

Piecing Partners Quilt Guild is a non-profit organization of about 240 quilters and quilt enthusiasts coming together to learn about quilting, be inspired by other quilters, and to give back to the community. For more information see our website at <http://www.piecingpartnersquiltguild.com>.

Regular (general) meetings are usually held the third Wednesday of each month, January through October at the Elks Lodge, 3400 North Nevada Ave. Sign-in is at 9:00 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. starting with a quilt related program, show and tell, followed by a business meeting. November is typically a celebration and fellowship meeting. Guest and new members are welcome to attend meetings. Membership dues are \$25.00 per year and covers 1 Jan – 31 Dec, prorated after 1 July to \$15 for the remainder of the year. The guest fee is \$5.

Following is a brief description of current committees and some of the volunteer opportunities in the guild. If you want more information, contact the chairperson(s) listed in the directory, the newsletter, or any guild board member.

Bees. Small groups meet regularly to share their passion for quilting by working on personal projects, charity projects, or bee challenges. The Bee Keeper maintains a list of active bees and interested parties who want to form a new group.

Block of the Month. Participate every month or as often as you can to create blocks according to the current year's theme.

Charity Quilts. Attend bi-monthly meetings or work on your own to make crib size to lap size quilts for various local organizations. You can help to cut fabric, prepare kits, make, bind, or label quilts, and help at the charity table during our general meeting.

Challenge. Annual opportunity to challenge yourself by making a quilt that meets specific guidelines. Quilts are usually due in June.

CQC. Our guild rep keeps us updated on activities of the Colorado Quilting Council, our state guild. When we host the CQC meeting held in Colorado Springs you can volunteer to bring treats and serve on a special hospitality committee.

Historian. Pictures and information about guild activities are collected by the historian. You can send her photos of events you attend.

In-House Raffle. Tickets for our in-house raffle items are two for \$1. You can help by making items and buying tickets.

Holiday Party. Assist with the annual holiday party by serving on the committee, sponsoring a table, or simply by attending.

Hospitality. Once or twice a year, each member is asked to bring a snack to serve approximately 20 people and a one liter container of a drink. You can help at the general meeting with setting up and cleaning up.

Library. The guild maintains a library of materials members may check out for two months. Check out the list of library items at the Library table or on the guild website.

Membership. You can assist the membership chair(s) at their table as members sign in and materials are handed out.

Nomination. The nominating Chair and committee collect names of volunteers for officer elections in November and committee chairs/volunteers for the following year. Learn about the various positions and committees and volunteer to serve if you are able. Participate by serving on the committee to encourage friends and other members to volunteer.

Programs. We have a program every month and the guild vice presidents can use assistance every meeting with setup and helping at program table during the meeting. Speakers need help with unpacking, showing quilts, and packing up.

Phone Tree. For emergency use, a phone tree is used by the chair to quickly contact guild members who do not use email.

Put-and-Take. Members may put quilt-related items to share on a table. They may also take items they can use. We can always use help collecting leftover items after the meeting which are donated to an approved source.

Quilt Buddies. Be a buddy to guests and new members. Show them around during the break and answer questions.

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales. Every member can help by selling or buying the tickets in your membership packet. If you are not able to do this, please return your tickets promptly. Any time you can spare to sell tickets at quilt related functions helps tremendously! This is a great opportunity to rest your feet and visit with friends.

Rock Ledge Boutique. The boutique is held in September at the Holly Berry Show at Rock Ledge (at the entrance to the Garden of the Gods.) It gives the public an opportunity to buy craft and quilted items made by our guild members. Help by donating and making items, serving on the committee, collecting items at the general meetings, and assisting at the event itself – setting up on Thursday, selling items on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, and packing up on Sunday. Every hour of sales time adds up!

Rock Ledge Silent Auction. This is a silent auction held in September at the Holly Berry Show at Rock Ledge (at the entrance to the Garden of the Gods. It gives the public an opportunity to buy quilts made by our guild members (respecting copyrights of course). You can piece, quilt, bind, and/or label a quilt for auction. Help is needed at the event to white glove and to distribute quilts at the end of the auction and the next couple of days.

Rocky Mountain Quilt Festival. This show held in August in Loveland, Colorado. It is a great way to show your quilts and we may need volunteers to serve as "white gloves" – answering questions and showing viewers the backs of quilts.

Show and Tell. A highlight of our meetings. Bring quilt related items to show. Send pictures to Donna Peterson if you have to give them away before the next general meeting. We always need help holding the quilts during show and tell.

Sunshine. Let the Sunshine Chair know of anyone who could use a card and warm message from the guild.

Website. As you use the guild website, please let us know of questions that were not answered or information you cannot find.