

# Articles of Association

## Berrien Towne and Country Quilters

### Article One – Name

The guild shall be known as Berrien Towne and Country Quilters.

### Article Two - *Organization and Purpose*

*This non-profit guild is tax-exempt as a social welfare organization described in Internal Revenue Code (IRC) section 501(c)(4), as an organization that must not be organized for profit and must be operated exclusively to promote social welfare. The property of this organization is solely dedicated to the purpose of this article and no part of the net income or assets of this organization shall ever inure to the benefit of any officer, committee chairperson, or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person.*

The *specific purpose of this organization* shall be:

- - To promote the appreciation and knowledge of fine quilts
- - To sponsor and support quilting activities
- - To encourage quilt making and collecting
- - To contribute to the growth and knowledge of quilting techniques, textiles, patterns and history by providing educational meetings, travel and fellowship.

### Article Three – Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in quilting upon payment of dues.

### Article Four – Officers

The officers of this club shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, which make up the Executive Board. No member shall hold the office more than two consecutive terms. Additional terms can be held with a one-year lapse. A term of office is one year. In the event an officer cannot fulfill the term, remaining officers shall appoint a replacement officer within 30 days of vacancy. If the replacement officer serves less than half a term (six months), that term will be considered an interim term and not count toward the two-term limit.

### Article Five – Election of Officers

New officer nominations shall be made in September and elections held in October. Officers shall assume responsibilities January 1 and serve through December 31.

### Article Six – Quorum and Voting

A quorum shall consist of those present. All members shall be entitled to vote on issues brought before the club. Unless otherwise specified, a majority vote is required to pass any issue voted on at any regular club meeting. Club meetings are held the second Thursday of the month from February through November.

### Article Seven – Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall be used to decide all questions of parliamentary procedure.

### Article Eight – Amendments

The articles of association may be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present at any regular meeting. An amendment shall be presented to the membership for review at the previous meeting and/or in the newsletter previous to the meeting.

#### Article Nine – Disbanding

In the event of dissolution of the Berrien Towne and Country Quilters, any money remaining in the treasury after payment of all just bills, shall be donated to a non-profit quilt-related organization to be determined by the majority of the remaining members.

#### Article Ten – Contracts

Individual guild members may not contract for any activity concerning the club, without prior board approval. Any contract made for the Berrien Town and Country Quilters must be signed by the chairperson of the event and cosigned by an Executive officer of the board.

#### Article Eleven – Donations

All donations to charities made in the name of the Berrien Towne and Country Quilters must have prior approval by the board.

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