

WELCOME TO THE TOMPKINS COUNTY QUILTERS GUILD
(Founded November 12, 1974)
VISITORS' INFORMATION

The purpose of the guild is to promote, support, and stimulate quilting in Tompkins County.

Membership is open to everyone with an interest in the art and technique of quiltmaking. All ages and sexes are welcome at meetings and special events. Visitors are always welcome and may attend 2 meetings before joining the guild. Annual dues are \$20 per member per year; additional members of the same household are \$10.

Meetings are held at the Women's Community Building, 100 W. Seneca St., Ithaca, NY, on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, 7:00-9:00PM. (Only one meeting is held in December, and this is a holiday party.) The meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month is designated as a program meeting. An activity is usually scheduled. The meeting on the 4th Tuesday of the month is a "working" meeting where some business may be discussed, a guild project may be set up to work on, and/or members are encouraged to bring handwork of their own. "Show and Tell" occurs at EVERY meeting. Everyone is encouraged to bring finished or in-progress works to share with the group.

Many of the guild's functions may not be obvious to the visitor:

- We hold a quilt show every second year which displays members' and local quilters' works to the public.
- We often travel as a group to quilt shows and other functions within day-trip distance, and groups of members may charter private transportation and make 2- or 3-day trips to large shows in other states.
- We schedule a quilt retreat for a weekend each Spring and Fall at Camp Casowasco on Owasco Lake where quilters can go and quilt uninterrupted for a weekend.
- We sponsor notable quiltmakers and teachers to teach workshops and give public lectures once or twice a year.
- Service quilts are made by the guild to give to worthy causes as fund-raisers. Additionally, the guild is very active in donating baby quilts to the ABC Quilt Project.
- The guild maintains an extensive lending library of quilting books and magazines, stencils, patterns, and some equipment for the use by its members.
- We have a scholarship fund available to members who would like to participate in a guild activity, but who may not be financially able to do so.
- Several small groups of guild members (maximum size of 15) meet monthly. These groups plan their own agenda and schedule.

If you decide that you would like to become a member of the guild, see a Membership committee member to fill out an application form and pay your dues. Or you can download the application form on this web site.