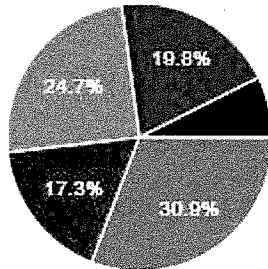
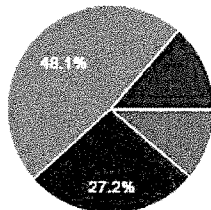


How long have you been a member of the guild?



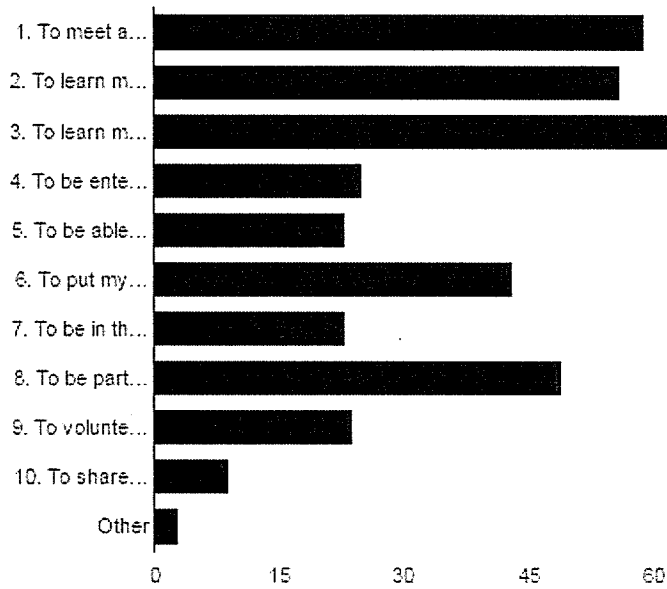
1. 0-4 Years	25	30.9%
2. 5-9 Years	14	17.3%
3. 10-14 Years	20	24.7%
4. 15-25+ Years	16	19.8%
5. You mean I was supposed to keep track? I have no clue, but it has been a while!	6	7.4%

I consider myself to be:



1. New to Quilting (Just getting started, have only made a couple quilts/items)	9	11.1%
2. An Experienced Beginner (Completed a few quilted items and tried only a few quilting techniques or methods so far)	22	27.2%
3. Intermediate (Have made lots of quilts/items and tried several techniques and methods)	39	48.1%
4. Proficient (Have a hundred quilts under my belt and/or have tried out dozens of quilting techniques and methods)	11	13.6%

I think the value of being a member of a quilt guild is: (select your top 5)

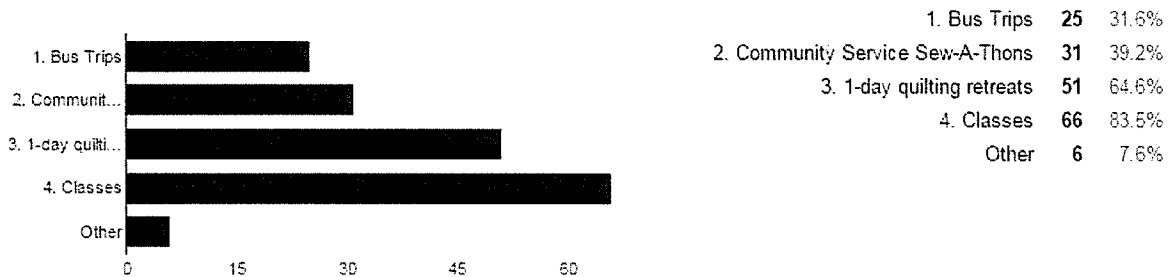


1. To meet and socialize with other quilters	59	73.8%	#2
2. To learn more about quilting and quilters	56	70%	#3
3. To learn more quilting skills and techniques	72	90%	#1
4. To be entertained by guest speakers	25	31.3%	
5. To be able to be part of a quilt show	23	28.8%	
6. To put my skills to work for community service projects	43	53.8%	#5
7. To be in the loop about local shows, retreats and other quilting events	23	28.8%	
8. To be part of a community with a common interest	49	61.3%	#4
9. To volunteer in something I enjoy doing	24	30%	
10. To share my skills by providing demos, mentoring, or teaching other members what I know	9	11.3%	
Other	3	3.8%	

What aspect of quilting are you most interested in learning more about?

1. Applique (hand)	19	23.8%	
2. Applique (machine)	28	35%	
3. Art Quilt Techniques	17	21.3%	
3. Basic Skills (cutting, piecing, selecting needles and threads)	16	20%	
4. Embroidery & Embellishment	26	32.5%	#5
6. Finishing info/skills (batting, backing, binding, mitered corners)	30	37.5%	#4
7. Hand-piecing	6	7.5%	
8. Hand quilting	16	20%	
9. Machine Quilting (domestic or mid/long-arm)	45	56.3%	#1
10. New gadgets and tools	42	52.5%	#2
11. Paper-piecing (English)	10	12.5%	
12. Paper-piecing (Foundation)	18	22.5%	
13. Patterns (easy/pre-cuts)	22	27.5%	
14. Patterns (advanced)	23	28.8%	
15. Specific Techniques (half-square triangles, Sewing a curved seam)	39	48.8%	#3
Other	4	5%	

I am interested in participating in guild sponsored: (Select all that apply)



My favorite thing about this guild is:

Seeing the quilts our members have made

friendliness and support for each other

Having those 2 plus hours in a group to laugh and share ideas.

learning new things

Show and tell, speakers and demos

Learning and classes

Sharing info, ideas & skills with other quilters.

Show and tell, I also enjoy not having tables to set at and just the chairs

The collective knowledge of years of experience.

Seeing the incredible talent of quilters in this area

SHOW AND TELL

Seeing all the things other quilters show.

Guest speakers .

Learning new skills from friendly and helpful guild members.

The wonderful amazing women I meet.

The willingness of people to share skills

I love show & tell & seeing the amazing talent our guild has.

The sharing of the love of quilting.

learning from experienced quilters

The sharing of expertise of other quilters with beginners. Class availability

show and tell, meeting people

the yearly challenge, BOM, and the friendships

Being motivated by seeing what others have done.

The love we have for quilting and each other.

seeing all the different aspects of quilting that the members are doing

Large enough to have quilt shows, but not so large that its lost its community feel.

Sharing time and activities with fellow quilters

Sharing ideas and learning from each other.

The common bond we all have for quilting and Show and Tell.

the variety of quilting "stuff" that we are exposed to.

being inspired by others work

I am able to interact with others who share my love of sewing/quilting and learn new techniques, better/new ways of doing quilting and love the community outreach work!

Guest speakers from outside of the guild

The people

Show and tell, presentations from guest speakers.

Learning new skills and social

The inspiration and encouragement I receive from the other members.

Show and tell

Networking and socializing with like people and learning from them. Making new friendships. Learning quilting techniques from others.

Meeting other quilters and seeing the quilts they have made.

I could go on forever but the short answer is it has opened up my world and I have friends I would never have met.

that it has taught me so much and provided community continuity through my life

Getting together with people that have the same common interest.

The Show

Enjoy the guest speakers at meetings

Mystery, challenge, but and sal's (if we had them!)

monthly meetings

Friendship with fellow quilters

The sharing of the quilts made by the members.

Show and Tell, Classes

Socializing with other quilters and viewing the fantastic quilts at show and tell

The inspiration from other quilters

Show & tell; meeting friends; learning different techniques, BOM's and Mystery Quilt

Show n tell

Show n tell

Everything!

The people

The friendliness and helpfulness of all the members.

Getting inspired

meeting new people, and seeing the accomplishments of others, learning from others

I am able to learn the basics and more about quilting from skilled long time quilters. Meeting a lovely group of women and making new friends. Seeing the beautiful work these ladies do each month!!

looking at all the wonderful quilts that the members have made

meeting friends with a common interest
Meeting people, seeing what other quilters do etc
The comraderie and positive reinforcement from other quilters!
Seeing all the quilts created by the talented members.
Seeing the huge variety of quilts and techniques; getting together once a month! Newsletter and web site!
Comraderie
Sharing a common hobby with other friends.
The wide variety of people who are members and the opportunity to learn from them.
Comradery with fellow quilters.
THE COMRADE OF LIKE MINDED PEOPLE AND VISUAL INSPIRATION OF SHOW AND TELL

Something I would like to see the guild do (that is not currently doing):

more classes, in wider variety; more active Facebook page
provide a way for members to share stories about their quilts and quilting processes (show and tell seems a bit rushed, not a lot of time for details or questions)
Shop hop day or overnite
more sewing time with others
Can't think of anything
Have more classes and community service days on weekends. We are not all retired with weekdays free. Use meeting time to demonstrate techniques or simple projects. Not a sales pitch for tools and supplies like we had at a recent meeting.
Have more spaces available for classes offered.
I am happy with everything.
Sharing ideas on how and why they chose their pattern and the fabrics. Colors. Designs. Styles. Etc.
Local one-day retreats (25-30 people)
N/A
I am a happy quilt guild member.
have the business meeting first--then show and tell--then the program
Making sure the newcomers are offered the very basics in quilting lessons
When we don't have a speaker program at the meeting use the time to teach .

Try to encourage those who don't seem to get involved, participate more. Some may feel they can't due to some of the tight connections of those more outgoing/outspoken members. Everyone has something to offer.

I like the mini classes the night of the meeting.

Be active on Facebook.

nothing comes to mind.

more classes by advanced teachers

Too new to answer this as I am not familiar with anything you don't do!!!

really nothing. I think there is a enough variety of activities that we can all choose what is of interest to us

More opportunities for smaller groups to sew together/learn together. My biggest obstacle is TIME.

I'm don't think that our monthly meeting are published in our local papers. Especially when we have a special event, speaker or when one of our members is showing something special.

Have a Sat or Sun. meeting like 10 am to 2pm and not only Wed at 6pm. I would like more time to meet and actually do something afterwards. Having two guilds would interest me. The quilt show: have it every two years but on a smaller scale with less quilts and with less activities involved. The focus of having a quilt show and all the little committees discussed at just about every meeting is driving members to not return. These members tell me so. It grates on me too. Have "Show & Tell" at the beginning of the meeting to boost spirits. The routine of the meeting is getting very old and dull. Lastly, a different microphone system would help alot. What we have now is not dependable and the squeals/pops it makes makes me jump. I would think we have the money to get something better.

More classes

Have each sewing group take one Guild meeting a year where they wait at the membership table for new members, then take them under their wings for that meeting, to make them feel included, answer questions, etc. Schedule could be arranged by the Welcome Committee.

I think that there should be more sharing by members (not just guest speakers) telling their individual stories and showing their quilts and projects

Instead of guest speakers (the guild would go broke) have mini learning seminar. Then break into smaller groups to practice what was just taught. A small versions of a class then offer a class on the week end to enhance the technique.

Offer more classes

I'll say sal's (sew along)

meet and have classes in the summer

Lots more classes

Can't think of anything.

Social; perhaps cookies, etc. in Oct. when new and old members can socialize..

Have more well know Quilters come to our guild and present workshops.

Don't know.

have a time for tips or a brief demo-- techniques or gadgets.

go year round as more people are gone in the winter than summer/I know the school is closed in summer, find a place that is more flexible

Short lessons on different techniques for new quilters
Short (15 to 30 minute) demos/classes/talks on specific techniques and basic quilting skills.
Give more tips and quick demonstrations of some techniques as part of the meeting.
I don't think I have been a member long enough to respond to these two questions.
bargello
Now that I am retired, a few more classes & more time to interact with people who are more experienced in a problem one might need to conquer
Have more organized meetings run with correct meeting procedures.
Nothing comes to mind right now - probably will as soon as I submit this LOL
More interactions with meeting new people at the meetings
It would be fun to arrange participation for small groups to do shop hops and stay in a motel in Albany so the hop could be completed in two days.
Sponsor regular sit and sew opportunities that members can participate in while doing personal or community projects. This can foster friendships among members and especially nice for new members.

Something I think the guild could give up doing:

fewer committees and/ or consolidate responsibilities; printed newsletter
Quilt show. This my 2nd year in the guild, and it seems it's all about getting people to do things we just don't have time to do. That is a big undertaking, I volunteered last year, but was not able to sign up prior due to work issues. I felt guilty at every meeting when you were looking for volunteers. That was uncomfortable.
A lot of the little extras (committees/activities) that are not core to the mission of the guild - sunshine, door prizes, etc...
Those awful wooden quilt racks. Fund raise and purchase easier set ups then maybe a smaller show. Also a show off of a favorite quilt of members at a meeting
do we need so many committees?
Can't think of anything
The raffle quilt should be a fund raiser for the guild in addition to the quilt show. Donate half of the proceeds to another charity. Also, reduce the size of the quilt show to something that is manageable with our aging guild. Reduce the labor involved with setup and takedown.
Having such a large quilt show/ARC Christmas tree decorating
I am very pleased with the guild and like things as they are. The board does an amazing job planning each monthly meeting. I don't think the membership realizes how much planning is involved each month before the actual meeting takes place. I think members should attend an executive monthly meeting to better understand this.
Can't think of anything off-hand
Bus trips

The last quilt show was too big. Not enough volunteers to staff the show. The entrance fee of \$8.00 was too high. There were too many mediocre quilts on display, i.e. Duplicate entries of mystery quilts. I can read the news letter on line, and don't need to receive it at the meetings.

make the quilt show smaller and easier to organize, not so much activity, leave out guild prizes,

Trying to make the quilt show too big.

The business part of the monthly meeting. If they are interested they can read it in the newsletter.

Give up doing the quilt show every other year; maybe do it every 3-4 years. That will give the members more time to recover from all the havoc the show creates in our lives. Maybe do small displays of quilts instead on the off year(s)--such as at libraries, town halls, etc. Focus on a particular type of quilt each time--applique, pieced, paper-pieced, hand quilted, machine quilted, etc.

I'm not sure! I would like to see monthly demos so newer or those less active might have the opportunity to get involved and/ or try new things.

I love the quilt show but we need more involvement from more members, younger members if possible.

I feel there are "cliques" within the guild and that's an "outsider's" ideas/suggestions aren't given thought. In other words, break-up the "cliques". As a member for many years, I see this a lot. Including when I have tried to "break" suggestions into the membership or question how things are done and could we change something.

participation in community events. Yes, they may be fun for the few members who have the time to attend, but I don't see them as being necessary as "guild" events.

placemats

Everything is important and fulfilling that the guild does...

Asking for members to volunteer for too many activities

I think the guild has many books that are not used often enough so possibly our library of books could be stopped.

The newsletter explains everything in detail about the guild. Do not have every single committee get up at the meeting and basically 'rehash' what is written. A huge waste of time. Having more learning/networking time set up during the meeting and not just once a year with "learning about a gadget" is something I would love. One idea is having a panel discussion (panelists chosen due to vast experience & knowledge solicit questions from the audience on handling quilting challenges).

I can not think of anything, I enjoy what the guild has to offer now.

Decorating a tree for ARC. There are many organizations, companies, clubs, bars and restaurants doing this and I feel our participation will not be missed.

Give up having a big business meeting at the beginning of every meeting, almost everything we need to know is in the newsletter anyway. Lets just have fun! this is why I stopped coming to meetings. Too much "business"

The same programs year after year. We really need to canvas other guilds and see what keeps them going. I would like to see more professional classes and speakers. Maybe we should pair up with other guilds for that.

meeting during winter months

Printed newsletters to those that have computers

Scale back the quilt show so that it is not such a hectic time for those involved in running it.

Just think business meetings could be shorter.

Having meetings be the same theme every year e.g gadgets and gotta haves in Feb. , game night in Jan. etc.

I like most everything.

Sometimes I think the guild is too big. When I first joined it seemed to be less business and more hands-on. I don't know how this can be done when we are this large.

Some of the Board members!

Long business meetings

We should continue doing whatever the members are willing to do.

Nothing! I'd miss anything that was taken away!

Can't really think of anything.

Don't have an answer for this question.

Be a little less focused on "business" though probably not possible

Reduce the effort and time in producing the quilt show.

I can understand that some members have LOTS of energy for special projects and it's great that they are offered. Those who encourage these projects are. To be commended but please don't be offended if some of us don't jump up to join in and please don't try to make us feel guilty if we don't. It really is wonderful for people to have an outlet for their talents and energies but it's just not for all of us.

Bed turning at quilt show

I think we are doing great things and I would hope that we would continue.

Having meetings in schools where we are limited to September thru June meetings. It would be nice to meet in the summer when there is more light in the day and more time. Some older members who are retired or work in schools may relish those opportunities.