



The Arizona Quilters Guild (AQG) was created in 1978 to promote the appreciation of fine quilts, sponsor and support quilting activities, encourage quiltmaking and collection, and to further the growth of quilters' education. Our mission, years later, still includes these activities.

Chapters – 50 affiliated Chapters are located around the state. The benefits of membership in AQG depend on the involvement of a member in the activities of the Guild. The greatest benefits lie in opportunities for fellowship, sharing, and encouragement with other quilters. Joining and participating in a local Chapter can maximize the benefits of your membership.

Members-at-Large are an important part of the Guild. They do not belong to any Chapter but they participate in all Guild activities including attending Guild-sponsored educational classes, holding Board positions, and volunteering at AQG functions.

Communicating – AQG publishes a Guild newsletter, the *Patchwork Chatter*, ten times a year to inform members of Guild activities, including class opportunities, quilt shows, member achievements, activities of Guild Chapters and Merchant Advertisers.

The **Guild Web site**, azquiltersguild.org, lists AQG Chapters and Merchant Advertisers, membership information, community service opportunities, and educational opportunities through the Traveling Teachers and Q.U.I.L.T. programs.

Classes, Giving or Taking – AQG's **Traveling Teacher** program is an opportunity for Guild members to share their skills with other Guild members as paid instructors subsidized in part by the Guild. These classes vary in content and are reasonable in price.

AQG's **Q.U.I.L.T.** program (Quilters Utilizing International Level Teachers) supports a series of lectures and workshops presented by national and international level teachers. Chapters throughout the state host these programs, which are available to all Guild members at subsidized rates.

Library – The Guild maintains a library of quilt books and videos at the Guild office. It is available to browse during Guild office hours. Titles can be viewed on the Guild Web site.

Statewide Meetings – The annual business meeting in the fall convenes in the Phoenix area according to Guild bylaws. Some years the Guild also hosts a meeting in the spring. These meeting agendas include an opportunity to meet and hear Board members, a show and tell activity, an interesting speaker, lunch, and a vendor mall.

Quilt Show – Each spring the AQG Quilt Show provides quilters the opportunity to have their quilts displayed and judged professionally, to have quilts appraised, and to shop with local and national quilting vendors. Members do not pay a fee to enter their quilts into the show and pay a reduced fee to attend.

Small Quilt Auction – Members donate small quilts to the annual Small Quilt Auction that is held in conjunction with the annual AQG Quilt Show. The funds raised subsidize the Guild's educational activities.

Community Service – The Guild supports projects in which every Chapter or member may participate if they choose. Past projects have included making quilts for the Arizona Department of Public Safety to distribute to children and adults in traumatic situations, as well as Take a Bite Out of Hunger, during which members surpassed their goal of donating 8,000 pounds of food to the West Side Food Bank. Other projects have included making and gathering quilts for those relocated to Arizona after Hurricane Katrina and sending member-made quilts to those suffering loss from the California wildfires.

The Guild also provides **mini-grants** to Chapters in support of their service project.