

**FORSYTH PIECERS AND QUILTERS GUILD, INC.**  
**BY-LAWS**  
**ESTABLISHED 1981**

**ARTICLE I. NAME:** This group shall be known as the Forsyth Piecers and Quilters Guild (Inc.) herein referred to as the Guild.

**ARTICLE II. NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION:** The Guild shall be a non-profit organization and operated exclusively for charitable, historical, and educational purposes. No part of the Guild income shall inure to the benefit of any member, director (however styled), or officer of the Guild or any private individual. Reimbursement for expenditures or compensation for service rendered shall not be considered distribution of income.

**ARTICLE III. PURPOSE:** It shall be the purpose of the Guild to promote and support the art and craft of quilting and related fiber arts by respectfully preserving the traditions and adding to its history by developing and encouraging new concepts.

**ARTICLE IV. SCHEDULED MEETINGS:** The Guild shall meet on the second Monday of each month, at 7:00 p.m. at the location currently assigned and listed in the monthly newsletter. All regular business will be taken up at scheduled meetings. In extenuating circumstances, the Board may call a special meeting.

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP:** Membership in the Guild shall be open to any person interested in the art and craft of quilting. Those who have paid in accordance with ARTICLE XII of these By-Laws shall determine membership. Any member, who does any act which tends to interfere with the accomplishment of the objectives sought to be fulfilled by this Guild or who violates the By-Laws, or who violates any contract sought to be fulfilled by this Guild, may be expelled by notification of the Board.

**ARTICLE VI. QUORUM:** For purposes of conducting business meetings, twenty-five percent of the membership shall constitute a quorum. A majority of the Board of Director, including the President or Vice President, shall constitute a quorum at any meetings of said group. A majority of the members of any standing or special committee shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of said group.

**ARTICLE VII. BOARD:** The Board shall consist of the elected officers of the Guild which are President, Vice President, Second President, Secretary and Treasurer, plus Newsletter Editor, Publicity Chair and the Workshop Chair, each to be appointed by the President, the Past President and other members the President may appoint as needed.

**ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES:** The President shall serve as Chief Executive of the Board and will preside over all meetings of the Board and perform duties prescribed by the Board. She shall serve as Chief Executive Officer of the Guild and have full supervision over the management of its affairs. She shall preside over meetings, perform acts and duties accorded to an executive officer and sign such papers as may be authorized by the Board.

- The First Vice President shall perform all duties of the President during her absence or disability, work as Program Chairman, and assume the Presidency at the end of the term.
- The Second Vice President shall serve a Membership and Hospitality Chair.
- The Secretary shall keep records of the meetings of the Board and Guild, and discharge duties pertaining to the office.

- The treasurer shall receive, be in charge of and be responsible for all money, bills and property belonging to the Guild, keep accounts and statements of all transactions and turn over these records to the incoming treasurer at the end of her term.

**ARTICLE IX. ELECTION:** The nominating committee, appointed by the President, shall present to the Guild in May a slate of officers; President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, to be considered for election. Nominations may be made from the floor.

**ARTICLE X. TERM OF OFFICE:** The elected officers shall service for one year per office.

**ARTICLE XI. VACANCY:** The Board shall fill any vacancy.

**ARTICLE XII. REVENUE:** Dues shall consist of an annual account to be determined by the Board.

**ARTICLE XIII. CONTRACTS, CHECKS, AND DRAFTS:** The President and Treasurer are authorized to write checks and drafts on behalf of the Guild. The President, with consent of Guild membership, will be authorized to enter contracts on behalf of the Guild. This consent will be determined by a majority vote of the quorum present when said contracts are proposed. The Board will approve a yearly budget to cover the cost of Guild-related functions.

**ARTICLE XIV. AMENDMENTS:** These By-Laws may be amended or repealed by a majority vote of a quorum present at meetings designated by written notice.

## **ARTICLE AMENDMENTS**

### **APRIL 9, 1984**

**ARTICLE VII. BOARD (AMENDMENT):** The Board shall hold meetings quarterly to which the membership is to be invited. However, only those Board members as stipulated in the By-Laws shall vote on issues.

**ARTICLE VIII. DUTIES (AMENDMENT):** The duty of the Second Vice President shall be to service as Membership Chairman. The Treasurer shall issue an annual written report to the Guild members at the end of her term. The President shall appoint an audit committee prior to the end of the Treasurer's term to audit the Guild's accounts.

**ARTICLE XII. REVENUE (AMENDMENT):** After January 1st, the half-point of the year, the dues shall be one half the annual amount.

### **NOVEMBER 9, 1992**

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP (AMENDMENT):** Honorary lifetime membership shall be granted to the President upon completion of office. This honor shall be retroactive and extend to all past presidents. Honorary members shall pay no dues, may attend meetings, shall receive the newsletter, and may attend Guild workshops at the stated member fee. Honorary members, who move from the area shall remain on the membership directory, but shall receive the newsletter for one year after moving.

### **SEPTEMBER 9, 1999**

**ARTICLE V. MEMBERSHIP (AMENDMENT):** Membership in the Guild shall be open to any person 14 years of age or older interested in the art and craft of quilting.