Country Road Quilters, Inc.

Membership Application

New: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Dues: $40 (January 1 through December 1), renewable during the month of January
The following prorated dues are for **new** members only:

☐ Jan, Feb, Mar $40 ☐ Apr, May, June $30 ☐ Jul, Aug, Sept $20 ☐ Oct, Nov, Dec. $10

Please make checks payable to Country Road Quilters.

Name _____

Florida Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

E-mail _____ Birthday Month/Day: _____

Emergency Contact & Phone: _____
(This information will not be included on the membership roster.)

Tell us about yourself

How long have you been quilting? _____

What types of quilting are you most interested in: _____

Why do you want to belong to the guild? _____

How do you rate yourself as a quilter? _____ Beginner _____ Intermediate _____ Advanced

How did you hear about Country Road Quilters? _____

Volunteer Opportunities

Our guild is run by volunteers. Please let us know which of the following you would be interested in contributing your talents and skills to (circle):

Block of the Month	Member Demos	Photography
Holiday Party	Member Teacher	Newsletter
Hospitality	Open Sew Saturday	Outreach

By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the Country Road Quilters, Inc. Quilt Guild's By-laws, Policies & Procedures, and Membership Agreement.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Membership Information

Country Road Quilters is celebrating over 40 years of quilting service to Marion County, and our goal is to pack as many fun activities as we can each year. We warmly welcome new members and are thrilled you are interested in joining our guild. CRQ welcomes all who love the art of quilting, at any stage of expertise and of any style. We take delight in learning new things and in spending time in the creative process with other likeminded people who love what we love. We look forward to meeting you and can't wait to quilt with you!

We meet on the first and third Thursday evenings of each month at St. Marks Methodist Church which is located at 1839 NE 8th Ave. Although our meetings begin at 7 p.m., the doors open by 6 so we can have some social time.

Classes & Demos

We have monthly demonstrations conducted by guild members or local quilt teachers, detailing new techniques and tricks… or reimagining old ones!

National Quilt Speakers & Workshops

Once a year we host a nationally recognized quilt teacher to hold a lecture. On the following day, he/she conducts a class teaching their technique. Some of our past special guests have been David Taylor, Bonnie Hunter, Deb Tucker's Studio 180, Kim Diehl, Pat Knoechel, Lynne Hagmeier, Pam Buda, and Gail Renna.

Newsletter & Private Facebook Access

With your membership, you will receive our newsletter which we publish every other month, detailing current events within the guild.

Special Interest Groups

In addition to our meetings, we have special interest groups that meet regularly. These groups allow for personal exploration and small group interaction. Our current groups are Artsy Tarts, HAMs (English Paper Piecing, Hexies and More), Happy Hoopers (machine embroidery), Miniatures, Sew 'n Sews, and Woolies.

Show & Tell

At our meetings, we have a show-and-tell portion. It is always so interesting and inspiring to see what others are making and get ideas. You will be able to participate and show off your own talents too. There is nothing quite like the camaraderie of being with other quilters!

Retreats

Imagine days of sewing with your friends! You don't have to cook since the cafeteria is right there in the next building. The sewing room is available all day and for as long as you want to stay up into the evening and sew. The rooms are clean and comfortable, and you may book a private room or share with a friend.

The Freebie Table

We always have a table set up at the back of the room and members could set out items they no longer wanted. Sometimes it was fabric, tools, quilting books or patterns. In return, you could pick up anything you needed.

Outreach Opportunities

We make items for donation as an act of serving the community. The following are ongoing projects in which you can take part:

- Making pet items, donating food and supplies
- Making pillowcases and constructing quilts
- Constructing quilts for Quilts of Valor
- Donating items during our Food Pantry drive for the church

Fundraisers: The Big (Quilt) Show & Opportunity Quilt

Fundraising is not specifically a goal of the Guild; however, the guild has two fundraising events to offset our activities, events and program expenses: an Opportunity Quilt and a Quilt Show, both are biennial. Fundraising is a great opportunity to let the community know about our Quilt Guild and its purpose, as well as our activities, events and the camaraderie that we share as quilters.

At the Quilt Show we have a Shoppe where we sell handmade items and there is also a vendor floor. Throughout the year, leading up to the show, we are each expected to sell raffle tickets for our Opportunity Quilt. The drawing takes place on the last day of the show.

Quilt Show week is very busy and it is all hands-on deck. Everyone is expected to assist in one way or another, whether it be curating as a docent on the show floor, assisting visitors with the drawing baskets, tending the store, chairing a committee, set up and takedown, there are many opportunities to get involved. The success of our show depends on member participation.

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By-Laws

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1: The name of this organization shall be Country Road Quilters, Inc.

ARTICLE II: OBJECTIVES

Section 1: The purpose of the organization is:

To promote the appreciation of, and to contribute to the knowledge of, the art of quilt making.

To promote fellowship, mutual aid and common interest.

To encourage quilt making and collecting.

To encourage the growth of the knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, the history of patterns and quilt makers.

To sponsor and support quilting activities.

ARTICLE III: POLICIES

Section 1: The program of the organization shall be developed through meetings, conferences, committees and projects.

Section 2: In the event of dissolution of the organization, the assets will be disposed of to a non-profit organization with like interest, by suggestion of the Executive Committee and with the approval of 2/3 vote of the membership present and in good standing, due notice having been given to members in good standing.

ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND VOTING BODY

Section 1: Membership: Membership {members in good standing} dues shall all be paid in full.

Section 2: Dues: Dues must be paid each year renewable each January. If dues are not paid on time by a member, that member shall be considered dropped by his/her self. Dues shall be prorated for new members only.

Section 3: Voting Body: Voting body of this organization shall consist of 2/3 of the members present and in good standing.

ARTICLE V: OFFICERS AND ELECTION

Section 1: Officers of this organization shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Officers are elected for a 2-year term and may serve up to two terms consecutively. The President and Secretary will be elected in odd years and the Vice President and Treasurer in even years.

Section 2: A nominating committee shall be formed of members in good standing at the first meeting in October and shall consist of at least 3 members. This committee shall present a slate of officer nominations electronically to the Executive Committee by the last meeting in October.

Section 3: Election shall be held at the last November meeting of the organization each year. At this time there will be an opportunity for nominations from the floor. Election shall be by a 2/3 majority vote of members in good standing and present. Elected officers will take office effective the first meeting in January.

Section 4: Officers must be members in good standing at the time of their nomination.

Section 5: A vacancy in any office shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings of the organization and Executive Committee meetings. The President shall select committee chairmen as needed to carry out projects undertaken by the organization.

Section 2: The Vice President shall preside at all meetings in the absence of, or at the request of, the President. The Vice President shall be responsible for arranging meeting programs. The Vice President may appoint a committee for this and would chair said committee.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep records of all regular meetings an up-to-date membership roster and any other records required by the organization. The Secretary will publish twice yearly a membership roster and updates to members as needed.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall collect and disperse dues and all monies collected by the organization. The Treasurer shall make a report at each business meeting. The Treasurer will chair the Budget Committee.

Section 5: The President and Treasurer with the Registered Agent shall see that all proper forms are submitted to the county, state, and federal governmental bodies in a timely manner.

Section 6: The signatures of any two officers are required for signing a bank check, but all four officers shall be registered with the bank for such purpose.

ARTICLE VII: EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1: The Executive Committee shall consist of: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Executive Committee shall meet at the request of any member of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VIII: QUORUM

Section 1: Quorum shall be of 2/3 of members in good standing of those present and eligible to vote at regular meetings.

ARTICLE IX: AMENDMENTS

Section 1: These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of this organization by 2/3 vote of the members present and in good standing. Any by-law amendment will be published in the newsletter prior to the meeting in which it is to be voted on. Updated July 7, 2016

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Policies and Procedures

Officer Gifts

CRQ will spend $50 per person for thank you gifts for the outgoing officers each January. (passed 3/4/21)

Admission

Each member will pay $1 admission for each meeting they attend. Guests at regular meetings will pay nothing for their first 2 visits. After 2 visits, it is expected that they will become a member. Guests at a meeting where we have a national speaker will pay $10 admission fee. Guests at a meeting where we have a local speaker will pay $5. (passed 2/15/18)

Member Dues

Commencing January 1, 2022, members pay annual dues of $40.00, renewable each January. For new members joining, the pro-rated dues are as follows: Jan/Feb/Mar, $40.00, Apr/May/Jun $30.00; Jul/Aug/Sep, $20.00 Oct/Nov/Dec, $10.00. (passed 11/18/21)

All new members will review and sign the Membership Information form and submit it with their application. (passed 3/4/21)

Membership List

Commencing January 1, 2022, members pay annual dues of $40.00, renewable each January. For new A new membership list shall be prepared and presented to the members at the first meeting in February of each year. In July, an update will be published reflecting any changes and additions. All lists must be dated. (revised 3/4/21)

Yearly Budget

The fiscal year period begins January 1 and ends on December 31 of each year. Officers and committee chairs must submit a yearly budget report to the treasurer and president by September 30th. The budget committee shall consist of the Treasurer as chair and 3 members. Each year, the

budget committee will meet and prepare the proposed budget for the coming year during the month of October. The proposed budget will be sent electronically to the Executive Board by November 1, for review and approval. Members will receive a copy for their review one week prior to presentation and adoption at the second November meeting. (passed 3/4/21)

Audit of Treasurer's Books

The treasurer's books shall be audited every year in January. The audit committee will consist of three (3) members, with the president appointing the chair. The treasurer will be present. (revised 3/4/21

Room Rent at Church

The rent paid to the church at each meeting will be $1 collected from each member. When we have guests who pay to attend a program meeting, $1 of their admission will go toward church room rent. Room rent for special meetings is determined by the church. (revised 3/4/21)

Retreats

Quilting retreat opportunities are offered and announced to the guild membership. However, as these are not guild-sponsored activities, financial arrangements are to be made directly with the event organizer. (This was an amendment that was adopted at the 11/18/21 meeting.)

Workshops and Classes

Workshops are defined as instruction led by an outside teacher who is a non-guild member. The price for members attending workshops will be $35 per person. When a workshop is open to non-members their price will be $65 per person. The price for members attending a half-day workshop is $20. The price for a non-member taking a half-day workshop is $35. Payment for workshops is due at the time a participant signs up for the workshop.

Cancellation Policy: If a workshop is paid for and not full and a participant cancels, the participant's money will not be refunded. If a workshop is paid for and is full with a waiting list, and a participant cancels, that spot will be filled with the first person on the waiting list. The participant will then receive a refund. Only the coordinator (guild liaison for National Teachers and Vice President for Local Teachers) of the workshop can find a replacement, NOT the participant who cancels. Refunds in special circumstances will be the decision of the coordinator. (passed 1/20/22)

Classes are defined as instruction led by a guild member. The price for a member taking this type of class is $20. The price for a non-member taking this type of class is $35. Payment for classes is due at the time a participant signs up for the class.

Cancellation Policy: If a class is paid for and not full and a participant cancels, the participant's money will not be refunded. If a class is paid for and is full with a waiting list, and a participant cancels, that spot will be filled with the first person on the list. The participant will then receive a refund. Only the Vice President can find a replacement, NOT the participant who cancels or the member teaching the class. Refunds in special circumstances will be the decision of the Vice President. (passed 1/20/22)

Bus Trip Fees

A $25 deposit is required for a bus trip at the time of sign up to secure the bus contract. However, the final cost of the trip will be determined as follows: total cost of the bus divided by the total number of passengers = trip cost per individual. (passed 3/4/21) The bus trips will be open first to guild members then to non-members. (passed 2/15/18)

Bereavement Policy

In the event of the death of a guild member or spouse, CRQ will make a contribution to a charity of the family's designation (if one has been named), in the amount of $50.00. In the event of the death of the child of a member, CRQ will send a card. (passed 3/4/21)

Fat Quarter Drawing

One winner's name will be drawn in the fat quarter drawing held at each monthly business meeting. (passed 3/4/21)

Meeting Cancellation

Should a weather alert at the level of a tropical storm WARNING or higher which occurs on a regularly scheduled meeting date, the meeting will be cancelled. (passed 3/4/21)