

BY-LAWS OF MARYS RIVER QUILT GUILD
Established September 1989

Article I. Name

The name of this organization will be Marys River Quilt Guild, henceforth referred to as ***the Guild.***

Article II. Purpose

Section 1. The purpose of the Guild is to contribute to the knowledge of quilting and the textile arts, to promote the appreciation of fine quilts and quilt making, and to contribute to the growth and knowledge of the art, the industry, and quilters through educational meetings and fellowship.

Article III. Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board will consist of all elected officers and standing committee chairpersons.

Section 2. The internal affairs of the Guild are to be handled by the Executive Board as the governing body of the organization.

Section 3. The Executive Board will act as a coordinator of committee affairs. Other issues deemed by the Executive Board to be voted upon by a quorum of the general membership.

Section 4. The Executive Board will meet at least every other month. In the event action is required between scheduled meetings, a special meeting will be called by the President or email will be used to approve or disapprove a specific motion. It is recognized that by using email, that 100% participation of the Board is required by law.

Article IV. Officers

Section 1. The elected officers of the Guild will be: President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The term of office for each officer will be two years. The President and Treasurer will serve beginning in an odd-numbered year and the Vice President and Secretary will serve beginning in an even-numbered year. The Executive Board will appoint a person to fill any vacancy of an elected office until the next regular election.

Article V. Elections

Section 1. The Nominating committee will consist of three members appointed by the President. Members of the Guild will make nominations to the committee in October. The Nominating committee will contact nominees and prepare ballots for the November meeting.

Section 2. Election of officers will be held annually in November. Nominations may be made from the floor at this time. Voting shall be by secret ballot. A simple majority of a quorum will be necessary to elect. The President and Treasurer shall be elected to serve beginning in an odd-numbered year and the Vice-President and Secretary shall be elected to serve beginning in an even numbered year.

Article VI. Standing Committees

Section 1. A minimum of three members is recommended for each standing committee. Chairpersons of the standing committees will serve on the Executive Board.

Section 2. The standing committees shall include but not be limited to: Programs/Workshop; Communications; Library; Marketing; Service; Hospitality; and Education. Additional ad hoc committees will be appointed as needed by the Executive Board. Examples of ad hoc committees are: Raffle Quilt; Secret Sisters; Round Robin; Challenge; and Nominating Committees.

Article VII. Meetings

Section 1. The Guild will hold monthly general meetings except December.

Section 2. The members in attendance at any general meeting will constitute a quorum. A simple majority of a quorum may decide any question coming before the meeting.

Section 3. Meeting minutes, agendas, financial statements will be saved for a period of 7 years either stored on Disk or hard copy and passed on to successive officers holding respective position.

Article VIII. Membership

Section 1. Membership will be open to anyone. A person becomes a member of the Guild upon payment of dues.

Section 2. Annual dues will be established by a simple majority of a quorum of the general membership at the November meeting. Dues are due and payable at the January meeting and are delinquent after the February meeting. Those joining after the June meeting will pay half the annual dues. All members delinquent after 30 days will be dropped from the membership list.

Section 3. Non-members may attend meetings for a fee set by the Executive Board. Non-members are excluded from receiving membership- related benefits including participation in Guild-funded Programs.

Article IX. Amendments

Section 1. These by-laws may be amended by a simple majority of a quorum at any general meeting of the Guild, providing the amendment was presented at the previous meeting.

Section 2. Amendments will be decided by a vote and a simple majority of the quorum.

Article X. Dissolution

In the event of dissolution of the Guild, any and all properties owned by the Guild will be distributed only to non-profit organizations recognized under the IRS code of the US Government and as the Executive Board selects as recipients.

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