

## **By-Laws of the Seabreeze Quilt Guild**

- I.** The name of the organization is **Seabreeze Quilt Guild**.
- II.** The purpose of this organization shall be:
  - A. To promote the art of quilting.
  - B. To extend our knowledge of quilting to our members and the community.
- III.** Membership
  - A. The membership shall be limited to 80 active members who are interested in quilts and the art of quilting. Active members must attend at least 4 meetings per the Guild's fiscal year (May through April), unless there are extenuating circumstances approved by the Board Members. When there is an active waiting list and a member does not fulfill the 4 meeting requirement, the member will be removed from the roster. The dropped member may request that her name be added to the waiting list.
  - B. The minimum age of membership is 14 years (14 - 18 year olds must be accompanied by a paying adult member).
  - C. A waiting list will be maintained for prospective members.
  - D. The annual dues will be determined by the Executive Board and are payable at the April meeting. Annual dues shall increase from \$25 to \$30, effective 5/1/23.
    1. Members shall be required to pre-pay for \$10 of Quilt Show Raffle Tickets (12 tickets) on years that a quilt show is being held.
    2. All members shall commit to volunteering a minimum of 2 hours of their time at the biennial Quilt Show.  
(Items D, 1 & 2 above, amendment passed on September 10, 2019)
  - E. The annual dues, as determined by the Executive Board, shall be pro-rated on a quarterly basis for new members, as follows: May thru July - 100% of dues; August thru October - 75% of dues; November thru January - 50% of dues; and February thru April - 25% of dues. (Amendment passed on August 14, 2018)
  - F. There may be a meeting room fee, as determined by the Executive Board.
  - G. Inactive members may only attend regular meetings as a non-member (See Article XI), but will receive the Guild's monthly newsletter. The "inactive" member's lesser dues will be determined by the Executive Board, and is payable at the April meeting. Inactive members may not enter quilts in the Guild's quilt show.
  - H. Lifetime (free) membership shall be given to active members of at least one year who reach the age of eighty years. They shall have all other benefits of active membership. (Amendment passed on October 11, 2016)
  - I. Lifetime Members shall be excused from providing refreshments (Amendment passed on October 11, 2016)
- IV.** The Guild shall meet on the second Tuesday of every month.
- V.** The officers shall consist of a President or co-Presidents, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. Members of the Guild Board shall include the officers and Chairpersons for the following: Program, Publicity, Membership, Hospitality, Round Robin, Newsletter, Library, Block of the Month, Historian, Door Prizes, Charity Quilt and Web Page Designer.

- A. Officers and Board Members shall serve a one-year term, and may be re-elected.
- B. A Nominating Committee shall present a slate of officers at the May meeting.
- C. Officers shall be elected by the membership at the May meeting.
- D. The immediate past President or Co-Presidents shall serve on the Board as the

Parliamentarian.

**VI. Officers' Duties**

- A. The President/Co-Presidents shall preside at all Guild Meetings.
- B. The Vice President shall preside at all Guild meetings in the absence of the President/Co-Presidents.
- C. The Secretary shall take the minutes of all Guild meetings.
- D. The Treasurer shall have custody of all Guild funds and manage the general collecting, disbursing and accounting.

**VII.** Board meetings will be scheduled by the President/Co-Presidents or designee.

**VIII.** Quorum

- A. A quorum at any monthly Guild meeting shall consist of 20% of the membership.
- B. A quorum of the Executive Board shall consist of a majority of its members.

**IX.** Non-Members: Non-members may attend only two meetings. No fee shall be charged.

**X.** Any non-budgeted item of more than \$25.00 must be voted on and passed by the majority of members present.

**XI.** The guild will donate \$400 per year to the NEQM representing membership dues.  
(Amendment passed on September 10, 2019)

**XII.** The Seabreeze Quilt Guild shall be governed by Robert's Rules of Order, Revised, in all points not covered by these By-Laws.

**XIII.** Upon dissolution of the Seabreeze Quilt Guild, after payment of all outstanding debt, all remaining assets of the guild shall be donated to the New England Quilt Museum (NEQM) in Lowell, MA. (Amendment passed on August 14, 2018)

**XIV.** The By-Laws of the Seabreeze Quilt Guild may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a guild meeting provided the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting or members may have been otherwise notified.

These by-laws were amended by more than two-thirds vote at a monthly Guild meeting on December 13, 2005, April 9, 2013, October 11, 2016, August 14, 2018, September 10, 2019 and April 11, 2023.