

By-Laws of Tri-County Quilters Dayton TN

Article I NAME

The name of this group shall be TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS.

Article II OBJECTIVES

1. To advance and promote the appreciation of and perpetuate the art of quilting, not the individual quilter.
2. To benefit and educate all persons interested in preserving and continuing this art form by being a source of information and inspiration.
3. To contribute to the knowledge of fine quality quilts and to promote the art of quilting by teaching and sponsoring exhibits.
4. To encourage excellence in quilting and related arts.
5. To make charitable contributions to the community.
6. To provide fellowship and encouragement for people with a common interest.

Article III POLICIES

1. The organization shall be nonpartisan, nonsectarian and noncommercial. No candidate or commercial enterprise shall be endorsed by it except as outlined in Article II, Objectives.
2. In the event of dissolution of the group, all assets of the group will be disposed of and given to a charitable, educational, religious scientific organization provided they qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, 1976. The Board of Directors shall make a recommendation and it will be finalized by vote from the Tri-County Quilters' membership.
3. Checking account will have 3 member names on the account, Treasurer, Secretary and one additional Board Member.

Article IV MEMBERSHIP AND DUES

1. Tri-County Quilters shall have a Board of Directors. It shall consist of the recent past president, elected officers, and appointed chairpersons. Others are welcome to attend any Board meetings.
2. The voting body of Tri-County Quilters shall consist of every member in good standing.
3. Annual dues shall be determined by the Board and voted on by the membership. All members shall pay the same amount. Dues collected will pay for expenses arising for the operation of the group, as outlined in Article II, OBJECTIVES, and for Quilting

Teachers as needed. Membership dues are same no matter when, during the year, a quilter joins.

4. Fiscal year starts January 1 and ends December 31.

5. Guests are welcome to attend two (2) meetings and expected to pay dues and become members on the third visit.

Article V OFFICERS, COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND THEIR ELECTION

1. Officers in TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS: President, Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. These officers are elected for a term of one year and may not serve more than one term in the same office except for the Treasurer, who may serve as many as 3 years. The officers may be elected again after next term has passed. An audit shall be performed at the end of a Treasurer's term.

2. A vacancy in any office or committee shall be filled by the Board of Directors and that will not be counted as "one term" as outlined above.

3. Other committees will be Membership, Community Outreach, Program, Librarian, Sunshine, Historian, Activities, Block of the Month, Publicity, and Website. Their term will be one year and they may not serve more than one term but may serve again after next one year term has passed. They shall be appointed by the President. Other committees may be formed or combined as needed.

Article VI DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

President: Plan and conduct monthly meetings, be available for committee needs, promote positive camaraderie among members. Prepare room for meeting.

1st Vice President: Hold meetings in the absence of the President, help President prepare room for meeting and serve as Program Chairman. This will include planning classes, workshops, suggest teachers and get supply lists for upcoming classes/workshop making sure necessary supplies are available for the class/workshop.

2nd Vice President: Plan and conduct meetings at night, promote positive camaraderie among members.

Secretary: Keep minutes of business meetings, Board meetings, and record motions. Take care of correspondence as necessary.

Treasurer: Collect membership dues, deposit monies and keep track of bank activity. Submit monthly report for minutes.

Treasurer Assistant: Assist Treasurer in all areas of the Treasury

COMMITTEES

Membership Committee: Keep list of membership, their information and publish when necessary. Give new members information sheet, have them sign By-laws sheet and promote positive camaraderie among members.

Community Outreach: Select a charity, identify community need, etc. for the year. Also keep information on hand for individual members' donations.

Program Committee: Plan classes, workshops, suggest teachers, and get supply lists for upcoming classes/workshops. Prepare room for class/work shop making sure necessary supplies are available for class/workshop.

Nomination Committee: Shall be selected by the current year President. Committee will recommend individuals for all Officers for the upcoming year.

Hostess Help Vice President prepare room for meeting/workshops. Maintain Hostess List and keep inventory of paper goods for meetings, workshops and picnics.

Librarian: Keep list of books, check out books to members and check in books as they are returned.

Sunshine: Keep group advised of sick members, send card to sick members.

Historian: Take photos at meetings and keep scrapbook.

Activities Co-ordinator: Keep us up-to-date of ongoing events.

Block of the Month: Plan block for month, prepare example, demo or have someone demo.

Publicity: Keep our meeting info in the Dayton newspaper.

Website: Keep information website up-to-date.

Article VII MEETINGS

1. Regular meetings will be Second and Fourth Thursdays of each month except December when we will have a Christmas party.
2. Special meetings may be called as needed by the President.
3. Those present constitute the voting body at regular meetings or at special meetings with a notice of at least three days.
4. Meeting agendas will follow the needs of the membership and will generally follow Roberts Rules of Order.

Article VIII CODE OF CONDUCT

1. A friendly and pleasant level of communication and conduct is expected of every person; abusive behavior, harsh language, accusatory actions, etc. may result in removal from the group by the Board of Directors.
2. Controversial matters and unacceptable conduct may be brought before the Board of Directors who will decide action.

Article IX BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

1. These By-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of TRI-COUNTY QUILTERS' members by majority vote of the members present. Amendment proposals must be distributed to the members in writing thirty (30) days before consideration.
2. Suggestions for amendments to the By-law should be submitted to an officer, in writing, to be considered by the Board of Directors.



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I have received a copy of the Tri-County Quilters by-laws and I agree to abide by them.

Signed

Date