

## **June 29, 2024 Country Store Guidelines**

The country store is scheduled for June 29, 2024. It will be held upstairs at the Auburn Veterans Memorial Hall, 100 East Street, Auburn.

The country store allows members to sell fabric, patterns, quilts, notions and other items related to quilting. It's a chance to earn money and update/refresh your stash. One person's unwanted items may become another's treasure! The only thing we do not accept is hardback books.

All members wishing to participate must pre-register with Judie Pieper or Betty Dillman. Contact info is below. This needs to happen by June 10, 2024. All participating members will need to work shifts during the day. This may be working a cash register, working aside a cashier cutting off sales tags and/or bagging items purchased. For some who prefer not to sit, you can be a rover and straighten the tables of sale items. You will be contacted for scheduling to arrange for your shift and duties. The length of shifts depends on the number of members participating.

Sale items must be the property of the seller and be in condition befitting the reputation of the guild.

Participants Agreement and inventory sheets will be collected when you arrive. Make yourself a copy too. The forms can be downloaded from the website.

FQG accepts no responsibility for any item lost, stolen or damaged. There is no insurance coverage for these items. This has not been a common problem in the past but the possibility exists.

### **Important Dates and Times**

**Drop-off:** Saturday June 29, 2024 between 8 am and 9 am. Once you turn in your paperwork you will disperse your items onto the tables. There are signs indicating which type of item goes on which table. The sale begins at 10 am so judge by your arrival time by how long it will take to spread your wares!

Please leave at least one box or tote, labeled with your member number. We use these at teardown to sort unsold items at the end of the sale.

Please report for your shift at least 10 minutes early. Please wear your name tag.

**Pick-up:** Saturday June 29 between 4:15 and 5:00 pm

**Name your Price:** At our Country Store you name the price -- you keep 75% and the Guild takes 25% for commission. The Guild collects and pays sales tax.

**The all-important price tag:**

Use only the tags provided. Enter your member number, as it is the only way we can connect your items to you. Use the inventory sheet to enter each item, number it as you go, and the number goes on the price tag. Your sales price must include the 25% guild commission. Please write clearly on the tags and complete *both sections* of the tag.

Securely attach the upper section of the tag to the item. Secure it with 2" wide packing tape, staples or safety pins - whatever it takes to keep it on. Do not staple fabric other than through the selvedge. If the tag comes off we cannot sell the item - we have no way of knowing to whom it belongs. We cut off the bottom of the tag at the cash register - this is our inventory control – so do not secure the tag below the middle!

Price tags for magazines or soft cover books go inside the front cover on the right hand page.

**Suggestions for a better sale:**

- Bundle fat quarters by color or pattern
- Bundle magazines and tie with string or place them in a clear plastic bag
- Mark yardage amounts as well as type of fabric
- Enclose small items in zip-loc bag, staple tags to bag and cover this with tape
- Make \$.50 the minimum price
- Make scrap bags - usually by color - of odds and ends. Use a gallon bag - these sell fast to scrap quilters. Some people use a shoe box size plastic container and sell it as a scrap bag! They always sell out.

**Planning ahead:** Fillable pdf files can be saved on your computer if you want to start pricing and inventorying items over time. Or you can print them out and fill in by hand.

**Payments:**

Payments will be made after we tally all the items sold by each member and a financial statement has been prepared. You can plan to pick up your check at the August guild meeting. We will mail them if you are not at that meeting.

Call if you have any questions - we are looking forward to another successful year!

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