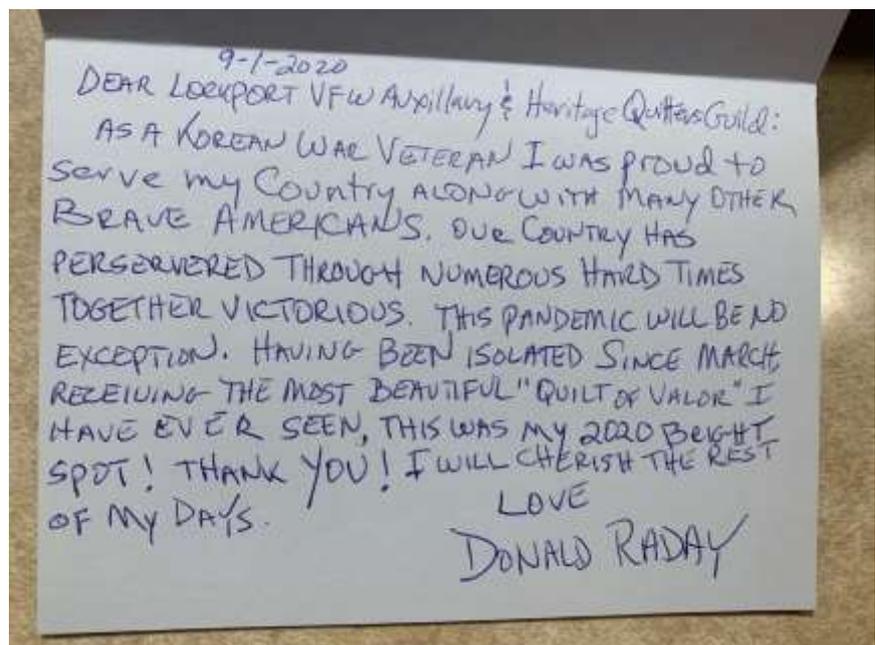
One of the men is a Veteran of WW2. He told us several times that he will be 98 in April! He is a little slow getting around, but keeps himself very busy working on the computer! The men all loved their quilts!

We will be distributing 8 more this next week.

Any part that you have had is so very worthwhile. Some donated fabric, many beautiful blocks were sewn, quilts were compiled, labels made, and long arming was done! We will try doing some different blocks this next year, for this project! Our goal is to see every service person have a nice soft quilt to enjoy!

Thanks!

Judy Gaines 1-815-545-2938
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To all GUILD MEMBERS:

Please read the By-laws as published here and be prepared to vote at the November Guild meeting (either in person or virtually).

Thank you.

By-Laws Revision Committee

Please note: the changes to the previous bylaws from 2017 are noted in bold faced type throughout the document.

Heritage Quilters Guild By-Laws Revised: September, 2020

Article I - Name and Purpose

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Heritage Quilters Guild, hereinafter called “the Guild.”
- Section 2. The purpose of the Guild shall be to foster the art of quilting and to encourage through education, a high standard of design and technique in all of its various forms.
- Section 3. The Guild shall be nonprofit, non-partisan and nonsectarian. The Guild is not organized for pecuniary profit, no one may profit financially from membership in the Guild; however, the Guild may contract with members in their professional capacity.

Article II - Membership

- Section 1. REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: Any person over the age of 18, with a serious interest in the art of quilting shall be eligible for membership upon payment of annual dues. Membership shall be limited to 150 members.
- Section 2. DUES: Membership dues shall be at such rate, schedule or formula as may from time to time be prescribed by the Executive Board and approved by the general membership. The annual dues are payable at the May meeting and each year thereafter. ***If membership is not paid by June 1, a member shall be subject to loss of all privileges of membership until dues are paid and may be subject to a late fee for renewal.*** New members joining after January 1 shall pay half the annual dues.
- Section 3. GUESTS: A nominal guest fee may be charged for a guest at the discretion of the Executive Board. Guest privileges are limited to one meeting prior to joining the Guild.
- Section 4: ***FISCAL YEAR: The fiscal year shall begin June 1 and end May 31.***

Article III – Officers, Board of Directors and Executive Board

- Section 1. OFFICERS: Officers for the Board of Directors shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Any office on the Board of Directors may be held by 2 members as co-officers, as needed, ***with the exception of the Treasurer.*** Co-officers will have 1 Executive Board vote. In the case of President, one of the 2 Co-Presidents must have served at least 1 year on the Executive Board.
- Section 2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS: The officers shall be elected at the annual meeting of the members and shall serve for a term of two years. No officer shall serve more than one consecutive term in the same office. Unexpired terms shall be filled to their expiration date through appointment by the President with the approval of the Executive Board. “Unexpired term” is defined as a term left open due to non-performance of duties.

The following officers shall be elected in odd-numbered years: President, Second Vice President and Treasurer.

The following officers shall be elected in even years: First Vice President and Secretary.

Section 3. **BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** The Board of Directors shall consist of all elected officers of the Guild.

Section 4. **EXECUTIVE BOARD:** The Executive Board shall consist of all officers of the Board of Directors and six elected **Chairpersons** in charge of Publicity, Hospitality, Membership, Newsletter, *Webmaster/Public Facebook* and Historian/Photographer. The immediate past President shall also serve on the Executive Board for one year in a non-voting capacity. *Any elected chairperson position on the Executive Board may be held by 2 members as co-chairpersons, as needed, and will have 1 Executive Board vote. Any elected chairperson position on the Executive Board may be re-elected for 1 additional term of 2 years, unless determined otherwise.*

The following Executive Board Chairpersons shall be elected in even-numbered years: Publicity Chairperson, Hospitality Chairperson and Newsletter Chairperson.

The following Executive Board Chairpersons shall be elected in odd-numbered years: Membership Chairperson, Webmaster/ Public Facebook Chairperson and Historian/Photographer Chairperson.

Section 5. **DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS:**

President: The president shall preside at all meetings of the Guild and the Executive Board, shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, shall appoint all committees not herein otherwise provided for, and shall perform such other duties as are incidental to the office. The President must have served at least one year on the Executive Board prior to being elected, *or in the event of co-presidents at least one shall have served at least one year on the Executive Board.*

First Vice President: The First Vice President shall, in the absence of the President perform all the duties of the President. The first Vice President also shall serve as Chairperson of the Program Committee, with all the duties which pertain thereto.

C. Second Vice President: The Second Vice President shall, in the absence of the President and the First Vice President, perform all of the duties of the President. The Second Vice President also shall serve as Chairperson of the Workshop Committee, with all the duties which pertain thereto.

D. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep minutes of all meetings of the Executive Board, general meetings, and assume all duties usual of the office. The Secretary shall conduct general correspondence as required.

Treasurer: The Treasurer shall act as custodian of the funds, collect necessary monies, and present an itemized accounting of receipts and disbursements at each *Executive Board and Guild* business meeting. The Treasurer shall be responsible for keeping all financial records having to do with financial obligations to any organization with which the Guild is affiliated. The Treasurer shall be responsible for the payment of services rendered by any individual who has been engaged by the Guild for the purpose of lecture or workshop, or other purposes as approved by the Executive Board. An annual audit may occur at the discretion of the Board of Directors, *but minimally should occur before a newly elected treasurer assumes office.* The Treasurer shall deposit all funds to the credit of the Guild in such banks or other depositories as the Executive Board may select. *Serves as Chairperson of the Budget Committee.*

Section 6. **DUTIES OF EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRPERSONS:**

Publicity: The Publicity Chairperson shall be responsible for all general publicity of the Guild, including news releases and advertising, with all the duties which pertain thereto.

Hospitality: The Hospitality Chairperson responsibilities include kitchen supplies, refreshments and refreshment scheduling, *and coordination of food for the December and May Guild banquets*, with all the duties which pertain thereto.

C. Membership: The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for collecting dues, distribution of

membership cards, registration of members and guests at each meeting, and a membership drive, including but not limited to providing membership directory and with all the duties which pertain thereto.

- D. Newsletter: The Newsletter Chairperson shall be responsible for the editing, publication and distribution of the Guild newsletter, with all the duties which pertain thereto.
- E. Historian/Photographer: The Historian/Photographer shall be responsible for recording and photographing Guild events and projects with all the duties which pertain thereto.
- G. Webmaster/Facebook: *The Webmaster/Public Facebook Chairperson shall be responsible for developing and updating the Guild web page and Public Facebook Group.*

If needed, any chairperson can appoint members to assist them with their duties in consultation with the President(s).

Article IV - Committees

Committees shall be appointed as needed by the President with approval of the Executive Board.

Section 1: SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

- A. Nominating Committee: The Nominating Committee shall consist of five members, composed as follows: The President shall appoint two Executive Board members and three Guild members at large. The Nominating Committee shall be approved by the Executive Board and announced at the February general meeting. By the March Executive Board meeting, the Nominating Committee shall prepare and report to the Secretary one nominee for each office to be elected at the May meeting. These nominees will then be published in the April Newsletter and announced at the April general meeting. Also, at this time, nominations from the floor will be heard *providing that prior consent has been obtained from the proposed nominee. Any additional nominations from the floor must be approved by the Nominating Committee and Executive Board before their names will appear on the ballot.*

Each candidate must be an active member in good standing and must have agreed to accept the responsibilities of the position.

In the event of multiple nominees for an office, a paper ballot will be used at the May meeting. Members must be present to vote. A sample ballot will be published in the May newsletter. Elected officers will be announced and installed at the May meeting.

- B. Quilt Show Committee: If the general membership indicates a desire to host a quilt show in even-numbered years, the Executive Board will begin the process in May of the odd-numbered year to form a Quilt Show Committee to organize a show in the fall of the following year. *A quilt show committee will be formed from the general membership and will include a Chairperson or Co-Chairs and the following sub-committees: Publicity, Registration, Lobby, Display, Vendors, Kitchen, Awards, Member Boutique, and Opportunity Quilt.* Sub-committees may be deleted or added as necessary as determined by the Chairperson(s). *The Chairperson(s) will submit monthly written reports to the Executive Board and/or attend monthly Executive Board meetings.*

Community Service Committee: In May of each year, the President shall nominate a Community Service Chairperson(s). The Chairperson(s), who shall report to the Executive Board, will form a committee of at least two members to determine an appropriate annual community service project(s), if any, and organize general membership participation.

Budget Committee: Prior to the end of the fiscal year, the President shall nominate three members for a Budget Committee which shall include one member from the general membership and two members from the Executive Board, one of which shall be the treasurer as Chairperson. The Committee is responsible for preparing a proposed budget for the coming fiscal year based on input from the Board of Directors, Executive Board and Special Committees to present to the Executive Board for approval. The approved budget will be presented to the general membership for endorsement at the first meeting of the fiscal year.

Article V - Meetings

Section 1. **EXECUTIVE BOARD ANNUAL JOINT MEETING:** There shall be a joint meeting of the outgoing Executive Board with the incoming Executive Board, which shall be held shortly after the May Election Meeting.

Section 2. **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL MEETING:**

The annual meeting of the general membership shall be held in May of each year, at the time and place of the regular May meeting, for the purpose of electing officers of the Board of Directors and Executive Board and for conducting such business as may be deemed necessary.

Section 3. **REGULAR MEETINGS:**

- A. General Membership: Unless otherwise ordered by the Guild or by the Executive Board, regular meetings of the general membership shall be held monthly, with the exception of the summer months, a total of nine meetings each year.
- B. Executive Board: Unless otherwise ordered by the Executive Board, regular meetings of the Executive Board shall be held monthly or at the discretion of the President.

Section 4. **QUORUM:** A quorum for conducting business shall consist of a simple majority of the total attending membership.

Article VI - Dissolution

On dissolution, all remaining funds shall be distributed to the Department of Textiles of the Art Institute of Chicago for the specific purpose of the preservation of antique quilts.

Article VII - Parliamentary Authority

The current edition of "Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised" shall be the final source of authority in all questions of parliamentary procedure when rules are not consistent with the By-Laws of the Guild.

Article VII - Amendments

These By-Laws may be altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws adopted at any business meeting of the Guild by a two-thirds vote of the members present, provided a quorum is present to conduct business. Notification by newsletter one month in advance of any changes is required.

