

This year, due to the coronavirus pandemic, we were unable to hold the Guild Annual Meeting and voting at Kennedy Catholic in May.

Information about the Annual Meeting business was emailed in April and is repeated here.

Two items of business were to be conducted at that meeting:

- the vote on the proposed Amendments to the Bylaws.
- the vote to elect Board Members for the 2020-2021 Guild year

Considering the difficulty of holding an in-person Guild meeting, the Board has decided to hold these votes electronically. Each Guild member registered for the year 2019 to 2020 will receive two email ballots on July 20, 2020, votes must be submitted no later than July 31,2020.

PLEASE PROCESS BOTH EMAIL BALLOTS PROMPTLY.

The bylaw changes will remove the elected position of Vice President: Education and combine the responsibilities of that position with the appointed position of the Chair of Special Events to be renamed “Activities Liaison”. The bylaw changes (in red) and the responsibilities of the Activities Liaison position are described below.

The slate of candidates proposed by the nominating committee are:
(*returning)

- Co-Presidents*: Anne Chehebar and Karen Carlson
- Secretary*: Rona Spar
- Co-Treasurers*: Rebekah Glacy and Karen Martinez
- Co-Vice Presidents - Communications*: Daisy Dodge and Deborah Warren
- Vice President - Membership: Carol Sterk
- Vice President - Programs*: Linda Stern
- Vice President - Quilt Show*: Narcita Medina

Brief bios and photos of the candidates for election are available ([click here](#)) along with some details of the appointed Board members.

Any member who would like to nominate another candidate (with their approval) for any of these positions should send an email to President@northernstarquilters.com no later than July 4, 2020.

Any proposed candidates will be presented via email to the membership prior to any voting.

PROPOSED BYLAW AMENDMENTS

ARTICLE VI: ELECTED OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Guild shall be: President, Vice President: Communications, ~~Vice President: Education~~, Vice President: Membership, Vice-President: Programs, Vice-President: Quilt Show, Secretary and Treasurer.”

The remaining Sections of Article VI remain unchanged.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 4. The Standing Committees shall be:

- a. Assistant to the President
- b. Charitable Activities
- c. Hospitality
- d. Library
- e. ~~Special Events~~ Activities Liaison

The remaining Sections of Article VII remain unchanged.

ACTIVITIES LIAISON JOB DESCRIPTION

The Activities Liaison is a Board Member, appointed by the President, with the approval of the Elected Officers, who oversees incidental educational and social activities for the Guild. As a Board Member, the Activities Liaison will attend monthly Board meetings and oversee and report on the status of the various activities. New activities may be added; any activities which do not generate sufficient interest or for which there are no volunteers may be dropped.

Responsibilities:

The Activities Liaison will work with volunteers who will manage the following current activities:

1. Show and Tell at meetings.
2. Special Interest Groups (SIGs).
3. Winter (January, February) Meeting Programs.
4. Appointing (with Board assistance) Guild members to lead other special events, brief descriptions of some current activities listed below.
5. Ensuring the membership is kept informed about the various activities underway.

Activity Descriptions:

- Show and Tell - Members share pieces they have made at Guild meetings.
 - Special Interest Groups (SIGs) - These are small self-directed groups in which members with a common interest learn from each other.
 - January and February Winter Programs - These are usually social, educational, member-participatory type activities that do not require the hiring of an outside speaker, due to the possibility of inclement weather and uncertain availability of the auditorium.
 - Holiday Boutique - Interested members (and Comfort Quilts) may 'rent' a table to sell their hand-crafted and quilt-related wares before the November meeting.
 - Super Saturday - Around the end of February, Guild members get together for a fun and productive Saturday, lunch provided, taking member-taught classes or working on their own projects.
 - Quilt Challenge - A theme is solicited, members are challenged to make a small wall quilt based on the year's proposed theme, ribbons are awarded and the quilts are displayed at a Guild meeting and at the Quilt Show.
 - Trips - Organize one-day or overnight trips to a Quilt Show or other venue if sufficient interest is expressed by the membership.
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