

Gulf States Quilting Association Shop Membership Information

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Purpose:

This membership serves as a medium for GSQA to maintain an accurate list of merchants who sell quilting merchandise. The list is to be updated annually and published in the July issue of Quilt Talk, the GSQA's quarterly newsletter, which is sent to all members.

Eligibility:

This membership is open to locally owned and operated shops only—no national chains. These shops should sell fabrics and supplies for quilting, or quilt-related items such as sewing machines, antique quilts, sewing implements, antique buttons and embellishment items. The membership will be in the name of the shop only, and will provide the owner(s) with no personal or individual membership privileges, such as attending classes at any GSQA seminar, etc. The Shop Membership deadline will be May 1st of each year. Membership applications can be found on the GSQA website (www.gulfstatesquilting.org) and can be mailed to the Membership Director at the address found at the bottom of the application form.

Cost:

The annual membership fee will be \$20.00 per shop.

Merchants Mall:

Merchant Mall booths at a GSQA-sponsored event will first be offered to shops that are members. If vacancies occur after a set deadline provided to shop members, then these remaining vacancies can be filled by others. The Merchants Mall Chair will use his/her discretion, with the approval of the Board of Directors, to maintain a pleasing mix of merchandise offered at the mall. Membership will not guarantee a merchant a booth at any show or seminar. Booth space will be assigned in order of application and payment of booth fee until all available spaces are filled.

Member Benefits:

Shop members will have their name and other information on their shop published annually in the July issue of Quilt Talk and will receive priority information on Merchant Malls at our biennial seminar and biennial quilt show. Member shops will receive a copy of our quarterly Quilt Talk and other information of importance to GSQA.

Membership Cancellation:

Shop memberships will be automatically canceled if the shop goes out of business, does not renew by the annual renewal date, or changes the focus of their business so that it is no longer in accordance with eligibility requirements. If the shop is sold, the new owner will be required to apply for membership.