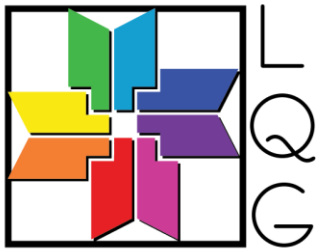


LINCOLN QUILTERS GUILD BULLETIN – 7/18/2022

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Lincoln Quilters Guild Announcements

From your President

As the days get hotter, I hope that all of you are in a nice, cool quilting studio. Enjoy the sunshine from a cool vantage point!

Thanks to Gyleen Fitzgerald for a wonderful program and workshop. We look forward to our August program with Dana Jones. The LQG website has the [program topic and registration information for the workshop](#).

Remember to get your award nominations to Jaynee Wolfe and the Awards committee by September 1st. This is your opportunity to nominate a person who has done exceptional work and been a great contributor to the guild's success. Information on submitting awards is on the LQG website ([Award Nomination form](#)).

Raffle Quilt Winner

Congratulations to Nancy Anderson who won the raffle for the “Best in Show” quilt created by Millie Fauquet. Nancy is a repeat raffle winner as she won the quilt from Quilt Show in 2018. She is a very lucky person! Special thanks go to Vicky Skuodas who displayed and sold raffle tickets at meetings, Isles Sale, and other events.



Survey round-up

For the next few issues of the newsletter, we will highlight comments from the survey to add a little more context. As you might remember, we had questions in four categories: Volunteering, Finances, Programs & Workshops, and Dues. We had an average of 70 guild members who responded to the survey.

Volunteering - about 75% of respondents indicated they were willing to volunteer in a short-term, non-leadership role from time to time. The preference is on committee member work (not chair), or work on special projects, and I am hopeful that some of you will try this route. You meet such great people and help the guild. President-Elect Nancy Anderson will review committees and their membership in September to start getting them built for 2023.

- The other ratings present some challenges – 64% to 90% stated that they are not willing to chair a committee, be a board member, or chair a fundraising event. This response creates a challenge for the Guild going forward. It is difficult to meet the wishes of the membership when the number of volunteers is minimal.
- As one survey respondent put it, are we willing to let the guild cease to exist if we

have to rely on the same (relatively small) group of people volunteering again and again? This is truly a challenge for the Nominations committee to come up with new officers.

- If you would like more information about the roles of the committee chairs, officers, and fundraising event responsibilities, please contact a board member. Each officer or committee role is well defined and documented and can give you a sense of duties and time commitment. I have also heard that it is more fun to do this with a friend, so think about recruiting another person to join you. You might have half the work and twice the fun!

Finances – The responses to questions about the guild’s finances and reserves were mixed.

- There is strong support for continuing our frequency of paid speakers, with comments that the speakers have been very good, especially in 2022 as well as previous years.
- Over 50% of respondents indicated support for using up to \$3,000 a year from the financial reserves to reduce our need for fundraising.
- About 38% said we should have one big fundraiser every other year, with 50% in the 'neither agree nor disagree' category. Members like the 2- to 3-day quilt show every other year, and some suggested it should not have to serve as a fundraiser. (NOTE: Recent quilt shows have been 2 days.)
- Similarly, about 37% preferred dividing our fundraising into one or two smaller events each year, with 40% in the 'neither agree nor disagree' category. This would provide more opportunities for volunteers to work on smaller / less-consuming projects.
- Other thoughts were to focus on strong speakers but also consider using members of the guild or local talent to reduce expenses. Some commented that we don't need workshops every month, which might reduce expenses. Instead, we could use local talent for the workshops. Inviting guild members to help / conduct workshops may be a different volunteer opportunity where people can show their work and share their expertise.

Overall, in these two categories (Volunteering and Finances), we have some competing views – members are hesitant to help with the bigger items like committee chair, fundraising events, board leadership (Volunteering) but still want either a big fundraiser every other year, or small events on an annual basis (Finances).

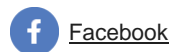
We cannot rely on the amount in the reserve forever. A \$3,000 cap per year is proposed for withdrawal from the fund so we manage our budget and avoid being totally reliant on the reserve. Interest on the reserve is negligible as you can see from the income column in Plain Print (about \$15 / month).

With the planning for the 2023/2024 budget presentation in September / October this year, we are looking at various scenarios, and your feedback has been helpful. Several ideas:

- 50th anniversary celebration in 2023 may include a small fundraiser, scaled down silent auction, mini quilt show, or raffle quilt that generates funds but is not a large fundraiser. The 50th anniversary committee is discussing all options.
- Planning could start in 2023 for a quilt show in 2024. This would get us back to every other year for the show. The format of that quilt show may look different than past years to accommodate the number of volunteers needed and the physical work involved. If it includes a raffle quilt, we could look at yet another beautiful quilt and generate income in 2023 and 2024. For the event itself, we would focus on ways to be innovative, show members' quilting expertise, and capitalize on membership involvement while not creating a lot of physical work.
- Volunteers will be needed to make both a smaller fundraising event or a re-imagined quilt show possible.

In an upcoming newsletter, we will talk more about the other two survey topics: Programs & Workshops and Dues.

Your feedback does not end with the completion of the survey. Your ideas are welcome, so contact any board member for further conversation, or email President Connie Soucie directly at souciecl@gmail.com



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